Tarique vows

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External Trade Organization (JETRO) headquarters in Tokyo, he said, "Our government gives priority to the needs of businesses and investors. Japanese companies have raised three key concerns: reliable energy, efficient infrastructure, and predictable customs clearance and taxation. We have listened. We have resolved some already, and we are working hard to address all the outstanding issues."

Tarique invited Japanese firms to invest in automotive manufacturing, energy, technology and space, high-speed rail and logistics, promising government support and reforms to improve the business climate.

The event was organised by JETRO in cooperation with the Japan-Bangladesh Committee for Commercial and Economic Cooperation, with support from the Bangladesh Embassy in Japan.

The prime minister also called for stronger trade and investment ties to elevate the two countries' longstanding relationship following the signing of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Bangladesh's first such agreement with another country.

He said Bangladesh aimed to become a global manufacturing hub, citing its large domestic market and potential as an export base.

"By setting up factories in Bangladesh, you not only enjoy direct access to a large and growing domestic market but also benefit from efficient factors of production to export to the rest of the world."

MEETINGS WITH INVESTORS

Earlier yesterday, Tarique met Kazuhiko Amakawa, governor of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and urged the bank to open an office in Dhaka to strengthen investment and economic cooperation.

They discussed energy, information and communication technology, and infrastructure.

Tarique said his government had initiated regulatory reforms to improve the business environment and attract domestic and foreign investment. Amakawa said he would seriously consider opening an office in Dhaka.

The prime minister also met Tadashi Yanai, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Fast Retailing, the parent company of Uniqlo.

He urged the company to expand its investment in Bangladesh's garment sector, particularly in man-made fibres, technical textiles and sustainable apparel.

They discussed technology transfer, skills development, product innovation, advanced manufacturing and environmentally friendly production.

Separately, Tarique met JETRO President Susumu Kataoka and sought Japan's support in diversifying Bangladesh's exports and expanding trade and investment.

He also called for more Japanese investment in special economic zones, particularly in advanced manufacturing, ICT, automobiles, renewable energy and agro-processing.

Tarique sought further Japanese assistance with skills development programmes and the establishment of Japanese-language training centres in Bangladesh. Both sides highlighted the EPA's potential to boost bilateral trade and investment.

Later, Tarique exchanged views with members of the Bangladeshi diaspora in Tokyo.

SIX INSTRUMENTS SIGNED

During the visit, Bangladesh and Japan signed six instruments, according to Japan's foreign ministry: four memorandums of cooperation (MoCs), a letter of intent (LoI) and a letter on grant aid.

The MoCs cover economic relations, improvements to the business environment, agriculture, fisheries and livestock. The LoI concerns climate change cooperation, while the grant-aid letter provides up to 2.12 billion yen (about $13 million) for a maritime security capacity-building project.

Apart from the six instruments, Japan pledged two loan projects to support Bangladesh's development -- a 15.88 billion yen ($100.8 million) project to improve the investment environment and a 30.68 billion yen ($194.7 million) loan for the Upazila Governance and Development Project (Phase 2).

Tarique arrived in Tokyo on Monday for a four-day official visit at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. The two leaders held a summit on Tuesday.

Today, on the final day of his visit, Tarique is scheduled to visit a Toyota factory before returning to Dhaka.

As classrooms

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make mainstream education increasingly difficult to sustain.

Qawmi madrasas can be even cheaper than Alia madrasas. Many of them operate as residential institutions, making them particularly attractive to low-income families in industrial areas. For parents working long hours, sending their children to such residential madrasas can ease the burden childcare.

The fact that many of these Qawmi madrasas continued to operate during the coronavirus pandemic might have been another factor to trigger this "migration" from the mainstream Bangla schools to the madrasas.

This trend is rather worrying and warrants serious attention. Although inadequate and failing to equip students with desired competencies, the mainstream schools were still better than Qawmi madrasas that do not teach science, social science or technology. Exclusively religious instruction, and limited exposure to scientific knowledge, technology or practical skills severely restrict employment opportunities and stunt the potential for producing a skilled workforce.

The three separate education streams -- general, madrasa, and English-medium --have resulted in distinct social and cultural outlook among students, which can only pose a challenge for a nation desperately seeking greater cohesion.

If the government sincerely examines why mainstream schools are losing students, then it should become clear that the traditional "one size fits all" formula is not working. The following remedy, therefore, should advocate for customised programmes. Policymakers will need to understand whether families are seeking lower costs, stronger religious grounding, residential facilities or a different learning environment. The objective should be to ensure that every child receives a sound education, including the knowledge and skills needed to participate in a changing economy.

The government must also confront the possibility that some students are dropping out of the education system entirely. And this is perhaps the most worrisome aspect that authorities utterly lack the means to ascertain where the students are going. They do not have reliable information on how many transfer to madrasas, English-medium institutions or technical education, or how many are dropping out altogether. As such, policymaking is little more than guesswork.

The response should begin with a thorough investigation into falling enrolment aiming to establish the reasons and the destination of these missing students. Once there is a clearer idea about the expectations and aspirations of the families, it would become easier to decide on the response, which must also ensure quality and relevance of mainstream education. Education should also result in tangible benefits like better employment opportunities.

But improving schools alone will not be enough. Bangladesh must also confront the growing fragmentation of its education landscape. A nation cannot afford to educate its children in silos with little shared foundation. It will need serious thought, sincere deliberation and perhaps more importantly, bold action.

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officers and 1,978 polling officers will be on election duty.

Meanwhile, the 11-party alliance yesterday alleged administrative bias, voter intimidation and attacks on campaign activities.

After meeting the chief election commissioner, alliance coordinator and Jamaat leader Hamidur Rahman Azad claimed the EC had failed to act despite receiving detailed complaints. He warned of tougher political programmes unless a fair election was ensured.

EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed, however, said there was no cause for concern so far.

IEDCR director

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Talking to The Daily Star shortly after the attack, Prof Zaki said a government institution had been attacked by "some goons".

"I don't want to make any comments right now. I am going to the [health] ministry."

Contacted, DAB Secretary General Zahirul Islam Shakil said both sides involved in the incident were members of the organisation.

He also confirmed receiving information that the person identified as leading the incident was a DAB member. "We don't support any such incident. If anyone uses the name of DAB, we will take organisational action."

Shakil declined to comment on what led to the incident. Jahid could not be reached for comment.

A DAB leader familiar with the incident said Jahid had been working on a project at the IEDCR whose tenure recently ended.

He had been demanding an assignment to another project, but the director asked him to wait until a new project began. Jahid was unwilling to wait, leading to the incident, the leader said, seeking anonymity.

Speaking to the Prothom Alo, DAB President Prof Harun Al Rashid pointed to a photograph on his mobile phone and questioned, "How could Kazi Ahmed hold a meeting with Meerjady Sabrina Flora at his office during this government's tenure?"

Public health expert Flora held various positions, including director at IEDCR during the Awami League government.

The IEDCR is a key government agency responsible for monitoring disease outbreaks, conducting research, and issuing public health alerts.

Prof Zaki, a public health expert who recently conducted research on the effectiveness of the measles vaccine, was appointed IEDCR director after the BNP government took office.

In another development, the health ministry formed a three-member committee, led by Arif Ahmad, additional secretary (budget) of the Health Services Division, to investigate the incident. The committee has been asked to submit a report within seven working days, according to an office order of the division.

In a statement posted on Facebook, Leader of the Opposition and Jamaat Ameer Shafiqur Rahman termed the incident an act of "mob" violence, calling it a "dark chapter in the history of the country's healthcare services". He also demanded a fair probe into the attack and the trial of those responsible.

Jungle Salimpur

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secretary of the Chattogram District Bar Association, submitted the documents required to register the sale of 65 plots recorded in Yasin's name. Habib then issued deeds transferring the properties to various individuals.

Asked about the registrations, Habib said records at the Sitakunda land office showed the properties had been registered in Yasin's name through mutation and that he had regularly paid land revenue.

"The documents were prepared as per law with valid papers, so the deeds were registered. I had informed my higher authorities about the matter beforehand," he said.

He said his office had received no specific directive concerning land in Jungle Salimpur and had examined the submitted documents before registering the deeds.

DC Mohammad Zahidul Islam Mian said the administration learned about the registrations yesterday afternoon and asked the ministry to investigate and take punitive action.

The Sitakunda UNO summoned Habib for questioning. According to the DC, the sub-registrar said Yasin had not appeared in person and the deeds were registered after documents were submitted on his behalf.

Land near Bayezid Link Road and surrounding areas reportedly sells for Tk 9-10 lakh per shotok.

On January 19, a RAB team entered Jungle Salimpur to arrest an accused member of the Yasin gang. Gang members and some locals later attacked the team, beating RAB-7 Deputy Assistant Director Nayek Subedar Motaleb Hossain Bhuiyan to death and injuring three other personnel.

Cases have been filed against Yasin and other gang members over the incident.

Police said Yasin led the Alinagar cooperative and operated an armed gang. During the Awami League government's tenure, he reportedly had political backing of former Sitakunda MP SM Al Mamun.

Seven women

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been released earlier.

"We have not yet received the bail documents for the others. We will take the necessary steps once we receive them."

On October 20, a team from the Detective Branch's Uttara division raided the house owned by Addl DIG Jahir in Purbachal's police housing area and detained 85 people, including 26 women.

During the nearly three-hour raid, DB officials seized one yaba pill, a small quantity of a substance identified as "kush", four bottles of alcohol and equipment used to consume yaba, according to the DB seizure list.

These included an empty 750ml bottle of locally manufactured Carew whisky, a half-filled one-litre bottle of Indian whisky, a one-litre vodka bottle that was about one-quarter full, and another one-litre bottle of Indian whisky.

Later that day, Special Metropolitan Magistrate Assaduzzaman of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Uttara division sentenced all 85 detainees in summary trials.

The 59 men were each sentenced to one month in jail and fined Tk 1,000, while the 26 women received 15-day jail terms and fines of Tk 500 each.

The convictions have raised questions about the evidence used to convict the detainees, as well as the subsequent circulation of their photographs and videos.

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1354649	Construction of a Security Watch Tower With an Approach Road at Kishoreganj 132/33kV Grid Sub-Station under GMD-Mymensingh, Power Grid.
1339716	Supply of a "Thermal Image Camera" For Muktagacha Grid Sub-Station Under GMD-Mymensingh, Power Grid.

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1358746	e-GP/LTM/CHURD/12/2026-2027. Repair & SBST work at Ch. 13+400 Km (Dugdugi) to Ch. 15+000 Km (Loknathpur) (Total Length=1600.00m) of Chuadanga-Darsona-Jibannagar-Kotchandpur-Kaligonj Road (R-748) under Road Division, Chuadanga, during the year 2026-2027.	10-Nov-2026 16:00	11-Nov-2026 11:00

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e-Tender Notice-2/2026-2027 (OTM)

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Tender ID	Description	Tender /Proposal publication Date	Tender /Proposal Closing & Opening Date
1351384	Supply of MSR & Chemical. Code No. 3252105 under Rajshahi Medical College during the FY 2026-27. RMC/26-27/P-20	29-Oct-2026	16-Nov-2026
1361731	Supply of Others Machinery Equipment Goods. Code No. 4112316 under Rajshahi Medical College during the FY 2026-27 RMC/26-27/P-34	29-Oct-2026	16-Nov-2026

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1	Goods, Procurement of high-quality Edible oil, Soyabean oil for Police Ration Store of Rajbari District Police.	1361072	28-10-2026 18.00	09-11-2026 13.00

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