Harun, 7 other cops dismissed from service

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has dismissed seven police officers, including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police additional commissioner Mohammad Harun-or-Rashid, and sent another into compulsory retirement over prolonged unauthorised absence, defiance of official orders and misconduct.

The disciplinary actions were taken following departmental inquiries, recommendations from the Bangladesh Public Service Commission and approval from the president, according to home ministry notifications.

The six officers are former additional DIG Shyamal Kumar Mukherjee, former DIG Md Anisur Rahman, former assistant police commissioners Farhana Taskin and Md Moniruzzaman Sarkar, former additional superintendent of Police SM Jahangir Hasan and former Laxmipur SP Tarek Bin Rashid.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Kazi Mizanur Rahman has been sent into compulsory retirement.

According to a notification yesterday, Harun, who was also the former DB chief of DMP, was dismissed for remaining absent from his workplace without permission for an extended period.



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Artistes perform at a cultural programme organised by the Mymensingh chapter of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad yesterday to mark the centenary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Mymensingh in 1926.

MALAYSIA-BOUND WORKERS

Medical test fee fixed at Tk 8,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has fixed the medical examination fee for Malaysia-bound workers at Tk 8,000, warning medical centres against overcharging or harassing jobseekers as medical tests began yesterday following the reopening of the labour market.

The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment said workers could undergo medical tests at any authorised centre, regardless of which recruiting agency was processing their employment. No medical centre would be allowed to operate under the exclusive control of any recruiting agency.

The ministry also barred recruiting agencies from obstructing workers wishing to switch agencies after obtaining medical slips.

The ministry clarified that obtaining a MiGRAMS slip requires no fee.

MiGRAMS, or Migrant Management System, is an online platform developed by Malaysian company Bestinet to manage foreign worker recruitment. Linked to Malaysia's Foreign Workers Centralised Management System (FWCMS), it facilitates worker registration and medical screening.

Workers facing overcharging, harassment or unnecessary delays at medical centres have been asked to lodge complaints at secretary@probashi.gov.bd.

The ministry said medical centres would be regularly monitored and inspected, warning of strict legal action against those involved in irregularities.

NOAKHALI TEXTILE ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Teacher shortage, poor facilities disrupt classes

ANWARUL HAIDAR, *Noakhali*

Academic activities at Noakhali Textile Engineering College have long been disrupted by an acute teacher shortage and dilapidated infrastructure, leaving students struggling to receive quality education.

Of the college's 35 sanctioned teaching posts, 18 have remained vacant for years, forcing the authorities to hire guest lecturers from Noakhali Science and Technology University to keep classes running.

Eight of the 11 administrative and technical posts are also vacant.

Students said irregular classes, inadequate residential facilities and poor infrastructure have severely affected their studies. They urged the authorities to address the problems immediately.

The college's academic and administrative activities are conducted in a building constructed in 1960, which is now in a precarious condition.

A faculty member, requesting anonymity, said rainwater leaks through the ceiling, while plaster frequently peels off the walls and ceiling.

There is no dormitory for male students, while the lone female dormitory lacks basic amenities and has limited capacity. The college bus remains idle due to the absence of a driver, and there are no staff quarters.

Pushpita Majumder, a student, said classes are not held regularly due to the teacher shortage. "Some classes are run with guest faculty, leaving us deprived of proper education."

"The only female dormitory on campus accommodates only 65 girls in overcrowded conditions, forcing the rest to manage accommodation outside campus," she added.

Another student, SM Moaj, said, "Since there is no residential hall for male students, we have to rent accommodation outside at high costs."

"Crucial subjects like Mathematics and Computer Programming do not have assigned teachers. Temporary teachers are brought in for some classes, but it offers little practical benefit," he added.

Khalid Hasan, a first-year student, said the campus also lacks sports and recreational facilities.

College Principal Md Abdur Rokib acknowledged the problems. "We have written to the higher authorities requesting recruitment of teachers and construction of a new infrastructure," he said.

Established in 1918 as a Weaving School, the institution was upgraded to a Textile Institute in 1994. It began offering degree courses in 2006 as a Textile Engineering College affiliated with the University of Chittagong under the Ministry of Textiles and Jute. It came under Bangladesh University of Textiles in 2013.

The college currently has 553 students, including 435 male and 118 female, enrolled in four-year BSc programmes in Yarn Engineering, Fabric Engineering, Wet Process Engineering and Apparel Engineering.



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The college's academic building, constructed in 1960, is in a dilapidated condition.

Mob violence claims 32 lives in October: MSF

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deaths from mob violence and incidents of gang rape increased sharply in October, according to monthly monitoring reports by the Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation (MSF).

Mob violence claimed 32 lives, up from 23 in September, while gang-rape incidents rose by 75 percent, from 12 to 21. The incidents were linked to allegations of theft, verbal altercations, extortion, land disputes, muggings and drug-related disputes, MSF said.

According to its separate report on gender-based violence and violence against women and children, gang-rape incidents rose by 75 percent, from 12 in September to 21 in October.

Overall, incidents of violence against women and children rose from 354 to 357, while sexual harassment and abuse cases increased from 16 to 25.

MSF recorded 84 women and children killed, including 20 children and adolescents.

Sexual abuse cases involving young boys rose from seven to 10, while illegal arbitration over criminal matters increased from one to six.

Six newborns were found abandoned, five of whom were rescued alive.

Incidents of vandalism or theft at minority places of worship surged from 10 to 35.

The reports also documented vandalism of minority homes in Rangpur and Pirojpur, while attacks on markets in Brahmanbaria and Kushtia left people injured.

Injuries in political violence fell from 384 to 88, although deaths in factional clashes involving the BNP and Awami League rose from one to five.

Attacks by unidentified assailants claimed nine lives.

The number of unidentified bodies recovered rose from 71 to 73, while bodies recovered after initial identification fell from 14 to four.

Along the border, one Bangladeshi was killed and three injured in gunfire attributed to India's Border Security Force. MSF also recorded 92 attempted push-ins.

Deaths in prison custody fell from 24 to 16, all involving male inmates or detainees. No deaths were reported in law-enforcement custody, although deaths during special operations rose from one to two.

Law-enforcement special operations led to 7,439 arrests, including 2,563 people described as juvenile gang members.



Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A father has appealed for financial assistance to save his 19-month-old son, who needs urgent heart surgery.

Raiyan Ahmed has been diagnosed with a large ventricular septal defect (VSD), severe narrowing of the pathway through which blood flows to the lungs, and other complications, according to his echocardiogram report.

His father, Abu Soheb Sumon, said around Tk 5 lakh is needed for the treatment. He plans to have his son treated at the National Heart Foundation Hospital but is struggling to arrange the money on his own.

Sumon has appealed to affluent individuals, charitable organisations and people at home and abroad to help fund his son's treatment.

Those willing to help can send contributions through bKash or Nagad at 01837791513, or Rocket at 01718243481. Donations can also be sent to Abu Soheb Sumon, A/C No: 20501120207419600, routing No: 125100377, Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, Bogura Sadar branch.

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2	Supply of Miscellaneous goods for various ward.	1354520	1/11/2026 10:00	16/11/2026 16:00	17/11/2026 12:00
3	Supply of Cleaning materials.	1355377	1/11/2026 10:00	16/11/2026 16:00	17/11/2026 12:00

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1	1325355 QCBS	Ref : 22.02.0000.045.14.023.26-767 Package : SD-14 **Name of Service:** Consultancy on community mobilization for ecosystem-based management of Halda River and Morjat Baor ECA through beneficiary selection, VCG/Community biodiversity group formation, implementation and monitoring of AIG activities and providing training on AIG for the beneficiaries	01.11.2026 09:00 am	22.11.2026 10:00 am

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