Garment unrest

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In Dhaka's Mirpur, no worker unrest was reported throughout the day, and most factories resumed operations around 2:00pm. However, the situation remained tense in Ashulia, where garment workers continued demonstrations, triggering fresh clashes with police and prompting more than 100 factories in Savar and Ashulia to declare holidays.

The protests took place in the Jamgora area along the Abdullahpur-Baipail road yesterday morning. At Dosaid in Ashulia, demonstrators vandalised two factory gates.

"Overall, the situation in Savar and Ashulia was fairly good today [Thursday]. However, amid concerns over possible unrest in some areas, authorities of more than 100 of the 1,863 factories in the two industrial zones declared holidays," Mohammad Mominul Islam Bhuiyan, superintendent of Ashulia Industrial Police-1, told The Daily Star.

Samanta Shermeen

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outset, arguing that it was neither an ideological nor a strategic fit for the NCP. According to Samanta, Jamaat lacked a genuine programme for constitutional, legal and political reforms, and the alliance had weakened NCP's identity while eroding confidence among reform-minded people.

She also questioned the party's strategy for the 2026 parliamentary election, alleging that the leadership had prioritised electoral considerations over political transformation.



Artworks by artist Rashid Khan displayed at his solo exhibition "The River Script", which opened at Dhaka Gallery in Banani yesterday, exploring the connection between rivers, human memories and emotions. *Inset*, a discussion about the paintings.

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A mounting trail of deaths

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In 2025, the association recorded 2,493 crashes, leaving 2,983 people dead and 2,219 injured.

Saidur Rahman, executive director of RSF, told The Daily Star that motorcycles account for 71 percent of registered motor vehicles in Bangladesh, with many ridden by teenagers and young adults.

He said reckless riding among young people is becoming increasingly common, partly due to advertisements by motorcycle manufacturers and marketers that encourage thrill-seeking and speeding.

"As a result, motorcyclists themselves are becoming victims of crashes, while pedestrians and other road users are also being put at risk."

He also blamed reckless driving by bus and goods vehicle drivers, many of whom were physically and mentally unfit to drive.

Rahman said 58 percent of motorcycle crash victims were aged between 13 and 35.

Motorcycles are 30 times riskier than four-wheeled vehicles, he said, adding that inadequate public transport and traffic congestion are pushing more people towards two-wheelers.

He also identified the use of poor-quality helmets as a major factor behind the rising death toll. "Quality helmets reduce the risk of death in a crash by 48 percent."

Kazi Md Saifun Newaz, assistant professor at Buet's Accident Research Institute, said motorcycle numbers and the associated risks are increasing.

Controlling motorcycle numbers should be considered to reduce crashes, he said, adding that authorities must ensure both riders and pillion passengers wear helmets meeting proper safety standards.

"Although the existing law requires motorcyclists to wear helmets, the standards specifying what kind of helmets must be used need to be clearly defined," he said.

Contacted, Anisur Rahman, additional secretary at the Roads and Highways Department, said the government has taken initial steps under the road safety law to reduce motorcycle crashes.

He said motorcycles on highways could carry no more than two people, including the rider, and must have digital registration plates. Riders must use designated service lanes, follow speed limits, and ensure that both they and their pillion passengers wear BSTI-approved helmets. Violators would be fined.

"However, enforcing the law alone is not enough. Road users must also follow traffic rules and government instructions," he added.

44,000 clearances later, govt tightens migration rules

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5,374, and Serbia with 4,255.

The others were Japan (1,876), Belarus (1,262), Vietnam (1,220), Moldova (241), Libya (113), Kosovo (20), and Ukraine (seven).

These figures represent clearances, not independently verified departures.

The October 8 TIP report placed these four countries in Tier 3, indicating their governments that do not meet minimum anti-trafficking standards and are not making significant efforts to do so. The classification assesses government responses, not the direct risk faced by every migrant.

Bangladesh remained in Tier 2. The report acknowledged increased anti-trafficking efforts but cited shortcomings in convictions, victim protection, and recruitment practices. It also warned that worker-paid recruitment fees left many migrants indebted and vulnerable to trafficking.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Gazi Md Shahed Anwar, deputy secretary of employment-3 branch of the expatriates' welfare ministry, said Japan was included to ensure agencies followed its recruitment regulations, including workers' training and documentation requirements, to prevent complications or misunderstandings.

For the other destinations, he cited concerns about suspected trafficking, deception, and workers ending up in detention.

WORKERS TRAPPED

The directive follows repeated reports of Bangladeshis being deceived into jobs, particularly in Cambodia and Russia.

Bangladeshis promised legitimate jobs in Cambodia were found handed over to cyber-scam networks. Victims described having their passports confiscated, being confined and forced into online fraud. Some alleged torture, intimidation, and demands for money for release.

Survivor Al Amin said he was promised a data-entry job but given a tourist visa and sold to a scam compound for $1,500, where he was forced into online fraud.

The bodies of three Bangladeshis, including 23-year-old Sohag Ahmed, were brought home from Cambodia on October 8. Sohag had travelled there in April 2025 with BMET clearance.

In Russia, Bangladeshis promised civilian jobs were allegedly forced into military service and sent to fight in Ukraine.

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine identified Bangladesh among 29 countries whose nationals were recruited into Russian forces through deception or coercion -- showing how seemingly legitimate arrangements could expose workers to exploitation.

A Brac study found that 98 percent of cyber-scam victims did not get promised jobs, 90 percent were forced or deceived into online scams, and 66 percent were recruited through middlemen.

MEASURES

Migration expert Asif Munier said the directive appeared to respond to trafficking and deception concerns involving Cambodia and Russia, but questioned why regular monitoring had failed to prevent such incidents.

"This should be a temporary measure, not a permanent solution," he told this newspaper, calling for proper verification of job offers and recruitment arrangements before clearance.

"Ultimately, it is BMET that puts the final seal of approval and issues the clearance. Those issuing it must also take responsibility," he said, adding that officials should not rely solely on recruiting agencies' information.

Munier urged verification through Bangladesh's diplomatic missions, including those in neighbouring countries where necessary.

He warned that repeatedly permitting and restricting recruitment could confuse workers, push unscrupulous recruiters elsewhere and hurt legitimate jobseekers unless a permanent monitoring and verification system was established.

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Corrigendum-01
For
Invitation for Proposal for
Integrated Facility Management and Operation of Cox's ICONIC Station
Reference No: 54.01.1500.107.05.325.26-2440, dated 30 September 2026
Package No: CCM/East/CMG/CXB-01

SL NO.	Reference Details:	
	Published Notice Reference No.:	54.01.1500.107.05.325.26-2440
	Issued Bid Document Reference No:	54.01.1500.107.05.325.26-2440
	Package No:	CCM/East/CMG/CXB-01

In partial modification of the above-referenced Invitation for Proposal, the following amendments are hereby made:

SL NO.	Section, Clause & Page No.	Clause Description (As Published in Original Notice/Bid Document)	Amendment/Modification (Revised Clause)
01	Invitation for Proposal Notice Para 3 Page No. 1	Bid documents may be purchased up to 08 November 2026	Bid documents may be purchased up to 23 November 2026
02	Section 2: Proposal Data Sheet ITB Clause 29.1 Page No. 22	Proposals must be submitted no later than 09 November 2026 at 12:00 PM	Proposals must be submitted no later than 24 November 2026 at 12:00 PM
03	Section 2: Proposal Data Sheet ITB Clause 28.3(vi) Page No. 22	Proposal Opening Date is 09 November 2026 at 12.15 PM	Proposal Opening Date is 24 November 2026 at 12.15 PM

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS

A. Interested bidders may purchase Bid Documents up to 23 November 2026 during office hours from the locations mentioned in Para 2.f original Invitation for Proposal notice (Reference No. 54.01.1500.107.05.325.26-2440, dated 30 September 2026).

B. For Bidders Who Have Already Purchased Bid Documents:
Bidders who have already purchased the Bid Document (Reference No. 54.01.1500.107.05.325.26-2440, dated 30 September 2026) are not required to purchase a new document. This corrigendum shall form an integral part of the original Bid Document.

C. Bid Security Validity:
Bidders must ensure that their Bid Security (Bank Draft/Pay Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee) remains valid until 28 days beyond the new proposal opening date of 24 November 2026. If necessary, an extension of Bid Security validity or a new Bid Security must be submitted before the new submission deadline.

D. All Other Terms Unchanged:
All other terms, conditions, specifications, and evaluation criteria of the original Bid Document remain unchanged.

This corrigendum shall form an integral part of the original Bid Document.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

Memo no: 46.10.0000.004.058.16.06.2026 Date: 05.11.2026

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following work. Details are given below for Packages.

Sl No.	Tender ID/ Package No	Name of work	Tender Document last Selling/ Downloading Date and Time	Last Date and Time for Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
01	1361432	Improvement of roads with lane-bylanes including drain of kutbari and baghbari area under ward no-9.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
02	1362114	Improvement of roads with bylanes including pipe drain from holding no-101/4 darussalam jame mosjid to mirbari jame mosjid by holding no-1/1A and lalkuti 2nd colony holding no-36/A/B to holding no-52-A/A and lalkuti 1st colony holding no-16-E/B to holding no-22-B under ward no-10.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
03	1362185	Improvement of roads with bylanes including pipe drain from vanga bridge to holding no-185/1, south monipur holding no-296 to holding no-306/1 of south pirerbagh under ward no-13.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
04	1362209	Improvement of roads with bylanes including pipe drain from holding no-219/b to holding no-151/2/a, holding no-151/2/kha to holding no-145/4/b of south pirerbagh under ward no-13.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
05	1361417	Improvement of roads with lane-bylanes including drain from holdingno-787 to holding no-779/2/1, holding no-676 to holding no-677/3 andholding no-760/2 to holding no-758/1 of West Kazipara under ward no-14.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
06	1362279	Improvement of roads with including pipe drain from holding no-288/4 to holding no-1320 of Ibrahimpur Bazar under ward no-16.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
07	1362287	Improvement of roads with bylanes including pipe drain from holding no-1038 to holding no-154 by holding no-1 kuchukhatbazar of Ibrahimpur primary school under ward no-16.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
08	1367901	Improvement of roads with including pipe drain from holding no-87 to holding no-288/4 of Ibrahimpur Bazar under ward no-16.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
09	1367925	Improvement of roads with including pipe drain from holding no-654/1 to holding no-473 of Ibrahimpur Ashi dag road under ward no-16.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00
10	1367780	Construction of grill fencing around the residential buildings periphery at ground floor with collapsible gate, guard room and toilet at Gabtoli City Polli.	22-Nov-2026 12:00:00	22-Nov-2026 12:30:00	22-Nov-2026 13:00:00

On the above works only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-Gp Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender Document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited by online through any registered Bank's branches as mentioned in e-Gp portal.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Sl No	Tender ID	Package No. & Description	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening and Closing Date & Time
1.	1358208	eGP/EL/2026/Online_UPS_120KVA Repair of 1 Nos. 120KVA Online UPS (Brand: Inform; Model: PDSP-T-33120; SN:1897W0189004; Origin: Turkey) by replacing 12VDC, 45AH-54 Nos Battery at National Institute of Kidney Disease & Urology (NIKDU) with 2 years Comprehensive Warranty of the whole machine.	10-Nov-2026 12:00	10-Nov-2026 14:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no office/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks, branches.
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