Israel's Eisenkot vows quick govt formation

New parliament meets

AFP, *Jerusalem*

Israel's new parliament was sworn in yesterday with a mission to immediately take aim at caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as rival Gadi Eisenkot vowed to quickly cobble together a new government.

President Isaac Herzog delivered a speech at 4:00 pm for the swearing-in of the 120-seat parliament, in which neither Netanyahu's right-wing coalition nor Eisenkot's broad left-to-right anti-Netanyahu bloc will hold a majority.

"I am committed in this complex situation to form a national-emergency government as quickly as possible," Eisenkot, a 66-year-old former military chief who only recently entered politics, said as he prepared to be sworn in.

Eisenkot's allies hope to use their newfound legislative power to move rapidly on key priorities, including a commission to investigate security failures under Netanyahu that allowed the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas.

Herzog on Sunday gave Eisenkot the initial mandate to form a government, starting the clock for him to cobble together a coalition within 28 days, with a possible 14-day extension.

Ahead of the opening of the parliament, known as the Knesset, Eisenkot's party announced agreements on key people to replace allies of Netanyahu.



University students take part in a protest against Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto's policies and the government's handling of wildfires in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

LAHORE TOXIC AIR

Pak blames India's Diwali fireworks

REUTERS, *Islamabad*

Pakistan blamed poor air quality this week on pollution drifting from neighbouring India, where firecrackers set off during the Hindu festival of Diwali over the weekend blanketed much of the north in toxic smog.

The northern Pakistani city of Lahore topped IQAir's ranking of the world's most polluted major cities for a second day yesterday, with an air quality index (AQI) of 263, categorised as "very unhealthy". The city's concentration of PM2.5, harmful airborne particles small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs, was 37.2 times above the WHO annual guideline, IQAir said.

Punjab's environment protection minister said pollutants had been carried into the region by air drifting from India after Diwali.

Malaysia court restores ex-PM Najib's house arrest

AFP, *Kuala Lumpur*

A Malaysian court yesterday cleared the way for jailed former prime minister Najib Razak to be transferred to house arrest, after the attorney general disputed an earlier directive.

Najib, 73, was jailed for his role in one of the largest global plunders of a sovereign wealth fund, the now-defunct 1MDB.

He was granted a conditional pardon in September, allowing him to serve out the rest of his sentence at home provided that he paid a $12 million fine.

His political party, the United Malays National Organisation, paid the fine on Friday, but the attorney general blocked Najib's transfer on legal grounds.

"In accordance with the order of conditional pardon, the accused shall serve the remainder of the reduced sentence of six years' imprisonment under house arrest," High Court judge Aslam Zainuddin said.

Houthi missiles fired at Riyadh downed

Says Saudi coalition; Trump says he will hold off on fresh Iran strikes for now

AGENCIES

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said yesterday it intercepted and destroyed two missiles launched by Yemen's Houthis towards Riyadh, amid weeks of escalating hostilities between the kingdom and the Iran-aligned group.

The coalition said its air defences destroyed a ballistic missile and a cruise missile fired at the Saudi capital.

Saudi Civil Defence had earlier issued an early-warning alert for Riyadh before the coalition announced the interceptions, later saying the threat in the capital had passed.

In a separate statement, the coalition said that it had also intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile launched by the Houthis towards Saudi Arabia's southern region.

Saudi Civil Defence had previously issued warning alerts for the southwestern cities of Abha and Khamis Mushait, before later saying the danger had passed, reports Reuters.

The Saudi Press Agency said later on Monday the East-West oil pipeline, essential for bypassing the Strait of Hormuz, was attacked but operations were unaffected.

Meanwhile, a beach on the eastern coast of the UAE was closed after oil was detected, the Khor Fakkan municipality said on Monday, with tankers repeatedly coming under attack in the nearby Strait of Hormuz.

East-West pipeline hit, ops unaffected: KSA

Iran demands US 'surrender' to its conditions

US President Donald Trump said on Monday he plans to hold off on new military strikes against Iran for the time being after appeals from countries in the region, including from Qatar's prime minister in White House talks.

Trump, in a Reuters interview and a later appearance in the White House press briefing room, said he plans to keep up a naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz for now.

"The United States of America is fully locked and loaded with the best equipment ever made, and we don't think there's going to be any reason to use it," Trump told reporters.

Mohsen Rezaei, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, has told the US that it's time to "surrender" to Tehran's seven conditions to end the conflict.

"The war on Iran has already wrecked the US government. But Washington flails like a desperate gambler. FOLD YOUR HAND. STOP manufacturing FAKE NEWS about imaginary talks. Stop denying the West Asian NEW ORDER. Time to SURRENDER to the seven conditions Iran has repeatedly set out," he posted on X.

IN BRIEF

10 UKRAINIAN REGIONS

Russia hits five major energy substations

US-mediated peace talks between Moscow and Kyiv begin in Abu Dhabi



AGENCIES

Russia attacked 10 Ukrainian regions overnight, hitting five major energy substations that transmit electricity between regions, Ukrainian Prime Minister Sergii Koretskyi said yesterday, as US-mediated talks between Moscow and Kyiv on ending more than four years of war opened in Abu Dhabi.

The substations that were hit are in the Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia and Kirovohrad regions, Koretskyi said on Telegram.

US fails to show for UN rights review, again

AFP, *Geneva*

The United States yesterday boycotted a United Nations review of its human rights record for a second time, in an unprecedented snub of a process that all countries traditionally submit to.

US seats were left empty at the world body's European headquarters in Geneva for the so-called Universal Periodic Review (UPR), which all 193 UN member states undergo every four to five years. As the review was set to begin, UN Human Rights Council president Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, of Indonesia, looked at the empty seats behind the US nameplate and said that "the delegation of the United States is not present in the room".

The US absence was not a surprise. President Donald Trump's administration decided shortly after his return to power in January 2025 to halt cooperation with the rights council, and had already boycotted the UPR process last November.

In response, council at the time had postponed the US review for a year.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Prime Minister's Office
Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority
House-19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
(www.bepza.gov.bd)

Reference No. 03.06.2616.324.99.64.2026-29 Date: 09/11/2026

Re-Tender Notice (06/2026-27)

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

Tender ID	Description of Works	Publication Date	Document Last Selling/ Downloading Date and Time	Closing & Opening Date and Time
1369046	Selection of Consultant (Structural Engineer) for BEPZA	12 Nov 2026	30 Nov 2026 13:00	30 Nov 2026 15:00
1369047	Selection of Consultant (Architect) for BEPZA	12 Nov 2026	30 Nov 2026 13:00	30 Nov 2026 15:00

These are online tenders, where 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.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).
For more details, please contact to the PE's Support Desk (+8802-41060862)

9.11.2026

S.M. Arifur Rahman
Executive Engineer (Civil)

GD-2730

IBA Institute of Business Administration

BBA ADMISSION TEST

35th Batch | Session: 2026-2027

BBA Admission Test (Session 2026-27) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on Saturday, 05 December 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. For Applicants Who Have Passed SSC and HSC or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed their HSC or equivalent exam held in 2026 are eligible to apply for the 2026-2027 academic session. They must have a minimum 8.0 as total of SSC & HSC GPA (including the 4th subject) and secure a GPA of at least 3.5 in both the exams.

2. For Applicants Who Have Passed IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level or Equivalent Exams:

Candidates who have passed the IGCSE/O-level exam with at least 5 subjects (including Mathematics) and the IAL/GCE A-Level exam in at least 2 subjects (the final result of at least one subject of the IAL/GCE A-Level must have been published in 2026) are eligible to apply. Out of the 7 subjects in IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level, candidates should get a minimum of 2 A grades. Students must obtain a minimum average grade point of 3.5 (out of 5.0) in both IGCSE/O-Level and IAL/GCE A-Level.

Candidates from O-level, A-level, or from any other board outside the country have to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from DU at the beginning of their application process. To get equivalence certificate, please visit the DU admission website (https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd). If an applicant faces any difficulty in obtaining "Equivalence Certificate" from DU, s/he is advised to contact "IBA Helpdesk" immediately.

3. No candidate is eligible to sit for this year's admission test if s/he has previously appeared in any admission test of the University of Dhaka, including IBA, in 2026 or before.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

All Bangladeshi applicants must sit for the Admission Test. The test has two components: Written and Communication. The components of the Written Test evaluate applicants' aptitude in English Language, Mathematics, and Analytical Ability. In order to pass the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in all sections. Applicants will be selected for the Communication Test on the basis of their performance in the Written Test.

Foreign nationals (who have completed high school abroad) with a valid SAT score in the 80th percentile or above may be exempted from the Written Test, but must appear in the Communication Test.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application must be submitted online (https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd) by Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (by 11:59 PM).

The application fee of Tk. 1500 is to be paid by Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (by 11:59 PM). The admit card can be downloaded from Wednesday, 02 December 2026 to Saturday, 05 December 2026 (till 9:00 AM).

For detailed application procedure, visit the IBA website (https://www.iba-du.edu) or the DU admission website (https://admission.eis.du.ac.bd).

For further information, contact the IBA Helpdesk at 01772563303 or 01871130956 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on any working day or email at bba-admission@iba-du.edu.

Director
Institute of Business Administration
University of Dhaka, Dhaka-1000

GD-2733