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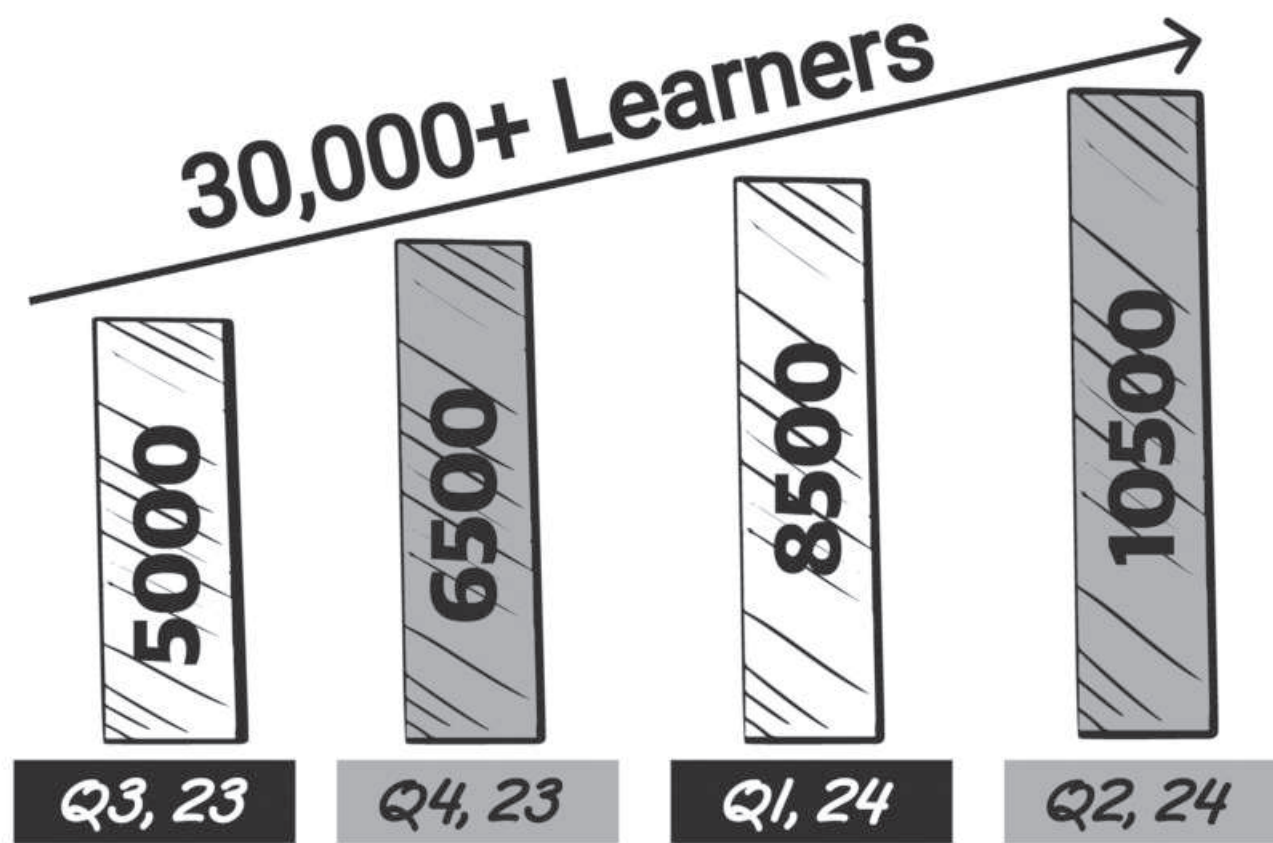


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Army given magistracy power

Commissioned officers to act as executive magistrates across the country for 60 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government last night gave magistracy power to commissioned army officers with immediate effect for 60 days in order to improve law and order.

The officers will act as executive magistrates across the country, said a circular of the public administration ministry.

An officer with magistracy power can arrest people and put them in custody. In self defence and extreme need, the officer can open fire, said an adviser to the interim government.

Explaining the rationale behind the move, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said, "We are witnessing subversive acts and disrupted stability in several places, especially in the industrial areas across the country. Given the situation, army personnel have been given magistracy power."

He added that he believed the army personnel would not misuse this authority.

Once the situation improves, there will no longer be a need for the army personnel to have magistracy power, he told The Daily Star.

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A partial view of a BNP rally in the capital's Nayapaltan yesterday. The party organised the event marking the International Day of Democracy.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

'We can't let this govt fail'

Tarique tells BNP rally, says people to decide if new parties needed

SAJJAD HOSSAIN



The interim government must be careful so that it does not become the reason for its failure, said BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday.

"Some actions of the interim government may not be perceived as successful by everyone. But we all have to remember that the failure of this government is the failure of all of us and the failure of the pro-democratic people of Bangladesh. In no way this interim government can be allowed to fail," said Tarique in his address to a BNP rally.

The rally was organised in front of the party's Nayapaltan central office to mark the International Day of Democracy. Tarique, who has been in London since 2008, joined via video link.

"The first and foremost target of all reform activities by the interim

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WB to provide \$3b this fiscal for reforms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank has pledged \$3 billion this fiscal year to support Bangladesh's reform agenda, said the interim government.

The commitment was made yesterday in a meeting with Muhammad Yunus, chief adviser to the interim government, by a six-member WB mission led by South Asia regional director Mathew Verghis.

The mission arrived in Dhaka on Sunday on a three-day visit to discuss a financial sector project under preparation and the priorities in financial sector reforms.

Of the commitments, \$2 billion is a fresh loan to support critical reforms, flood response, better air quality and health. The Washington-based multilateral lender would repurpose about an extra \$1 billion from its existing programmes in consultation with the government.

"We would like to support you as fast as possible and as much as possible," said WB Country Director Abdoulaye Seck, according to a press statement issued by

the chief advisor's office.

Yunus told Seck that the bank must have the flexibility to fund Bangladesh's reforms and help restart a new journey after 15 years of "extreme misgovernance".

"Out of these ashes, we have to build new structures -- we need a big push," Yunus told Seck.

Completion of the reforms would be "critically important" for Bangladesh and its young people, including the two million people who are joining the job market every year, Seck said.

At the meeting, Yunus asked the WB to lend its technical support to recover billions of dollars siphoned off from Bangladesh by corrupt individuals during the Awami League's 15-year tenure.

"You have the tech to bring back stolen assets," Yunus said, adding that the country would also need the bank's expertise to build "a zero corruption Bangladesh".

Seck has agreed to help Bangladesh bring back the stolen money.

The WB would also like to help

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"Out of these ashes, we have to build new structures... we need a big push."

Yunus tells WB country director Abdoulaye Seck

JULY MASS MOVEMENT Shaheed Smriti Foundation launched

Gets Tk 100cr donation from chief adviser's welfare fund

UNB, Dhaka

A foundation named "July Shaheed Smriti Foundation" was formally launched yesterday with Tk 100 crore in donations received from the Chief Adviser's relief and welfare fund.

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus handed over a cheque of Tk 100 crore to the "July Shaheed Smriti Foundation" at a ceremony held at the State guesthouse Jamuna.

Adviser to Information and Broadcasting Ministry Nahid Islam made the announcement at a media briefing at Foreign Service Academy.

Shaheed Mir Mugdho's twin brother Mir Mahbubur Rahman Snigdho and Adviser Asif Mahmud were also present.

They urged the people from all walks of life and those living abroad to come forward and donate for the foundation.

Nahid said they will arrange one-time allocations and monthly allowances from these funds so that emergency financial needs and treatment costs are met.

Activities like providing emergency financial support to the injured people, archiving and documentation works honouring the memories of martyrs, long-term

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S ALAM SONS They used fake pay orders even to legalise black money

MOHAMMAD SUMAN

Ashraful Alam and Asadul Alam Mahir, two sons of controversial businessman Mohammed Saiful Alam, deprived the state of Tk 75 crore in taxes by legalising Tk 500 crore in undisclosed income, documents obtained by The Daily Star have revealed.

They even brazenly resorted to irregularities and exploited a bank controlled by S Alam Group, of which Saiful is the chairman, according to letters from tax officials to their higher authorities and the two brothers.

Ashraful and Asadul first used two pay orders, each worth Tk 25 crore, in a failed bid to whiten the black money within the fiscal year 2020-21, the documents show.

Their second attempt to make the payment again months after the expiry of the facility that fiscal year succeeded,

which means the first two pay orders were erroneous.

Tax officials, however, gave them a clean chit, and the opportunity to whiten the black money after the deadline.

The Awami League government allowed legalising income from unknown sources by paying a 10 percent tax from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

A total of 2,311 taxpayers used the facility to whiten Tk 1,663 crore of black money in cash and bank deposits that financial year, according to the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Tax officials said that if the maximum tax rate of 25 percent was taken into account at the individual level, the tax officials could have collected at least Tk 125 crore of income tax against the Tk 500 crore of undisclosed income of Ashraful and Asadul.

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Ashraful Alam



Asadul Alam

We're not thinking about forming a party right now

Says Adviser Asif

A CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Asif Mahmud, adviser to interim government's youth and sports ministry, yesterday said right now they are not thinking about forming any political party under the banner of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement.

"Many want to hear from us about forming a political party. We made it clear earlier that we have no such intention," he said while talking to journalists after inaugurating National Occupational Safety and Health Training and Research Institute in Rajshahi city's Terokhadia area.

Asif, also in-charge of the labour and employment ministry, said those who are in this government have their own professions and they want to return there.

"The people of the country, through a mass uprising, gave responsibility to this interim government. Our goal is to hand over the power to an elected government."

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Workers of Mascot Garments demonstrate blocking Zirabo-Bishmail road in Savar yesterday protesting the death of a colleague who was killed in an attack by workers of an adjacent garment factory.

PHOTO: AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

Most RMG factories return to normalcy

Labour unrest ebbs; woman killed in clash between garment workers

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

Normalcy returned to most factories on the outskirts of Dhaka as labour unrest eased and most workers returned to their factories yesterday.

Garment factories in the Ashulia, Zirabo and Zirani areas have been reopening since Sunday.

Of the 407 garment factories in these areas, 392 were fully open while the rest were shut yesterday, according to Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

Workers of these closed factories will not be paid for the period of closure.

Moreover, 10 factories in Ashulia and two in Gazipur were shut after workers left the factories during lunch hours, the BGMEA said.

However, a woman garment factory worker was killed and 20 others were injured in a clash between workers of two factories in Zirabo.



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MY DHAKA



Photos are from a previous Shokher Bazar event.

PHOTO: SHADAB SHAHROKH HAI

SHOKHER BAZAR a collector's treasure trove

AYMAN ANIKA

The world of collectables is vast and varied. For many, collecting stamps, coins, banknotes, matchboxes, historical memorabilia, etc. is an ongoing dialogue with the past. To cater to the needs of the collector's community in the country, the Philatelic Society of Bangladesh (PSB) organises Shokher Bazar, a fair that features booths from specialised dealers and traders dealing in collectables.

Vice President of PSB, Akhlaqur Rahman explains, "We initially planned an auction for collectors to showcase their items, but realised the logistical challenges were too complicated. Thus, the concept of Shokher Bazar was born."

He adds, "Since 2019, we've turned Shokher Bazar into a biannual event. It has become a platform where collectors and businesses converge to exchange and sell a diverse range of collectables."

The fair also addresses a common predicament. Say, you have inherited some valuable antique pieces but do not know what to do with them. Or, you have

purchased a few charming artefacts but would like to sell them now. So, what do you do? You come to Shokher Bazar!

Rahman elaborates, "Collecting isn't for everyone; some may inherit or acquire holdings they don't wish to keep. Shokher Bazar offers a solution, allowing them to sell or trade these items effortlessly."

This makes the fair a helpful venue for individuals looking to declutter or refine their collections without the hassle of finding buyers independently.

The event can be a rewarding opportunity for collectors as well. In an increasingly virtual world, it can be a time-consuming pursuit for a collector to find that special item s/he might be looking for. However, at Shokher Bazar, such individuals can find their desired items without wandering too far.

Rahman notes, "As we bring together both specialised businesses and collectors together, visitors will find varied items in one place. Moreover, it can also be an event where like-minded individuals share their passions, exchange knowledge, and even forge new friendships." Therefore, beyond buying and

selling, Shokher Bazar can turn into a networking hub where collectors can meet peers with similar interests.

The fair serves as a profitable platform for businesses dealing in collectables, offering them the opportunity to engage directly with potential buyers.

Rahman adds, "This is a good opportunity for businesses too. Perhaps, the owners want to attract more clients but having a difficult time finding people, who particularly have a fascination towards collectables. This fair gives the chance to interact with such lovers of collectables and establish a continuing rapport with them."

Shokher Bazar, in essence, is an event that appeals to people of all ages. For the younger attendees, the fair is an interactive history lesson, where learning comes from handling objects that are part of their heritage.

For the older generation, it's a nostalgic journey back in time, held in the palm of their hands. Therefore, if you're seeking a rewarding way to spend your weekend, head towards the gallery of Riddhi Prokashon at Mirpur 11 to attend the Shokher Bazar on 20 September, 2024 between 10:00am and 6:00pm.

Another suspect arrested in Taqi murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested another suspect in connection with the Tanwir Muhammad Taqi murder case in Narayanganj on Monday night.

Yaar Mohammad alias Parvez, 50, was arrested from the Chashara area of Narayanganj city, Rab-II said in a press release yesterday afternoon.

Parvez is a close associate of Ajmeri Osman, son of late lawmaker AKM Nasim Osman and nephew of former MP Shamim Osman.

Rab-II Commanding Officer Tanvir Mahmud Pasha said the arrest was made based on the confession of Kajal Hawlader, who was arrested on September 8 in connection with the murder case.



He made the confessional statement before a court on Sunday under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

"Kajal mentioned some names who had been involved with the murder in 2013, and Parvez is one of them. We are also looking for other suspects," CO Tanvir said.

Parvez was later sent to jail via a court order yesterday, he added.

Rab did not apply for his remand as the accused had some serious medical issues.

Last week, Rab arrested four suspects, Shafayat Hossain Shipon, Mamun Mia, Kajal Hawlader, and Jamshed Sheikh, who were directly involved in the murder. Now they are behind bars and being interrogated, Rab said.

A draft Rab probe report, which was leaked earlier, said Azmeri Osman and his accomplices abducted, tortured, and killed Taqi before disposing of his body.

Jamshed was driving the car, in which Taqi's body was taken for dumping in the Shitalakhyia river after he was killed in 2013.

Taqi, a 17-year-old student of ABC International School, went missing on March 6, 2013, and his body was recovered from the Shitalakhyia river on the following day.

They used fake pay orders

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S Alam's two sons got the opportunity to legalise the black money in the tax file by paying only Tk 50 crore.

According to their tax returns, Ashraful and Asadul showed their net assets at Tk 250.15 crore and Tk 250.21 respectively in tax year FY21.

Ashraful's tin certificate mentions his status as "Bangladeshi without NID" while Asadul's as "Foreigner (non-Bangladeshi)".

S Alam, his wife Farzana Parveen and their three sons Ahsanul Alam, Ashraful and Asadul renounced their Bangladeshi citizenship on October 10, 2022, vernacular daily the Samakal reported last month.

The Bangla newspaper also said the family got approval for permanent residency in Bangladesh as foreign nationals on the same day.

Most of the family members had already been identifying themselves as foreigners or non-Bangladeshis in the tax files a year before they were granted permanent residency in Bangladesh as foreign citizens in October 2022, tax officials said.

The officials working under the circle, where the family submitted the returns, did not raise any questions on these issues.

Chattogram Tax Zone-1 Commissioner Md Samsul Arefin told The Daily Star on September 4 that he had no idea what happened before he joined in February.

"But recently I kept these two files in my custody for safety. After reading these two files, it seems that all sorts of procedures have been followed."

"But it is mysterious that two pay orders were not cashed within five to six months in a circle. It cannot be said if there was any irregularity without re-examining the entire matter," he added.

The 10 percent tax under the Income Tax Ordinance of 1984, which allowed individuals to legalise undisclosed income without facing any question, is only payable by pay order or by automated challan.

Ashraful and Asadul first applied for the facility with two pay orders on June 29, 2021, a day before the expiry of the facility.

The pay orders from the Khatunganj branch of Fast Security Islami Bank

Limited (FSIBL) bounced after being submitted to Sonali Bank on July 1 for encashment and no money was deposited to the state coffers.

Tax officials then tried to contact FSIB and the two brothers several times but there was no response, officials said.

However, after nearly four months, Ashraful and Asadul submitted two new pay orders on October 18, 2021, to the same branch of the bank. That money was encashed on December 28, 2021.

Although the law had no opportunity to whiten black money after June 30, 2021, Assistant Tax Inspector Aminul Islam accepted and encashed these two new pay orders.

- They submit Tk 50cr pay orders
- Both pay orders bounce back
- New pay orders accepted months after deadline
- Govt loses Tk 75cr in taxes
- NBR officials clear the 2 brothers

To justify the late collection, Joint Commissioner AKM Shamsuzzaman and Inspector Lokman Ahmed helped the two brothers make the first two pay orders appear correct by concealing the dates of the last two pay orders.

Shamsuzzaman issued a notice against the duo under section 120 of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 as to why they delayed the payment of the taxes on June 27, 2022.

Three months after the issuance of the notice, Shamsuzzaman on September 29, 2022, suspended the notice based on an inspection report by Inspector Lokman.

Lokman submitted the report on July 3, 2022, stating that the first two pay orders were correct. He attached a statement from FSIBL's Khatunganj branch Manager Mohammad Helal Uddin to back his claim.

However, Lokman did not mention the date of the four pay orders submitted in two rounds.

FSIBL branch Manager Helal told The Daily Star on September 8, "We have informed the tax officials about the two pay orders that they wanted to know."

However, he did not give any answer

when asked about the time when the money was deposited in these two pay orders.

Tax officials said that this happened because the matter was settled between the two parties.

Regarding the delay in receiving the pay orders, Assistant Tax Inspector Aminul who accepted the last two pay orders, confirmed to The Daily Star on September 10 that the money from the first two pay orders was not deposited after submission.

"Then we informed them (the two brothers) and they took some time and later gave two more pay orders," he said.

"Later, the joint commissioner issued a notice under section 120 of the Tax Ordinance since the money was not deposited within the stipulated time. I heard that the issue has also been settled," Aminul said.

He also claimed that he did not personally benefit from these incidents.

Joint Commissioner Shamsuzzaman hung up the phone, saying it was a "wrong number" when contacted for comments, although the tax officials' directory and other tax officials confirmed that it was Shamsuzzaman's number.

Inspector Lokman declined to comment.

Md Riazul Islam, Syed Mohammad Abu Daud, and Md Iqbal Bahar had served as commissioners in the tax zone in that time.

Riazul has been living abroad with his family since his retirement in 2022.

Contacted, Daud and Bahar said they were not informed about the matter by the circle, let alone receive any financial benefit from it.

"I was in charge of this tax zone both during the cashing of two pay orders from the circle office and later the issuance of the section 120 notices from the ranch office of the zone," Daud said.

He said he did not provide any advice to the relevant officials about such illegal activities nor did he benefit financially.

"I am surprised that even after the pay orders bounced, the matter was not reported to me as a commissioner," added the official, currently serving as a member of the NBR's International Tax Division.

Ashraful and Asadul did not receive calls for comments.

Army given magistracy power

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Another adviser, requesting anonymity, said, "Police are yet to be properly functional. Subversive activities are taking place here and there while the army teams are not accompanied by a magistrate."

This is an unusual situation and the number of law enforcers is inadequate, the adviser said, adding that this is the first-time army officers have been given this power.

However, army officers in the past did not need this power because they were deployed under the emergency rule or martial law which by default gave them the power.

Lt Col Sami-Ud-Daula Chowdhury, director of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said, "We have given the order and will work accordingly."

As per section 12 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, under which the power has been given, the government may confer upon any person all or any of the powers conferred or conferrable by or under this Code on an Executive Magistrate in respect of particular cases or a particular class or classes of cases, or in regard to cases generally in any local area outside a metropolitan area.

Police have been largely absent on the streets since the fall of the Hasina-led government on August 5 amid a mass uprising.

Before and immediately after the ouster of Hasina, police faced unprecedented public fury as mobs set fire to their vehicles and properties

and ransacked police facilities in reprisal for the law enforcers' use of excessive force, including lethal weapons, on demonstrators.

Members of the force, mainly responsible for maintaining law and order, are still suffering from a serious lack of morale because of a fear of getting withdrawn, transferred, sued, and even arrested.

According to police sources, over 450 police stations out of 664 were attacked, and some of the establishments were set on fire by mobs.

Following the attacks, Bangladesh Police Subordinate Employees Association announced an indefinite strike for the sake of their security on August 6.

The strike was withdrawn on August 10, following a series of meetings with the then adviser to home ministry Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hussain.

Many officers went into hiding after August 5 and remained absent from work.

A total of 187 police members were absent from August 1 to yesterday, according to the Police Headquarters.

In recent weeks, there were reports of mob violence at different institutions, places, and attacks on minorities and shrines.

Officials from the Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of Home Affairs revealed that magistracy powers are applied in various important public matters, such as maintaining law and order, ensuring free and fair elections and others.

Contacted, former secretary Abu Alam Mohammad Shahid Khan said considering the current law and order situation, the decision is timely and necessary.

"I believe the move will lead to a visible improvement in law and order across the country," he said.

Veteran lawyer ZI Khan Panna said late presidents Ziaur Rahman and HM Ershad previously gave magistracy power to the army.

"It is not right. Has the government lost confidence in the magistrates? It is not right for army personnel to perform magistrate's duties under the deputy commissioners. It would not be wise to mix army personnel with the general public," he told The Daily Star.

"What if it tarnishes the army's image? We want their image to remain shining."

As per the public administration ministry circular signed by Senior Assistant Secretary Jeti Pru, commissioned army officers will be able to deal with sections 64, 65, 83, 84, 86, 95 (2), 100, 105, 107, 109, 110, 126, 127, 128, 130, 133, and 142 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

Section 64 gives an executive or judicial magistrate the power to arrest without warrant when an offence is committed in the magistrate's presence. Within their jurisdiction, the magistrate may arrest or "order any person to arrest the offender, and may thereupon, subject to the provisions herein contained as to bail commit the offender to custody."

Shaheed Smriti Foundation launched

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rehabilitation, mental health and counselling and global advocacy and awareness programmes will be implemented with support from the foundation.

Responding to a question, Nahid said there are 20,000 plus injured while the number of martyrs is around 800.

The foundation was formed with Yunus as its president and Snigdho as secretary.

Besides, a seven-member executive council was formed for this foundation.



Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus hands over a Tk 100 crore cheque to Shaheed Mir Mugdho's brother Mir Mahbubur Rahman Snigdho for the "July Shaheed Smriti Foundation" as Information and Broadcasting Adviser Nahid Islam looks on at state guesthouse Jamuna.

PHOTO: PID

UN team seeks info on human rights violations

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The mission plans to conduct interviews with victims, law enforcement officers, medical practitioners and witnesses.

"The fact-finding is not a criminal investigation and is conducted independently of any national criminal justice process," it said, adding that the process is strictly confidential.

The team will not be conducting any media interviews during the investigation phase, it said.

"We appeal for respect for the confidentiality of the fact-finding process."

After its on-site examination and data analysis, the UN Human Rights Office will publish a detailed human

rights report containing key findings, conclusions and recommendations, the statement added.

After completion of the monthlong investigation, the UN mission may take one or two more months to prepare the report, which will give a foundation for prosecution by Bangladesh authorities, an UN official told the correspondent.

The UN conducted many such fact-finding missions for human rights violations in many countries including Myanmar after the allegation of Rohingya genocide, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Palestine, Kenya and Ethiopia.

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AFP, Geneva

The problem of snake bites, which kill tens of thousands of people each year, is being exacerbated by climate-induced flooding in a number of countries with little access

to antivenoms, the WHO warned yesterday.

Each year, as many as 2.7 million people are bitten by poisonous snakes, with up to an estimated 138,000 deaths.

"One person dies from snake bite

every four to six minutes," David Williams, a World Health Organization snakebite expert, told reporters in Geneva.

Far more people — around 240,000 each year — are left with permanent disabilities, he said.

WHO warns of antivenom shortages amid snake bite scourge



World Bank Country Director Abdoulaye Seck called on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PID

Supporting democratic transition main agenda Says US deputy secy of state on delegation's visit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US delegation that visited Dhaka this weekend pledged support for a democratic, peaceful and lawful transition in Bangladesh, said a top official of the US State Department.

"The most important thing is to try to support democratic, peaceful, and lawful transition. I think that's in everyone's interest," said Richard Verma, deputy secretary of state for Management and Resources, at a discussion at the Hudson Institute in Washington on Monday.

The US interagency delegation led by Brent Neiman, assistant secretary of the US Treasury Department, held meetings with Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain, and Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed.

They discussed ways to support inclusive economic opportunities for the people of Bangladesh, ensure financial stability, and strengthen democratic governance, US embassy said in a statement.

During the visit, USAID signed a development agreement worth over US \$200 million with the interim government.

"This newest tranche of funding will assist Bangladesh as it charts a more inclusive, equitable and democratic course for its people," the statement said.

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Need youth leadership in all sectors

Speakers tell meeting on 'Toward a Non-Discriminatory Bangladesh: Youth Manifesto'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Representatives of youth from diverse backgrounds demanded an end to the culture of grabbing and politicisation of institutions during a programme yesterday.

The demands were made at a views exchange meeting titled "Toward a Non-Discriminatory Bangladesh: Youth Manifesto '24", jointly organised by Youth for Policy and the Institute of Informatics and Development at a hotel in Dhaka.

Calling for youth representation in policymaking, the participants said to create a society rooted in non-discrimination and justice, youth leadership must be incorporated across all sectors.

Fahim Mashroor, CEO of Delivery Tiger, stressed the importance of allowing youth to voice their concerns.

"There is no significant change without sacrifice. Many gave their lives during the recent mass uprising. Reforms should be inspired by this contribution," he said.

Syed Ahamed, CEO of IID, urged steps to ensure the rights of all societal groups. "The majority receiving all the benefits while minorities are deprived should not be the norm," he added.

Mamun Abdullahi, member of Jatiya Nagorik Committee, highlighted the need for national consensus to reform the state. "It is essential to bring every community to a common ground for meaningful reform," he said.

After the Awami League's fall, another group has continued the culture of exploitation, even in university halls. Youth leadership in business and politics is key to addressing these issues.

ARPIA DEB
Student Coordinator

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Total 187 cops absent from duties since Aug 1: PHQ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 187 police members were absent from duty from August 1 till yesterday, according to the Police Headquarters.

The absentees include one deputy inspector general, seven additional inspectors general, two superintendents of police (SP), one additional SP, five assistant superintendents of police, five police inspectors, 14 sub-inspectors and sergeants, nine assistant sub-inspectors, seven nayeks, and 136 constables.

Sources at the PHQ said the absent DIG is former chief of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Harun Or Rashid while the additional DIGs include Biplob Kumar Sarkar, Proloy Joadder, Mehedi Hasan and Liton Shah.

Of these 187 policemen, 96 have overstayed their leave, 49 failed to report to duty, three resigned voluntarily, and

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Arrest narco 'godfathers' Home adviser asks DNC officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adviser to Home Affairs Lt Gen (ret) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday directed the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) to strengthen its drive to arrest "godfathers" during its ongoing joint operation.

"Not only the carriers but also the top godfathers involved in illegal drug trading should be arrested. The ongoing joint operation should be strengthened and the daily progress reports (regarding the drive) should be provided," said the adviser.

The performance of the department will be evaluated based on the success in this regard, the adviser said.

Jahangir gave the directive at a views exchange meeting with senior officials of the DNC office at Segunbagicha.

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Ganosamhati Andolon gets EC reg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ganosamhati Andolon has been registered with the Election Commission (EC) as a political party.

The EC Secretariat issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

EC Secretary Shafiqul Azim handed over the registration certificate to a delegation from Ganosamhati Andolon. The party was registered with the number of 53 and the party symbol "Mathal", which is a conically shaped hat that farmers wear traditionally when working under the sun.

In the registration notification signed by Shafiqul Azim, it was stated that following the judgment and directives of the High Court, the EC registered the Ganosamhati Andolon led by Zonayed Saki as a political party until further notice.

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Platform 'Voice for Reform' launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new citizen's platform named "Voice for Reform" was formed yesterday, with the aim of "assisting reform of the state".

They will start a series of dialogues on various aspects titled "Meramot Alap (Reform Talks)" from October 4.

The launch of the new platform was announced during a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

During the press conference, the initiators said they want to reach out to people of all classes and professions through this new platform.

They also said they want to hear experts, and citizens who love democracy, especially the youth. Shahidul Alam, founder of Drik Picture Library and one of the co-convenors of the new platform, said the discussions will be held aiming to eliminate inequality, while upholding human dignity, democracy, and social justice.

He said some platforms have already been made and they will act as facilitators to them.

Shahidul Alam also announced the names of 12 other co-convenors -- rights activist Ashoke Barua; organisers of Anti-Discrimination Students Movement Nazifa Jannat, Shahinur Shumi, and Masud Rana; tech entrepreneur Fahim Mashroor; lawyer Manzur Al Matin; publisher Mahrukh

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Islam has no relations with shrine attackers Says Farhad Mazhar

BSS, Dhaka

Poet and writer Farhad Mazhar yesterday said Islam has no relation with the perpetrators who are carrying out attacks on shrines as Alem-Olamas of the country do not support such vandalism.

"Those who are attacking shrines and temples should be identified... If anyone tries to make Islam controversial, people will put up resistance against them," he told a mass resistance march against attacks on shrines, in front of High Court mazar in Dhaka.

Mentioning that students have broken the wall of discrimination, he said, "This trend should be continued. A new constitution should be formulated for the sake of the country."

Urging all to be united under leadership of the youth against fascism, Mazhar said, "The fight against fascism has not finished yet. So, we will have to remain alert. A vested quarter is trying to oust the incumbent government. If any evil force tries to thwart the government, the mass people and



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Raisul Huq Bahar's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Today is the sixth death anniversary of A K M Raisul Huq Bahar, a freedom fighter and journalist.



Bahar was born on April 1, 1952 at Companiganj, Noakhali.

He died of cardiac arrest at a hospital in the port city on September 18, 2018.

Bahar was a guerilla commander and led many operations including Kaibalyadham Railway Bridge Operation at Pahartoli, Chattogram in the 1971 Liberation War.

Before joining journalism in 1972, he was an accounts officer of Chattogram Port. He was the Chattogram bureau chief of The Daily Star (2010-2015).

He also served the Suprobhat Bangladesh and Dainik Purbokone as associate editor.

Total 187 cops

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Children enjoy swimming in the river Kirtankhola, using foam boards to float and play. The splash of water and their laughter create a lively scene under the open sky. The photo was taken from Chandmari area in Barishal yesterday.

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Illegal sand mining puts Jashore swamp in peril

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Sand is being illegally extracted from Hamidpur Baor, a swamp in Jashore Sadar upazila, using dredger machines over the past 10-12 days, locals alleged.

Shilpi Khatun, a local Awami League leader and a resident of Chandpara village in Hamidpur union of the upazila, had taken lease of the swamp for fish farming at Tk 17.5 lakh.

According to sources, Shilpi's husband Babul, a local AL activist who has several criminal cases filed against him, took lease of the 43-acre swamp in his wife's name and is now extracting sand from the waterbody illegally to sell it for an embankment project.

"As far as I know, the leaseholder does not have permission from the administration to extract sand from the baor. However, I am not certain whether sand is being extracted from the waterbody," said Akram Hossain, a local union parishad member.

Contacted, Shilpi Khatun refuted the allegations.

"The waterbody is full of dirt, so we are excavating it to prepare it for fish farming. Some sand may have been extracted but it is not for any commercial purpose. The information of sand being extracted and transported with trucks is untrue," she claimed.

Contacted, Ripon Biswas, upazila nirbahi officer of Jashore Sadar upazila, said there is no permission for sand extraction from the baor.

"We will take necessary measures in this regard after investigating the complaints," he added.



Ex-Ctg MP Badal's grave torched

STAR REPORT

Unidentified criminals vandalised and torched the graveyard of former lawmaker from Chattogram 8 constituency Main Uddin Khan Badal at Sarootoli in Boalkhali, Chattogram yesterday.

Badal, who died on November 7, 2019, was the executive president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal.

He was elected MP from Chattogram-8 as a candidate of the Awami League-led alliance in 2008, 2014 and 2018.

Badal's wife Selina Khan, in a Facebook post, alleged miscreants vandalised and set fire to Badal's grave last evening.

She lamented that people are not safe even in the grave now.

Boalkhali Police Station OC Golam Sarwar said, "We found some signs of vandalism on the grave of Main Uddin Khan Badal. We are investigating."

Platform 'Voice for Reform' Sheikh Selim

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Mohiuddin; rights activist Muktasree Chakma; media specialist Sayyied Kabir; satirist Simu Naser; political activist Syed Hasibuddin Hossain; and labour rights activist Ruhul Amin.

In the keynote paper, Shahinur Shumi said the

platform is timely, non-partisan, and open-minded that aims to reach people from all walks of life.

Publisher and researcher Mahrukh Mohiuddin said, "An opportunity has arisen. Previous mistakes are here as examples. These mistakes cannot be made again."

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students will resist them."

Chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolon Zonayed Saki, journalist Salah Uddin Shuvro, writer Ehsan Mahmood, organiser Baki Billah, artists Amal Akash, Bithi Ghosh and Oruf Rahi, among others, spoke at the event. Organiser of the event, Mahtab Uddin Mahtab, conducted the proceedings.

Saki said, "A group of people is intentionally attacking shrines and important state installations. We should be united against the attackers."

At the protest rally, the speakers also demanded stern actions against the people attacking shrines and temples across the country.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the home adviser.

Six years on, wage board

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wage board regulations remain largely ignored by shipyard owners.

Jamal Uddin, a cutter foreman, said, "My doctor advised me to eat more protein because of my weakness, but I can't afford milk or eggs after covering my other expenses."

Jamal spends 90 to 95 percent of his salary on basic needs.

This correspondent spoke with 15 workers, all of whom confirmed that they are not receiving wages according to the government's wage board.

Under section 148 of the Labour Act, employers are legally bound to follow the wage board. Violations are punishable by a year's imprisonment or a Tk 5,000 fine, yet no shipyard owner has faced legal action despite six years passing since the board's introduction.

The shipbreaking industry, situated on a 10-km stretch of the Sitakunda and Mirsarai coastline, comprises 56 operational shipyards.

Bangladesh accounts for 70 to 80 percent of

the global ship recycling market, according to a 2019 report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

"Shipbreaking yard owners have been exploiting workers for years, hiring labourers on contracts to avoid the wage board, maximising profits at the workers' expense," said Fazlul Kabir Mintu, coordinator of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies.

Suhankar Dutta, inspector at the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments in Chattogram, said efforts have been made to urge owners to implement the wage board, but to no avail.

Abu Taher, president of the Bangladesh Ship Breakers and Recyclers Association, claimed that the industry is under strain due to the dollar crisis and the fallout from the pandemic.

"One third of shipyards have closed, and the remaining operate with minimal profit. There's no scope to implement the wage structure at this time," he said.

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through the court," added the OC.

Among the other accused, mostly from the Awami League and its affiliated bodies, are SA Mannan Kochi, general secretary of the AL's Dhaka Metropolitan (north) unit; Kantara Khan, daughter of former civil aviation and tourism minister Lt Col (ret'd) Muhammad Faruk Khan; Mahabub Ali Khan, president of the Gopalganj district Awami League; GM Sahab Uddin Azam, general secretary of the Gopalganj district Awami League; Abu Siddique, general secretary of the Gopalganj Sadar upazila Awami League; Golam Kabir, president of the Gopalganj municipal Awami League; and Sheikh Tozammel Haque, former mayor of Tungipara municipality.

According to the case statement, a BNP motorcade left for Tungipara after holding a rally at Bedgram intersection in Gopalganj around 5:00pm on September 13.

As the vehicles reached Ghonapara, 200-300 leaders and activists of the AL and its affiliates intercepted and attacked the BNP and Swachhasebak Dal leaders. The attackers also vandalised 10 cars and injured at least 50 activists.

Shaukat Ali Didar, 40, was killed, and 50 others were injured in the attack.

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stakeholders, including ethnic minorities, women, and youth, in climate-related efforts.

Ambassador Tröster reaffirmed Germany's commitment to assisting Bangladesh in its environmental efforts.

Both sides also discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation on river cleaning, environmental protection, and climate change mitigation.

They agreed to explore further collaboration, particularly in technology transfer and sustainable development initiatives.

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Addressing DNC officials, Jahangir Alam said the DNC officials have uniforms but no weapons.

"Therefore, it is necessary to provide DNC officials firearms for the sake of successful operation. Necessary steps will be taken in this regard," he said.

According to sources, the DNC officials have been demanding firearms for over the last couple of years to conduct operations, but they did not get the approval due to opposition from the law enforcers, especially from police earlier.

The home adviser during the meeting further asked the DNC officials to conduct operations with police in

the areas where there is a possibility of attacks.

Jahangir Alam said the success of the government will not come if corruption is not curbed.

He urged the officials and employees of the DNC to stay away from bribery and corruption.

After the meeting DNC Director General Khandaker Mostafizur told The Daily Star that the government started a joint drive on September 4 comprising the members of the armed forces, BGB, Coast Guard, police, Rab, and Ansar, across the country.

But an anti-narcotic drive began on September 6 with a force comprising Police, BGB, DNC and coast guards, he said.

Need youth leadership

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Umama Fatema, a leader of the anti-discrimination student movement, stressed the need for permanent youth participation in public policy.

"We all have the responsibility to establish a new Bangladesh. Reports of coordinators involved in illegal occupancy and extortion in the name of anti-discrimination movements

are concerning. We reject this kind of exploitation and occupation in the new Bangladesh," she said.

Arpita Deb, another coordinator of the movement, echoed similar concerns, condemning the widespread extortion across the country. "After the fall of the Awami League government, another group, long out of power, has continued this culture of exploitation,

even within university halls. Youth leadership in business, politics, and policymaking is key to addressing these issues," she said.

Niloy Saha, a student of Rajshahi University, voiced concerns over ongoing discrimination against ethnic groups. "Religious, ethnic, and gender minorities are still living in fear. We must work together to address this," he urged.

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leave, 49 failed to report to duty, three resigned voluntarily, and 39 are absent due to other reasons.

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uprising. The uprising came following massive student-led protests, during which law enforcers used excessive force and opened fire, leaving several hundred dead and thousands wounded.

Supporting democratic

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In response to a query, Richard Verma said, "That is for the people of Bangladesh to decide how and when they are going to hold new elections, how long the transitional government will be in place."

"Our role is to be supportive of the people to provide what kind of support we can on this democratic pathway," he said.

Responding to the attacks on minorities, he said there are concerns on attacks against any civilians and that those should be taken seriously.

Meanwhile, State Department Spokesman Matthew Miller was asked if the release from the jail of many accused criminals including Islamist Jihadist mufti Jasimuddin Rahmani and other militant kingpin from Harkat-ul-Jihad and Hizb ut-Tahrir, and Interpol-wanted terrorist like Sweden Aslam will disturb the US engagement to combat terrorism in South Asia.

"Let me take that question back and get you an answer," said Miller at the press briefing in Washington on Monday.

Ganosamhati

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However, when the party applied for its registration to the EC on December 28, 2017, the commission did not grant registration at that time. Then, the party filed a petition with the High Court.

The HC, in 2019, directed the CEC and the EC to register Ganosamhati Andolon. But the EC later appealed against the ruling. On September 10, the EC withdrew its appeal against the HC ruling.

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Germany to give 1b euro for renewable energy efforts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Germany will provide Bangladesh with 1 billion euro over the next decade to support renewable energy projects, including an initial 15 million euro this year, Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said yesterday.

The announcement followed a meeting between the adviser and German Ambassador to Bangladesh Achim Tröster, held at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in Dhaka, according to a press release sent by the ministry.

Rizwana emphasised the significance of the collaboration, which aims to promote knowledge exchange and cooperation among the private sector, research institutions, and civil society.

The initiative will focus on engaging various

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Sheikh Selim, 117 others sued over murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Awami League leader and former MP Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim was named among 118 individuals accused in a case filed in Gopalganj yesterday over the death of Shaukat Ali Didar, the sports secretary of the central Jatiyatabadi Swechhasebak Dal, on September 13.

Shaukat's wife, Rabeya Rahman, filed the case with Gopalganj Sadar Police Station, according to Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Sajidur Rahman.

Around 1,500 unnamed individuals were also accused in the case, he said. Sheikh Selim is a presidium member of the Awami League and a former lawmaker from Gopalganj-2, where Shaukat was killed.

"Police have arrested 12 people on suspicion of involvement in the murder of Shaukat Ali Didar. As they are accused in this case, they have been arrested and sent to jail

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Hasan Mahmud takes a batch of paper flowers from Mirpur 1 to Chawkbazar, where he will sell them for Tk 1,500 per 100 pieces. With religious festivals on the horizon, the demand for these paper flowers is on the rise. The 34-year-old was caught on lens in Dhaka's College Gate area yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

SHIPBREAKING YARD WORKERS

Six years on, wage board yet to be implemented

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Mokbul Hossain, 48, a cutter in the shipbreaking industry, lives in a two-room rented house with his family of six in Kadamrasul, Sitakunda, Chattogram.

He continuously struggles to make ends meet.

"Our regular meals consist of lentils, vegetables, and eggs. It's hard to afford meat or fish more than twice a month after covering essentials," Mokbul said.

A visit to his home revealed cramped living conditions -- two beds squeezed into the small space, where Mokbul, his wife, and four children sleep. Cooking utensils are stored on a bed due to lack of space.

Mokbul's salary ranges between Tk 12,000



and 13,000, including overtime, but it's far from enough. His monthly expenses include Tk 3,000 for rent, Tk 7,000 for food, and Tk 2,000 for his children's education. The inconsistent nature of his work forces him to borrow money when ships are unavailable for dismantling.

Meanwhile, Abdul Latif, 58, an assistant cutter in the same area, earns Tk 9,000 to 10,000 monthly.

He struggles to afford medicine for his worsening eye condition.

"Sometimes, it's difficult to buy my medicine after paying for other essentials,"

Latif said.

In 2018, the government gazetted a wage board for the shipbreaking sector, introducing a four-grade payment system.

The minimum wage for grade-four workers was set at Tk 16,000, rising to Tk 31,750 for grade-one workers.

However, many workers have not received these salaries despite the wage board.

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A study conducted by the NGO YPSA and the World Bank in 2019 revealed that 22,000 to 50,000 workers are employed in Chattogram's shipbreaking yards. However, wage board regulations remain largely ignored by shipyard owners.

FARIDGANJ HIGH SCHOOL IN PATUAKHALI

Damaged building leaves students at risk



SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The only concrete building of Faridganj High School in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila has long been in a sorry state and left abandoned as it was deemed unsafe for conducting academic activities.

As such, the school, with more than 300 students, is going through a shortage of space for conducting classes.

At present, classes are being held in two shabby tin-shed structures -- one being the old school house and the other a warehouse.

Visiting the school recently, this correspondent found the one-storey concrete building in a dilapidated state. Plasters from the roof have got removed in all the classrooms, with rods being exposed in some places on the roof and the pillars, and cracks having developed on the

walls. The doors and windows were seen broken.

"The school was established in 1968 in Nilganj union under the upazila. The Directorate of Education and Engineering constructed the one-storey school building. However, after a few years, the building gradually became dilapidated due to use of sub-standard construction materials, and eventually had to be abandoned," said Jamal Uddin, acting headteacher of the school.

He informed that the UNO and upazila parishad chairman of Kalapara had inspected the school a few months back, and verbally prohibited them from using the old concrete building for conducting classes.

"The old school house and warehouse are now being used for taking classes. However, both these two structures are also in a sorry

state and largely unsafe for academic activities, while also lacks adequate space for all the students," Jasim Uddin added.

Mehedi Hasan, parent of a student, said it is the only educational institution for students from 10 villages in Nilganj union.

"The concrete building became unusable for quite some time. So, we are being compelled to attend classes in the old tin-shed school houses, which lack space and cleanliness. The classes are congested and uncomfortable, and the structures are in a sorry, risky state," said Moksedul, a 10th grader.

Contacted, Imran Hossain, deputy assistant engineer of DEE in Patuakhali, said, "I have joined here recently. I will visit the school soon and take steps regarding construction of new building after inspection."

Farmers fear major losses as 327mm rainfall submerges crops

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Continuous rainfall over the past four days has caused widespread flooding across new areas of Khulna, inflicting severe damage to vast tracts of Aman paddy and vegetable crops.

The region saw 327 millimetres of rain in past four days, according to the Khulna Met Office.

Bivas Mandal, a farmer from Amtala village in Batiaghata, said Aman paddy is the only crop cultivated in the region.

However, lack of proper water management in recent years has made cultivation increasingly difficult.

"Seven bighas of my Aman paddy field have been underwater for three days, which will impact production," he said, adding adequate sluice gates are needed to drain out the rainwater.

Palash Roy, another farmer from Khalsi Bunia village in Batiaghata, said his family planted Aman on 21 bighas of land, most of which is now submerged.

"Vegetable cultivation has also been damaged due to the rainwater," he added.

Last year, they harvested only 39 maunds of Aman paddy, compared to the 250-300 maunds they used to get from the same land.

Roy fears this year's stagnant water will further reduce the yield.

"The sluice gate in Parbtighata has not been functioning properly for a long time.

Additionally, the non-

renovation of key canals in the area, including Hetalbungia, Parbtighata, and Pathrikata canals, is worsening the situation," Roy said.

He reported that rainwater is not draining, leaving 20 villages, including Khalsi Bunia, submerged and affecting hundreds of thousands of farmers. Around 410 families in the village face similar problems this year.

The Water Development Board confirmed that of the 427 canals in Khulna, 272 have lost their navigability due to siltation and narrowing. A further 116 are leased for fish farming, where nets and dams obstruct the free flow of water, leading to severe flooding and leaving many trapped.

Alamin Sheikh, a farmer from Gutudia village in Dumuria upazila, said, "My paddy fields are submerged, and there's no sign of the water receding. If the paddy remains underwater for more than two or three days, it will be ruined."

Md Insad Ibne Amin, agriculture officer of Dumuria upazila, said Dumuria is a significant hub for vegetable production, with an annual turnover of Tk 350 crore from vegetable sales.

The recent rains have caused early winter vegetable farmers to suffer massive losses. Off-season watermelon farming has also been severely impacted, with 305 hectares of land damaged, affecting 22,000 farmers.

Kazi Zahangir Hossain, deputy director of Khulna's agriculture department, said 85,600 hectares of Aman paddy and 2,325 hectares of early winter vegetables have been damaged.

"We are working to provide seeds, fertilisers, and other logistical support to help farmers cope with these losses," he added.





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Ozone layer on road to recovery: UN

REUTERS, Singapore

The world's ozone layer is on "the road to long-term recovery" despite a destructive volcanic eruption in the South Pacific, the World Meteorological Organization said yesterday, after efforts to phase out ozone-depleting chemicals.

On current trends, the ozone layer is on track to recover to 1980 levels by around 2066 over the Antarctic, 2045 over the Arctic and 2040 for the rest of the world, the United Nations agency said.

Though the volcanic eruption near Tonga in early 2022 led to a short period of accelerated depletion of ozone above Antarctica last year, driven by higher levels of atmospheric water vapour, overall losses were limited, it said in its annual ozone bulletin.

The Montreal Protocol, which came into effect in 1989, agreed to phase out chlorofluorocarbons and other ozone-depleting substances, and its success "stands out as a powerful symbol of hope" at a time when multilateral cooperation has come under strain, said U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in a statement.



Supporters of National People's Power (NPP) party's presidential candidate Anura Kumara Dissanayaka attend an election rally ahead of the September 21 presidential election, in Dehiowita, Sri Lanka yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

India SC pauses 'bulldozer justice'

AFP, New Delhi

India's top court yesterday ordered authorities to pause demolishing private property as punitive action against people accused of criminal activity, condemning the so-called "bulldozer justice".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist government has frequently deployed bulldozers and earthmovers to flatten property owned by those facing trial, saying it targets illegal construction and is a firm response to criminal activity.

The Supreme Court, which is hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the campaign, has asked the government to stall the campaign, until the next hearing scheduled on October 1.

In a hearing last week, the court said the practice amounted to "running a bulldozer over the laws of the land".

Russia boosting army size due to 'threats': Kremlin

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Russia is boosting its army size to 1.5 million active soldiers due to "threats" along its borders, including hostility in the West, the Kremlin said yesterday.

President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on Monday boosting the number of active Russian troops by 180,000 to 1.5 million, making the Russian army the second largest in the world by active troop size, according to Russian media.

"This is caused by the number of threats that exist for our country along the perimeter of our borders," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"It is caused by the extremely hostile situation on the western borders and instability on the eastern borders," he added.

The increase marks the third time Putin has ordered troop increases since the start of the Ukraine conflict in 2022, and

as almost 700,000 troops fight in Ukraine, according to Putin's estimate in June.

In the past six weeks, Russia has scrambled troops to halt a Ukrainian cross-border offensive in its Kursk region, and also ramped up its offensive in east Ukraine, reports AFP.

Neither side regularly publishes data on military casualties, but independent estimates point to tens of thousands of dead and wounded on both sides since the conflict began in 2022.

Russia has long complained of threats on its borders, mostly from Nato enlargement.

Meanwhile, Russian forces launched missiles at energy infrastructure in Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region yesterday, after carrying out a drone strike overnight, cutting power in some districts and forcing authorities to resort to back-up power systems.



Jihadist group claims attack on Mali capital

AFP, Bamako

An Al-Qaeda-linked jihadist group yesterday claimed responsibility for an attack on a military airport and training centre in Bamako, the first attack of its kind in years to hit the Malian capital.

The Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM) group said on its communication channels that a "special operation" had targeted "the military airport and the training centre of the Malian gendarmes in the centre of the Malian capital" at dawn.

It said the attack caused "huge human and material losses and the destruction of several military aircraft".

Earlier yesterday, Mali's army said the situation was "under control" after what it called a foiled infiltration attempt by "terrorists" into a military police base. Mali's military-led authorities generally use the term "terrorists" to describe jihadists and separatists in the north of the country.

The precise scale of the attack, targets, means used, and human toll, remain unclear in a tense context where the flow of information is restricted under the ruling junta.

Bamako is normally spared the kind of attacks that occur in some parts of the West African country on an almost daily basis.

Zimbabwe to cull 200 elephants to feed hungry people

REUTERS, Harare

Zimbabwe plans to cull 200 elephants to feed communities facing acute hunger after the worst drought in four decades, authorities said yesterday.

The El Nino-induced drought wiped out crops in southern Africa, impacting 68 million people and causing food shortages across the region.

"We can confirm that we are planning to cull about 200 elephants across the country. We are working on modalities on how we are going to do it," Tinasho Farawo, Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority (Zimparks) spokesperson, told Reuters.

He said the elephant meat would be distributed to communities in Zimbabwe affected by the drought. The cull, the first in the country since 1988, will take place in Hwange, Mbire, Tsholotsho and Chiredzi districts.

"We cannot consider ourselves to be Muslims if we are oblivious to the suffering that a Muslim is enduring in Myanmar, Gaza, India, or any other place."

Iran's Supreme Leader ALI KHAMENEI



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- ০১। অগ্রহীনের নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্তে যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক হতে বর্ণিত ০১ নং কাজের জন্য ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা এবং ০২ নং কাজের জন্য ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা মূল্যমানের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার(ইএডভি), সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম এর অনুমোদিত জামানত বাবদ (ফেরতযোগ্য) নিলাম ডাকের দিন বেলা ১১.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
- ০২। সর্বোচ্চ নিলাম ডাককারী-কে নিলাম মুদ্রার উপর সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত ১০% হারে ভ্যাট ও ১৫% উৎসে আয়কর প্রদান করতে হবে। এছাড়া কার্যক্রমে যে সময় উল্লেখ করা হবে তার মধ্যে নিলামকৃত স্থাপনা/ভবন ডাঙ্গা/অপসারণ কাজ সমাপ্ত করত ডাঙ্গা মালামাল ও উৎপন্ন আর্কবর্জ্য সাইট হতে যথাযথভাবে সরিয়ে নিয়ে সাইট পরিষ্কার করতে হবে।
- ০৩। প্রথম সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারী আলোচ্য পুরাতন ভবন/অবকাঠামো ডাঙ্গা/অপসারণে ব্যর্থ হলে দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারী আলোচ্য পুরাতন ভবন/অবকাঠামো ডাঙ্গা/অপসারণ করতে বাধ্য থাকবেন।
- ০৪। নিলামকৃত স্থাপনা/ভবন নিজ ব্যয়ে অপসারণ করতে হবে।
- ০৫। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন ডাক গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ০৬। কোন কারণ বশতঃ অগ্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে ঘোষিত তারিখে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে (খোলা তারিখে) একই সময়ে ও নিয়মে নিলাম কার্যক্রম অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

১৫/০৯/২৪
(মোঃ ফেরদৌস আলী চৌধুরী, বিপিএম)
বিপি-৭৭০৫১০৪৫৫৭
উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (এস্টেট এন্ড ডেভেলপমেন্ট)
অতিরিক্ত ডিআইজি পদে পদোন্নতিপ্রাপ্ত
পক্ষে পুলিশ কমিশনার
চট্টগ্রাম মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ
চট্টগ্রাম।



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স
বরিশাল

স্মারক নং-বিএমপি(রেশন)/২০২৪/৯৬৮

তারিখ: ১৬/০৯/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৩/২০২৪-২০২৫

২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরে ২য় কোয়ার্টারে অক্টোবর/২০২৪ হতে ডিসেম্বর/২০২৪ পর্যন্ত তিন মাস সময়ের জন্য রেশন সামগ্রীর মধ্যে মত্তর ডাল, সয়াবিন তৈল, পোশাও চাল, চিনি ও জ্বালানী কাঠ ক্রয়, গম পোশাই, কুলি সরবরাহ এবং পুরাতন চট ও প্রাচীরের বন্ধা নিলামে বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট এ্যাক্ট ২০০৬ ও দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন ২০০৮ মোতাবেক নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় (জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ)
২।	সহকারী	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
৩।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ কমিশনার, বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, বরিশাল
৪।	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান	বিএমপি, বরিশালের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় এবং পুরাতন চট ও প্রাচীরের বন্ধা নিলামে বিক্রয়
৫।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের নম্বর	নং-০৩/২০২৪-২০২৫ খ্রিঃ
৬।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	১৬/৯/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ অথবা তার পূর্বে
৭।	কাজের বিবরণ	
৮।	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (OTM)
৯।	অর্ধের উৎস	
১০।	বাস্কেট ও অর্থনির্ভর খাত	রাজস্ব খাত
১১।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ০১/১০/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১৪.০০ ঘটিকা
১২।	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ০২/১০/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ দুপুর-১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ০৩/১০/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ দুপুর-১২.১৫ ঘটিকা
১৪।	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখ: ০৬/১০/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ দুপুর-১২.১৫ ঘটিকা
১৫।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	
১৬।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল
১৭।	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডি/বিডি বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল
১৮।	দরপত্র গ্রহণ/দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল

দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্য

১৪।	দরপত্রের বোধ্যতা	দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাজসমূহের ফটোকপি ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। ১) হালদাঘাট ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ২) হালদাঘাট আয়কর সনদ ৩) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ ৪) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র ৫) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সার্টিফিকেট ৬) সর্বশেষ তিন মাসের ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্টের বিবরণী এবং আইটেম ভিত্তিক অন্যান্য বোধ্যতার প্রমাণপত্র যা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টে উল্লেখ আছে।		
১৫।	দরপত্র আইটেমের নাম ও বিবরণ			
ক্রম নং:	আইটেম	পরিমাণ (আনুমানিক)	দরপত্রের মূল্য (টাকা)	দরপত্র জামানত (টাকা)
ক।	সয়াবিন তৈল (ডিডামিন এ সমৃদ্ধ)	৪০,০০০ লিটার	১০০০/-	২,০০,০০০/-
খ।	মত্তর ডাল (উন্নতমানের)	৪০,০০০ কেজি	১০০০/-	১,৬০,০০০/-
গ।	চিনি	২০,০০০ কেজি	১০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-
ঘ।	গম পোশাই (অত্যধিক মেশিন প্রস্তুত)	১,৬০,০০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	৩৫,০০০/-
ঙ।	পোশাও চাল (উন্নতমানের)	১,৬০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	৬,০০০/-
চ।	জ্বালানী কাঠ (শুকনা হেইট্রি/মিশ্র)	৩৫,০০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	৬,০০০/-
ছ।	কুলি সরবরাহ	১,৬০,০০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	৭,০০০/-
জ।	পুরাতন চট ও প্রাচীরের বন্ধা নিলাম	মজদুর অমুদায়ী	৫০০/-	৩,০০০/-

দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণ:

১৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোঃ আলী আশরাফ ভূঞা, বিপিএম (বার)
১৭।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	উপ পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিকস অ্যান্ড সাগ্রাই), আর্টিস্ট ডিআইজি পদে পদোন্নতিপ্রাপ্ত, বিএমপি, বরিশাল
১৮।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	বিএমপি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল
১৯।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার বোধ্যতার মাধ্যম	☎ ০২৪৭৭৭-৯৯০০৬, 📠 ০১৯২০-০৬৪০২২
২০।	শর্তাবলী:	
ক।	নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।	
খ।	দরপত্র উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ হ্রাস বা বৃদ্ধির ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
গ।	দরপত্র প্রক্রিয়ায় বিপিএ/২০০৬ ও বিপিআর/২০০৮ এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী কার্যকর হবে।	
ঘ।	কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন	
ঙ।	মত্তর ডাল ৫.৫ কেজি, ৪ কেজি ও ৩.৫ কেজি এবং আটা ৫ কেজি ও ২ কেজি সাইজের উন্নতমানের স্বচ্ছ পলিপ্যাথকে সরবরাহ করতে হবে।	

মোঃ আলী আশরাফ ভূঞা, বিপিএম (বার)
বিপি ৭৯০৫২২৭৯৬
উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার
(লজিস্টিকস অ্যান্ড সাগ্রাই)
আর্টিস্ট ডিআইজি পদে পদোন্নতিপ্রাপ্ত
বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, বরিশাল
☎ : ০২৪৭৭৭-৯৯০০৬, মোবাইল: ০১৯২০-০৬৪০২২

জিডি: ৪৫২

DECEPTIVE TACTICS Meta bans Russian state media outlets

REUTERS, New York

Facebook owner Meta said on Monday it was banning RT, Rossiya Segodnya and other Russian state media networks from its platforms, claiming the outlets had used deceptive tactics to carry out covert influence operations online.

The ban, strongly criticised by the Kremlin, marks a sharp escalation in measures by the world's biggest social media company against Russian state media, after years of more limited steps such as blocking the outlets from running ads and reducing the reach of their posts.

"After careful consideration, we expanded our ongoing enforcement against Russian state media outlets. Rossiya Segodnya, RT and other related entities are now banned from our apps globally for foreign interference activity," the social media company said in a written statement.



A drone view shows the flood-affected area following heavy rainfall in Ostrava, Czech Republic yesterday. Flooding sparked by Storm Boris in central Europe has burst dams, knocked out power and killed at least 18 people, authorities said.

PHOTO: REUTERS

MEDIC'S MURDER Indian police chief in Kolkata sacked after protests

AFP, Kolkata

Indian authorities in Kolkata have sacked the city's police chief and top health ministry officials after furious protests at the brutal rape and murder of a doctor.

The discovery of the 31-year-old doctor's bloodied body at a state-run hospital in the eastern megacity on August 9 has stoked nationwide anger at the chronic issue of violence against women.

The murder has triggered protests across India and repeated strikes by medics demanding safer conditions for women.

While many protests and strikes have since calmed in the rest of India, regular demonstrations continue in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal state.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced the removal of the Kolkata police commissioner and two health departments officials after a meeting with medics late Monday.

"We have agreed to remove the director of health services and director of medical colleges," Banerjee told reporters after the meeting.

'It is unimaginable'

UN chief condemns 'collective punishment' of Palestinians; lashes out at Israel's handling of its offensive in the devastated territory

AFP, United Nations

Nothing justifies Israel's collective punishment of the people of Gaza as they endure "unimaginable" suffering, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told AFP on Monday.

Guterres lashed out at Israel's handling of its offensive in the devastated Palestinian territory, now almost in its second year, as the UN prepares to host world leaders starting next week.

"It is unimaginable, the level of suffering in Gaza, the level of deaths and destruction have no parallel in everything I've witnessed since (becoming) secretary general," said Guterres, who has led the embattled international organization since 2017.

"We all condemn the terror attacks made by Hamas, as well

justifies the collective punishment of the Palestinian people, and that is what we are witnessing in a dramatic way in Gaza," he added, decrying the widespread carnage and hunger blighting Gaza.

The health ministry in Hamas

deadlocked, with Israel and Hamas accusing each other of resisting a deal.

"They are endless," Guterres said of the talks, saying it would be "very difficult" to reach a compromise but that he remained



Guterres is not counting on a breakthrough during the General Assembly's high-level week from Sunday

as the taking of the hostages, that is an absolute violation of international humanitarian law," he said.

"But the truth is that nothing

run Gaza said yesterday that at least 41,252 people have been killed in the Israeli offensive. More than 200 humanitarian workers, mostly UN staff, have also been killed.

"Accountability should be a must" for all civilian deaths, Guterres said acknowledging "serious violations" had been perpetrated by both Israel and Hamas.

Against that backdrop the UN leader has repeatedly called for an immediate ceasefire, but talks overseen by the United States, Egypt and Qatar remain

hopeful.

With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refusing to return his calls since October, Guterres is not counting on a breakthrough during the General Assembly's high-level week from Sunday when he would typically receive all visiting heads of state and government.

"As far as I understand, it was already said publicly that it is not his intention to ask for any meeting with me. So of course, the meeting will very probably not take place," Guterres said, brushing off the apparent snub.

TAIWAN STRAIT China says it tailed US aircraft

AFP, Beijing

The Chinese military tailed a US aircraft that was passing through the politically sensitive Taiwan Strait yesterday, Beijing's army said, vowing to "resolutely defend national sovereignty".

"On September 17, a US P-8A anti-submarine patrol aircraft flew through the Taiwan Strait," Li Xi, a senior captain and spokesperson for the Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, said in a statement.

The Command "organised fighter jets to tail and stand guard against the US aircraft's flight, dealing with it in accordance with the law", Li said.

"Theater troops are on constant high alert to resolutely defend national sovereignty and security and regional peace and stability."

Beijing views self-ruled Taiwan as a renegade province and claims jurisdiction over the body of water that separates the island from the Chinese mainland.

China accused Germany on Saturday of heightening security risks in the Taiwan Strait after two military vessels from the country sailed through the waterway.

Israel sets new war goal on Lebanon border

Aims to halt Hezbollah attacks; 26 more Palestinians killed in Gaza strikes

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Israel announced the expansion of its war aims yesterday, widening its nearly year-long fight against Hamas in Gaza to focus on Hezbollah along its northern border with Lebanon.

The announcement came when US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is due to be back in the region this week to try to revive stalled ceasefire talks to end Israel's offensive in Gaza.

Until now, Israel's objectives have been to crush Hamas and to bring home the hostages taken by Hamas fighters.

While the focus of the offensive has been on Gaza, the unabating exchanges of fire between Israeli troops and Hamas ally Hezbollah in Lebanon have forced tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border to flee their homes.

"The political-security cabinet updated the goals of the war this evening, so that they include the following section: the safe return of the residents of the north to their homes," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

'All of a sudden we heard shots' Trump recounts apparent assassination attempt, returns to campaign trail

CNN ONLINE

Former US president Donald Trump publicly recounted Sunday's apparent assassination attempt against him in detail for the first time, praising US Secret Service, other law enforcement and the witness who took a photo of the suspect's car that helped lead to his apprehension.

"I was playing golf with some of my friends, it was on a Sunday morning and very peaceful, very beautiful weather, everything was beautiful, it's a nice place to be. And all of a sudden we heard shots being fired in the air, and I guess probably four or five, and it sounded like bullets," Trump said Monday during an X Spaces conversation before returning to the campaign trail.

"But what do I know about that? But Secret Service knew immediately it was bullets, and they grabbed me, and I think probably the other one, Steve is one of the people. Steve Witkoff, a great friend of mine."

Trump recounted how the agent saw the barrel of the gun through the bushes. He then described how law enforcement were able to detain the gunman with the help of a witness who saw the suspect run from the bushes and took a picture of his car.

Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, has been charged with possession of a firearm while a convicted felon and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number in connection with the incident. He appeared in federal court Monday morning.

Records show a phone associated with Routh was located at golf course starting at 1:59 am on Sunday morning, 11-1/2 hours before the incident.



Most RMG factories return to normalcy

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The workers' unrest began two weeks ago, demanding arrears and allowances for dinner and attendance.

However, the government and factory owners maintain that "outsiders" are behind the unrest and the local influential groups are using the workers to gain control of the trade of scrapped fabric.

The woman who died yesterday was Rokeya Begum, a 35-year-old mother of two.

Workers of Mascot

Group Limited were protesting near their closed factory by the Zirabo-Bishmail road in Zirabo, demanding the authorities reopen it.

At one stage, workers of Radiance Knitwears Ltd and Southern Garments Ltd threw bricks on the protesting workers of Mascot Group for urging them to join the demonstrations.

Rokeya died after she was hit by a brick chip. Twenty injured others were treated at different hospitals.

Harun ur-Rashid, manager of Ashulia

Woman and Children's Hospital, told The Daily Star that at least 10 workers were admitted there.

BGMEA later announced that it will give Tk 5 lakh to Rokeya's family.

In another incident, workers of Pearl Garments Company Limited began demonstrating in Palashbari area yesterday morning after the company suspended 75 of their colleagues on charges of harming the factory environment.

Police and army personnel later escorted the protesters away.

We're not thinking about forming a party right now

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The adviser said if they hand over power without reforming the existing system, there is a possibility of the new government could become autocratic due to this system.

"That is why we think reform is essential. It is our responsibility to implement the people's proposals for the reconstruction, [in] the way they want to build the country," he said, adding that they were also taking opinions from different political parties to advance the reform work.

"We are sitting with different political parties regularly. Apart from the official meetings, we keep unofficial contacts so that there is no scope for misunderstanding between us. We will ensure that we can move forward with all the stakeholders, including political parties, in the journey of reconstruction of the country."

Responding to a query about the obstacles coordinators were facing

in holding meetings in different parts of the country, Asif said those who led the uprising on behalf of students were visiting various parts of the country so that they could listen to what the people of the areas want.

"There are struggles for the reconstruction of the country. To meet the hopes and aspirations of the people, we must listen to what they [people] say. That is why coordinators are visiting everywhere and trying to listen to the people. I also heard about some situations there."

Asif said these types of controversies are an age-old tradition in Bangladesh.

"There are some people who will make any good initiative controversial. Some fake coordinators are extorting money from people in different areas. We think all these will end. The national unity that was formed between us will remain and through that we will be able to form a new Bangladesh."

TREATMENT OF MINORITIES India condemns Iran supreme leader's comments

REUTERS, New Delhi

India has condemned comments made by Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei on the treatment of Muslims in the South Asian nation, calling his remarks "misinformed and unacceptable".

"We cannot consider ourselves to be Muslims if we are oblivious to the suffering that a Muslim is enduring in Myanmar, Gaza, India, or any other place," Khamenei said in a social media post on Monday.

In response, India's foreign ministry said it "strongly deplored" the comments.

"Countries commenting on minorities are advised to look at their own record before making any observations about others," the foreign ministry spokesperson said.

The two countries have typically shared a strong relationship, and signed a 10-year contract in May to develop and operate the Iranian port of Chabahar.

India has been developing the port in Chabahar on Iran's south-eastern coast along the Gulf of Oman as a way to transport goods to Iran, Afghanistan and central Asian countries, bypassing the ports of Karachi and Gwadar in its rival Pakistan.

Khamenei, however, has been critical of India in the past over issues involving Indian Muslims and the troubled Muslim-majority region of Kashmir.

India and Iran tend to share a good relationship, illustrated by strong economic ties.

Von der Leyen reveals EU's new top lineup

AFP, Strasbourg

After weeks of fierce political horse-trading, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen yesterday unveiled her new top team to help steward the EU through the next five years of global uncertainty.

Faced with Russia's war in Ukraine, the potential return of Donald Trump as US president and competition from China, the formation of the new commission comes at a crucial moment.

To confront the challenges, von der Leyen handed powerful economic portfolios to France, Spain and Italy -- putting a hard-right candidate from Rome in a top role. "It's about strengthening our tech sovereignty, our security and our democracy," the commission chief said as she announced the team at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

WB to provide \$3b this fiscal for reforms

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Bangladesh with data transparency, data integrity, digitalisation of tax collection and financial sector reforms, according to the press statement.

"Bangladesh can't afford to lose this once in a lifetime opportunity to fix its institutions and undertake major reforms. Once we lose it, it will never come back," Yunus said. Meanwhile, finance

adviser Salehuddin Ahmed said the WB has responded positively to Bangladesh's request for immediate budget support to boost the country's foreign currency reserves.

"We will now discuss the conditions. We told them to put the conditions in line with our ability to implement," said Salehuddin.

The WB mission also met with the finance

adviser Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday and the Bangladesh Bank governor Ahsan H Mansur on Sunday.

During the meeting with Mansur, the WB mission proposed \$1 billion as budget support for banking sector reforms: \$750 million would be a policy-based loan and \$250 million for investment purposes, according to BB officials.

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No relief from Khulna waterlogging

Tk 523 crore spent in six years, yet the city floods easily

It is deeply troubling that despite spending Tk 523 crore over the last six years to alleviate Khulna's waterlogging problem, the city still floods after any substantial rainfall. According to a recent report, the meteorological department recorded 173mm of rainfall in Khulna as of Sunday afternoon. As a result, two-thirds of its 1,215 roads were waterlogged. Earlier in July, this daily reported that just 89mm of rainfall—including 55mm in three hours—left most roads and low-lying areas of the city submerged, causing significant suffering for the residents. Similarly, last year, only 34 mm of rain inundated two-thirds of the city. All this highlights its persistent waterlogging crisis and the failure of the authorities to address it.

After the latest bout of rainfall, the Royal Intersection, KDA Avenue, Boyra Bazar, and several other areas in Khulna were submerged in knee-to-waist-deep water. Consequently, locals were forced to depend on rickshaws and vans to navigate the flooded streets, sometimes at considerable personal risk. Commuters claimed that despite the authorities spending Tk 4.58 crore on reconstructing drains and Tk 2.5 crore on renovating roads, they continue to experience hardships even after minimal rainfall. In July 2018, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) approved a Tk 823 crore project aimed at eliminating waterlogging in the city. The first phase of the project—costing Tk 523 crore—is set to be completed by June 2025. However, residents have yet to find any relief from seasonal waterlogging.

Residents have urged immediate action to free the Mayur River and Khulna's 22 canals from encroachment, as well as proper excavation to improve their flow. Additionally, there have been growing demands for regular cleaning and maintenance of the newly constructed drains. The chief conservancy officer of the Khulna City Corporation (KCC), however, claimed that workers regularly clean the drains, but because residents discard household waste inappropriately, it clogs the drains resulting in the perpetuation of the waterlogging problem.

Whatever the case, the fact that this problem has persisted for so long is unacceptable. For this, the KCC must take the responsibility. Residents too must shoulder some responsibility as without responsible disposal, the drains may continue to fail to channel excess water. That said, the time has come to evaluate the status of the aforementioned project, investigate why it is failing to deliver, and come up with a holistic solution to the waterlogging problem.

Are we doing enough for the injured?

Those maimed in July-August need more than free treatment

The price that citizens had to pay to oust Sheikh Hasina's autocratic regime, not just in terms of the lives lost but also the sheer number of injuries, is stupefying. According to a recent report, more than 500 people, mostly in their prime age, have been fully or partially blinded by pellets of shotguns that law enforcers used on protesters during the July-August uprising. Despite repeated surgeries, many of the injured reportedly have no hope of regaining their eyesight. In some cases, the pellets penetrated so deep that removing those would require the removal of the eye altogether.

All this has meant extended hospital stays for many victims, taking a toll not just on their mental health but also on the financial and emotional state of their families. Although the interim government on August 17 announced that it would bear all medical expenses of the injured, their families have yet to receive any cash assistance one month later. True, hospital fee waivers have been helpful, but patients need money to buy certain medicine and have tests done in private clinics. Plus, lengthy hospital stay means rising costs of food and accommodation for the attendants, especially those travelling from different districts.

We understand that the cash cannot be disbursed pending finalisation of the list of the injured, which is a lengthy process, but this cannot take so long. Many of the wounded come from impoverished backgrounds. For them to bear treatment and attendance related expenses over a long period is not just difficult; it is literally putting them into debt. We have written about this issue before, and urge the government to prioritise and expedite the cash disbursement, if necessary, in phases.

The government should also start putting in motion its rehabilitation plans for the injured, who will need assistance to rebuild their lives. An overall change is also required to integrate these individuals back into a society where persons with disabilities are often looked down upon and have little infrastructural support. Also, laws related to the use of less-lethal weapons such as pellet shotguns in policing must be reviewed, keeping in mind an Amnesty International finding that these so-called less-lethal weapons injure not only protesters but also bystanders causing permanent impairment, which explains the high number of wounded in the July-August uprising.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



Scotland votes 'No' to independence

On this day in 2014, Scottish voters rejected a referendum that would have made Scotland an independent country.

Can a Third Way politics transform Bangladesh?



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In the 1990s, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President Bill Clinton introduced a bold new approach that blended centre-left and centre-right ideologies to redefine modern politics. Blair's Third Way and Clinton's New Democrat policies combined market-based economics with social justice aspirations. This approach, often described as "modernised social democracy" or "radical centrist politics," was aimed at reforming traditional socialist principles by incorporating aspects of free market capitalism. Both Blair and Clinton emphasised that the rigid divisions between the left and the right were no longer tenable for winning elections and addressing the rapidly changing global order. Their proposals, focused on democratising institutions, promoting social equality and building justice-based societies, were instrumental in helping both Blair and Clinton secure electoral victories.

Blair's government, for instance, significantly boosted public spending on free healthcare and education, introduced the minimum wage, and expanded rights of marginalised groups. Similarly, the Clinton

In Bangladesh, fusion of ideologies remains elusive as the country's political scene reels on the edge of chaos, plagued by a ruthless game of power where ordinary people's interests are often sacrificed. Instead of fostering a balanced and inclusive political environment, what has emerged is a form of *laissez-faire* politics, where political parties prioritise actions that serve their own and corporate interests. This disastrous and anti-democratic approach has led



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administration implemented a \$500 per child tax credit, expanded state funding to provide coverage for uninsured children in low-earning households, raised the minimum wage, and secured job protection for workers needing medical or family leave.

to a situation where the very citizens for whom politics should be organised are increasingly marginalised.

The July uprising is a direct consequence of the long-standing ideological vacuum that has plagued the country since the Liberation War. Despite various political factions labelling themselves differently, they have largely failed to exhibit a coherent ideology that aligns with their manifestos or serves broader public interests. This situation is unlikely to change unless Bangladesh's political landscape rejects neoliberal practices such as unchecked privatising and subcontracting, mimicking Western-centric economic models without local adaptation, failing to ensure transparency and accountability in governance, and accumulating high-interest foreign loans for corrupt purposes.

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and a commitment to equal rights for all citizens regardless of gender or identity, alongside justice and equity to safeguard the democratic and voting rights. It should offer both existing and new political parties as well as the secular collectives the chance to present viable and visible alternatives to the existing political setup. Any party that transparently adopts these people-centric ideas and acknowledges past mistakes is likely to gain a stronger foothold in the evolving political landscape. However, achieving this reset is challenging, especially given the low level of public trust in politicians in Bangladesh. Despite these difficulties, a reset is crucial.

To bring about this change, political parties must reform their structures, suspend corrupt figures, and include honest and grassroots individuals in politics. What other interesting and

visible agendas can they offer? For example, the recent formation of the Ganatantrik Oadhikar Committee (Committee for Democratic Rights), led by Dhaka University Emeritus Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury, to monitor the workings of the interim government is a notable initiative. This approach could be adopted by any political party willing to offer constructive feedback to the interim government. A formal shadow government put forward by the opposition parties in the UK, for instance, scrutinises the actions and workings of the government in power and suggests alternative policies for their considerations. Establishing such initiatives in Bangladesh would enable the public to evaluate political party proposals to the interim government and their merit.

More importantly, imagine the potential if Bangladesh's secular and left-leaning democratic parties were to unite, thus forming a powerful coalition to bring people-focused politics to the forefront of the national

agenda. This approach could bridge the existing gap between centre-left and centre-right ideologies, and even bring together secular and religious groups through shared objectives like social welfare, fighting corruption, and resisting discrimination and communal violence. The collective could also focus on marginalised groups such as rural citizens, farmers, and labourers, who are often excluded from urban political discourse but capable of generating significant grassroots mobilisation.

To gain momentum, this new collective must rethink its approach to public engagement, seizing this critical moment to lead a fresh and compelling political vision. If Bangladesh's secular and democratic parties don't capture this moment to unite and drive a new agenda, it is unclear when they will have another opportunity. Should they choose to act, their efforts must be sincere. Any viable Third Way political idea must resonate with ordinary citizens and galvanise public support in the next democratic election.

Look no further than India's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for a real-world success case, where a grassroots movement turned the political establishment on its own right. AAP emerged from the anti-corruption movement in India in 2011. The party positioned itself as an alternative to the traditional political establishment by focusing on transparency, anti-corruption measures and grassroots engagement. Despite initial scepticism, AAP gained significant traction in Delhi, eventually securing a landslide victory in the 2015 Legislative Assembly election. AAP's earlier success was rooted in its ability to articulate a clear political objective that resonated with the public, and its effort to challenge the status quo. AAP's rise demonstrated that a new political force could emerge and disrupt the existing power dynamics if the new offerings align with the rightful desires of the ordinary people.

As Bangladesh faces its own political reckoning, the lessons from AAP's meteoric rise show the way for a new era of genuine, people-driven change in the country. But the greatest challenge for a new party or collective in Bangladesh would be the demonstration of their non-violent and non-threatening approach, upholding of secular ideals, and maintenance of an unwavering commitment to the democratic rights of all citizens, including minorities and those with opposing views. If they can remain steadfast to these commitments, any collective or party emerging as a Third Way could have a lasting impact on Bangladeshi politics. Even if it comes through an existing political party revitalising itself, it would still be significant.

The morale issues of Bangladesh Police



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It would definitely be an understatement to say that as of now, the morale of Bangladesh police is less than desirable. The reality is that our police have been badly shaken by the events leading to the fall of a despised authoritarian government. For a significant length of time in the recent past, there was hardly any police presence in public life.

There is no denying that for a long time, the police have been used as a tool of repression in the subcontinent and politicians have frequently misused this vital organ of the state for personal gain and partisan advantages. In the process, the police hierarchy have been willing collaborators of their political masters. However, what is markedly different this time is that many police officers of different ranks have acted as party goons devoid of any sense of legal propriety of their actions. They are complicit in using excessive force while countering public protests, with some policemen stooping low enough to be branded by some as public enemies.

It has to be admitted that the single-minded pursuit of money has impoverished the minds and desiccated the hearts of many politicians, with whom an unholy

nexus has been built by reckless and corrupt police officials. Quite often, interference with the statutory duties of police contrary to the provisions of law has not been condemned. This was the case when it impeded the performance of duties in the maintenance of public order and investigation of cases.

Coercive powers—such as the recourse to fire while dispersing assemblies—have been given under the law to certain officers, and they alone as agents of law, have to act in accordance with their own assessment of the situation and as per their conscience. In our situation, many senior officers have not used their statutory authority to advise, guide, and direct the public order operations. Instead, they resorted to indiscriminate and excessive use of force. Consequently, the police have been demonised in public, perhaps with some justification. This, however, is not desirable as we cannot dispense with the services of the police in public interest.

The police in Bangladesh, coupled with the required determination to perform its legally mandated functions, need to regain its confidence. Winning the trust and

support of the public would be the first step. However, this will be difficult as many delinquent officers must face actions for criminal actions and have to be brought under the law by their own colleagues.

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of scrupulously abiding by the law. The practical display of this course would be to investigate all cases of murder and other offenses arising out of the recent incidents of July and August, and bringing to book the offending police functionaries. There must not be any protective investigation or any quarter given to defaulting officials.

The police leadership needs to explore how it can financially and socially help the aggrieved families that have been victims of police actions. There are funds that can be judiciously used to ameliorate the distress of the suffering families, particularly those that require medical assistance. Bearing the educational expenses of families that have lost its principal earner could

also be helpful. The remorse and compassion has to be visible to heal the wounds.

In addition, the 999 service provided by police has to be restored to its full capacity with adequate supportive actions on ground. The "open house" project where senior officers of respective units used to hear the grievances of the public on a monthly periodical basis has to be resumed. This would hopefully allay fears, remove confusion, and create a climate of trust. This would be a salutary public relation exercise vital for enlisting public support for law and order maintenance.

Improvement in traffic management in the country, in particular Dhaka city, would significantly contribute to morale boosting. Dhaka motorists should see traffic police performing their tasks with efficiency and authority. Coordination remains a key element in any traffic management. It is suggested that actual behavior patterns of the motorists could be seen and verified only on the roads. Furthermore, wrong parking in Dhaka is a major cause of traffic snarl-ups. If necessary, we have to press several cranes into action in order to tow away the offending vehicles to the nearest police station. Everybody, including VIPs, should face consequences for wrong parking.

In the long-term, measures like sanitisation of recruitment, adequate training and depoliticisation of law enforcement must not escape our attention. The police in Bangladesh needs to be rescued from a dehumanisation process that has engulfed them.

‘Workers must be allowed to speak up’

In light of the recent development in the RMG sector, where factories have started to open, Taslima Akhter, president of Bangladesh Garment Sramik Samhati (BGWS), talks about the workers’ protest and their demands and plights in an interview with Aliza Rahman of The Daily Star.

Is there any truth to the oft-repeated statements of “outsiders” causing unrest, or is this a way to undermine and eventually suppress the RMG workers’ demand for fair wages?

Not only the garment sector, but demands are also being raised from various sectors following the mass uprising. For the past 15 years, people have been unable to speak openly due to the lack of freedom of expression, and workers are no exception. There was a pervasive fear of losing one’s job if one spoke up or voiced a demand. After the uprising, workers have started to speak out. They are raising both short- and long-term demands, including payment of dues, immediate factory-based assessment and wage adjustment, all of which are justified.

In the new political landscape of Bangladesh after August 5, there are still challenges. On September 17, a worker’s life was lost amid clashes. The control of scrap fabric business and the political interests of the ousted fascist government are at play. Efforts are being put into diminishing the achievement of the mass uprising by manipulating the workers’ movement and anger. We think workers should be careful not to let their genuine demands get lost amid allegations of “outsiders,” “provocateurs” and “conspiracies.” To restore a healthy and fear-free work environment swiftly, it is crucial for the interim government and entrepreneurs to take immediate steps to address the workers’ demands and make long-term commitments.

Positive steps must be taken through discussions with all stakeholders, including workers and labour leadership involved in the sector. Repressive language or tactics in response to workers’ demands will benefit no

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one. As is well-known, in the absence of proper trade union practices and organisations, workers often rely on spontaneity. Therefore, opportunities for workers to speak out and organise proper unions must be expanded. If workers remain alert, organised and united, they will protect their livelihood and the industry too. It is the responsibility of both the owners and the government to investigate and act against those who seek to exploit the current situation for their own benefit at the expense of workers and industries. We must move away from the old practice of dismissing workers’ demands by placing the blame on others.

What are some of the demands being made by the workers?

A key demand of the workers is the payment of overdue wages. It is heard that around 26 percent of the factories have still not paid their workers. Besides, fear of unemployment is increasing due to the closure of several factories, including that of Salman F Rahman, the industrial adviser to the former prime minister. Additionally, some factory-based demands have been raised, including tiffin bill, attendance bonus, holiday allowance, and maternity leave. The claims are emerging as survival liabilities in the current market. In a number of factories, some factory-based demands have been met. Owners have announced an increase in tiffin bill and attendance bonus.

In the past two weeks, more than 150 RMG factories were closed at different times. In some factories, the owners closed under Section 13.1 of the Labour Act. Entrepreneurs in this sector, including the owners of Beximco, receive bank loans, but workers’ demands remain pending. In such a situation, it is necessary to pay the arrears promptly. A long-standing demand of the workers has been for a rationing system, which is urgently

needed, because the workers demanded a minimum wage of Tk 25,000 last year, but a wage of Tk 12,500 was approved. It goes without saying that it is difficult to survive at this wage at present. It is important to ensure a good working environment by opening the factories after considering the workers’ demands one by one, including wage evaluation. If the factories are closed, both the workers’ livelihood and the country’s export will be affected.

What multifaceted challenges do the workers face, and how has the past regime’s actions caused harm?

For more than 15 years, the previous government has been heavily partial towards factory owners. A significant segment of the MPs were owners in the RMG sector, which made the previous government seem as though it was the owners’ government. In 2023, when RMG workers protested for a wage of Tk 25,000, false cases were filed against hundreds of them, including labour leaders. Four workers lost their jobs, and many others lost their lives, and many others lost their jobs. The wage board, along with representatives from the workers, owners, neutral representatives and the government, appeared to act in the interest of the owners, stifling the workers’ voices.

In our industrial sector’s history, two of the worst incidents that killed workers occurred during the previous regime: the Tazreen Fashions fire (2012) and the Rana Plaza collapse (2013). More than 100 workers were killed in the Tazreen fire, and over 1,100 were killed in the Rana Plaza disaster. Justice for these tragedies is still pending. Tazreen Fashions owner is out on bail and has become the president of the Matsyajibi League, while Rana Plaza owner Sohel Rana is in jail, but many others involved have been released on bail.

It should also be noted that beneficiaries

of the previous fascist regime worked to divide the labour movement in various ways. In industrial areas, the ruling party, its privileged groups and factory owners collaborated to suppress workers’ efforts to organise. The vicious cycle was kept running

play a role in supporting the industry and its workers, rather than simply cancelling orders. Both the government and entrepreneurs must take steps to address this.

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so that there would be no real, honest leadership. The authoritarian government supported the so-called “labour leaders” and pocket unions that opposed the workers’ voices, using money and fear to control the movement. The biggest challenge now will be to dismantle these entrenched syndicates. The interim government must ensure that no new syndicates emerge to control the labour movement or the industry.

The syndicates formed under the previous government to control the labour movement and scrap fabric business are now destabilising the industrial sector for their personal and collective gains. Only an aware, well-organised democratic movement can truly develop this industry. A real movement with honest leadership, representing the interests of both workers and industry, is essential. Therefore, both the government and employers must ensure that genuine leadership operates beyond self-interest and is committed to the welfare of workers.

Why is it that pressure can’t be exerted on buyers? If the export sector is harmed, workers will also be severely harmed. Why is it that this angle seems to be somewhat ignored in the current discourse?

The buyers are mostly focused on taking the lion’s share of the profit. However, they are reluctant to take responsibility for the rising prices of apparels or other crises. Since the Covid pandemic, buyers have consistently shifted all the blame for the workers’ hardships to local entrepreneurs and the government during various crises, including the Russia-Ukraine war and inflation. But buyers also have to accept this responsibility. During any crisis that affects the industrial sector, buyers should

more skilled in negotiating with buyers. At the same time, the responsibility and accountability of buyers must be established in a more structured manner. It is crucial for everyone to recognise that if exports suffer, it will negatively impact not only the workers and owners, but also the industrial sector and the country’s economy as a whole.

Inflation hit a 12-year high in Bangladesh this year. How has the lives of RMG workers been impacted by such developments, particularly considering their low wages?

The pressure of inflation and rising commodity prices are a significant burden on people. Even the middle class is being forced to cut back on their household budgets. Needless to say, one of the hardest hit are the workers, including RMG workers who are struggling to survive on Tk 12,500 a month. Whenever there is a wage increase movement, the government promises a rationing system, but it is never implemented.

Despite RMG workers playing a crucial role in the country’s economy, their basic rights—such as access to food, clothing, healthcare, education, and entertainment—are not addressed in either their wage structure or government initiatives. In the new Bangladesh, workers hope that the interim government and factory owners will consider the interests of both the workers and the industry. Wages should be reassessed, and new working conditions should be established so that workers are not blacklisted for speaking up and have the right to express themselves freely. If workers are freed from the fear of layoffs, retrenchment, attacks and lawsuits, they will be able to play a more active role in the development of the industry and production.



Taslima Akhter

The never-ending fight for women’s clothing autonomy



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Every time I casually reveal that I once wore burqa and hijab, the reactions I get are a mixture of surprise and bewilderment. It’s a chapter of my life that fills me not with shame, but with a deep-seated resentment—a resentment born from the realisation that my clothing choices were dictated not by personal or religious convictions, but by fear and harassers.

I was in eighth grade when my mother purchased three custom-made burqas for me. Her motivation wasn’t rooted in religious observance or cultural tradition. Instead, it was a desperate attempt to shield me from the relentless street harassment that took a toll on my mental health and, subsequently, my academic performance. My parents had exhausted every other option: confronting the harassers who could be identified immediately, seeking help from law enforcement, and even personally escorting me to school and coaching classes. The burqa was their last resort.

But could this “sartorial armour” protect me? The harsh reality is that it could not.

A 2020 Pew Research Center study reveals a troubling reality: women in 56 countries faced social hostilities due to their attire being deemed either too religious or too secular. This bidirectional pressure demonstrates that the real issue is not about specific clothing choices, but about control over women’s bodies and autonomy. Whether a woman chooses to wear a burqa or a bikini, she often finds herself subject to judgement, harassment, and even violence.

My personal experience also illustrates this pervasive problem. It has forced me to confront a critical question: does religious attire truly safeguard women from sexual harassment, let alone the objectifying male gaze? My observations and the experiences of other women in my community led me to a resounding “no.” I’ve witnessed women in burqas and niqabs/hijabs face harassment

ranging from catcalls to unwanted physical contact. The clothing that was meant to protect us became, in some cases, a target for those seeking to enforce their views on women’s modesty.

Again, the reasons women choose to wear religious garments are diverse and complex. While the majority do so out of genuine religious conviction, there also coexist other reasons—for instance, a friend who confided in me said she used it as a shield to “wear whatever I want beneath it and not get judged for my clothes.” But using such attire as a defence against harassment is a deeply troubling societal failure.

Moreover, women who wear burqas and hijabs increasingly face a different kind of harassment—mostly from racists and Islamophobes. In many Western countries, Muslim women have reported verbal abuse, physical assaults, and discrimination in public spaces and workplaces simply for wearing religious attire, such as a niqab or burqa. This harassment not only violates these women’s right to religious expression, but also forces them to choose between their faith and their safety. It’s a stark reminder that the policing of women’s clothing isn’t just about modesty or secularism, it’s often a vehicle for broader prejudices and attempts to control women’s presence in public spaces.

Conversely, women who choose to dress in ways deemed “too secular” face their own set of challenges. They’re often blamed for any harassment they experience, with their clothing choices used as a justification for inexcusable behaviour. This dual pressure—to be neither too covered, nor too exposed—creates an impossible standard that traps women in a lose-lose situation.

A few years ago, at one of my previous workplaces, a male colleague made an inappropriate comment about my body structure and vocally “advised” me not to wear “tight-fitting” clothes. Yes, a male

colleague was directing me on what I should wear when clearly, I was not violating the dress code of the company I was employed at. My personal stories of being forced to wear a burqa to avoid harassment or being advised on what to wear at the office are stark illustrations of a widespread phenomenon. Instead of addressing the root cause—the behaviour of harassers—society often places the burden on women to modify their

December 2017, US Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur shocked fellow lawmakers when she said that the revealing clothing that some members and staffers wear is an “invitation” to sexual harassment. She made the comments during a private Democratic Caucus meeting to discuss sexual harassment issues, according to a report by Politico. The incident shows how deeply ingrained these harmful attitudes are, even among those who

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appearance. This approach perpetuates the dangerous prejudice that a woman’s clothing is responsible for the actions of those who harass or assault her.

Research consistently debunks this notion. A study by Jane Workman and Elizabeth Freeburg found that people were more likely to blame rape victims who wore shorter skirts. However, this perception flies in the face of reality. Research shows no correlation between a woman’s attire and her likelihood of being assaulted.

Even in ostensibly progressive environments, the problem persists. In

should be champions of equality.

The neurological argument that men are more visually stimulated than women, as suggested by studies from the National Library of Medicine, is often misused to justify harassment. While biological differences exist, they do not negate personal responsibility or the capacity for self-control. A civilised society must expect and demand that all individuals, regardless of gender, exercise restraint and respect.

The consequences of this clothing-based oppression are far-reaching. It limits women’s participation in public life, affects their

educational and career opportunities, and perpetuates a cycle of inequality. Moreover, it diverts attention from the real issues: the behaviour of harassers and the societal structures that enable them.

In a world where freedom of expression is championed as a fundamental human right, women continue to face an insidious form of control: the policing of their clothing. This issue transcends cultures, religions and political systems, revealing a deeply rooted societal problem that demands our attention and action.

To address this complex issue, we need a multifaceted approach. We must incorporate comprehensive programmes teaching respect, consent, and gender equality from an early age. We must also focus on legal reforms, such as stricter enforcement of anti-harassment laws and removal of clothing-based defences in assault cases.

As a responsible citizen, we must promote narratives that emphasise personal responsibility for one’s actions, regardless of others’ attire. Media also plays a significant role here. We must challenge and change the portrayal of women in the media to focus on their capabilities rather than appearance. Moreover, the matter of implementing and enforcing clear guidelines at workplaces against harassment and discrimination based on clothing should not be taken lightly anymore.

The right to choose one’s clothing without fear of harassment or assault is not a luxury; it’s a fundamental aspect of personal freedom. As a society, we must recognise that the fabric of oppression is woven not by the clothes women wear, but by the attitudes we perpetuate. It’s time to cut through these harmful narratives and create a world where women are judged not by their hemlines or headscarves, but by the content of their character and the merit of their actions.



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'NO COMMENTS' TAMA MIRZA

Looking ahead to the coming year, the actress hinted at some exciting prospects, stating, "There are several projects currently under discussion."

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Tama Mirza has been honoured with the National Film Award for her performance in the movie *Nodijon*. She has garnered audience acclaim through both OTT platforms and films. Her role in the recent movie *Surongo* earned her significant praise, and she has maintained her success with performances in several web films.

Currently, despite taking a break from shooting for some time, this Dhallywood star is gearing up for a new project. The filming for her upcoming movie is expected to begin next month. Although she prefers to keep details under wraps for now, she mentioned that she would reveal more when the time is right.

In preparation for the new role, the actress is focused on losing weight. She mentioned that her return to acting could happen at any moment.

"Acting is my profession, my addiction, and my love, I truly enjoy acting. So now, I am losing weight as part of my preparation," she stated.

In addition to her preparation, the actress has been immersing herself in a variety of films. She's been exploring a wide range of domestic and international movies.

Reflecting on this habit, she shared, "I'm currently watching a lot of films. I believe that acting requires constant practice. If you don't stay active in it regularly, there's a chance you might lose your touch. That's why I'm watching one movie after another. It's a great way to learn, and I'm also enjoying the process."

Looking ahead to the coming year, the actress hinted at some exciting prospects,



stating, "There are several projects currently under discussion. I hope to be involved in more films and OTT productions next year. That's the direction I'm heading in."

Reflecting on her film *Surongo*, Tama noted, "The movie has really struck a chord with the audience. It was a collective effort, and everyone contributed to making it something special. Even now, people continue to talk about it, and I truly enjoy hearing their thoughts."

Throughout her career, the actress has also ventured into several web films. One of her standout projects, *Khachar Bhitro Ochin Pakhi*, received considerable acclaim. She shared, "I'm quite fond of *Khachar Bhitro Ochin Pakhi*. I've also worked on a few other web films, and it's gratifying to see that they've been well-received by the audience."

Tama Mirza has recently completed shooting for a new film, titled *From Bangladesh*, directed by Shahnewaz Kakoli. Notably, she earned her National Film Award for her role in Kakoli's previous film, *Nodijon*. Speaking about the new project, she remarked, "*From Bangladesh* has a remarkable storyline. The shooting has been wrapped up."

Earlier this year, Tama Mirza had the opportunity to perform at a show in America. Reflecting on the experience, she mentioned, "Performing on stage feels great. It's a unique chance to receive immediate feedback from the audience."

When asked about her future plans, she stated, "I'm patiently waiting for the right opportunity. I've always believed in waiting for something meaningful. Being selective often leads to better outcomes. That's how I prepare myself for each new role."

Recently, the showbiz industry has been abuzz with rumours surrounding Raihan Rafi and Tama Mirza, hinting at a possible rift in their friendship. When asked to comment on the speculation, Tama kept her response brief, saying, "No comments."

11 cultural groups protest Asaduzzaman Noor's arrest



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At least 11 cultural groups have protested against the arrest of Asaduzzaman Noor, one of the country's leading cultural personalities, freedom fighter, and former member of the parliament.

Noor, also a recitation artiste, president of the Bangladesh Recitation Coordination Council, and a member of the advisory council of the Somnilito Sangskritik Jote, was arrested on Sunday night in connection with a murder case in Mirpur.

Prominent cultural alliances, including the Somnilito Sangskritik Jote, have united in strong condemnation of this action. In a unified voice, they have called for his immediate and unconditional release from the 'false allegation', emphasising the urgent need to rectify this alarming situation.

The organisations issuing the statement are—Somnilito Sangskritik Jote, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Bangladesh Recitation Coordination Council, Bangladesh Pothonatak Parishad, Bangladesh Dance Artists Association, Bangladesh Charushilpi Sangsad, Bangladesh Gana Sangeet Coordination Council, ITI Bangladesh Centre, Bangladesh Gram Theatre, Bangladesh Jatra Industry Development Council, and Bangladesh Children's Organisation Unity Alliance.

The message was conveyed by M Ahkam Ullah, general secretary, Samnilita Sangskritik Jote.



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Miss Bangladesh Beauty Pageant to crown 10 ambassadors to rebrand Bangladesh globally

The Miss Bangladesh Beauty Pageant 2024 was officially launched yesterday at The Daily Star Centre, with a vision to reshape and rebrand the global image of Bangladesh through the beauty pageant industry.

This year, 10 distinguished Bangladeshi women will be selected as global goodwill ambassadors. They will represent the country at 10 international beauty pageants across five continents, showcasing our country's culture, heritage, and values on a global stage.

The launch event was graced by Meghna Alam, chairman of Miss Bangladesh Organisation and Foundation; Nazim Farhan Choudhury, managing director at Northbrook Consultants; Tashik Ahmed, advisor for Programme and Broadcast at ATN Bangla; Anisur Rahman, director of ATN MCL and ATN Education; and Karin Jongman, hotel manager of Le Meridien Dhaka, among others.

Women across the country are encouraged to apply via the pageant's official website. The registration period ends on September 28.

Jyotika Jyoti ousted from Shilpakala Academy amid colleagues' outrage

Actress Jyotika Jyoti, who also served as the director of the Research Department at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), was forced to leave the office yesterday, following protests from her colleagues. Tension escalated when Jyoti arrived at the office in the morning, eventually leading to her departure from the premises.



A video clip of the incident quickly spread across social media. In the one-minute-fifteen-second video, loud voices of agitated staff members can be heard outside, while inside, Jyoti is seen calmly packing her belongings into a bag before leaving the room.

Later that day, around 2:45pm, Jyoti went live from her verified Facebook page to address the situation. "I've noticed changes in many places due to the current political climate, but I haven't been to the office in a while," she explained. "Our secretary advised me not to go, but since my position is still intact, I felt it was my duty to show up after a long time."

Notably, Jyoti had been part of the controversial WhatsApp group Alo Ashbei, which included many fellow artistes. She was appointed the director of BSA in March of last year. However, after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on March 5, Jyoti found herself in a difficult position.

PREMANDOLON

A two-week festival celebrating love, art, and revolution

FAHIN RAHMAN AUNGKITA

"We exist because of love. When you invest love and care into something, it blossoms into something beautiful. After that, it requires time and patience. Today, we're impatient—everyone is rushing. But we need to give things time."

In the dimly lit gallery, decorated with revolutionary-themed art, Anusheh Anadil spoke about love and revolution. A circle of people gathered to discuss the changes they hoped to see in post-revolution Bangladesh. Outside, raindrops tapped gently, while the sound of the Tanpura filled the air. A cat, wearing a blue bandana, wandered through the audience during the inaugural session of the two-week long festival *Re-love-ution* or *Premandolon* at Jatra Biroti in Banani.

Anusheh Anadil, musician, activist, and founder of Jatra Biroti, posed a reflective question: "We are independent, but have we truly achieved victory? We're still afraid to speak our minds, fearful of being labelled." With this in mind, *Re-love-ution* or *Premandolon* was



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created to provide a platform for artistic expression, dialogue, and raising awareness about building a new and reformed world.

The opening discussion featured the team from the online platform Jonogon, which works to

formalise the public's demands and aspirations to protect human rights. Jonogon Co-founder Naseef Fatemi emphasised the need for a functional system that allows demands to be voiced without disrupting daily life. He asked the audience, "Do we need to shed blood for reforms? Should we block roads and stage protests at the expense of the general public?" With these questions, the Jonogon team sparked a conversation on the best approach to reforms. The audience was then invited to share: "What demands do you have for a new, beautiful country?"

This engaging dialogue was followed by a soulful musical performance by Kaaktaal, featuring guitar and flute. Their signature songs culminated in *Abar Dekha Holey*, with the audience singing along, creating a harmonious moment.

This was just the beginning of what the festival has in store. The theme for the second day is "Street

and Art," featuring workshops on graffiti, calligraphy, and a hip-hop demonstration and performance by Anonymous Crew. Other themes throughout the festival include days dedicated to Indigenous lifestyles, animal rights, wellness, women in protest, intangible cultural heritage, and environmental issues.

Upcoming days of the festival include segments like open mics for writers and poets, origami workshops, a fashion show with upcycled clothing, thematic dance and theatre performances, sound healing sessions, and electric music nights. Concerts by well-known bands such as Shonar Bangla Circus, Shohojia, F-minor, Madol, and others yet to be announced will take place throughout the festival.

While many segments are free, tickets for certain workshops and concerts can be purchased on the spot or in advance.

By creating a space for change, healing, and expression, *Re-love-ution* or *Premandolon* is running from September 15-28 at the Gallery and Garden space of Jatra Biroti.

Vikings to perform alongside Jal, Aurthohin at 'Legends of the Decade'



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Renowned 90s band Vikings will perform at the *Legends of the Decade* concert, scheduled to take place on September 27.

It's been announced that the Pakistani band Jal and local band Aurthohin are also set to take the stage at the Dhaka Arena, located near the Purbachal 300-foot expressway in the capital.

The event is being organised by Assen and Zirconium, in collaboration with Rootover Experience. On Monday, Assen's official Facebook page announced Vikings' participation

in the concert.

Established in 1997, Vikings gained recognition after winning the *Star Search* competition in 1999. Throughout their 27-year journey, the band has captivated Bangladeshi music fans with hits like *Opekha*, *Opekha 2*, *Ishwar*, *Jodi*, *Bhoy*, and *Jiboner Kolahol* among others.

This concert marks Aurthohin's return to the stage after more than a year. The band last performed on September 22, 2023, at *The Ultimate Rock Fest 2023* in Dhaka.

'We can't let this govt fail'

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government should be the establishment of an elected parliament and government. "For this, we must proceed with the reform process giving priority to establishing an accountable government and parliament," he said. "Even if someone believes that there is a need for new political parties to build a better Bangladesh, there is nothing wrong with that. Ultimately, it is the people who will make the final decision."

intersection and Kakrail Mosque, halting traffic. Tarique said, "The interim government has already initiated reforms in several areas. "Priority must be given to reforms to the Election Commission, public administration, and enhancing the competence and capabilities of law enforcement agencies." He said after the reform process, "Bangladesh will move towards an electoral roadmap." The son of BNP chief Khaleida Zia warned that if the government failed to prioritise its agenda, various groups may seize the opportunity to harm what the people achieved through the uprising. "We are already seeing some signs of this."

slogans, carried banners, festoons, placards, and portraits of top party leaders. In his over 16-minute speech, Tarique said, "A government formed through the people's uprising, in Bangladesh or any other country, is undoubtedly a government of the people. The people have placed their trust in the interim government and will continue to do so. "So, let us all earn the trust and love of the people through work. We should stand by the people and keep them with us." He said the accountability of an interim government is, at some point, ensured by a parliament. This was the second rally BNP held in the capital after Hasina was ousted on August 5. Presiding over the rally,

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, "We have been given an opportunity through the sacrifices of students and the people. We have been given a chance to establish a democratic state. "We must keep this in mind so that we do not carelessly lose this opportunity. If anyone tries to destroy democracy, you must stand up against them. "I urge the interim government to take action. Remnants of Hasina's fascist regime are still there within the bureaucracy, and they are conspiring. We must resist this conspiracy." BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain said, "I want to request the interim government to swiftly arrange for a fair and impartial election." Party standing

committee member Mirza Abbas said, "A responsible individual on social media is saying that there is a need for a third party or a third power. How can a person in his position make such a statement? I would ask the person to explain this statement to the nation. "We will give you [interim government] the necessary time, but that doesn't mean we will give you time forever..." he said. At least 30 party leaders, including four standing committee members, addressed the rally. Ten speakers said BNP leaders and activists had been leading the movement to oust Hasina for the last 17 years and that the two-month-long student-led movement should not claim all credit for toppling the AL regime.



Volunteers ride a boat through a flooded area, searching for stranded people following the impact of Typhoon Yagi in Taungnoo city, Myanmar yesterday. Floods in Myanmar have killed at least 226 people in just over a week, state media reported. PHOTO: REUTERS

Shahriar Kabir placed on 7-day remand

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received any government benefits. There is no plot [of land], I'm the elected general secretary of the Jatiya Press Club. "The government has instructions not to arrest journalists. Still, I have been arrested."

case with Bhasantek Police Station against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, 25 journalists, and 139 others. According to the case statement, Fazlu was shot around 7:00pm on August 5 when he was at a rally celebrating the fall of Hasina-led government in front of Diganta Filling Station in Bhasantek area. In another development,

Babu, managing director and editor-in-chief of Ekattor TV, and Shahriar were produced before the court with a 10-day remand appeal in a case lodged over the death of house help Liza Akter in Ramna area during the quota reform protests. "My speech regarding Joy Bangla, Joy Hind was distorted. I'm sick," Babu told the court during the hearing.

Pro-BNP lawyers hurled abuse at him. At the court, Shahriar said, "I'm ill. I can't walk. I need a chair to sit." "I have written over hundred books. I have never written anything against Islam in any of my books. It is your choice whether I would be placed on remand or not."

lodged the case with Ramna Model Police Station against Hasina and 173 others. The case statement said Liza, 19, got shot near Shantinagar intersection around 5:00pm on July 18. Four days later, she died in a city hospital. On Monday, Shyamal and Babu were arrested in Mymensingh, while Shahriar was arrested at his Banani home.

'We want to keep ties with Dhaka stable'

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NDTV its rules do not allow people to travel to that country to seek asylum or temporary refuge. For now, Hasina is believed to be in the custody of Indian intelligence agencies. Last month, Jaishankar

told the Indian Parliament that Hasina's office had requested permission to flee Dhaka for Delhi "on short notice". At an all-party briefing, he said the Indian government was prepared to give Hasina time to decide her next steps, which could

include political retirement. Last week, Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus—who leads the interim government in Bangladesh—said his country too wants to maintain its previous good relationship with India, but that these ties should reflect

"fairness and equality." "We want the world to recognise Bangladesh as a respected democracy," the chief adviser of Bangladesh said in his first address to his nation. For Hasina, he had stern warning, demanding

she must remain silent to prevent compromising the two countries' relationship till her extradition is sought. "If India wants to keep her till Bangladesh wants her back, the condition would be that she has to keep quiet," he said.

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Local Government of Engineer Department
Office of the Upazila Engineer
Mathbaria, Perojpur
www.lged.gov.bd
Memo No. 46.02.7958.902.001.99.24.812 Date: 15.09.2024
Invitation for Tender (Works)
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1.	1010971 (OTM)	e-Tender/PEDP4/PRJ/MOT/2024-25/W15.A01290 Construction of Head Teacher's room with attached toilet of MOTTHBARIA MODEL Government Primary School Under PEDP4 at Mathbaria, District: Perojpur. ITT Clause 30.1: The Required Technical Proposal shall include the following additional information: Revised RDPP of PEDP4 is under approval process, so contract agreement can not be signed before RDPP Approval if RDPP (2nd revision) of PEDP4 does not get approval then tender will be cancelled.	09-Oct-2024 17:00	10-Oct-2024 15:00

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Kejriwal quits

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Party (BJP). The Supreme Court granted him bail last week on the condition that he refrained from signing official files or visiting his office. Kejriwal responded by tendering his resignation to seek a fresh mandate from the public in Delhi polls slated for early next year. The capital's education minister Atishi, a close confidante of Kejriwal, will replace him in the interim. "Atishi steps up to lead Delhi until the upcoming elections, carrying the weight of both CM Arvind Kejriwal's vision and the national capital's future," a statement from their Aam Aadmi Party said. Kejriwal, 56, began his career as a tax collector but quit his civil service job to become a national anti-corruption crusader, bringing him national fame. Hundreds of cheering supporters greeted him as he left jail on Friday, accusing the government

of trying to "break him" by putting him behind bars. "My resolve is stronger than before," he said. "God is by my side." Kejriwal refused to resign from his position while in custody despite questions over whether his jailing would prevent him from carrying out his official duties. Atishi, 43, suggested after her nomination that she would still be looking to her predecessor for guidance. "Delhi only has one chief minister. It is Arvind Kejriwal," she said. Kejriwal's administration was accused of corruption when it liberalised the sale of liquor in the capital three years ago, surrendering a lucrative government stake in the sector. He is among several prominent Modi opponents to face criminal investigation or trial in recent years. US think tank Freedom House said this year that the BJP had "increasingly used government institutions to target political opponents".

বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড
নিকুঞ্জ-২, মিলকোট, ঢাকা-১২২৯

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৯	দরপত্র বিক্রির সর্বশেষ তারিখ	০৩/১০/২০২৪ খ্রি.
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43 top criminals

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prisoners have been granted division as per the Jail Code. The process for granting division to the rest of the 37 is underway. A prisoner with a division status gets a bed, a table, a chair, a mosquito net, a newspaper, and better food in jail. CHARGES AGAINST ACCUSED DROPPED Police have dropped charges against all the accused in around 650 cases filed in connection with the violence and cybercrimes that occurred in July-August. Asked how many of those arrestees got bail, the chief of prisons said that over 15,000 arrestees have so far been freed on bail. "We have now around 50,000 inmates in the country's 68 jails against the capacity of 42,000." Responding to another question, Motahar said 146 foreign prisoners are now in jails. "Their jail terms have ended and they are now waiting for clearance from their respective countries to return home." The prison chief said steps have been taken for a comprehensive reform of the Department of Prisons. Skilled officials will be given important posts

and action will be taken against the corrupt prison employees, he added. "We are discussing with the ministry to increase our workforce. We are also working to have different modern equipment including network jammers and introduce a digital inmate management system to improve the situation in jails." Regarding allegations of irregularities and narcotics trade inside prisons, the IG prisons said, "I am also receiving such complaints since I took office over a month ago. I am earnestly working to address the problems by taking some measures, including introduction of dope tests for the jail staff. "We want to make sure that the prison staff behave humanely towards the inmates. The food quality will be improved, and the jails will be turned into correction centres." Col Sheikh Sujaur Rahman, additional inspector general of Prisons Headquarters, Jahangir Kabir, DIG (Dhaka division) prisons, and Jannat-Ul Forhad, assistant inspector general of Prisons Headquarters, were present, among others.

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Soydabad, Sirajganj.

Ref: 27.28.8878.101.07.001.19.002 Date: 14/09/2024

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Memo No. TGTDC/SMEEIP-ADB/GD-2(SI-02)/2024/100 Date: 17-09-2024

Corrigendum/ Amendment Notice

According to the Pre-Bid Meeting (in-person) held on last 1st September, 2024 at 11:00 am some amendments have been made in the tender documents are as follows:

Package Number & Name of the Package	Description of Information	Previous Date & Time	Amended Date & Time
GD-2(SI-02): Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Unified Web System and Automated Grievance Redress Center (Hardware & Software)	Tender Last Selling Date	18.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time	30.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time
	Tender Submission Date & Time	19.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time	01.10.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time
	Tender Opening Date & Time	19.09.2024 14:30 (GMT+6) Local Time	01.10.2024 14:30 (GMT+6) Local Time

This Corrigendum/ Amendment notice with amendments and Pre-Bid meeting minutes will be the part & parcel of the tender documents. All other terms & conditions of this tender will remain unchanged. All concerned are requested to take necessary actions accordingly.

(Engr. Muhammad Abul Kawser)
Project Director

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A Test of optimism against the Indian Goliath



ASHFAQ-UL-ALAM

"Let me tell you something my friend. Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane," goes the famous quote from The Shawshank Redemption, a Hollywood production released in 1994.

This line, which is perhaps the most widely quoted dialogue from the movie, points at the dangers of optimism, of how a man devoid of any hope could continue living a despondent life but a person whose hopes get shattered could lose his sanity.

Now, bringing up matters of sanity and despondence may seem like an overtly

dramatic way to start a write-up entailing the optimism surrounding

Bangladesh's impending two-Test series in India, but the pitfalls of hope follow the same logic in this instance as well, albeit with a much lower stake.

Last month, when the Bangladesh team left for Pakistan for a two-Test series, not much was expected of the lot.

They had never before won in

Pakistan in any format, the final stretch of their preparations had been disrupted by the student-led people's movement and the chaos that followed after the ousting of the Awami League government.

Public interest about the team was at an all-time low, understandably, as people were more focused on national developments and the fact that the cricketers had mostly opted to remain silent during the movement also played a part in this loss of interest.

The Tigers' skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto's talks of how records can be changed and playing for the win before the Pakistan series were taken as the customary optimistic pre-series fluff from players, which the Bangladesh fans are accustomed to hearing before tough series.

But this time, Shanto's pre-series statement turned out prophetic as in space of two weeks, Bangladesh roared their way to a historic 2-0 series sweep in Rawalpindi, which many are now labelling as the team's greatest ever achievement in cricket.

The triumph in Pakistan has brought cricket back into limelight in Bangladesh and with that, expectations from the team's forthcoming tour of India has also risen in folds.

But unlike in Pakistan, where they faced a team that has seemingly forgotten how to win

home Tests, in India they will come across a side that hardly ever taste defeat in their backyard.

India are unbeaten in home Test series since 2013, having won 17 straight Test series at home -- a world record -- drawing seven Tests, losing four and winning a staggering 40 home Tests in this period.

Realists, and those who keep a cursory knowledge on cricket, would know that the current Indian Test team in home conditions is the closest thing to a Goliath in world cricket.

Now, the David and Goliath story has been done to death in sports writing, but nothing better comes to mind when describing the magnitude of the task that lies before Bangladesh, who are, of course, the David in this scenario. Chances are, the optimism surrounding Bangladesh's fast bowling brigade, batting depth and spin bowling prowess, could come crashing down against India, who outgun them in every measure.

But greater bravos do not guarantee victory in the battlefield, as even an underdog with belief in his heart could topple a heavyweight, just like David did against Goliath. The Indian Goliath will try to impose its might on the Tigers, like they have done so many times before. Now, the question is, will Bangladesh meekly surrender like they have done in the past or stand their ground with hope in their hearts and take aim at the giant.



U-17s eye SAFF title

SPORTS REPORTER

Taking inspiration from Bangladesh U-20 team's recent success, Bangladesh U-17 football team are keeping sights on the title of the SAFF U-17 Championship, which begins in Bhutan on September 20.

Under the guidance of BFF technical director AKM Saiful Bari Titu, a 30-member contingent will leave for Thimphu today for the eighth edition of the championship, which previously featured U-15 and U-16 formats.

Bangladesh became champions twice in U-16 and U-15 formats in 2015 and 2018 and became runners up in the last edition, which was a U-16 tournament. The boys in red and green have taken nearly one month's preparation including last two weeks on the artificial turf of BKSP, keeping in consideration that the tournament will be played on an artificial turf.

"The boys last time played the final of the SAFF U-16 Championship but lost to India. Twelve players of that squad also part of the current squad. So, our target is to play the final and become champions," Titu said at the pre-departure press conference at the BFF house yesterday.

The Bangladesh team, who will play against India on September 20 before playing their last group match against Maldives two days later, are seeking inspiration from the U-20, who won the SAFF title last month.

"The success of the U-20 team is an inspiration as well as pressure for the boys but I asked them to play without taking any pressure and they will have to take the right decision on the ground," said Titu.

'Pressure is a privilege'

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha acknowledged the pressure that comes when playing against India and deemed it as a privilege rather than a burden ahead of the first Test between the two sides at the Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai, starting tomorrow.

Bangladesh come into the World Test Championship (WTC) fixture on the back of a maiden Test series win in Pakistan. However, taking on India, the top side on the WTC standings, away from home is considerably a much steeper challenge -- one which Hathurusingha is



embracing to gauge not only where his side stand but also how they could match up against 'the best team in the world' at the moment.

"Pressure is a privilege," Hathurusingha told reporters following Bangladesh's training in Chennai yesterday.

"Playing against the best always makes you realise where you stand as a sportsman, and we are looking forward to that challenge.

"We are really encouraged to play against the best team in the world. Coming to India and playing against India, that's the best challenge you can get nowadays in cricket," he added.

Bangladesh's pace unit has garnered the most attention in Indian media upon their arrival in the country, with many curious about speedster Nahid Rana, one of the fastest bowlers amongst pacers in both camps.

When asked about the impact of Rana, who bowled at 150 kmph in the Pakistan series and notched up his career-best figures of 4-44, Hathurusingha pointed out how express pace can make a difference and induce a sense of fear amongst batters.

"The point of difference is just fear factor," Hathurusingha said. "A ball comes at 150-plus and as a human, you get only a certain reaction time. It challenges the reaction time for decision-making. That's the advantage when you have someone who can bowl that quick.

"The speciality with Nahid [Rana] is he can maintain that 145-plus for a longer [period]. So, that's advantage that we have and then you can bring the fear factor into the opposition and especially when the tail-enders come to bat."

There is no doubt that Bangladesh will have to bat out of their skin if they are to put up a proper fight against one of the finest bowling attacks in world cricket and much of the onus in doing so will once again be on veteran batter Mushfiqur Rahim who did not forget to remind the Sri Lankan coach that he averages 55.16 in Tests in India.

"I think Mushfiqur mentioned to me his records against India on the way here. He said his average is 55," Hathurusingha said.

Rohit shrugs off warning, focused on winning

AGENCIES

India captain Rohit Sharma has dismissed the notion that their upcoming two Tests against Bangladesh are a "dress rehearsal" for Australia Tests away in November-December this year.

Bangladesh, who have yet to defeat India in 13 Tests since gaining Test status in 2000, enter the series on the back of a historic 2-0 series win over Pakistan -- a feat that captain Najmul Hossain Shanto called "the greatest achievement ever" for the Tigers.

Shanto had subtly warned India prior to the team's departure, saying they intend to take the game down to the wire. Rohit, however, remains unfazed at the prospect of facing a team brimming with unprecedented confidence.

"See, every team wants and likes to beat India. Mazze lene do unko (Let them [Bangladesh] have

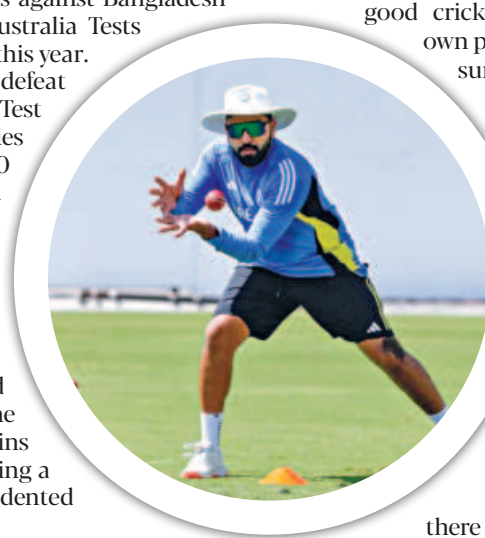
fun)," Rohit remarked in a pre-match press conference in Chennai yesterday.

India, according to Rohit, are focused on playing good cricket, concentrating solely on their own performance rather than the chatter surrounding the opposition.

"When England came here, they said a lot of things too. But we didn't focus much on it," he recalled, referring to India's last home Test series earlier this year when they beat England 4-1.

Rohit, who missed that series due to injury, is adamant that their upcoming matches against Bangladesh and New Zealand are not preparation for something bigger.

"When playing for your country, there is no dress rehearsal. Every game is important. With what is at stake -- the WTC table is quite open," he added.



City brace for Inter reunion

AFP, Manchester

Manchester City are braced for their Champions League reunion with Inter Milan at the start of an expanded tournament that will be "so tough" for the 2023 winners.

Pep Guardiola's side beat Inter 1-0 in the final two seasons ago as Rodri's goal clinched their first Champions League crown on a memorable night in Istanbul.

Inter visit the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday in City's first experience of the competition's new format, in which 36 teams compete in one table and play eight fixtures each instead of the traditional group stage with six matches.

City defender Manuel Akanji is not a fan of the new model because of the extra burden it will place on players in a gruelling season which will conclude with Guardiola's men competing in the Club World Cup in the United States.

"It's getting more complicated with the league. You play different teams, and then, Inter don't have the same opponents as us. It's just got bigger, more games," Akanji said.

"Then we have the Club World Cup at the end of the season. It's just game after game and I don't know

how it will work out.

"It's so tough, you don't just think about this season but also next season. When do we do holidays? There are no breaks in winter."

Despite his complaints, Akanji is relishing the chance to face Inter again after that treble-winning



triumph 15 months ago.

"I'm looking forward to it, even with the new format," Akanji said.

"I think the old one was better but we go up against the best teams still and we start with a great game against Inter. The last time we

SHORT CORNER

Women's T20 WC prize money more than doubled

The ICC has lifted the total prize pool for the 2024 edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup set to take place next month in the UAE to an impressive \$7,958,080 -- more than double that of the 2023 edition. This significant boost ensures that the winners will walk away with a staggering \$2.34 million, marking a 134% increase from the \$1 million awarded to the champions Australia, in 2023.

Frustrated NZ, confident SL meet in two-Test series

New Zealand play Sri Lanka in the first of two Tests at Galle from Wednesday as the visitors look to shake off the frustration of their abandoned match with Afghanistan. On a spin-friendly pitch, they face an emboldened Sri Lanka who last week ended a 10-year wait for a Test win in England.

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Five die of dengue in a single day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in a week, Bangladesh recorded five deaths from dengue yesterday, the highest number of single-day dengue deaths this year.

Meanwhile, during the same 24-hour period till yesterday morning, **Previously, 872 dengue patients were hospitalised -- also the highest in a single day this year.**

Previously, five patients were reported to have died from dengue on September 10.

Among the deaths reported yesterday, one each died in Barishal division, Chattogram division, and Dhaka North City Corporation areas, while two died in Dhaka South City Corporation areas.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), with the new deaths and cases, the total number of dengue deaths rose to 113 while the total number of cases rose to 20,214, of which 11,148 are from outside Dhaka.

Currently, 2,208 dengue patients are undergoing treatment, of whom 805 are from outside Dhaka.



With dengue cases increasing, two wards -- one for male and one for female -- have been opened at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College in the capital. The hospital authorities yesterday said the female ward was almost at capacity.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Shahriar Kabir placed on 7-day remand

Mozammel Babu, Shyamal Dutta also remanded



COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed senior journalists Shyamal Dutta and Mozammel Babu, and Shahriar Kabir, former president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, on a seven-day remand in two murder cases.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sanullah passed the orders, said a sub-inspector working in the court.

Police produced Shyamal, Bhorer Kagoj editor, before the court with a 10-day remand appeal in a case filed over the death of 31-year-old Mohammad Fazlu in the capital's Bhasantek on August 5.

During the hearing, Shyamal said, "I'm a professional journalist. I have never

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43 top criminals, militants freed on bail since Aug 5

IG (prisons) says 17 jails attacked, over 2,000 prisoners escaped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 43 high-profile criminals and militants have walked out of jail on bail after the fall of Hasina-led government on August 5.

As many as 17 jails came under attacks since July 19, leading to the escape of over 2,000 inmates. Of them, more than 900, including 70 militants, are still on the run.

Brig Gen Syed Muhammad Motaah Hussain, inspector general of prisons, disclosed this to journalists while exchanging views with them at the Department of Prisons in the capital's Bakshibazar yesterday.

During the prison attacks, the attackers and the inmates also looted 94 firearms from jails.

"We have so far recovered 65 of those firearms. Cases have been filed over the attacks and fleeing of inmates," the IG prisons said. He said 282 prison staff were injured in the attacks, and many of them are still undergoing treatment.

"The law enforcement and intelligence agencies are working to identify the attackers through analysing evidence."

Dozens of former lawmakers and ministers of the ousted AL government have been arrested and sent to jail in cases filed over the violence and killings that took place during the student-led mass uprising in July-August.

Enquired how many of the ex-lawmakers and ministers granted division in jail, Motaah said, "Nine out of the 37 high-profile

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JULY UPRISING UN team seeks info on human rights violations

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The UN Fact-Finding Mission has sought first-hand information as it began investigation into the human rights violations and abuses in the context of the protests between July 1 and August 15.

The five-member delegation deployed by the UN Human Rights Office at the invitation of the interim government began conducting an independent and impartial investigation on September 16.

"Individuals, groups and organisations are invited to provide first-hand information that is not already on social media or otherwise in the public domain concerning the period of 1 July to 15 August 2024 and human rights violations and abuses in the context of the protests during that period," said a statement from the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva.

The submissions should be sent to ohchr-ffb-submissions@un.org.

The fact-finding team is mandated to establish facts, identify responsibilities, analyse root causes and make concrete recommendations for Bangladesh to address past human rights violations and prevent their recurrence, it said.

On August 22-29, an advance UN team visited Bangladesh and held meetings with student leaders of the recent protests, advisors of the interim government, the chief justice, senior officers of the police and armed forces,

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9 dead, 2,800 hurt as Hezbollah hit by pager blasts

AFP, Beirut

Hundreds of pagers used by Hezbollah members exploded across Lebanon yesterday, killing at least nine people and wounding some 2,800 in blasts the Iran-backed militant group blamed on Israel.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military on the wave of explosions, which came just hours after Israel announced it was broadening the aims of the war sparked by Hamas's October 7 attacks to include its fight against Hezbollah along its border with Lebanon.

The sons of Hezbollah lawmakers Ali Ammar and Hassan Fadlallah were among the dead, a source close to the group told AFP, requesting anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

The blasts "killed nine people, including a girl", Lebanese Health Minister Firass Abiad said in a casualty update.

He added that some "2,800 people were injured, about 200 of them critically" with injuries mostly reported to the face, hands and stomach.

The 10-year-old daughter of a Hezbollah member was killed in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley when his pager exploded, the family and a source close to the group said.

Tehran's ambassador to Beirut was also wounded in a pager explosion but his injuries were not serious, Iranian state media reported.

In neighbouring Syria, 14 people were wounded "after pagers used by Hezbollah exploded", said a Britain-based war monitor, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Hezbollah blamed Israel for the blasts and warned it would be punished.

"We hold the Israeli enemy fully responsible for this criminal aggression," the group said in a statement, adding that Israel "will certainly receive its just punishment for this sinful aggression".

The United States, Israel's top arms provider and close ally, was "not involved" and "not aware of this incident in advance", said State Department spokesman Matthew Miller.



Asaduzzaman Noor sued for BNP leader's murder in 2014

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Former cultural affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor and 41 other Awami League leaders and activists were sued in a case filed on Sunday over the murder of a BNP leader in Nilphamari in 2014.

The victim is Golam Rabbani, organising secretary of BNP's Lakshmicap union unit under Nilphamari Sadar upazila.

His wife Shahnahaz Begum filed the case 10 years after the murder, saying she could not file the case all this time for fear of political reprisal.

The complaint was lodged with Nilphamari Senior Judicial Magistrate's Cognisance Court-1.

The court accepted the complaint and instructed Nilphamari Sadar police to record it as a first information report (FIR), said Nilphamari Sadar Police Station Inspector (Investigation) MR Saeed.

The accused include Nilphamari district unit Awami League President and former mayor Dewan Kamal Ahmed, the Awami League unit's General Secretary Momtazul Haque, and other senior party leaders. Some 1,000 unidentified individuals were also accused in the case.

The complaint mentions Noor as

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Kejriwal quits as Delhi CM after release from jail

Close confidante Atishi to succeed him

AFP, New Delhi

Arvind Kejriwal, a top political opponent of Indian Prime



Atishi

Minister Narendra Modi, quit as chief minister of the capital Delhi yesterday, days after being released on bail in a corruption case.

Kejriwal, a key leader in an opposition alliance that battled Modi in national elections this year, was detained in March on accusations his city government received kickbacks from allocating liquor licenses.

He is among several opposition figures facing graft probes. His party has described his arrest as a "political conspiracy" orchestrated by Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata

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The ground floor of Bastuhara Secondary School in Boyra of Khulna City Corporation has gone under water, disrupting academic activities. Heavy rainfall caused this waterlogging. The photo was taken yesterday morning.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

'We want to keep ties with Dhaka stable'

Says Indian foreign minister

NDTV ONLINE

The political churn in Bangladesh is its "internal matter" but India is keen to continue a stable relationship between the two countries, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told NDTV yesterday afternoon, underscoring the fact that neighbouring nations are "dependent on each other."

During the interview, Jaishankar touched on Russia's war on Ukraine and Delhi's potential role as a peacemaker in that conflict. He also commented on Iran leader Ayatollah Khamenei's remark, the war in Gaza, and a flurry of foreign visits in the first 100 days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term.

"What happens is their internal matter. Bangladesh is our neighbour and the relationship, on our part, is something we want to keep stable. We have good trade... our people to people ties are good... I want to keep the relationship that way," Jaishankar said.

Last month, following intense, weeks-long student-led protests, Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India.

She was expected to proceed to London to claim political asylum, but British Home Office sources told

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