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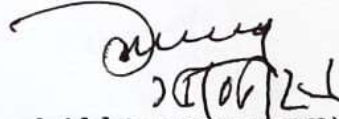
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Corrigendum

Due date and time is being extended for submission of Re-EoI for Physical Feature Survey and plan preparation (Package-1) of "Development Plan for Sitakunda Upazila, Chattogram District and Sonagazi Upazila, Feni District: Risk Sensitive Land Use Plan" Project as follows:

Sl. No	Details	Extended up to date & time
01	Last date of submission of Re-EoI	24/03/2026 upto 11.00 A.M

N.B: All other terms & conditions shall however remain unaltered as there of in the original EoI notice.



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Caretaker system a temporary safeguard for democracy, observes SC in full verdict

COURT - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

The Supreme Court has published its full verdict reinstating the non-party caretaker government system to oversee national elections, citing it as a temporary safeguard for democracy. The 74-page judgment was uploaded to the apex court's website yesterday. Earlier, on 20 November last year, a seven-member bench of the Appellate Division led by then Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed unanimously declared illegal the earlier ruling that had voided the system. The decision came following four separate review petitions filed after the country's political changover on 5 August 2024. In its latest verdict, the court reinstated the system introduced through the constitution's 15th amendment and said it should be implemented gradually ahead of national elections. The court also observed that the 15th amendment had been enacted in good faith within the constitutional mandate of Article 7. "If applied properly, the doctrine of necessity could legitimise the caretaker system as a temporary safeguard for democracy,"

According to the judgment, the system did not destroy the constitution's basic structure but rather helped preserve it. The court said the arrangement would come into effect starting from the country's 14th parliamentary election.

However, lawyers involved in the case said the current parliament retains the authority to amend or remove the provision if it chooses. The verdict also outlines how the caretaker government will be formed. Under the arrangement, the most recently retired chief justice will be appointed as the chief adviser to the caretaker government. If that person declines the role, the position will be offered to the previous retired chief justice. If necessary, retired judges of the Appellate Division may be appointed in sequence. If no suitable former judge is available, the president may appoint a chief adviser in consultation with political parties.

On the advice of the chief adviser, the president will appoint 10 other advisers to form the caretaker government. All advisers must be non-partisan and neutral. This interim administration will remain in charge until a newly elected parliament is formed and assumes office.



Prime Minister Tarique Rahman presents Eid gifts of Tk5,000 each to sanitation workers of 12 city corporations and hands over the cheques to the mayor of Chattogram City Corporation and the administrators of other city corporations at the Bangladesh National Parliament Secretariat on Sunday. PHOTO: PMO

133 interim govt ordinances sent to special parliamentary body for scrutiny

REFORM - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ausazuzaman yesterday proposed in the Jatiya Sangsad that 133 ordinances be referred to a special parliamentary committee for review.

The committee, formed during the first session of parliament, has been tasked with examining the ordinances and submitting its report by 2 April. The House later adopted the proposal through a "yes" vote.

The second day of the current session began at 10 am with a recitation from the Holy Quran. The maiden sitting of the 13th Parliament commenced on 12 March. During the question-and-answer session, which continued until noon, ministers responding included Housing and Public Works Minister Zakaria Taher, State Minister for Social Welfare Fazzaan Sharmin, and Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon. Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmed announced the conclusion of the Q&A segment after the scheduled one-hour period.

The House then moved to the agenda on raising matters of urgent public importance under Rule 71, with the Speaker noting that 29 notices on such issues had been received for discussion.

Govt reallocates funds, eyes low-interest loans to meet fuel demand

ENERGY - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

To ensure sufficient fuel imports to meet domestic demand, the government is reallocating funds from various sectors and considering low-interest loans from international development agencies, Prime Minister's Economic and Planning Adviser Rashid Al Mahmud Titumir has said.

Speaking to journalists at his office in the Secretariat yesterday, Titumir said that, alongside cutting expenditures in other sectors to free up allocations for fuel purchases, the government is exploring financial support from institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

"If necessary, we will secure funding from international organisations to ensure the payment for fuel oil," he said, emphasising that fuel security is a top priority for the government.

He added, "We are trying to obtain loans at the lowest possible interest, whether from the IMF, ADB, or the World Bank. Our efforts are focused on ensuring an uninterrupted fuel supply for the country." Titumir also noted that the government continues to engage with multiple countries to identify new sources of energy.

On social protection programmes, Titumir assured that the government's Family Card initiative is free from political influence. Likewise, the Farmer Card distribution will follow merit-based eligibility, without political interference. "Previously, political considerations influenced these programmes, but that will no longer happen," he said.

Titumir also addressed tax policy, highlighting that the country's tax-to-GDP ratio remains very low, among the lowest globally. "It is essential for the health of our economy to increase this ratio," he said.

Bogura AL leader, handed over to police by mob, dies in custody

CRIME - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

An Awami League leader from Bogura, allegedly assaulted by a mob and later handed over to police, has died in custody.

Shahzad Alam Shanto, 55, a local leader from Sariakandi upazila, died around 10 pm on Friday while receiving treatment at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases. With his death, six Bogura AL leaders imprisoned have died while receiving treatment. Bogura Jail Superintendent Nurul Mubin said Shanto was sent to Bogura Jail on a January in connection with an explosives case in Bogura Sadar and transferred to Keraniganj Central Jail on 17 January.

According to relatives, on the night of 3 January, several BNP activists allegedly formed a mob in Narail. Bogura, assaulted Shanto, and took him away, later demanding Tk3 lakh as ransom. Police rescued him but detained him instead of arresting the alleged abductors.

Shanto's wife, Mariam Sultana, said police held him for two days without any case before he was shown arrested in the old explosives case and presented in court on 5 January. Bail was rejected, and he was sent to jail, and later hospitalised after falling ill. Deputy Jailor Tayeba said Shanto had been hospitalised twice previously.

Investigating officer SI Amit Hasan said he was arrested in a case for the attempted murder of BNP leader Suraiya Zerin under the Explosives Act. Shanto suffered from high blood pressure and diabetes, had lost one leg in a motorcycle accident seven years ago, had a rod in his hand, and used crutches.

His son, Raqib Hossain, said he received proper medical care. By the time he was taken to hospital, his kidneys had stopped functioning.

Doctors advised transfer to the National Institute of Kidney Diseases and Urology, but prison authorities returned him to Keraniganj Jail. He was later hospitalised again, where he was declared dead around 10 pm.

Bangladesh seal 2-1 ODI series victory over Pakistan

CRICKET - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

Bangladesh clinched a 2-1 One Day International series victory over Pakistan with an 11-run win in a tense third and final match in Dhaka yesterday.

Defending a competitive total of 290 for five, Bangladesh bowled out Pakistan for 279 in 50 overs to secure their second bilateral ODI series win over the visitors, the first coming a year ago.

opener Tanzid Hasan started with the bat, scoring a brilliant

107 off 107 balls, hitting six fours and seven sixes to anchor Bangladesh's innings. After Pakistan opted to field first, Bangladesh built a steady platform through an opening partnership between Tanzid and Saif Hassan. Saif was dismissed for 36 by Shahabuddin Afridi, while Najmul Hossain Shanto made 27 before falling to Haris Rauf.

Tanzid continued to dominate the innings, adding useful runs with Iftekhar Das, who scored 44, and Towhid Hridoy, who remained unbeaten on 48 to guide Bangladesh to a strong total.

Govt seeks Iran's help for safe passage as 3 lakh tonnes crude stuck

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in Dhaka yesterday, requesting support in facilitating the movement of vessels carrying crude oil.

The request comes as the arrival of three crude oil shipments carrying a combined 3,00,000 tonnes has become uncertain due to security concerns affecting maritime routes through the Strait of Hormuz, a key chokepoint for global oil trade.

The energy ministry forwarded its request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, urging diplomatic engagement with the Iranian government.

The letter was sent to the director general for West Asia desk at the foreign ministry to communicate with the Iranian government.

Amid growing complaints about fuel shortages at filling stations and long queues of vehicles, the government yesterday withdrew rationing on petrol, octane and diesel until further notice to ease public suffering during the Eid travel period.

The government had imposed the restrictions on fuel purchases for certain types of vehicles after global energy routes were disrupted by the ongoing war in the Middle East.

Officials said authorities are now working on options to ensure sufficient crude oil supplies to avoid reintroducing rationing after the Eid holidays.

Three shipments uncertain

According to the Energy Division, the tanker MT Nordic Polix, carrying around 1,00,000 tonnes of crude oil, has been waiting at the outer port limits of Ras Tanura in Saudi Arabia since 3 March after loading the cargo.

The vessel has been unable to proceed towards Bangladesh due to security concerns in the Strait of Hormuz.

Another shipment of about 1,00,000 tonnes is scheduled to be loaded at the end of March from Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates instead of Jebel Dhanna to minimise transit risks linked to the Strait.

A third cargo of roughly 1,00,000 tonnes is expected to be loaded at Yanbu in Saudi Arabia between 14 and 16 April.

Eastern Refinery Limited typically produces 15-20% octane and petrol, alongside approximately 30-35% diesel, from 1,00,000 tonnes of Arabian light crude oil, most of which is imported from the Middle East.

If the crude oil tankers passed through the Strait of Hormuz,

Bangladesh may be forced to import petrol and octane from a global market currently experiencing soaring prices.

Should the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation fail to secure these refined fuel cargoes in a timely manner, it could trigger renewed supply shortages in the domestic market.

Letter stresses importance of crude supply

In the letter, the energy ministry noted that Bangladesh's growing economy depends heavily on timely crude oil imports to maintain refinery operations and ensure an uninterrupted fuel supply.

"Bangladesh, as a rapidly developing economy with growing energy demand, relies on the timely import of crude oil to maintain refinery operations and ensure uninterrupted supply of petroleum products for transportation, industry, agriculture and essential services," the letter stated.

The scheduled arrival of crude oil shipments is of critical importance for maintaining the stability of the national energy supply chain, said the ministry. Referring to the ongoing war involving the US, Israel and Iran, the letter noted that maritime movements in the Strait of Hormuz have been disrupted, affecting shipments destined for Bangladesh.

Additional diesel import from India not confirmed

Replying to a query about additional diesel support, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Aninda Islam said, "We approached the Indian counterpart about additional supply. They have assured us of looking into the issue with a positive note."

Under an existing agreement between Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation and India's Nurgarh Refinery Limited, the Indi-

an state-owned refinery is scheduled to supply 1,80,000 tonnes of diesel annually through the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline.

Of this volume, around 1,20,000 tonnes have already been confirmed, but Bangladesh still has the option to import an additional 60,000 tonnes depending on its demand.

The state minister said, "But till now, we haven't heard anything concrete about our request."

Fuel reserves and monitoring

According to Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation data, as of 14 March, Bangladesh's fuel reserves stand at 13,52,26 tonnes of diesel, 6,92,000 tonnes of octane, 6,68,000 tonnes of petrol, 54,646 tonnes of kerosene oil and 51,317 tonnes of jet fuel.

Officials warned that demand may significantly follow the withdrawal of rationing, making the timely arrival of crude shipments increasingly important.

Bangladesh regularly imports crude oil to operate the refinery of Eastern Refinery Limited, with shipments transported by vessels arranged by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation.

Govt warns fuel rationing

The government yesterday warned fuel rationing after several imported oil vessels arrived at Chattogram Port, easing supply concerns.

State Minister Amit announced the decision at a press conference at the Secretariat.

"Considering the smooth Eid travel of people and the fuel requirements of farmers during the ongoing Boro cultivation season, the government has decided to withdraw all restrictions, including fuel rationing," he said. The state minister added that

fuel distribution points across the country will now supply petroleum products according to demand until further notice.

Monitoring fuel supply

To maintain discipline in fuel distribution, the state minister also held a virtual meeting with district commissioners, attended by the cabinet secretary, public administration secretary and energy secretary.

Officials were instructed to verify daily opening and closing stock at depots and submit regular reports to ensure that allocated fuel reaches petrol pumps. Authorities will also investigate cases where filling stations remain closed and cross-check supply accounts with depot records.

"The current government is sincerely trying to prevent the people from suffering," the state minister said.

Energy conservation measures

The government has also issued several energy-saving instructions amid the uncertain global fuel situation.

District authorities were asked to keep air-conditioner temperatures at 25 degrees Celsius, while shopping malls and shops were requested to limit decorative lighting during the upcoming Eid season.

Shop owners were also advised to turn off sign board lights after closing their stores.

Fuel supply expected to stabilise

Following meetings with industry stakeholders, officials expressed optimism that the supply situation will soon normalise.

After a meeting with petrol pump owners, Shamsul Haque, coordinator of Jatijabab Samikha Dal and a member of parliament, said fuel supply would increase from Sunday and return to normal by the following day.

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01	Last Date of Submission of Bid	24/03/2026 upto 11:00 AM

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Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation Project
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Program: Advanced Research in Priority Areas, (PIN13185)
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e-Tender Corrigendum Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of:

Tender ID	Package No.	Description of Goods	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time	Opening Date and Time
1236960	RU/SOC/HEAT13185	Procurement of ICT equipment	30.03.2026 15:00	31.03.2026 14:30	31.03.2026 14:30

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the national e-GP system Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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