

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **“BJP has turned West Bengal into a firestorm for Muslims”**: Maulana Gazi Ataur Rahman, Joint Secretary General of Islami Andolan Bangladesh and party spokesperson, said that the BJP, after coming to power in West Bengal, has spread religious hatred in a horrific manner. It has used the state and administration against Muslims, incited social hatred against Muslims, and turned the whole of West Bengal into a fire trap for Muslims. As a result, a crowd of oppressed people has gathered at the Bangladesh-India border in West Bengal, India, seeking to leave India. In this era of civilized progress, I express strong condemnation and concern over these incidents of communal hatred and displacement. He expressed this concern in a statement on Friday. Maulana Gazi Ataur Rahman said, West Bengal had a one-country relationship until 1947. After the 1947 boundary, there will be many people on both sides who have a history on the other side. This is an unavoidable reality of partition. **Now, in Bangladesh, it is not legal to evict people on the pretext of their address, and at the same time, it is inhumane. The BJP government of West Bengal is doing this. We will tell the Bangladesh government that the issue must be brought up for discussion in the international arena.** We cannot become victims of anyone's political ambitions. Bangladesh is already facing endless problems concerning the Rohingyas. Bangladesh does not have the capacity to take in more displaced people. This matter must be raised in the international sphere, and a resistance must be built against the inhumanity of evicting people (*Amar Desh*, [29 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **PM Tarique Rahman sees tough times ahead, warns against spending critical time carelessly**: Prime Minister and BNP (Bangladesh Nationalist Party) Chairman Tarique Rahman on Sunday said that his government is committed to fulfilling all expectations of the country's people. “The current government is running the state being inspired by the philosophy of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and the main objective of the government is to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people through implementing the BNP's election manifesto,” he said. The ruling BNP organised the discussion marking the 45th martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. **Speaking on the occasion, Tarique Rahman sought all-out cooperation from the party leaders, workers and supporters in running a ‘successful government stating that “very difficult times lie ahead’.** Reaffirming the government's commitment to restoring democracy and improving justice, education and healthcare, Tarique Rahman said, “The aspirations of people were not fulfilled after the War of Liberation. Over the past 17 years, the nation has witnessed how democracy, justice, education and healthcare were diminished”. “By the grace of Almighty Allah and with the support of the people, Alhamdulillah, we carried out a successful movement on 5 August, 2024. With the support of the people, we also, Alhamdulillah, successfully passed through the 12 February 2026 election,” he said. **“Let us now try together to implement the manifesto that the people of Bangladesh voted for so that we can complete the job of a successful**

government. Only then, I believe, we will be able to show full respect to Shaheed Zia on 30 May,” the BNP chairman said (*Prothom Alo*, [31 May 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Hasina’s legal counsel calls UN finding on July Uprising death toll ‘highly inaccurate’:** Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina’s legal counsel has formally written to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, seeking a public retraction of a key finding in a UN fact-finding report on the 2024 protests, according to NDTV. In the letter issued on Thursday, Steven Powles KC of London-based Doughty Street Chambers challenged the casualty figure cited in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) report. "It has come to light - even based on the official records of the Interim Government that spread false and inflammatory information to justify the violent overthrow of prime minister Hasina's government - that the Fact-Finding Report's conclusion that 1,400 protestors were killed during this period was highly inaccurate," Powles wrote. The Indian broadcaster claims to have accessed the letter ([bdnews24.com](#), [29 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Mob violence kills 32, injures 71 in May:** Human rights organisation Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation in its monthly monitoring report has marked a significant rise in the incidents of rape and mob violence in May compared with the previous month of April. It has reported total 78 rape incidents in May against 54 in April, showing about 40 per cent increase just in a month, according to the foundation’s ‘Gender Based Violence Monitoring Report May, 2026’ shared with the media on Sunday (*New Age*, [31 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **‘Tk 25cr taken for 2 upazilas’:** The administrator of Cumilla Zilla Parishad brought allegations against NCP MP Hasnat Abdullah and spokesperson Asif Mahmud of engaging in widespread irregularities during the tenure of the interim government. “Under the name of ‘coordinators’, former adviser Asif Mahmud took Tk 15 crore to Muradnagar and Hasnat Abdullah took Tk 10 crore to Debidwar from the Comilla Zilla Parishad during the tenure of the interim government,” Administrator Haji Md Mostak Mia said while speaking as a special guest at an event marking the 45th martyrdom anniversary of former president Ziaur Rahman at Cumilla Shilpakala Academy. **Hasnat, speaking to The Daily Star, rejected the allegation. He said the money was allocated for development projects in Debidwar upazila.** “The money the zilla parishad administrator referred to was a budget allocation for the upazila. It was a special allocation from the Local Government Division and was spent through the zilla parishad. It was not given to me personally.” **Hasnat said the Cumilla Zilla Parishad administrator changed his comment and said that he did not say Hasnat personally took the money. In a phone conversation with Hasnat, Mostak reportedly said the money went to development works in his area through the zilla parishad.** “No, no, not from the revenue fund. From all funds combined, the money went to your area through my zilla parishad,” he said. Asked what he had meant, Mostak said, “I said you [Hasnat and Asif] took Tk 25 crore for development works in two upazilas.” Mostak said maybe the full part of his statement did not appear in the media. **National Citizen Party (NCP) Spokesperson Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain also criticised the remarks by Cumilla Zilla Parishad administrator and said the money spent in different upazilas of Cumilla was mostly given as special allocation from the Local Government Division when he was in charge of the ministry as an adviser of the interim government.** “More than 90 percent of the money spent in different upazilas of Cumilla came as special allocation from the Local Government Division,” he said after visiting the fire-ravaged slum in Dhaka’s Kalshi this afternoon. **Asif said special allocation and revenue funds are not the same. “If they confuse special**

allocation with revenue funds, then they have no qualification to sit in such positions,” he said (*The Daily Star*, [30 May 2026](#); [31 May 2026](#)).

- ◆ **The Awami League is unable to participate in local elections either:** After the national parliament, now in the local government elections, the path for Awami League leaders and activists to become candidates is about to be blocked. **The Election Commission (EC) Secretariat has proposed adding a new provision to the election code of conduct so that leaders and activists of the Awami League, whose activities are banned, and of banned parties cannot contest elections. The proposed provision requires potential candidates to sign a declaration prepared by the EC stating that they are not associated with any prohibited or banned political party or organization.** Officials said that if false information is provided in the declaration, the EC will have the opportunity to take action. As a result, office-bearing Awami League leaders and activists will have to stay away from the elections, as the activities of the Awami League are already banned under the anti-terrorism law. **Reliable sources of the EC indicate that the EC's draft has proposed imposing restrictions on the participation of Upazila Parishad chairmen and vice-chairmen, as well as mayors of municipalities, in campaigning for any candidate in the Union Parishad elections.** Upazila Parishad chairmen and vice-chairmen, as well as municipal mayors, are being included in the definition of ‘highly important government-benefited persons.’ As a result, alongside ministers, MPs, and city corporation mayors, they will not be able to participate in Union Parishad election activities. Several officials of the Election Commission, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that the draft code of conduct for Union Parishads has been presented to the Commission as ‘mostly a model.’ The amendments that the Election Commission agrees should be made to this code will be incorporated or removed in the code of conduct for City Corporations, Municipalities, Upazila, and District Council elections as much as possible, according to the type of election. They also mentioned that the Law Reform Committee of the Election Commission discussed the regulations for conducting local government elections and amendments to the code of conduct in its meeting. These drafts were prepared after that meeting. If the Election Commissioners give opinions on these draft amendments, further changes may be made (*Jugantor*, [01 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Jamaat Chief calls oil price hike before national budget ‘deception’:** The budget session is set to begin in a week. Commenting on the matter, the leader of the opposition and Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Dr. Shafiqul Rahman, said that if the price of fuel is hurriedly increased before the start of the budget session, it would be a kind of deception. In a Facebook post, he wrote that once again there is a scheme to increase fuel prices. Just last month, fuel prices were raised by 8 to 12 percent in one go. In some cases, even more than this. He further writes, where will the directionless people go, what will they do, how will they survive? Yet the government had assured that at least this month there would be no increase in the price of fuel. If such a decision is taken, it will undoubtedly be against public interest. We are against all such measures that go against public interest. He also commented that we must rise up for our rights, he says, we must speak. We must reclaim our rights (*Kaler Kantha*, [01 June 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Bangladesh eyes Teesta mega plan after Padma barrage approval:** The Teesta River, once a lifeline for northern Bangladesh and now a symbol of uncertainty, is back at the centre of national policy discussion following the government’s approval of the first phase of the Padma

Barrage project. As attention turns northward, the proposed Teesta Mega Plan is being positioned as the next major intervention in the country's river management agenda. Following the approval of the first phase of the Padma Barrage project—worth over Tk33,000 crore—the government has increasingly shifted focus to the Teesta basin. Officials describe the Teesta initiative as a multi-dimensional river management plan that could integrate flood control, irrigation expansion, land reclamation, infrastructure development and potentially hydropower generation. Planning Commission officials say the model under consideration is similar in scale and ambition to the Padma Barrage, aiming to transform not only water management but also the regional economy of northern Bangladesh. **According to Water Resources Ministry sources, one feasibility study has already been completed while another remains ongoing. A Chinese technical team is reportedly involved in the second phase of the study, expected to be completed by December 2026.** Ministry officials say the final project design, cost structure and implementation timeline will be determined after the completion of these assessments. However, uncertainty remains over financing models and cross-border coordination. **Asking about this an official from the Economic Relations Division noted that earlier proposals for Chinese financing were submitted but have not been updated under the current government, indicating that negotiations may be revisited once the studies are finalised** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [30 May 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Titumir says Upcoming national budget to be youth, business friendly:** Prime Minister's Adviser on the ministries of Finance and Planning Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir said that the upcoming national budget will be youth and business friendly aiming to create employment opportunities through the establishment of new industries and factories. "Many plots in the BSCIC industrial estate are still lying unused due to delay in allocation as bureaucratic red tape continues to hinder the industrial production," he said. The adviser made these remarks at a view-exchange meeting organized by the district administration at Rajbari Municipality Auditorium here as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he said removing these obstacles and activating the industrial estate would help generate job opportunities for the young people in the country (*BSS News*, [29 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Petrol, octane, kerosene prices rise; diesel remains unchanged:** Following the outbreak of war in the Middle East, volatility gripped the supply of fuel oils. As global market prices surged, domestic prices were subsequently raised in mid-April. **While fuel prices were kept unchanged in May, the government has increased the prices of three types of fuel oil in the domestic market for the month of June. This decision was announced on Sunday, in a gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources.** According to the notification, the retail price of diesel remains unchanged at Tk 115 per litre. However, the price of kerosene has been raised from Tk 130 to Tk 135 per litre, petrol has increased from Tk 135 to Tk 140 per litre, and octane has gone up from Tk 140 to Tk 145 per litre (*Prothom Alo*, [31 May 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **US restores immigrant visa processing for Bangladesh after global suspension shift:** The United States has reversed its suspension of immigrant visa processing for citizens of Bangladesh and 74 other countries. On Sunday, the US Embassy in Dhaka confirmed that all categories of immigrant visas will now be processed within two working days. As part of an

earlier policy change, Washington had suspended immigrant visa issuance for nationals of Bangladesh and 74 other countries from Jan 21 this year, citing a review of immigration rules affecting countries whose nationals were assessed to rely more heavily on US public assistance (*bdnews24.com*, [31 May 2026](#)).

- ◆ **India recalls Zia's leading role in Liberation War:** India today paid tribute to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, Bir Uttam, recalling his historic March 1971 radio address and describing him as one of Bangladesh's bravest sons whose call inspired resistance and contributed to national liberation. **In a message issued by the Indian High Commission in Dhaka, India remembered Ziaur Rahman's role during the Liberation War and highlighted the significance of his famous radio broadcast delivered in March 1971.** "As the people of Bangladesh gather today in memory of one of their nation's bravest sons– Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, Bir Uttam– we recall his famous radio address of March 1971, which electrified the masses, inspired them on a path of resistance against oppression and led to national liberation," the message said. **The Indian mission noted that Ziaur Rahman's address galvanized the people during a critical moment in Bangladesh's struggle for independence and became a source of inspiration for the nation's resistance movement.** Recalling the shared history between the two neighbouring countries, India said it continues to stand beside the people of Bangladesh as it did during the Liberation War. "Today, as then, India stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of Bangladesh in a saga of shared sacrifices and a common journey towards progress and prosperity of the peoples of both countries," the message added. The tribute came as Bangladesh observed the 45th martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, who was brutally killed by a group of disgruntled army officers on May 30, 1981 in Chattogram while he was on a political tour (*BSS News*, [30 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Sylhet-Guwahati direct flight to be launched soon: Commerce minister Khandaker Abdul Muktedir said on Sunday that a direct flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines would be launched soon between Sylhet and India's Guwahati.** 'In addition to increasing the capability of the airport, initiatives have been taken to turn it into a regional communication hub. As part of this, preparations are under way to launch a direct flight between Sylhet and Guwahati,' he said. He said this while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion held in Sylhet in the afternoon marking the death anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman (*New Age*, [01 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh intensifies final push for UNGA Presidency as vote nears:** Diplomatic efforts have intensified in the final stretch ahead of the election to the Presidency of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), with geopolitical considerations continuing to influence voting calculations among member states, officials say. **Last-minute lobbying by both Bangladesh and Cyprus remains crucial as countries weigh a range of strategic, political and geopolitical considerations, alongside prior commitments, before casting their votes, officials and diplomatic sources told UNB.** Bangladesh enjoys strong backing from a significant number of member states, but faced a challenge due to the limited time available for campaigning. One of the key challenges is that Cyprus has been campaigning throughout the year, whereas Bangladesh has had hardly three months, or even less, to campaign, a senior official told UNB. "We are trying. Let's see" (*Dhaka Tribune*, [31 May 2026](#)).
- ◆ **6 Bangladeshi peacekeepers to receive UN medals posthumously: Six Bangladeshi peacekeepers who lost their lives while serving under the UN flag in Abyei will be posthumously honoured with the prestigious 'Dag Hammarskjöld Medal' at the United Nations Headquarters on 5 June.** The medals will be awarded by UN Secretary-General

António Guterres during a ceremony marking the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, which will be observed at the UN Headquarters in New York on 5 June, according to a UN press release. The six Bangladeshi peacekeepers are Md Jahangir Alam, Md Sobuj Mia, Md Masud Rana, Md Mominul Islam, Shamim Reza and Santo Mondol. **They were killed in a drone strike on 13 December, 2025 while serving with the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)** (*Prothom Alo*, [01 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **BNP walks tightrope amid global shocks:** In its first 100 days in office, the BNP government has found itself navigating a turbulent global landscape, shaped by the US-Israel war on Iran and geopolitical rivalry among major powers, which is causing energy insecurity and mounting economic pressure at home. The government entered office with expectation that it would carry out drastic reforms, but external crises forced it into immediate diplomatic firefighting. Bangladesh-US relations had deteriorated during the final years of the Awami League government before improving under the interim administration. **The BNP government moved to maintain that trajectory by honouring agreements signed by the interim government, including the Reciprocal Trade Agreement (RTA), purchase of 14 Boeing aircraft, and a major gas deal. The RTA, however, came under criticism, particularly over provisions concerning trade with economies like that of China and Russia. Relations with India, strained during the interim administration, have shown signs of both improvement and tension during the BNP government's first 100 days.** Former ambassador to Libya M Shafiullah described India's early engagement with the BNP government as warm. Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman's first major bilateral visit was to India before travelling to China. **Yet, underlying tensions remain due to the anti-Bangladesh rhetoric during election campaigns in Assam and West Bengal.** It prompted Dhaka to summon Indian Deputy High Commissioner Pawan Badhe in protest, while Delhi raised concerns over illegal immigration. **The unresolved Teesta water-sharing agreement and renewal of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty are likely to become major tests, Shafiullah said. Amena Mohsin argued that recent political changes in West Bengal may create a new opening because the BJP now governs both Delhi and Kolkata. While engaging Washington and trying to repair ties with India, the BNP government has simultaneously maintained good relations with China, Bangladesh's largest infrastructure and development partner.** The most sensitive issue may emerge around the Teesta River management project. "If Bangladesh proceeds with China, there is apprehension India might divert more water upstream," warned Shafiullah, former senior research fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies. For now, Dhaka appears determined to maintain strategic flexibility, rather than align too closely with any single power bloc. Still, one foreign policy analyst, requesting anonymity, said it remains unclear how effectively the BNP government will balance relations between Washington and Beijing. **Analysts say while 100 days is too short to deliver a verdict on the BNP government's foreign policy, a broader pattern begins to emerge. The government appears focused on rebuilding international confidence, practicing multi-alignment among major powers, and prioritising economic diplomacy over ideological positioning** (*The Daily Star*, [30 May 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **Migrants in India try to flee to Bangladesh fearing crackdown:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party won power in West Bengal earlier this month

promising to "detect, delete and deport" illegal migrants. The rush underscores growing anxiety among migrant communities -- many of whom lack proper documentation -- with rights groups warning of forced expulsions and limited legal protections. **Many are in limbo, caught between Indian pressure to leave and Bangladesh's refusal to accept them without formal proof of citizenship. Many have waded across a river to return in desperation, although the scale of the exodus remains unclear.** Last week, West Bengal authorities ordered the establishment of "holding centres" for "apprehended foreigners", including Bangladeshis and Rohingya, fuelling anxiety among the state's roughly 35 million Muslims. **The sudden influx followed word spreading among migrant communities that crossing into Bangladesh was possible from Hakimpur, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of Kolkata. India shares a long and porous border with Bangladesh, where migration has historically been driven by economic hardship and longstanding family links. In Indian states that border Bangladesh, like West Bengal and Assam, undocumented migrants have formed an integral part of the informal workforce for years. But activists say hundreds have been pushed across the border from Assam in recent months without due legal process, often based on ethnic profiling.** The developments in Assam have heightened fears in West Bengal, officials and residents say. Authorities said those who have gathered at the temporary shelter will be moved to holding centres for preliminary checks before being handed to Border Security Force (BSF) and sent to Bangladesh. **Border guards warned crossings were increasing, with many attempting to slip across a nearby river under cover of darkness** (*Prothom Alo*, [29 May 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Push-in increasing bitterness:** Although talk of cordiality and relationship development is being made, in reality, various decisions and actions of the BJP government are gradually increasing bitterness in the Dhaka-Delhi relationship. During the Eid-ul-Azha holiday, a total of 60 people have been pushed back through the Hakimpur border in West Bengal as so-called 'Bangladeshis'. At least 90 more have been handed over to the police for identity verification. Among them, many have been living in India for years but due to various complications have not received citizenship or voting rights there. Allegations have arisen that many such people are being attempted to be brought into the border area as 'Bangladeshis'. **Many are being kept in 'holding' centers for questioning and subjected to mental pressure. Analysts say that the entire issue will create new obstacles to regional stability and to the development of relations between the two countries. At the same time, it will create unrest at the border.** According to security analyst and researcher Brigadier J. Md. Bayezid Sarwar (Retired), through sensitive moves like those of push-in, India is maintaining a certain kind of pressure. Such actions can create instability and a crisis of trust in the bilateral harmonious relations between the two countries. Instead of fostering cooperation, bitterness and dissatisfaction may increase. A recent report by India's influential media outlet NDTV mentions that senior officials of India's Ministry of Home Affairs and the Border Security Force (BSF) have already prepared a detailed action plan to prevent infiltration along the India-Bangladesh border. It emphasizes accurately identifying the actual infiltrators rather than hastily or indiscriminately sending people back. According to the report, Amit Shah has warned officials not to take any measures that could unnecessarily create a rift in India-Bangladesh diplomatic relations. In the past, due to the 'pushback' of alleged intruders without proper verification or coordination with the Bangladesh authorities, Dhaka had reacted strongly, which created unwanted diplomatic tension. The report states that this time the strategy is completely different. New Delhi wants a process in which intruders are correctly identified and documented and then handed over to the Bangladesh authorities through a formal procedure. The main objective is to strengthen border management within a well-

defined framework while avoiding international controversy. Officials acknowledge that border management is not only a matter of law and order; it is equally a humanitarian, geopolitical, and diplomatic challenge. **A diplomatic source in Kolkata told Jugantor that most of those being sent back to Bangladesh now are Muslims. Mainly, Muslims who went from Bangladesh and have not yet obtained Indian citizenship due to various complications are being forced to move to the border because of the current situation in West Bengal. The source further stated that these Bengali-speaking people are primarily laborers. They had gone to India due to floods, river erosion, and poverty. They are unable to properly prove their citizenship. However, if these people are forced to leave West Bengal and other states of India, there could be a future shortage of laborers in the country.** In this regard, former ambassador Humayun Kabir told Jugantor, there are diplomatic procedures to send back those identified as illegal immigrants to their own country. This can be done through the exchange of information between the governments of the two countries. If it happens in the border area, it can also be done according to border guidelines. There are also reports of many being taken to detention centers. If, after checking their information there, they are proven to be Bangladeshi, we will send them back. But if they cannot be proven as Indian, then why should we take them? Brigadier J. Md. Bayezid Sarwar (retd.) believes that pushing Bengali-speaking people back into Bangladesh, including in Hakkimpur and other border areas, is in no way acceptable. He told Jugantor, the Government of India has given the current government various positive messages in the diplomatic arena. **Bangladesh now has to address or resolve the issue through strong diplomacy with India. The BGB must remain in a firm and vigilant position** (*Jugantor*, [01 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **10 held while entering Bangladesh:** Members of the Border Guard Bangladesh detained 10 people, including three women and five children, allegedly for entering Bangladesh illegally through the Darshana border in Chuadanga early Sunday. A BGB statement said that the members of the Baradi camp detained the group at about 5:00am while they were entering Bangladesh territory. Chuadanga-6 BGB commander lieutenant colonel Nazmul Hasan said in the afternoon that the identities of the detainees were being verified and interrogation was ongoing. After completion of preliminary legal procedures, they will be handed over to Darshana police station, he said. A case will be filed over illegal border crossing, he said, adding that patrols and operations had been intensified to prevent illegal infiltration and smuggling along the border. **Two BGB officials, preferring anonymity, said that the detainees told them that they were from Satkhira district and went to India three or four years ago and stayed in West Bengal.** Following the win of the BJP in the recent West Bengal assembly elections, they were fearing oppression by the law enforcers there and entered Bangladesh illegally, the BGB officials, referring to the detainees, said (*New Age*, [01 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Dhaka to bring up border killing, push-in at BGB-BSF Delhi summit:** The four-day director general-level talks between the Border Guard Bangladesh and the Indian Border Security Force will be held in New Delhi from June 8 to June 11. **Killing of Bangladeshis along border by the BSF, pushing people into Bangladesh unlawfully, and repatriating illegal migrants would be high on the agenda in the talks, according to BGB headquarters officials.** ‘Alongside border killings, push-ins, and the repatriation of illegal migrants, the BGB will press the BSF afresh that no structures should be built in the 150 yards in the no-man’s-land,’ said a BGB headquarters official seeking not to be named. BGB DG Major General Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui will lead the Bangladeshi delegation while BGF DG Praveen Kumar will lead the Indian counterpart in the forthcoming meeting. BGB headquarters deputy director

general (Media) Colonel Abul Hasnat Mohamamd Mahmud Azam said that the conference would be held from June 8 to June 11 in New Delhi, India (*New Age*, [01 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Home Minister says no one to be evicted from Jungle Salimpur ‘for now’:** Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has said that none of the people who have settled in **Jungle Salimpur will be evicted “for the time being”**. He made the remarks after visiting Jungle Salimpur, which is known as an “impenetrable empire” for criminals in Chattogram. The home minister said, "The politics of corruption or the corruption of politics over the past 17 years - whichever you call it - has created a corrupt state within a state. Jungle Salimpur is one example of that." Salahuddin said that plans have been made to provide facilities to the police, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), and the Army in Jungle Salimpur and to improve its communication system. At the same time, he said that the locals will not be evicted from location. "We will make a plan on how to rehabilitate local residents who have been forced to settle here temporarily for one reason or another, or have been rehabilitated for various reasons," he said. "But none of them will be evicted from here for now." **Noting that the issues of drugs, terrorism, gambling, and extortion were prioritised, the home minister said: "We will try to eradicate them. To that end, we are making legal reforms." An amendment would also be made to the Narcotics Control Act so that a special tribunal can be established, he said. It could handle and settle thousands of drug cases which have been pending for years** (*bdnews24.com*, [31 May 2026](#)).

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