

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Inqilab Mancha announces torch procession Thursday:** Inqilab Mancha has announced a new programme demanding justice for the murder of Shaheed Sharif Osman Hadi, bringing the killers back to the country and exposing the domestic and foreign conspiracy behind the incident. **Announcing the intensification of the movement as there is no visible progress in the investigation, the organization has called for speedy justice.** Abdullah Al Jaber, member secretary of the organisation, announced the programme at an emergency press conference in front of Madhur Canteen of Dhaka University on Wednesday. **He said a torch procession will be held on Thursday evening and a protest procession will be held from the Dhaka University Central Mosque after Friday prayers.** Programs have also been announced in different parts of the country with the same demand. He claimed that different types of 'tags' were used at different times to hide those involved in the killing. According to him, the idea that the murder took place only because of political opposition is not correct. Rather, there may be deeper domestic and foreign involvement behind it. **At the press conference, he also raised allegations of possible Indian involvement in the killing. Referring to the recent statement of the former West Bengal chief minister, he said it was inferred that there could be the involvement of a person or organisation behind the killing, whose identity could have created a major repercussion in the country. He also questioned border security. He claimed that the border was supposed to be sealed immediately after the killing, but it was delayed, allowing the killers to escape. In particular, he demanded accountability of the concerned people on the information that the killers had left the country through the Haluaghat border in Mymensingh.** Abdullah al-Jaber also questioned the role of the intelligence agencies, saying that a private investigative agency had revealed the identities of possible killers in a short period of time, but the state agencies had failed to do so. The organization also demanded a deadline to bring the killers back to the country as soon as possible. He said the Ministry of External Affairs had contacted the Indian authorities but termed it as "hazy". They also reiterated their demand for an international inquiry under the auspices of the United Nations for an impartial investigation into the killings (*Amar Desh*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Mamata Banerjee's remarks on 'murder in Bangladesh'—reaction from the country's political parties:** Former Chief Minister of West Bengal, India, Mamata Banerjee's comment 'I know by whom murders were carried out in Bangladesh' has created curiosity among the political parties of Bangladesh. **Although there has been a cautious response from the ruling BNP government, Jamaat-e-Islami and the National Citizens' Party (NCP) believe that Mamata Banerjee made her statements indicating the Osman Hadi murder incident in Bangladesh, reports the BBC.** For this reason, the NCP believes that since Mamata Banerjee's statement mentioned the Indian Home Minister's name, the Bangladesh government should demand an explanation from the Indian government. On the other hand, Jamaat-e-Islami says that Mamata Banerjee's statement gives an indication of 'Indian interference in Bangladesh's politics.' Political analyst Mahiyuddin Ahmed says that because Bangladesh's name was mentioned and the comment included the name of Indian Home Minister Amit Shah, the Bangladesh government could request an

explanation, although in elections both sides blame each other, and the culture of retaliatory statements and accusations exists in India as it does in Bangladesh. Meanwhile, from the government's side, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaid says that Mamata Banerjee spoke to her own country's government – a matter on which Bangladesh should not comment, in her opinion (*Jugantor*, [03 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Mamta's statement causes an uproar:** The explosive remarks made by former West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, hinting at the murder of Sharif Osman Bin Hadi, spokesperson of Inquilab Mancha, created an uproar everywhere. Her comment that the central government of the country had made special interventions to provide protection to the accused directly involved in this sensational murder instantly caused a stir. Even statements like 'Who did you have killed? Whose names came up? I know everything...' added fuel to the fire. The administration in Dhaka is on edge. Those involved in the investigation are somewhat bewildered. **Although the BNP government is diplomatically emphasizing the friendly relations between the two countries regarding this matter, it has caused widespread public sensationalism. There is a strong curiosity among everyone to know who the real mastermind behind Hadi's murder is.** Whether there is any involvement of another country is a sensitive matter, but the investigation agency is expected to make it clear to the public. Many share this view. **Ali Akbar Khan, the acting head of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and DIG of Bangladesh Police, has said that the investigation into the sensational Sharif Osman Hadi case is almost at its final stage. He said that if necessary, we will interrogate West Bengal's former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, because regarding a statement she made, we have not yet reached that point in the investigation. He also mentioned that there are some legal complications when interrogating someone outside the country. If possible, we will address those complications and move forward in that direction.** Criminologists believe that ordinary people are now much more aware, thanks to social media. When a recently former chief minister of a neighboring country directly hints at the involvement of that country's home minister in this murder or attempts to cover it up, it further strengthens the suspicion about whether this murder happened under the 'covert shadow' of India. Hadi was primarily one of the leading figures in anti-India politics. As a result, whether there is any deep political connection behind this murder is now the biggest question of our time. After Mamata Banerjee's statement, the people of both countries now want the real truth behind Hadi's murder and the name of its actual mastermind to be revealed immediately (*Jugantor*, [04 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Jamaat-NCP will not go to the Constitution Amendment Committee:** The opposition alliance led by Jamaat-e-Islami will not participate in the 'Constitution Amendment Special Committee' proposed by the BNP-led ruling coalition for the 18th amendment of the Constitution. They will demand constitutional reform based on the results of a public referendum. According to the opposition, the government can amend the constitution in any way it wants with a two-thirds majority. If the government's 'note of dissent' is not considered, there is nothing that can be done. During the interim government, the opposition party's notes of dissent were not accepted in the parliamentary committees formed to review the ordinances issued. Even though a decision was later made to discuss these in parliament, it was not implemented. **Opposition leaders say there is no point in participating in the committee just to give "legitimacy". So they see a solution on the streets. Jamaat-e-Islami-led 11-party alliance will hold rallies in six divisional cities from June 13 to July 25.** They held their first rally in Rajshahi on May 15. The alliance plans to hold a large gathering in Dhaka in August (*Samakal*, [04 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Political parties decry power price hike:** Different political parties on Wednesday protested against the government decision to increase power prices again, saying that it would deepen people's sufferings. Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh general secretary Saiful Huq in a press statement denounced the move, saying that increasing power prices was a hasty decision particularly before the budget due this month. Power price hike would invariably impact the prices of the essentials, he said. He called on the government to take steps to stop corruption in the power sector instead of increasing the power prices. Revolutionary Communist League also protested against the power price hike once again. General secretary of the party Iqbal Kabir Jahid in a press statement called for withdrawing the decision and save the public from further sufferings. Socialist Party of Bangladesh also denounced the decision. Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami will hold rally today in front of the north gate of Baitul Mokarram National Mosque at 5:00pm, protesting against further increase of power and fuel prices (*New Age*, [04 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **"BNP is my political address":** Days after resigning from his position as the minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts affairs, Dipen Dewan on Wednesday announced that he will stay with BNP, keeping confidence in Tarique Rahman's leadership. **Days after resigning from his position as the minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts affairs, Dipen Dewan on Wednesday announced that he will stay with BNP, keeping confidence in Tarique Rahman's leadership.** "I proudly recall that my father served as an adviser to the late president Ziaur Rahman. His ideals, patriotism and teachings of responsibility towards the people are the inspiration for my political life. I joined BNP under the affection, guidance and leadership of the national leader, former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia. From the beginning of my political life till today, I have been working as a dedicated worker of BNP. "I want to clearly state that the BNP is my political address. I want to dedicate the rest of my life to this beloved party, its ideology and the welfare of the people of the country. I will never leave this party," Dipen wrote. "Finally, I would like to say -- I have full confidence in the leadership of the honorable Prime Minister Mr. Tarique Rahman, and I want to move forward under his leadership in building a new Bangladesh. I once again declare in a loud voice – Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is my last resort," he added (*The Daily Star*, [04 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Fakhrul calls for political tolerance, equal space for all parties:** BNP Secretary General and Local Government Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has called for a political environment based on tolerance, fairness and democratic values, saying all political parties should be allowed to operate freely and present their views before the people. **"We want a beautiful, fair, tolerant and liberal political culture in the country. Every political party should have the opportunity to carry out its activities and express its opinions. The people will decide whom they want to elect,"** he said while addressing a civic reception at Kumarpur High School in Thakurgaon ground on Wednesday afternoon. Thanking voters for their support, Mirza Fakhrul said he was elected with an overwhelming mandate and expressed gratitude to people across political affiliations (*Times of Bangladesh*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **1,200 AL leaders, activists join BNP in Gopalganj:** Nearly 1,200 leaders and activists of the Awami League from Gopalganj Sadar upazila have joined the BNP en masse, in a significant political development in the district. The mass defection took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Jangal Bazar area in Nijra union, where the new entrants offered flowers to KM Babar, Member of Parliament for Gopalganj-2 constituency, to mark their switch to BNP. The ceremony was attended by Sadar Upazila BNP President Shikdar Shahidul Islam Lenin, Fazlul Kabir Byapar, District Swechhasebak Dal Convener Sazzad Hossain Hira, Chhatra Dal leader Saiful Islam, along with other leaders and activists of BNP's front and associate organisations.

Speaking at the event, MP KM Babar said, “In the current political reality, BNP is playing an important role in fulfilling public expectations. When experienced and popular individuals from various political parties join BNP, we will welcome them and give them due respect” (*Times of Bangladesh*, [03 June 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Finance Minister Khosru, US Ambassador Christensen discuss energy imports, gas exploration, investment opportunities:** With uncertainty hanging over global energy markets amid the conflict in West Asia, Bangladesh is looking to strengthen cooperation with the United States on fuel imports, gas exploration and investment. Those issues featured prominently in a meeting between Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury and US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T Christensen at the Secretariat on Wednesday. The two sides reviewed opportunities to deepen economic and commercial ties. “We discussed the progress of trade and business activities with the United States,” Khosru later said. “We also discussed developments related to US involvement in gas exploration, as well as Bangladesh’s imports of gas and oil from the United States.” American companies already occupy a significant position in Bangladesh’s energy industry. The meeting also came against the backdrop of the Agreement on Reciprocal Trade (ART) signed between Dhaka and Washington on Feb 9, following nine months of negotiations and only days before the interim government left office (*bdnews24.com*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **IMF plans Dhaka visit over fresh loan deal:** The International Monetary Fund on Wednesday said that plans were under way for a staff visit to Dhaka following a request from the newly elected government for a new financial arrangement. The visit will allow the IMF to take stock of recent economic developments, engage with the authorities on their policy priorities and assess the outlook and reform challenges, according to a statement issued by IMF mission chief for Bangladesh Ivo Krznar. However, there was no mention of the time frame for the forthcoming visit. The current IMF programme under the Extended Credit Facility, Extended Fund Facility and Resilience and Sustainability Facility, worth \$4.7 billion, was signed in 2023 by the Awami League regime ousted in August 2024 in the wake of a mass uprising. The programme was revised upward to \$5.5 billion during the interim government’s tenure. With \$1.9 billion remaining undisbursed under the revised \$5.5 billion IMF loan programme, Dhaka has been seeking negotiations with the multilateral lender for a fresh deal. Discussions on the parameters of a potential new IMF-supported programme, including its size and related reform commitments, will take place during a subsequent programme negotiation mission, the IMF said (*New Age*, [04 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Power tariff increased by up to 16.68% in new BERC rates:** The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on Wednesday announced higher electricity prices at both wholesale and retail levels, increasing tariffs for consumers and various user categories across the country. The new tariff structure raises wholesale prices by 19.85% and retail prices by an average of 16.68%. The announcement was made at a press briefing at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) in Ramna. BERC said the revised rates came into effect from Monday (*Dhaka Tribune*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Govt to procure 5 cargoes of LNG:** The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) today approved a total of six separate proposals, including

the procurement of five cargoes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to meet the country's growing energy demands. The approvals came from the 24th CCGP meeting of the year 2026, held today with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat. Cabinet Division officials said that a total of seven proposals from five ministries and divisions were placed on the day's agenda. Of these, five regular proposals and one miscellaneous item were recommended for approval, while one proposal from the Ministry of Industries was withdrawn by the processing ministry. According to the approved proposals, the Energy and Mineral Resources Division secured clearance for two separate LNG procurement drives. Under a Government-to-Government (G2G) framework, the state-owned entity will directly procure two cargoes of LNG from SOCAR Trading SA, Switzerland, for the short-term duration of 2026. The base contract price for this purchase is set at (JKM+0.125) USD/MMBTU. Furthermore, under miscellaneous agenda item-1, the committee okayed the procurement of an additional three cargoes of LNG through an international Request for Quotation (RFQ) process following Rule-105(3)(a) of the Public Procurement Rules, 2025 (*BSS News*, [03 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Azerbaijan is interested in supplying LNG to Bangladesh:** Azerbaijan has expressed a keen interest in supplying liquefied natural gas (LNG) to meet Bangladesh's growing energy demand. This interest was communicated during a high-level meeting between the two countries' energy ministers on the occasion of the ongoing 'Baku Energy Week' in the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku. **According to a report by Azerbaijani media outlet Caliber.az, the meeting included detailed discussions on supplying LNG and other energy products from Azerbaijan to Bangladesh, as well as expanding the investment and business scope of Azerbaijan's state oil and gas company, SOCAR, in Bangladesh.** Azerbaijan's Energy Minister Parviz Shahbazov confirmed the matter of this bilateral meeting in a post on his verified X handle. This meeting took place in a very cordial atmosphere with Bangladesh's Minister of Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources Iqbal Hasan Mahmud, who is visiting Azerbaijan. In the meeting, various issues of mutual interest between the two countries were discussed amid the volatility of the global energy market. Special emphasis was placed on long-term energy partnership and its diversification. Both ministers agreed on strengthening bilateral energy relations (*Samakal*, [04 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BSEC chairman, commissioners resign:** Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maqsood and four commissioners of the regulatory body have resigned. They submitted their resignation letters to the Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance today, Thursday morning. Nazma Mobarek, secretary of the division, confirmed the news to Prothom Alo. According to sources in the Financial Institutions Division, they cited personal reasons for stepping down. The four commissioners who resigned are Md Mohsin Chowdhury, Md Ali Akbar, Farzana Lalarukh, and Md Saifuddin. Reportedly a new chairman and commissioners are expected to be appointed today, and the process has already begun. The name of a senior executive from a multinational company is being discussed for the chairman's post (*Prothom Alo*, [04 June 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **“PM's foreign visit schedule solely his decision”:** State minister for foreign affairs Shama Obaed Islam on Wednesday urged the media not to give undue importance to reports regarding prime minister's foreign visits until an official announcement is made by the government. 'Invitations have come from many countries. It is the prime minister's decision

as to how, when and to which country he will make a visit,' she told reporters at the ministry amid media reports that claimed the prime minister will visit Malaysia on June 21-22 before he travels to China later this month. The state minister said news reports published by different media outlets regarding the prime minister's possible visits should not be treated as confirmed information in the absence of an official statement from the ministry of foreign affairs or the prime minister's office. 'Newspapers publish their own reports, and you do the same. But until there is an official statement from the ministry of foreign affairs or the prime minister's office regarding the visit of the prime minister, I do not think such reports should be taken seriously, nor should I comment on them,' she said. The state minister said details of any foreign visit by the prime minister would be formally announced by the prime minister's press wing once the visit is finalised. She also emphasised the importance of maintaining strong relations with all countries and said the prime minister would take the appropriate decision regarding future visits (*New Age*, [04 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Soft power Bangladesh to play positive role in promoting global stability:** Describing the election for the presidency of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as "highly contested," Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir has said Bangladesh, as a soft power, will play a positive role in promoting global stability. **"Bangladesh is a soft power. It is an emerging tiger that engages in international politics from a soft-power perspective, seeking to mediate and influence outcomes for the greater good,"** he told reporters in New York soon after Bangladesh's victory against Cyprus on Tuesday night. Kabir said the election was highly competitive and that Bangladesh had taken a bold decision to enter the race (*Dhaka Tribune*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh working with India on Hadi murder case:** Bangladesh is working through diplomatic channels with the Indian government to bring back those accused in the murder of political activist Sharif Osman bin Hadi, said State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam. **"We want justice for Hadi's murder. Those arrested in India must be brought back to Bangladesh and brought to trial swiftly. We are working toward that goal,"** she said while speaking to reporters at the foreign ministry this afternoon. Shama said both the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were treating the Hadi murder case with utmost importance and significant progress had already been made. The state minister said Bangladesh would continue to pursue the matter through appropriate diplomatic and legal channels while maintaining close engagement with the Indian government. **"To bring back Hadi's killers, we will have to proceed through diplomatic channels with the government of India. We are sincerely working on this matter and progress has already been made,"** she added. Responding to a question on remarks made by former West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee at a public rally in Kolkata on Tuesday, Shama said Bangladesh would give due consideration to any official communication received from the government of India regarding the repatriation of Hadi's killers. "An election has taken place in a neighbouring country and a political leader has made certain remarks directed at their government. **I do not think Bangladesh should comment on that. This is not a matter for our discussion,"** she added (*BSS News*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **PM's crucial China trip on 23-26 June:** Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is scheduled to travel to Beijing on a four-day bilateral visit from June 23 to 26, marking his first engagement with a major global power since taking office in February. The four-day visit is expected to be a key test of the new government's approach to managing relations with China, one of Bangladesh's closest development partners and a major source of infrastructure financing,

and other regional powers. Prior to China visit, the Bangladeshi PM is scheduled to fly to Malaysia on a two-day visit on 21 June, which will be his maiden overseas trip as prime minister. It is not yet decided whether he will fly to China from Malaysia or come back to Dhaka and travel to Beijing. Foreign ministry officials said it will be determined once Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman returns home today (Thursday). While a wide range of bilateral, regional and international issues are expected to be discussed, diplomats and analysts argue that Dhaka may need to take clearer positions on several strategic issues if it hopes to secure meaningful outcomes from the visit. **Foremost among them are the long-delayed Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project (TRCMRP) and China's three flagship international frameworks — the Global Development Initiative (GDI), the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and the Global Civilisation Initiative (GCI).** The decisions taken during the visit could offer an early indication of how Tarique Rahman government intends to balance relations among the global and major regional powers, including India and Japan while advancing Bangladesh's economic and strategic interests (*Times of Bangladesh*, [04 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Japan's Mitsui delegation calls on PM:** A delegation from Mitsui & Co., one of Japan's largest trading and investment companies, called on Prime Minister Tarique Rahma. **The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat here this morning.** Mitsui operates globally in a wide range of sectors, including logistics, infrastructure, metals, energy and food trade. **During the meeting, the two sides discussed investment opportunities and the expansion of investment in various sectors, including food, agriculture, energy and ICT.** The Bangladesh government informed the delegation that it is pursuing investment-friendly policies and will provide maximum support to attract and expand foreign investment. The government has also taken initiatives to integrate services of various agencies under a "one-stop service" system to simplify business operations and approval procedures, enabling investors to complete investment activities quickly and smoothly. Japan has also [congratulated](#) Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman on his election as President of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), expressing confidence in his leadership and pledging closer cooperation with Bangladesh in multilateral forums. "We look forward to further deepening the Japan-Bangladesh Strategic Partnership through even closer collaboration at the United Nations and in other multilateral fora," the embassy added (*BSS News*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Shama urges Kosovo to recruit more Bangladeshi workers:** State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam urged Kosovo to recruit more Bangladeshi skilled and semi-skilled workers, highlighting Bangladesh's demographic advantage and growing capacity to meet international labour market demands. She made the call when Kosovo Ambassador to Bangladesh Lulzim Pllana paid a courtesy call on her at foreign ministry, said a foreign ministry's press release said here. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues, including strengthening diplomatic relations, expanding trade and investment, enhancing cooperation in education, manpower, defence and migration, and deepening engagement in international organizations. The state minister stressed the need to explore untapped potential in education, employment and migration cooperation and requested Kosovo to recruit more Bangladeshi workers in various sectors (*BSS News*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Ganges treaty expiry looms as Bangladesh–India water tensions rise:** Bangladesh and India are approaching a critical juncture in their water-sharing relationship as the 1996 Ganges Water Sharing Treaty nears expiry in 2026 amid rising climate-driven floods and drought risks across South Asia. At the heart of the issue are shared rivers that sustain agriculture, ecology and livelihoods for millions in Bangladesh, while also serving as a persistent source of geopolitical

concern between the two neighbors. The Farakka Barrage, commissioned in 1975 in India's West Bengal, remains one of the most contentious symbols of the dispute. Built to divert water towards the Hooghly River to improve navigability of Kolkata Port, it has long been blamed in Bangladesh for reduced dry-season flow in the Ganges, increased salinity intrusion and ecological stress in the southwest region. **Experts say the challenge is no longer only political but increasingly shaped by climate change and hydrological uncertainty.** Recent floods in Bangladesh's eastern districts in 2024, particularly in Feni, Comilla and Noakhali, renewed debate over upstream water management and coordination mechanisms. Allegations that water release from India's Dumbur reservoir in Tripura worsened flooding were denied by Indian authorities, who attributed the disaster to extreme rainfall and natural runoff. **The impending expiry of the Ganges treaty is widely viewed as a key test of bilateral water diplomacy. Analysts say the agreement, while historically significant, may no longer reflect current hydrological realities driven by climate change and rising water demand.** Meanwhile, negotiations over the Teesta water-sharing agreement remain stalled, largely due to internal political considerations within India, particularly opposition from West Bengal. International relations scholar Professor Imtiaz Ahmed has argued that water in South Asia is increasingly viewed as a strategic resource, with asymmetry between upstream and downstream states contributing to a persistent trust deficit. **While upstream management remains central to the debate, experts say Bangladesh also faces internal governance challenges in river management. Sharif Jamil, member secretary of Dhoritri Rokhlay Amra (DHORA), said Bangladesh's long-standing reliance on embankments, polders and sluice gates has altered natural river dynamics.** The Joint Rivers Commission (JRC), established in 1972, was intended to institutionalize cooperation between Bangladesh and India on shared rivers. However, critics say it has struggled to deliver lasting solutions, particularly on Teesta water sharing and real-time flood forecasting. **The stakes are rising for both countries. Seasonal water scarcity and intensified monsoon flooding threaten food security, rural livelihoods and economic resilience in Bangladesh. Without stronger transparency, real-time data sharing and basin-wide cooperation, analysts warn that water risks becoming a deeper source of bilateral tension.** Yet shared rivers also present an opportunity. If managed cooperatively, the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna system could serve as a foundation for climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction and regional trust-building. For Bangladesh and India, the challenge is not the absence of cooperation frameworks, but whether political will can match the urgency of hydrological change before the next crisis unfolds (*Dhaka Tribune*, [04 June 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **“No Indian push-in will be allowed at the border”:** Nasiruddin Patwari, chief coordinator of the National Citizens Party (NCP), said that no Indian push-in will be allowed at the border. Nasiruddin Patwari said this on Wednesday afternoon while visiting the Sadipur border area in Benapole, Jessore. Nasiruddin Patwari further said that there is no need to see who belongs to BNP or Jamaat. We are all together in one party, and that is Bangladesh. Everyone must work together to protect the country's borders. **Nasiruddin Patwari, strongly protesting the Indian Border Security Force's (BSF) 'push-back' attempts at the Bangladesh-India border and demanding justice for the continuous killings of Bangladeshi citizens in the border areas, said that India is a murderous state and the BSF is a murderous force. They must be brought to justice and India should be prosecuted in the International Court of Justice for killing Bangladeshis on the border. Nasiruddin Patwari said that no one sees the suffering of the common people in the border areas.** There are no adequate hospitals, schools, or employment

arrangements there. The border residents do not get involved in any smuggling out of necessity; rather, the Indians commit this wrongdoing and blame Bangladesh. Demanding that the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) be made more modern and stronger for border security, he said that the BGB has the support of the 180 million people of the country. The border cannot be protected with toy guns in their hands. They must be provided with modern heavy weapons, patrolling cars, and their facilities and salaries must be increased. Criticizing the former Home Minister's statements from past days, **Nasiruddin Patwari said, 'Even if a Bangladeshi citizen commits a crime, shooting them at the border without trial is a violation of international law.'** He called on the current government to hold India accountable in international courts for every incident of border killing. He also said that India is a murderous state, BSF is a murderous force.. (*Amar Desh*, [03 June 2026](#))

- ◆ **BSF suspends barbed-wire fencing near Panchbibi after BGB raises legal objections:** Work on border fencing by India's Border Security Force (BSF) near Panchbibi in Joypurhat has been stopped after the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) reportedly raised objections during a flag meeting between the two sides. The flag meeting between the two border forces was held on Tuesday night, after which the work was suspended, a local union council member said. He said the BGB accused the Indian border force of violating international law. Locals said the BSF had been repairing the fence near sub-pillars 47 and 48 under pillar No. 281 of the East Uchna (Ghonapara) border near the BGB's Kaya border outpost. As part of the project, the BSF members started their work near the zero line on Tuesday night before the BGB intervened after locals informed them. **The union council member said: "If the barbed-wire fence gets old or rusty or damaged, the BSF sometimes repairs it or installs a new one. "But we notice that when they do that, there is a tendency to do it from the zero point towards Bangladesh's territory," he said** (*bdnews24.com*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BSF moves people gathered for alleged push-in attempt along Benapole border:** Members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) have removed a group of 10 to 12 people, including women and children, from the zero line along the Sadipur border in Benapole on Wednesday morning. All of them had been stranded for several days amid an alleged "push-in" attempt into Bangladesh. Following their removal, additional BGB personnel deployed in the area were also withdrawn, and regular border patrols resumed, sources said, Lieutenant Colonel Golam Mohammad Saiful Alam Khan, commanding officer of the Jessore-49 BGB Battalion. Tension had prevailed between BGB and BSF along the Sadipur border since Sunday night over what Bangladeshi authorities described as an attempt to push people into Bangladesh without following established procedures. **The group had reportedly remained stranded in the border's zero line area for three days, enduring harsh weather conditions under open skies.** According to BGB and local sources, BSF had attempted to send the men, women and children into Bangladesh, claiming they were Bangladeshi nationals. **However, Bangladeshi border authorities refused to accept them, citing the absence of credible documents or information confirming their Bangladeshi citizenship.** BGB maintained that no individual would be allowed to enter Bangladesh until their nationality was properly verified (*Dhaka Tribune*, [03 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Two Bangladeshis injured by BSF gunfire at Satkhira border, BGB denies:** It has been alleged that two Bangladeshi citizens were injured by gunfire from the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in the Basantapur border area of Kaliganj Upazila in Satkhira. However, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has denied any such incident. According to local sources, the incident

occurred around 2 a.m. on Tuesday night when entering Bangladesh through the bamboo thicket area adjacent to the Basantapur border via the Kalindi River. Multiple local sources report that Mohiuddin and Shahin illegally crossed the border almost a year ago to work as laborers in Tamil Nadu, India. On their way back to the country, in the early morning, while crossing the Kalindi River through the Banshjharia area of the Basantapur border, BSF personnel fired at them. They were shot in the process. Later, locals rescued the two injured individuals and admitted them to the Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex around 4:45 AM. When their condition worsened, the on-duty doctors sent them to Satkhira Medical College Hospital. Jewel Hossain, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kaliganj Police Station, said that it is initially known that they were shot while illegally returning from India. The police have inspected the scene and are investigating the matter. However, Lieutenant Colonel Shahriar Rajib, commander of BGB-17 Battalion located in Neeldumur of Shyamnagar, denied the incident of firing at the border. He stated that no information of such an incident was received by the BGB in the concerned border area. He also mentioned that he was on duty in that border area last night (*Naya Diganta*, [04 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **In 24 hours, BGB stopped 10 push-in attempts by the BSF: Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has successfully foiled 10 separate attempts by the Border Security Force (BSF) in different border areas of the country in the last 24 hours. At the same time, intelligence surveillance and patrolling activities have been intensified in the border areas to prevent possible push-ins. BGB Headquarters Public Relations Officer Md Shariful Islam confirmed the matter in a press release on Thursday (June 4).** He said that when 4-5 persons of the Maheshpur Battalion (58 BGB) of the BGB tried to enter Bangladesh illegally in the Jadavpur border area in Jhenaidah, the BGB patrol team immediately intercepted them. In the face of the BGB's strong stance, they returned to the interior of India. Meanwhile, in the responsible border area of Maheshpur's Samanta BOP, about 30-35 people tried to enter Bangladesh by opening the border gate in a BSF prison van. In the face of immediate resistance from the BGB patrol team and the local people, the BSF was forced to take the men back into the van and shift them elsewhere. Some men and women of the Khulna Battalion (21 BGB) of the BGB were seen staying near the border in the Goga and Rudrapur border areas of Jessore for pushin. Due to the preventive activities of the BGB, the BSF was forced to withdraw them from there. The preparation of the push in was obtained by assembling about 10 men inside India opposite the Koya and Basudevpur borders of the Joypurhat Battalion (20 BGB). The BGB's immediate precautionary preparations to prevent pushins and increased intelligence surveillance foiled the BSF's pushin attempts. According to intelligence and social media sources, 4 Muslim nationals who were excluded from the SIR list have been kept in 3 holding centers near the 149 and 71 Battalion BSF camps opposite the responsible border of the Chapainawabganj Battalion (53 BGB). The BGB has increased its strict position and intelligence surveillance there. Thakurgaon Battalion (50 BGB) has detained two Bangladeshi nationals from the Kakarmoni camp of the 87 Battalion Border Security Force (BSF) opposite the Haripur border. So far, there has been no formal communication from the BSF with the BGB in this regard. When one person was pushed by the BSF at the Rawshanpur border of Panchagarh Battalion (18 BGB), the local people detained him and informed the BGB. Later, the BGB reached the spot and took necessary measures and sent him back to India. The 22 detainees were handed over to the BSF at a holding centre set up by the Indian police at Chandan Park under English Bazar police station in Malda district of India, opposite the Sonamasjid border in Chapainawabganj, which is in charge of the Mahananda Battalion (59 BGB). The BGB is keeping a close watch there. Two suspects of Sylhet Battalion (48 BGB) were apprehended by locals in the Utmashra border area and handed over to the BGB. After verification, they are identified as Indian citizens and pushback is done in

India following the necessary procedures. Besides, 15-20 people have been gathered at Balishi Geetaram Government Primary School under Mahadev police station in the Indian state of Assam opposite the Kachugara border of the Netrokona Battalion (31 BGB). The BGB is on high alert considering the possibility of pushing through the area as there is no barbed wire fence in one part of the border due to natural reasons. Md Shariful Islam also said that no person or group will be allowed to enter Bangladesh illegally through the border. Any push-in attempts that are contrary to international border management, existing laws and bilateral agreements will be strongly resisted. BGB's intelligence surveillance, patrolling and operational activities have been strengthened along the border. The BGB is always determined to protect the country's sovereignty and border security and is fully prepared to face any situation (*Naya Diganta*, [04 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **15 Bangladeshis arrested in Nepal, accused of online fraud:** Kathmandu police have arrested several foreign nationals, including Bangladeshi nationals, for allegedly preparing to run online scam centers like those in Cambodia and Myanmar. Police on Friday detained 15 Bangladeshi nationals and four Indian nationals from Thamel, a major tourist spot in Nepal's capital Kathmandu. The Kathmandu Valley Crime Investigation Office of the Nepal Police said preliminary investigations revealed that the men were working at a "scam centre" run by a Chinese national. Crime Investigation Office (CID) spokesperson and Superintendent of Police Rameshwar Karki said, "The Chinese national is currently absconding. We're looking for him.' According to police reports, most of the arrested Bangladeshi nationals had previously worked in Cambodia. During interrogation, they told the police that they had been brought to Nepal by Chinese operators they had identified in Cambodia. According to Superintendent of Police Karki, the gang used to blackmail the victims by sending objectionable pictures of women through social media platforms (*Naya Diganta*, [03 June 2026](#)).

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