

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Leader of Opposition says “I have called on Turkey to cooperate with the government”:** Dr. Shafiqur Rahman, the Leader of the Opposition in the National Parliament and Amir of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, said that we discussed issues related to the interests of both countries. We have welcomed their visit on behalf of Bangladesh. **We have called on Turkey to cooperate with the Bangladesh government. We have requested them to give attention to several issues. First, regarding the Rohingya crisis.** We have asked them to take responsibility and come forward as part of the international initiative to find a rational solution. We have expressed our gratitude to them. Currently, they are providing the highest amount of aid for the Rohingyas in Bangladesh and have been supporting from the beginning and have not left. On Friday night (June 5), a six-member delegation led by the Leader of the Opposition had a courtesy meeting with Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan at Hotel Intercontinental during their visit to Dhaka. **The opposition leader said, "We then discussed various areas of trade and commerce between the two countries. In particular, our leather industry, our jute industry, our garment industry, our education, health, defence industry, we discussed all these topics. "At the same time, we have advised them to do whatever they can as a friend in Bangladesh, to ensure the rule of law, good governance in the financial sector, to stop anarchy in bank insurance and to ensure transparency in the judiciary," he said.** He said these things at a press briefing after the meeting (*Naya Diganta*, [05 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Turkish Foreign Minister meets NCP delegation:** A delegation led by Md. Nahid Islam, convener of the National Citizens Party (NCP) and opposition chief whip, met with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan. **In the meeting, Foreign Minister Fidan congratulated the NCP leadership for the July revolution that played a role in the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government. The NCP delegation expressed deep gratitude for Turkey's steadfast diplomatic support and continued involvement in resolving the Rohingya crisis. During the meeting, various bilateral and strategic issues were discussed, with emphasis on expanding defense cooperation, increasing bilateral trade, and strengthening overall diplomatic relations.** NCP leaders also stressed the importance of establishing a robust exchange program to enhance greater cooperation between the youth of Bangladesh and Turkey (*Kaler Kantha*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **India's hypocrisy over Bangladesh continues:** Saiful Haque, General Secretary of the Revolutionary Workers Party, said that even after the elections, India has continued its double-dealing role regarding Bangladesh. **If India wants good relations with Bangladesh, it must stop 'push-in' activities at the border. He stated that India must necessarily prevent all anti-Bangladesh activities.** After the BNP government came to power in February, on one hand they talk about friendship, but on the other hand, they have continued all kinds of anti-Bangladesh activities, including communal incitement. He mentioned that after the BJP formed the government in West Bengal, these provocative activities have taken on a new dimension. Considering the party's political agenda of communal polarization, India has

labeled its own people as Bangladeshi infiltrators and deprived them of their voting rights and is now trying to push them into Bangladesh. Bangladesh can in no way accept these sinister activities. **He pointed out that genuinely, if any citizen of Bangladesh wants to stay illegally in India, there is a legal process for repatriation. Similarly, India also has a responsibility to repatriate Indians who are unlawfully staying in Bangladesh. He called on the Bangladesh government to take political initiative for sustainable resolution of bilateral problems between Bangladesh and India on the basis of equality, justice, and mutual respect, without succumbing to the provocations of India or the BSF** (*Amar Desh*, [05 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **India is pushing by violating international law and human rights:** India has been accused by the National Liberation Council of violating international law and human rights while pushing into Bangladesh. The organization has called on the government to protest this internationally. In a statement sent to the media on Sunday, Faizul Hakim, the central coordinator of the National Liberation Council, strongly condemned and protested the incident of India pushing Bengali-speaking Indians into Bangladesh. He said that this incident reflects the Indian authorities' perspective towards Bangladesh. **In the statement, he claimed that although the Indian authorities verbally talk about improving relations with Bangladesh, in reality, they want to see Bangladesh as subordinate. He alleged that at the border, the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) is carrying out extrajudicial killings by shooting Bangladeshi citizens.** Faizul Hakim further said that through the mass uprising of July 2024, the people of Bangladesh have removed Sheikh Hasina's government from power. **He alleged that India has provided shelter and support to former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her associates and has continued anti-Bangladesh propaganda. He claimed that in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly elections, India's central government and the ruling BJP's West Bengal branch conducted anti-Bangladesh propaganda and tried to create negative sentiment against Bangladesh among the public.** The statement said that push-in and border killings are manifestations of India's expansionist policy. The organization claims that India, while verifying and documenting the identities of those it is pushing in, does not provide Bangladesh with any information regarding the matter (*Jugantor*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **“The government must take prompt initiative to resolve the border issue”:** Maulana Yunus Ahmad, Secretary General of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, said that the recent activities of Indians on the Bangladesh border are alarming. **The government must take effective measures quickly to resolve the border issue and, if necessary, raise the matter in the international arena. He made these remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the Eid reunion and joint meeting organized by Islami Andolan Bangladesh, Dhaka Metropolitan South, on Saturday.** Maulana Yunus Ahmad said that India is gathering a large number of people at the border and trying to push many into Bangladesh. Our border guards and border communities are trying to resist it. But mere preventive measures at the border will not bring a permanent solution. **He said the government must take such policy measures that would compel the Indian authorities to refrain from attempting to send their citizens into Bangladesh under the guise of Bangladeshis.** He also said that rapid diplomatic initiatives must be taken to address the border situation, and if necessary, the matter should be discussed at the international level (*Amar Desh*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **“The objectionable statement of the Home Minister regarding border killings must be withdrawn”:** Nahid Islam, convener of the National Citizens Party (NCP), has strongly

reacted to the recent statement given by Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed regarding border killings. He said that the statement of Home Minister and BNP National Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed about the arbitrary killings by Indian forces at the border is highly objectionable and insulting. Hearing such statements from someone responsible in the government is a source of shame for us as a nation. He said these things in a message sent to the media on Saturday night (June 6). Nahid Islam said that even after three days, Salahuddin Ahmed neither retracted nor clarified his statement. Furthermore, no such condemnation or objection was expressed on behalf of the government. As a result, we are compelled to assume that Salahuddin Ahmed's remarks on the border killings reflect the official position of the government. He stated that the Home Minister attempted to downplay the crisis by narrowing the definition of the term 'border killings.' He argued that this term is only applicable to deaths occurring along the zero line. According to his claim, individuals involved in border-related crimes or illegal entry fall under the internal jurisdiction of the law enforcement agencies of the relevant country. Based on this reasoning, he said it is not appropriate to describe these deaths as border killings. The convener of the NCP further said that earlier in 2020, Dr. A K Abdul Momen, the Foreign Minister of the Sheikh Hasina government, also made similar comments regarding the border killings, which sparked criticism. Momen's submissive stance towards India is well known. As a result of that loyalty, that government has been thrown into the dustbin of history. In this context, such compromising statements by the Home Minister of the next revolutionary government are causing serious concern. He said, we demand the immediate withdrawal of this statement by the Home Minister (*Amar Desh*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Call for intervention by the United Nations and IOM regarding 10 people stranded at the border zero line:** Dhaka-14 Member of Parliament and Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Barrister Mir Ahmad Bin Qasem (Barrister Arman), has expressed deep concern over the inhumane detention of 10 people, including women and children, pushed by BSF on the zero line of Panchagarh border in Bangladesh for more than 60 hours, and has called for the intervention of the UN Resident Coordinator and IOM to ensure their food, water, and shelter. In a statement, he said, “We express deep concern over the inhumane living conditions for more than 60 hours experienced by 10 people, including women, men, and children, on the zero line opposite the Borobari Camp in the Panchagarh-Nilphamari area on the northern border of the country. Among these floating people are children. Each hour without food, clean water, shelter, and medical care under the open sky increases the risk to their lives. I strongly urge the Indian authorities to stop this inhumane tendency of illegal pushbacks. At the same time, I appeal to both countries that, before questions of identification and responsibility are resolved, food, clean water, emergency shelter, and medical care must be provided to these people immediately and continuously, with priority given to children and women. The rights of children and international humanitarian minimum standards must be adhered to in this matter. Considering the humanitarian aspect of the issue, I have formally drawn the attention of the UN Resident Coordinator and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and strongly called on them to take a willing and active role in ensuring immediate humanitarian access and basic assistance to the stranded people. As the opposition, we stand by these affected individuals and urge the government to take diplomatic and humanitarian initiatives on the highest urgent basis. Nothing is greater than human life and dignity (*Naya Diganta*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **45 detained after BCL activists bring out procession in Cumilla:** Police detained 45 activists of the banned student organisation, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), after they brought out a procession on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Cumilla this afternoon. Eyewitnesses said a large number of Chhatra League activists gathered in the Matiara area and brought out a flash procession. The Cumilla district (south) unit of BCL allegedly organised the event, they said. As news of the procession spread, activists of Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal chased the participants and caught several of them, the witnesses added (*The Daily Star*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh Khilafat Movement is leaving the Jamaat alliance:** Cracks have emerged once again in the 11-party alliance led by Jamaat-e-Islami. After the Islamic Movement, now the Bangladesh Khilafat Movement has also announced its departure from the alliance. Leaders of the party say that the Bangladesh Khilafat Movement has left the alliance or understanding due to incompatibility in political ideals and electoral agreements. **They allege that during the 13th national parliamentary election, the Bangladesh Khilafat Movement had requested concessions in about 10 constituencies from Jamaat-e-Islami, but no concession was granted in any of their constituencies. In addition, the party's senior leaders have accused the alliance of devaluing collective decision-making.** When asked, Naib-e-Ameer of the Bangladesh Khilafat Movement, Maulana Mujibur Rahman Hamidi, told *Jugantor*, 'Firstly, this was an electoral understanding. Since there was no understanding with us in the previous national parliamentary elections, we contested separately. It can be said that we have not really been in an alliance since then' (*Jugantor*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **State minister warns of action against journalists supporting terrorism, anti-democratic activities:** State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yaser Khan Chowdhury has warned that journalists found involved in anti-democratic activities, terrorism or any actions contrary to the law will face legal action. "Freedom of the media exists. However, under the country's laws, anyone who works against upholding democracy, seeks to undermine democratic institutions or engages in terrorism is not above the law," he told parliament on Sunday. The remarks came during the question-and-answer session on the opening day of the budget session of the 13th parliament, in response to a supplementary question from Cumilla-4 MP Hasnat Abdullah. In his question, Hasnat alleged that in the past some journalists and media outlets had legitimised enforced disappearances, killings, vote rigging, bank looting and mass killings, and had helped build public opinion in support of such actions (*bdnews24.com*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **TIB sees progress, raises concerns over govt's first 100 days:** Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has said that while the BNP-led government has taken some encouraging steps during its first 100 days in office, significant concerns remain over governance, accountability, and anti-corruption efforts. The anti-corruption watchdog unveiled its observation report, titled "The First 100 Days of the Post-Election Government: Implementation of Commitments to Establish Good Governance and Combat Corruption," at a press conference in the capital on Sunday. According to TIB, the July uprising and the 13th parliamentary election had raised public expectations for a state governed by transparency, accountability, and integrity. Although the government came to power with strong public support and pledged to reform state institutions and curb corruption, the organisation said more visible and effective measures are needed to fulfil those commitments. TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the government had fallen short of several electoral promises. He

particularly criticised the appointment of party-affiliated individuals as administrators in city corporations and 42 district councils, arguing that the move contradicted commitments to impartial governance. The report noted that the government assumed office amid multiple challenges, including economic instability, high inflation, mounting debt pressures, weaknesses in the banking sector, law-and-order concerns, and energy shortages. While acknowledging initiatives to address some of these issues, TIB said progress in ensuring good governance has remained limited (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **“Govt working to transform Bangladesh into trillion-dollar economy”:** Prime Minister’s Adviser on the ministries of Finance and Planning Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir has said that the government is working on a new economic model aimed at transforming Bangladesh into a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2034, while ensuring that the benefits of growth reach all sections of society under the philosophy of a “Bangladesh for all.” He made the remarks while addressing a roundtable discussion titled “Budget for a Crisis Moment 2026–27”, where he also emphasized administrative reforms, reduction of bureaucratic complexities, creation of equal opportunities for domestic and export-oriented industries, and the formulation of business-friendly policies to boost investment, BSS reports citing a press release. He further noted that a Tk 60,000 crore restructuring package is being prepared to revive closed industrial units, alongside broader efforts to strengthen agriculture through improved water resource management, and enhance efficiency in health, education, and grassroots service delivery. The roundtable was held at the ATM Shamsul Haque Auditorium of the CIRDAP International Conference Centre in Dhaka, organized by the online platform Chaarcha.com (*Financial Express Bangladesh*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh-born billionaire unveils \$30 billion digital infrastructure plan for India:** Data centre giant AirTrunk, founded by Bangladesh-born Australian billionaire Robin Khuda, has announced plans to invest \$30 billion in India's digital infrastructure sector, positioning the company at the forefront of the country's growing artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing ecosystem. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi revealed the initiative on June 5, sharing photographs with Khuda on his official X account. According to Modi, AirTrunk plans to invest approximately Rs3 lakh crore (around \$30 billion) and develop 5GW of data centre capacity across India. The announcement follows AirTrunk's entry into India in April 2026 through the acquisition of Lumina CloudInfra, which provided the company with an initial 600MW development pipeline across Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Target to generate 30% of electricity from renewables by 2040:** The government has set a target to generate 30% of the country’s electricity from renewable sources by 2040 as part of its long-term strategy to establish a sustainable and environmentally friendly energy system. Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said this in parliament while replying to a scripted question from ruling party lawmaker Khairul Kabir Khokon (Narsingdi-1) during the day’s question-answer session. The minister said the country’s installed renewable energy generation capacity currently stands at 1,781.09 megawatts (MW). He informed the house that under the Renewable Energy Policy 2025, the government aims to meet 20% of total electricity demand from renewable sources by 2030 and 30% by 2040. The minister said the policy encompasses grid-connected solar power projects,

rooftop solar systems and floating solar power plants to accelerate the country's transition toward clean energy. Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said 26 renewable energy-based power plants with a combined generation capacity of 1,172 MW are currently under construction across the country. In addition, the tendering process is underway for 15 renewable energy projects with a total capacity of 665 MW, which are expected to be connected to the national grid by 2029, he added (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **65% people spared from power tariff hike - Says info minister: Information Minister:** Zahir Uddin Swapon yesterday said the government kept 65 percent of the country's marginal consumers outside the electricity price hike, considering the global energy crisis and domestic realities. The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission raised electricity prices at three levels, wholesale, transmission and retail, last Wednesday. The new rates will take effect with the June bill. Speaking at the Secretariat, Swapon said although BERC raised electricity prices for all consumers, the government appealed to ensure that prices were not increased for marginal consumers who use up to 75 units of electricity. Consumers within this limit will continue to pay electricity bills at the previous rates, he said. "If there had been a proper policy for energy resource extraction over the past 20 years, we would not have to be so import-dependent now," he added. He also said the government has taken initiatives for domestic gas exploration and offshore bidding, while also giving priority to solar and renewable energy production. Responding to a question, Prime Minister's Information and Broadcasting Affairs Adviser Dr Zahed Ur Rahman said the electricity price hike would naturally have some impact on the prices of goods manufactured in industries and factories (*The Daily Star*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **NCP unveils Tk 8.52 lakh crore 'shadow budget':** National Citizen Party (NCP) leaders, while unveiling their shadow budget for the upcoming fiscal year yesterday, said they do not want rhetoric-heavy, numbers-based, or superficial budgets that exist only on paper. "Every single penny allocated must be used for the public, ensuring that the tangible benefits of the budget reach citizens," NCP Chief Organiser (South) and lawmaker Hasnat Abdullah said at the programme in Banglamotor. He said the shadow budget, aimed at an equitable and discrimination-free economy, was prepared after more than two months of consultations with various stakeholders. He added that the current government has inherited an economy in deep crisis from the Awami League, with classified loans exceeding 30 percent of total loans and over \$12 billion spent annually on fuel imports. NCP's Shadow Budget Committee Chief and lawmaker Atiq Mujahid presented a Tk 8,52,157 crore shadow budget for FY 2026-27, outlining an alternative fiscal plan focused on reform, job creation, investment, and fiscal discipline (*The Daily Star*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Parliamentary committee urges 3-month fuel reserve, energy diversification:** A special parliamentary committee has recommended building a strategic fuel reserve capable of meeting Bangladesh's demand for at least three months and diversifying fuel import sources to bolster the country's long-term energy security. The committee also placed 12 recommendations aimed at addressing recent vulnerabilities in the energy sector and preventing similar crises in the future, with a strong emphasis on renewable energy expansion, digital monitoring and infrastructure acceleration. Power and Energy Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood presented the committee's report in parliament on Sunday. The report also incorporated 10 additional recommendations from opposition lawmakers, many of which focused on realistic demand forecasting, domestic resource exploration and reducing overdependence on single energy sources (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **CPD urges fiscal overhaul to end discrimination against renewable energy:** The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) on Sunday urged the government to overhaul Bangladesh's fiscal framework for the energy sector, arguing that the country's tax and tariff regime systematically discriminates against renewable energy technologies while heavily favouring fossil fuel imports. Presenting findings of a new study at a media briefing at CPD's Dhanmondi office, Research Director Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem said the current fiscal structure is suppressing the competitiveness of clean energy technologies and creating barriers to Bangladesh's transition toward renewables (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **“Action against ‘illegal foreigners’ being taken according to the law”:** India will take action against Bangladeshis and other foreign nationals residing illegally in India in accordance with the domestic laws, Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said today, Friday. He made the remark during a weekly media briefing in New Delhi in response to questions regarding Dhaka's recent allegations. **During the briefing, a local journalist asked about the Indian government's stance on Dhaka's claims that the Border Security Force (BSF) was intentionally pushing individuals across the border into Bangladesh. In response, Jaiswal stated that if any foreign national is found residing in India illegally, the country has existing laws to address the issue and will act accordingly.** "We have laws to deal with all foreign nationals in India, if they are here illegally, including from Bangladesh," he said. The spokesperson further added that a bilateral mechanism is in place for the repatriation of such individuals. "We refer these cases to the Bangladeshi side, for them to verify the nationality of these people, and once it is verified, then we take forward the deportation process," he said. Jaiswal claimed that a large number of such verification requests are currently pending with Bangladesh. "We have many of these requests which are still pending with the Bangladeshi side, and we hope and expect that they'll be expedited as soon as possible so that the deportation of people who are illegally staying in India can be taken forward in a smooth and efficient manner," Jaiswal said. The statement came amid reports of a standoff at the Chapainawabganj border, where the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) reportedly foiled a 'push-in' attempt by the BSF, leaving 28 people stranded in no-man's land (*Prothom Alo*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Information Minister leaves Dhaka for China:** Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon today left Dhaka for China on an official visit at the invitation of the Chinese government. On the occasion of the visit, the Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen paid a courtesy call on the Information Minister at the VIP lounge of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the city. **During the visit, they held brief discussions on various issues related to the visit. During the visit, the Information and Broadcasting Minister will participate in the '5th CMG Forum' organised by China Media Group, scheduled to be held from June 8-11. Additionally, during the visit, an important bilateral meeting between Bangladesh Information Minister and the Chinese Information Minister is expected to take place.** In this high-level meeting, fruitful discussions are expected on various issues, including cooperation in information management and media sectors between the two countries, the development of digital communication systems, and information exchange. There are plans for policy-level discussions regarding the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bangladesh and China on information management (*BSS News*, [07 June 2026](#)).

◆ **“Bangladesh a country of strategic importance for South Asia’s stability, peace”:** Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye Hakan Fidan on Friday said Bangladesh is a country of “strategic importance” for the stability, peace, and security of South Asia, stressing that they will continue to take steps to solidify their shared commitment to strengthening the relations between the two countries. “We will continue to take steps to solidify our shared commitment to strengthening our relations through new projects and reinforcing stability, peace, and prosperity in South Asia,” he said, describing Bangladesh as an “exceptional country” with a broad network of cooperation within the regional and international platforms and a strong voice of the Global South. The Turkish foreign minister was speaking at a joint press briefing after a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman at a hotel in Dhaka. He is in Dhaka on a two-day visit at the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart. In the bilateral meeting, they discussed their bilateral relations, cooperation within international organisations, and regional and global developments. “We are continuing our efforts to deepen our long-standing partnership across a broad spectrum and elevate it to a much stronger and more visionary level on solid foundations,” Hakan Fidan said. “We discussed the possibility of a Free Trade Agreement and, alternatively, a Preferential Trade Agreement,” Rahman said, describing economic cooperation as a key pillar of Bangladesh's foreign policy under the government of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. **The Bangladeshi foreign minister said both sides agreed that bilateral trade remained well below its potential despite steady growth in recent years. Current annual trade stands at approximately \$1.3 billion, and both governments expressed a desire to raise that figure to \$2 billion in the coming years. As part of that effort, Dhaka invited Turkish businesses to invest in Bangladesh's private and special economic zones and offered support for establishing a dedicated Turkish special economic zone in the country.** Rahman highlighted sectors including textiles and apparel, defence manufacturing, shipbuilding, pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, renewable energy, information technology and smart technologies as areas where Turkish investment could play a transformative role. **The emphasis on defence cooperation reflected a broader strategic convergence between the two countries.** Fidan noted that there were significant opportunities to enhance collaboration in multiple sectors, “particularly in the defence industry”, as both sides seek to diversify their partnerships amid shifting regional and global dynamics. **The two ministers visited the refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar in the afternoon to see the situation on the ground firsthand** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [05 June 2026](#); *Financial Express Bangladesh*, [05 June 2026](#)).

◆ **Bangladesh-Türkiye sign MoU to protect cultural property, heritage:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the protection of cultural property has been signed between Bangladesh and Türkiye, marking a new milestone in the existing historical and cultural ties between the two countries. The MoU was signed on Friday at a formal ceremony held in Dhaka. On behalf of the government of Bangladesh, Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury, and on behalf of the government of the Republic of Türkiye, Minister of Foreign Affairs Hakan Fidan signed the MoU. The MoU aims to strengthen long-term institutional cooperation between Bangladesh and Türkiye in the preservation, protection, restoration, and promotion of cultural heritage. Under the MoU, both countries will collaborate in the preservation of historical and cultural heritage, archival documents, library materials, museum management, digitization, and restoration initiatives. It has been developed in continuation of the cultural agreement signed between the two countries on March 09, 1981, and the cooperation program signed on April 12, 2012, covering education, science, culture, arts, press and information, youth, and sports. Under the framework of the MoU, Bangladesh and

Türkiye will work jointly in line with the UNESCO 1970 convention to prevent the illicit import, export, and transfer of ownership of cultural property. The two countries will also enhance cooperation in archaeological research, application of modern technologies, disaster risk reduction, documentation, and inventory mapping of cultural resources (*Dhaka Tribune*, [05 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **FM leaves for Russia on three-day official visit:** Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman left Dhaka this morning on a three-day official visit to Russia, where he is scheduled to hold talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on bilateral and international issues. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir is accompanying the foreign minister during the visit, said a foreign ministry press release here. The Russian Foreign Ministry earlier announced the visit, saying that Khalilur Rahman would visit Russia from 7 to 9 June at the invitation of his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov. Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the two foreign ministers would hold talks in Moscow on 8 June and discuss current bilateral and international issues. The discussions are expected to focus on matters of mutual interest as well as key regional and global developments (*Prothom Alo*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Why does Turkey want to increase military cooperation with Bangladesh?:** Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, during his visit to Dhaka, has brought up plans to increase cooperation in the defense industry with Bangladesh, which is being discussed in various circles. **Diplomatic and military analysts believe that through cooperation in the military or defense industry, there is an opportunity to establish factories in Bangladesh for producing military equipment, especially drones, tanks, and various types of electronic military equipment.** A few years ago, Bangladesh signed an agreement with a drone manufacturing company from Turkey to procure drones. On the last day of his three-day visit to Bangladesh, Fidan met with Prime Minister Tarek Rahman this Saturday. Although his visit's cooperation in the military or defense industry has been widely discussed, the signed memorandum of understanding does not specifically mention anything about this. A memorandum of understanding has been signed regarding cooperation in the. **According to Bangladesh news analysis, diplomatic sources in Dhaka say that for several years, the issue of Turkey's cooperation in Bangladesh's defense industry has been under discussion. In light of this, in 2022, the Bangladesh Armed Forces signed an agreement with a Turkish company for the procurement of drones. Therefore, the issue of military cooperation is considered to have received special importance on this visit of the country's foreign minister.** Over the past decade, drones manufactured by Turkey have been widely discussed in various global conflicts. Additionally, the country's progress in producing electronic warfare equipment has provided Bangladesh with the opportunity to diversify its defense procurement market. **Diplomatic sources hint at behind-the-scenes discussions with Turkey on joint production and technology transfer of various types of electronic warfare equipment, including rocket systems and drones, in that very light.** 'Although there is a thought to reduce dependence on the Chinese arms market, the prices of American and European weapons are higher. In that context, the initiative to increase military cooperation with Turkey is positive,' former ambassador Humayun Kabir told the BBC. Pakistan and China manufacture fighter jets in Pakistan and sell them to various countries. Similarly, Turkey could come forward to jointly produce military equipment in Bangladesh. My understanding is that the governments of both countries are advancing such discussions. Although it is difficult to be certain about this until officially stated by the government,' defence analyst and retired Major Emdadul Islam told BBC Bangla. Since the time of the previous Awami League government, various types of

weapons have been purchased from Turkey, including ground surveillance radars, armored vehicles, portable jammers, missile launching systems, and Skyguard radar systems. **Diplomatic sources say that now Bangladesh wants Turkey to manufacture some military equipment, including drones, within Bangladesh. There is not much objection to this from the political leadership of the two countries either. According to analysts, Turkey has been trying for many years to increase its role in the Kashmir issue and the Rohingya issue in Bangladesh. The country has also been expanding its contacts in Bangladesh for nearly a decade. Earlier, in 2020, Turkey's Foreign Minister visited Dhaka.** Many people feel that Turkey has strengthened its contacts since the BNP government was formed after the parliamentary elections this time. Analyst Emdadul Islam, however, believes that Turkey has long wanted to establish a circle of Muslim countries worldwide and that the country also has the capability to do so (Naya Diganta, [06 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Bangladeshis to pay for tourist visas as Sri Lanka waives fees for visitors from 40 countries:** Sri Lanka has waived tourist visa fees for nationals of 40 countries, but Bangladesh has been left off the list. The decision, which took effect on May 25, allows travellers from the selected countries to obtain a 30-day tourist Electronic Travel Authorisation, or ETA, free of charge. Among South Asian countries, India, Nepal and Pakistan are included in the scheme. Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Bhutan are not on the list (*bdnews24.com*, [08 June 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **28 remain stranded near C'nawabganj border after BSF's push-in bid thwarted:** Twenty-eight people have remained stranded near the zero line at Bangabari border in Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj after a push-in attempt by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) was foiled by Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). Lt Col Mohammad Ariful Islam Masum, commanding officer of Naogaon 16 BGB Battalion, said BSF members from Ashrafpur camp under Battalion 12 attempted to push the 28 individuals into Bangladesh through border pillar 203/6-S around 3:00 am on Thursday. **The group consists of 12 men, 10 women and six children, he said.** BGB patrol teams from Bangabari Border Outpost (BOP) resisted the attempt, after which the individuals remained stranded along the zero line. Sources said a flag meeting was held on Thursday afternoon at the company commander level, followed by a battalion commander-level meeting between BGB and BSF. **Initially, BSF denied the push-in attempt during the meeting. However, it later acknowledged the incident at the battalion commander-level discussion** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [05 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BGB foils attempt to push in 17 through Naogaon border: Border** Guard Bangladesh (BGB) thwarted an attempt by India's Border Security Force (BSF) to push 17 people, including women and children, into Bangladesh through the Sapahar border in Naogaon district on Friday morning. According to the Naogaon 16 BGB Battalion, the incident took place around 7:30am through the Hapania border area under Sapahar upazila, near border pillar 238/MP. BGB sources said personnel of the 88 BSF Pannachhara camp allegedly attempted to push the 17 individuals into Bangladesh. **The group included six men, six women and five children. Following the intervention, the attempt was unsuccessful, and the individuals remained at the zero line, officials said** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [05 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BGB foils attempt to push-in 60 people across 3 border points; individuals on no man's land:** The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has allegedly attempted to push a total of 60

people, including women, and children, into Bangladesh through border points in Lalmonirhat (33 alleged push-ins), Panchagarh (10 alleged push-ins) and Naogaon (17 alleged push-ins). However, according to the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), the attempts were thwarted and the individuals were prevented from entering the country. As a result, the affected persons are currently stranded along the zero line and on no man's land between the two countries. A battalion commander-level flag meeting between the BGB and BSF was held on Thursday afternoon, but no resolution had been reached as of Friday afternoon. Earlier, in a press release issued on Thursday, the BGB said it had foiled 10 separate attempts within the previous 24 hours by the BSF to push people into Bangladesh through various border areas. **According to the border force, at least 90 people were involved in those alleged push-in attempts** ([Prothom Alo](#), [05 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **BGB-BSF Talks: Push-ins, other issues to be discussed in Delhi, says minister:** Home minister Salahuddin Ahmed on Sunday said all important border-related issues, including push-ins across the frontier will be discussed at the four-day director general-level meeting between the Border Guard Bangladesh and India's Border Security Force. 'The DG-level meeting is held alternately in Bangladesh and India. This time it is our turn to visit India. All relevant issues will be discussed there,' he told reporters at Secretariat. Bangladesh is already engaging with India through diplomatic channels on border-related concerns while the country's border guards remain on alert. 'We will, InshaAllah, resist all attempts of border push-ins. However, these issues should primarily be resolved through diplomatic discussions,' he added. **Home minister Salahuddin Ahmed on Tuesday at a press briefing at his ministry said that there is no list for verification of Bangladeshi citizens sent by India** (*New Age*, [06 June 2026](#), *New Age*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **High alert on border:** The Border Guard Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Coast Guard are on high alert in bordering areas as the Indian Border Security Force has continued its attempts to push more people into Bangladesh illegally. **The border guards of the two neighbouring countries faced off at many points, with BGB resisting BSF's attempts to push people into Bangladesh – a recurrent phenomenon after India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's landslide election victory in the West Bengal in early May.** Bangladesh had taken clear stance that it would not allow anyone to push into Bangladesh and India had to follow the legal channel with national identity verification. 'Push-in attempts increased after BJP's Suvendu Adhikari became the chief minister of West Bengal as it is their political stance. **We will not allow any illegal push-ins,**' home ministry senior secretary Manzur Morshed Chowdhury told *New Age* on Friday. He said that India would have to verify Bangladeshi citizens and formally send list through the Bangladesh foreign ministry, and then Bangladesh would follow the repatriation process through legal channels. On Friday, the Bangladesh Coast Guard in a press release said that it had increased surveillance and patrolling to resist pushing people into Bangladesh (*New Age*, [06 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **10 'pushed-in' individuals stranded at Panchagarh border for over 62 hours:** Ten people allegedly pushed into Bangladesh by India's Border Security Force (BSF) have spent more than 62 hours stranded in no man's land along the South Pradhanpara border in Panchagarh, with neither side agreeing to take them in. The group of five men, two women and three children has been living in the open since Friday morning, exposed to rain and scorching heat. A flag meeting between the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and the BSF on Saturday failed to resolve the issue. A visit to the border on Sunday found the group sitting on a narrow

raised strip of land at the zero line, without shelter or basic facilities. Lt Col Md Sirajul Islam, commanding officer of the 56 BGB Battalion in Nilphamari, said he had urged the commander of the BSF's 93 Battalion to take the group back during talks, but the request was rejected. "If anyone is to be repatriated, it must be done through immigration checkpoints and in accordance with international law and established procedures," he said. "Push-ins are unacceptable under any circumstances" (*bdnews24.com*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Large number of BGB personnel deployed to prevent 'push-ins' at border:** Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has deployed a large number of troops across the border areas of 26 districts to prevent reported 'push-in' attempts by India's Border Security Force (BSF), involving children and women. The deployed personnel are patrolling the border in four shifts, maintaining 24-hour surveillance, while local residents are also assisting them in various areas. Meanwhile, between Wednesday and Saturday, BGB successfully foiled 21 attempted push-ins by the BSF, involving more than 200 people, according to officials. In this context, the 57th Director General-level border conference between the BGB and BSF is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from 8 to 11 June. **According to BGB headquarters, the districts identified as vulnerable to push-in attempts include Chuadanga, Meherpur, Jashore, Satkhira, Kushtia, Jhenaidah, Feni, Moulvibazar, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Khagrachhari, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Joypurhat, Cumilla, Sylhet, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Chapainawabganj, Naogaon, Nilphamari, Panchagarh, Brahmanbaria and Sherpur.** According to BGB headquarters data, between 7 May and 26 January this year, BSF pushed a total of 2,479 people into Bangladesh over an eight-month period, including 120 Indian nationals. Since then, BGB claims no further push-in incidents have been reported (*Prothom Alo*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **West Bengal human rights org reports BSF forcing women and children into Bangladesh at gunpoint:** India's Border Security Force (BSF) is reportedly attempting to forcibly push numerous people suspected of being Bangladeshis into Bangladesh from various parts of West Bengal, according to the prominent West Bengal human rights organisation, Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR). As a result of this incident, APDR has called for a protest march in Malda city on 11 June, as stated by the organization's vice-president, Ranjit Saha. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), after coming to power in West Bengal, had included in their election manifesto that if they come to power, they will adopt the policy of "Detect, Deport, Delete". After assuming power, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari initiated the establishment of "holding centres" or detention centres to identify and send suspected Bangladeshis there, along with transferring land to the BSF. Consequently, a push back to Bangladesh began (push in to Bangladesh). As a result, many people remain stranded in the areas between the two countries, stated the West Bengal human rights organisation APDR in a press release on Sunday. Describing the situation as "deeply concerning", APDR's statement mentioned, "The BSF is forcibly taking many people suspected of being Bangladeshis, especially women and children, to various district borders and threatening them with guns to push them into Bangladesh." However, the Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) is not allowing them to enter, as noted in the release. APDR stated that due to this situation, many people have been forced to remain stranded for days in "no man's land" at various border areas. Among them are pregnant women and children who are not receiving food or water and are enduring extreme conditions in sun, rain, and storms. A horrific inhumane situation has emerged. Highlighting that the BSF is denying responsibility by pushing these people into no man's land, the human rights organisation indicated, "The BSF says they are Bangladeshis, and thus, BSF has no responsibility. On the other hand, the BGB

says there is no proof they are Bangladeshis. According to the BGB, they are Indians. As a result, several people are forced to live a dangerous life without food and drinking water in front of the armed forces of both countries. APDR reported that this situation prevails in several areas along the India-Bangladesh border. The organisation remarked, “We believe India's Detect, Delete, Deport (3D) policy is unconstitutional and illegal. It is against Sections 21 and 14 of the Constitution. This policy is the source of the current crisis” (*Prothom Alo*, [07 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Bangladesh repatriates 91 fishermen detained in India:** Amid growing concern over reports of people being pushed into Bangladesh through land borders from India, the government has secured the return of 91 Bangladeshi fishermen who had been detained by the Indian Coast Guard. On Sunday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the fishermen were formally handed over by the Indian Coast Guard to its Bangladesh counterpart at the maritime boundary in the Bay of Bengal. The ministry said four Bangladeshi fishing vessels were also returned during the handover operation. The repatriation comes at a time when reports have emerged almost daily of people being forced across different frontier points into Bangladesh. **Referring to the repatriation of the fishermen through diplomatic channels, the ministry said: “Bangladesh has always provided assistance in the repatriation of Bangladeshi nationals residing abroad whenever the proper bilateral procedures are followed”** (*bdnews24.com*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **17 Indians stuck in Bangladesh jail even after serving out terms:** The Shariatpur District Jail has continued to hold 17 Indian nationals despite the completion of their prison terms. Prison authorities say repatriation has stalled because their identities remain unverified and repeated attempts to contact the Indian Embassy have brought no response. On Sunday, Jailer Papiya Sultana said police from Padma Bridge South Police Station and Zajira Police Station had detained 20 people at different times near the Padma Bridge in 2022 and 2023. They were later sent to prison by court order. Although they have completed their sentences, they are still being held as release prisoners (RP) because the verification and repatriation process remains incomplete. Among them, Indian nationals identified as Satyendra Kumar and Babul Singh died in jail on Feb 2, 2024, while another inmate, known only as Rajan, died on May 29, 2025. Prison officials said the bodies of the three dead inmates were kept for a long period in the morgue of Shariatpur Sadar Hospital. Following legal formalities, two bodies were cremated locally in January 2025, while the third was cremated in December the same year. A total of Tk 2.91 million has been spent on preserving and cremating the three bodies. **The jail currently holds 14 male and three female Indian nationals. Authorities say many of them face language barriers and struggle to communicate normally** (*bdnews24.com*, [08 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Push-in reappears with BNP in power:** Delhi has resorted to renewed illegal push-in act in which the Indian authorities forced individuals across the border into Bangladesh without completing nationality verification or formal repatriation procedures. **The politically motivated tactic is similar to what Delhi did in 2001 to 2006 when BNP was in power. Experts are of the view that the reemergence of the issue is a signal of pressure tactics by Delhi to corner the newly formed BNP government. Indicating past records, they said India’s push-in operations along the Bangladesh border have long mirrored the state of bilateral ties, intensifying when relations with Dhaka sour and easing when the two governments are on friendly terms.** The issue gained wider attention after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in March stated in a media interview that deteriorating

relations with Bangladesh would make it easier for India to continue such operations. “The phenomenon has again emerged as a politically charged irritant, reflecting how Delhi’s approach to Dhaka varies depending on the ruling party in Bangladesh,” said a former diplomat on condition of anonymity considering the sensitivity of the issue. **Over the decades, analysts and former diplomats reminded that push-ins policy remained largely absent from public attention during the Awami League’s tenure, when relations between the two governments were at their closest. But it emerged as a major source of tension during the previous BNP-led regimes and the recent Muhammad Yunus-led interim government, when ties between the neighbours deteriorated.** Records show India pushed about 3,000 people into Bangladesh during the tenure of the interim government that took office after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina, who is now staying in New Delhi. Those pushed into Bangladesh territory included Indian nationals, women and pregnant individuals. Push-ins have continued since the BNP-led government assumed office in February this year although relations between the two government were expected to be warm. **Diplomats and analysts describe the practice as inconsistent with established bilateral mechanisms governing the return of undocumented migrants. They argue that both countries already have procedures in place to verify nationality and facilitate repatriation through official channels. Analysts believe the issue (push-ins) is increasingly being shaped by domestic political considerations in India** (*Times of Bangladesh*, [08 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **BGB will respond strongly to push-ins and border killings:** BGB-BSF is set to discuss sensitive issues on the border, including push-ins and border killings. This four-day border conference is to be held in New Delhi on Monday (June 8), the first border conference during the current government's tenure. This conference is being seen as extremely important for the border security and diplomatic relations of the two countries. Recently, there has been intense tension at the border due to repeated attempts by the BSF to push many people, including women and children, into Bangladesh through the northern, north-western, and south-western borders of the country, as well as incidents of airspace violations. Amid this tense situation, the top-level conference of the border security forces of the two countries is taking place in Dhaka today. **In this conference, Dhaka wants to send a strong message to New Delhi by presenting precise evidence of violations of international law and human rights. In this conference, apart from push-ins and border killings, BGB's agenda also includes strong protests against the violation of Bangladesh's airspace by Indian drones and helicopters. In areas of Panchagarh, Lalmonirhat, and Khagrachhari, the BGB will declare a zero-tolerance policy against violations of Bangladesh's airspace by drones and helicopters operated by the BSF. At the same time, a proposal will be made to set up a waste treatment plant (ETP) at Indian expense to prevent industrial waste from Agartala from entering Bangladesh's Akhaura. Additionally, the Bangladesh delegation will strongly protest against drug smuggling, the installation of optical fiber cables, the establishment of permanent border pillars, activities of regional separatist groups, and provocative and false news related to the border in Indian media** (*Kaler Kantha*, [08 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Ansar deployed in 11 border districts:** Ansar-VDP members have been deployed in 11 border districts of the country. This information was conveyed in a message sent from the Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party headquarters. According to sources from the Ansar and Village Defence Party, in 2025, under the memorandum of understanding signed with the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Ansar-VDP members were involved in border areas. This has made border management and security operations more coordinated and

effective. Md. Ashiquzzaman, Deputy Director of Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defense Party, stated that according to the memorandum of understanding with the BGB, in light of state needs and security requirements, Ansar-VDP members have been carrying out duties in border areas in coordination with the BGB. He said in continuation of that, in order to block push-ins in the border areas, members of Upazila/Thana Ansar and VDP/TDP have already been deployed in 11 districts—Chapainawabganj, Nawganj, Joypurhat, Jessore, Jhinaidah, Satkhira, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Sylhet, Jamalpur, and Khagrachhari (*Kaler Kantha*, [08 June 2026](#)).

Editorial/Opinion

- ◆ **India must rein in internal pressure on push-ins:** A deeply troubling issue is unfolding along India's border with Bangladesh, which deserves far more attention than it has received. On Friday alone, India's Border Security Force (BSF) made at least ten separate attempts to push groups of people—men, women, and children—across the zero line into Bangladesh. The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) thwarted each attempt. At least 88 people are now stranded in no-man's land. According to Human Rights Support Society, at least 166 people were pushed into Bangladesh in May alone. These do not appear to be isolated or rogue incidents. Rather, they seem to reflect the blatant expression of a political campaign against particular groups. Since the Bharatiya Janata Party's recent electoral victories in West Bengal and Assam, anti-migrant rhetoric has hardened into policy. West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari announced a "detect, delete and deport" framework within days of taking office, directing police to hand detainees over to the BSF for removal and instructing district administrations to establish holding centres across border districts. In Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma admitted to the practice, saying his government pushes alleged migrants across the border at night and at locations where Bangladeshi forces are absent, because formal deportation procedures are too slow. India may have legitimate concerns about irregular migration along its long and porous frontier. But the answer cannot be the extrajudicial transfer of human beings who may include stateless persons, trafficking victims, or individuals with lawful claims to remain in India. Therefore, New Delhi should make it clear that state governments and border authorities cannot circumvent established deportation procedures. Ongoing talks between Bangladesh and India should produce a credible framework for verification, repatriation, and legal cooperation. Equally, Indian officials should stop treating verification delays as a provocation for pushing people across the border. India's conduct along the Bangladesh border has become a test of its commitment to the rule of law and responsible neighbourly relations. At present, India is failing that test (*The Daily Star*, [07 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Push-in dispute tests Bangladesh-India ties:** Fresh tensions have erupted along the Bangladesh-India border as Dhaka accuses Indian authorities of attempting to force hundreds of people into Bangladesh without following established diplomatic and legal procedures, triggering concerns over human rights, border security and the future of bilateral relations. The incidents have transformed what was once a recurring border management issue into a significant diplomatic flashpoint. Bangladesh maintains that any individual claimed to be a Bangladeshi citizen must be repatriated through formal verification and diplomatic channels. Security analysts and human rights advocates warn that bypassing these mechanisms not only violates international norms but also risks creating a humanitarian crisis along one of South Asia's most sensitive borders. The dispute touches a politically sensitive issue in India, where alleged illegal immigration from Bangladesh has long featured prominently in political debates,

particularly in West Bengal and Assam. Analysts note that migration and border security have become central themes in Indian domestic politics, especially under the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has repeatedly pledged stronger action against what it describes as illegal infiltration. However, Bangladeshi observers argue that domestic political considerations cannot justify unilateral actions along the border. The latest incidents also revive long-standing concerns over border governance between the two neighbours. Alongside disputes over alleged illegal migration, Bangladesh and India have frequently faced tensions over border killings, smuggling and the treatment of civilians living near the frontier. While both governments publicly emphasize friendly relations and regional cooperation, analysts say the recent push-in allegations reveal a growing trust deficit. For Bangladesh, the issue extends beyond border security. It is increasingly being framed as a test of sovereignty, human rights and diplomatic norms. With nearly 200 people reportedly involved in push-in attempts within just three days, pressure is mounting on both countries to resolve the dispute through formal diplomatic channels before a border management problem evolves into a larger political crisis (*Dhaka Tribune*, [07 June 2026](#)).



- ◆ **Due process must prevail over push-in tactics:** THE recent spate of India's illegal cross-border push-in attempts, despite Dhaka's assurances of cooperation through due process, appears to be Delhi's blatant disregard for the international law, bilateral agreements and the good neighbourly spirit. While India has continued such unneighbourly behaviour since the latter half of 2024 and pushed at least 2,463 people into Bangladesh, the illegal attempts have increased in the past few days after Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in West Bengal. The Border Guard Bangladesh foiled more than a dozen push-in attempts of the Indian guards in two days alone. Dozens have, meanwhile, reportedly remained stranded in no man's land. Those pushed into Bangladesh in the past included Indians, mostly Muslims, and Rohingyas, many of whom were registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in India. While the weaponisation and proliferation of anti-Muslim and anti-Bangladesh narratives by the BJP are evident in the intensified push-in attempts, what is disturbing is the failure of Delhi to comply with the law. Equally disturbing is the claim that India's external affairs ministry made on June 5 that New Delhi is following due process in repatriation from India and also urging Dhaka to expedite pending nationality verification requests. Bangladesh's home minister has, meanwhile, said that India has not sent any list for verification. The reality on the ground, with dozens of push-in attempts by the Border Security Force, amply suggests that India is not following any due process. That India is not abiding by the international law and bilateral agreements is also evident from a directive that the Calcutta High Court issued in September 2025. The directive, which ordered India's home ministry to repatriate six Indians, including a pregnant woman, who had been pushed into Bangladesh in August that year, declared the forcible deportation of people into Bangladesh to be 'illegal.' Bangladesh has repeatedly offered a principled approach, stating that if any Bangladeshis are proven to be residing illegally in India, Dhaka is prepared to take them back through proper legal procedure. India's decision to continue its illegal push-in strategy not only puts dozens in peril but also strains bilateral relations (*New Age*, [07 June 2026](#)).

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