

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Info advisor says border push-in part of India's internal politics, not Bangladesh pressure tactic:** The issue of India's "push-in" along the border is part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) political commitment and an internal political matter of that country, said Information and Broadcasting Adviser Dr Zahedur Rahman on Tuesday, adding that it is not intended to put Bangladesh under pressure. He made the remarks while responding to questions at a press briefing at the Press Information Department (PID) conference room at the secretariat, where updates on various government activities were presented. Referring to reports of push-ins along the Bangladesh border from India's West Bengal, the adviser said the matter should be viewed in the context of West Bengal's domestic politics and recent elections. **"What West Bengal in India is trying to do... we have certainly followed the West Bengal elections. It was an issue in the election. This is their internal political matter, part of which is putting some pressure on us,"** he said. **"I do not think the Indian government is doing this to create any tension with Bangladesh. The new government that has come to power in West Bengal through elections had certain election commitments,"** he added. He further said the developments reflect the political dynamics of West Bengal. **"They have their own politics, and this is a kind of expression of that,"** he said, adding that discussions at various levels between Bangladesh and India indicate a willingness to move past tensions that emerged after August 5. **"I strongly believe that the new government in Bangladesh, and during conversations at various levels with the Indian government—including my own discussions—they want to move out of the situation that existed after August 5 under Dr. Yunus's government. Both sides want that,"** he said. **"Therefore, I believe the crisis is primarily visible now, but a solution will come soon. In no way do I think this is being done intentionally to damage relations with Bangladesh or to put Bangladesh under pressure,"** he added (*Dhaka Tribune*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Info advisor says no bar on Awami League members joining local polls if criteria fulfilled:** The local government elections are open to members of the Awami League, provided they meet the required eligibility criteria and do not campaign under the party's banner, Prime Minister's Information Advisor Zahed Ur Rahman has said. **Speaking at the Secretariat on Tuesday, he noted that local government elections are held on a non-party basis, meaning candidates participate as independents rather than representatives of political parties. Asked whether the activists of Awami League, banned from carrying out political activities, would be allowed to contest despite the party being barred from political activities, Zahed said there was "no problem" with any individual taking part in the polls if they fulfilled the conditions set for candidates. "If someone runs as an independent candidate but uses the campaign to promote the Awami League or its activities, that would be an issue,"** he said. **"Other than that, any individual who meets the criteria can contest the election"** (*bdnews24.com*, [09 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Pro-Awami League lawyers demand trial of Yunus on anniversary of their prison release:** A group of 61 lawyers who were incarcerated during the tenure of the previous interim government has demanded the trial of former chief advisor Muhammad Yunus. The Awami League-aligned lawyers formed a human chain at the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judges' Court premises on Tuesday and called for Yunus to be brought to justice. Addressing the gathering, Lawyer Mahfuzur Rahman Likhon, one of those released from prison, criticised restrictions on Awami League-aligned lawyers barring them from participating in elections and conducting legal practice. He also called for the withdrawal of cases filed against lawyers who had been imprisoned (*bdnews24.com*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Protest by Jamaat against the attempted push-in of Indian citizens in Bangladesh:** Mia Golam Parwar, Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and former MP, has strongly condemned and protested against the Indian Border Security Force's (BSF) attempts to forcibly push Indian citizens into Bangladesh through various Bangladesh borders. **In a statement on Tuesday, he said that such actions of the BSF are illegal, unjust, and contrary to diplomatic etiquette. He claimed that the Indian government, through these push-ins of its citizens into Bangladesh, is violating the Constitution of India, international law, and the guidelines of the United Nations human rights charter. He also noted that although international human rights organizations have expressed concern about this matter, the Indian government is not taking it into consideration.** The Secretary General of Jamaat said that the people of Bangladesh will not bow to foreign pressure under any circumstances. **He called for stopping such activities at the border to maintain neighbourly and friendly relations.** At the same time, he urged the Government of Bangladesh to take the necessary diplomatic steps against Indian aggressive activities (*Amar Desh*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Jamaat-led alliance to launch program against push-in:** The 11-party alliance led by Jamaat-e-Islami will organize a program to protest the push-in of Indian citizens across the border. This decision was made at a meeting of the alliance's liaison committee at the Jamaat office in Mogbazar, the capital, on Tuesday (June 9). The committee coordinator and Jamaat-e-Islami's Assistant Secretary General Hamidur Rahman Azad said that, in addition to the Chattogram rally, various ongoing issues were also discussed. The program will be announced at a press conference on Wednesday. **Sources from the meeting said that amid the ongoing divisional rallies, a program would be announced to protest the push-in. The protest will also address border killings, the severe deterioration of law and order in the country, and the rising prices of goods.** At the meeting, NCP's chief coordinator Nasiruddin Patwari, Labor Party chairman Dr. Mostafizur Rahman Iran, Nezam-e-Islam Party's senior Naib Amir Abdul Majid Athari, Khalifat Majlis's Naib Amir Ahmad Ali Qasemi, BDP chairman A K M Anwarul Islam Chan, and LDP's acting general secretary Bellal Miazi were present. There was no representation from the Khalifat movement at the meeting. There are rumors that the party may leave the 11-party alliance. Although representatives from Bangladesh Khalifat, AB Party, and Jagpar were absent, they attended Jamaat's shadow budget presentation on Tuesday. (*Kaler Kantha*, [10 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Home minister says Islami Bank was used to support electioneering for a certain political party:** Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed accused Islami Bank of being used to "support electioneering activities for a political party" and said arrangements would be made to return ownership of the bank to its lawful shareholders. "I had earlier stated in my speech that the percentage of shareholding of the bank should be disclosed. I request the honourable

finance minister to ask the governor of Bangladesh Bank to publish this before the nation," he said while taking part in a discussion under Rule 68 of the Rules of Procedure in parliament. His remarks came in response to a notice submitted earlier by Opposition Leader Shafiqur Rahman, who called for the return of Islami Bank's shares to their rightful owners and an end to what he called "unwarranted, illegal and unexpected interference" in the bank's management. **Opposition leader and Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Shafiqur Rahman has criticised remarks made by the Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed during a parliamentary discussion on Islami Bank.** Alleging that the minister had indirectly targeted Jamaat-e-Islami, Shafiqur Rahman said, "The allegations he raised were clearly directed at a particular party. He might as well have named Jamaat-e-Islami outright. He said it is sometimes good to remove the veil. He could have removed it here. Why keep the veil on?" Referring to the home minister's remarks regarding a Tk 7 billion (700 crore) loan from Islami Bank, Shafiqur Rahman said, "He claimed that someone took a Tk 700 crore loan and that it was used to finance a political party's election fund. I want to know clearly whether he meant Jamaat by that. If he did, I am taking up the challenge completely. If he can prove it, I will personally award him a medal" (*The Daily Star*, [09 June 2026](#); *Prothom Alo*, [10 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **TIB rejects home minister's claim of relying solely on media reports:** Transparency International Bangladesh on Tuesday said that it was encouraged by recent developments following its report on the government's first 100 days, specifically it welcomed the home minister's comments, discussions in parliament, and the responses from police authorities. In a statement, the organisation said such reactions contribute to strengthening its work on promoting good governance and anti-corruption efforts. **TIB clarified that it is not an investigative agency, but a research-based organisation engaged in advocacy, public awareness, and citizen engagement. It said its research is conducted using nationally and internationally recognised social science methodologies involving both qualitative and quantitative data collection.** According to TIB, information for the report was collected from multiple direct and indirect sources and subjected to multi-layered verification before analysis. On law and order-related findings, it said the report used data from Bangladesh Police as well as three well-known human rights organisations, as clearly stated in the document. Rejecting allegations that the report was based solely on newspaper clippings, TIB termed such claims 'unfounded.' It added that while media reports are used where relevant, they are verified and cross-checked with other government and non-government sources before inclusion in research (*New Age*, [10 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **US ambassador meets Jamaat ameer, discusses bilateral relations:** US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen on Tuesday paid a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition and Jamaat Ameer Md Shafiqur Rahman at his office at the Parliament Building. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a range of issues of mutual interest, according to a press release. **The discussions focused on Bangladesh's political and economic situation following the recent election, the upcoming national budget, prospects for expanding bilateral trade and investment, and various aspects of Bangladesh-US relations. Issues relating to the development of democratic institutions, the promotion of good governance, enhanced economic cooperation, and a number of regional and international matters also featured prominently in the talks.** Both sides expressed their expectation of further strengthening the existing relationship between Bangladesh and the United States on the basis of mutual respect, trust and cooperation. Both sides expressed their expectation of further strengthening the existing relationship between Bangladesh and the United States on the basis of mutual respect, trust and cooperation (*Dhaka Tribune*, [09 June 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Bangladesh seeks to import 8,000 tonnes of diesel from India in June:** Bangladesh plans to import 8,000 tonnes of diesel next month from India after it imported 25,000 tonnes of refined diesel in April, 10,000 tonnes in March and 8,000 tonnes in May from the neighbouring country. **“The government intends to import 8,000 tonnes of diesel during the Aman season in June,”** Meghna Petroleum Limited Deputy Manager (Operations) Md Habibur Rahman told BSS. He said the May shipments came in two phases through the pipeline from Assam's Numaligarh Refinery Limited to Bangladesh's Parbatipur depot. Rahman said demands for diesel particularly in northwestern region increases during the irrigation season while the officials estimated that 2,000 tonnes of the petroleum would be required per week to irrigate the Aman crop this year. **He called the diesel import from India an ongoing process while Bangladesh continued to import the refined petroleum oil since 2021 through the pipeline from the Numaligarh Refinery in India's Assam state** (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Finance Minister set to present largest-ever Tk9.38 lakh crore budget:** Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is set to present his first national budget for the fiscal year 2026-27 in the Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday. **The budget, aimed at steering Bangladesh towards a more investment-driven, “trillion-dollar economy,” will focus on higher growth targets, regulatory reforms, and expanded fiscal measures. The total outlay is projected at Tk 9.38 lakh crore, marking the largest national budget in the country's history.** This is the first budget of the BNP government following its landslide parliamentary victory on 12 February 2026. The last BNP-led budget was presented for FY2006-07 under former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman. **According to Finance Division officials, the FY27 budget has been prepared under the broad theme of “Economic Democratization and Deregulation: Bangladesh's Journey Towards a Trillion-Dollar Economy”** (*Times of Bangladesh*, [10 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **ECNEC clears 8 development projects worth Tk 2,266.41 cr:** The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) on Tuesday approved eight development projects involving an estimated cost of Tk 2,266.41 crore. The approval came at an ECNEC meeting chaired by Prime Minister and ECNEC Chairperson Tarique Rahman at the Cabinet Division of Secretariat. Of the total project cost, the government will provide Tk 2,229.13 crore while implementing agencies will contribute Tk 37.28 crore from their own funds. **Among the approved projects, three are new and three revised while two projects granted time extensions.** Briefing reporters after the meeting, Planning Ministry officials said the approved projects cover the sectors of water resources, transport infrastructure, public administration, health, education and power. **Among the major projects approved was the first-phase maintenance and rehabilitation of the Barishal Irrigation Project under the Ministry of Water Resources** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [09 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **People pin hopes on Padma Barrage, experts urge caution over environmental fallout:** For decades, people living along the Ganges-dependent regions of southwestern Bangladesh have watched rivers shrink, croplands struggle for water, and salinity creep deeper into once-fertile areas. **Now the ambitious Padma (Ganges) Barrage Project has rekindled hopes among residents, farmers and water managers who see it as a long-awaited solution to the region's growing water crisis. Approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic**

Council (Ecneec), the Tk33,474-crore project is expected to be implemented over the next seven years. The mega infrastructure initiative aims to restore river flows, improve irrigation and revive ecosystems across nearly one-third of Bangladesh that have been affected by reduced Ganges water entering from upstream. **Yet while many welcome the project as a potential game changer, experts warn that large-scale river interventions can also produce unintended environmental consequences if not carefully planned and monitored** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [10 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Jamaat proposes Tk 8.4 lakh crore shadow budget:** The Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday presented a Tk 8,39,505 crore shadow budget ahead of the national budget for fiscal year 2026–27, which is scheduled to be placed in parliament tomorrow. The shadow budget prioritises education and health and includes measures such as raising the tax-free income threshold to Tk 500,000, using National Identity (NID) card numbers as Tax Identification Numbers (TIN), increasing social safety net allowances, and introducing a new government pay scale. Jamaat leader and Dhaka-12 MP Saiful Alam Khan Milon presented the proposal at an event titled “People-Oriented Budget Proposal 2026–2027” at Al-Falah Auditorium in Moghbazar. The shadow budget sets a revenue target of Tk 6,65,926 crore and projects an overall deficit of Tk 1,68,329 crore, equivalent to 2.43 percent of GDP (*The Daily Star*, [10 June 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **US envoy pays courtesy call on PM’s Defense Adviser:** A three-member US delegation, led by US Ambassador in Dhaka Brent T Christensen, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister’s Defense Adviser Brigadier General (retd) Dr AKM Shamsul Islam. The meeting was held in the Defense Adviser’s office at Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment, an ISPR press release said here. **During the meeting, they discussed about the excellent bilateral relations exist between Bangladesh and the United States and various issues related to mutual interest. They also discussed in detail the issues of enhancing mutual cooperation at the military level, exchange of experiences and expansion of training activities between the two countries.** The Defense Adviser recalled the long-standing friendly relations between Bangladesh and the United States, and expressed that this cooperation in the defense sector will further accelerate in the coming days (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh seeks UK support in education, job creation, skills dev:** Prime Minister’s Public Administration Affairs Adviser Md Ismail Zabihullah has sought support of the United Kingdom in the areas of education, job creation, and enhancing the skills of government officials. He sought the support when a delegation of British High Commission in Dhaka paid a courtesy call on him at the Secretariat. Led by Neil Gandhi, the British delegation included Shahnaz Karim and Sarah L. Taylor, BSEA Programme Team Leader of The Asia Foundation. Issues relating to Bangladesh’s civil administration were discussed. Highlighting the challenges confronting the current administration, the adviser said that during the tenure of the previous Awami League government, politicization and corruption had become widespread within the administration. As a result, the civil service had lost much of its prestige and effectiveness, he added. He said the current government is working toward building a Bangladesh of meritocracy (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh, Germany seek stronger trade, strategic ties:** Bangladesh and Germany reiterated their commitment to deepening political and economic cooperation, with both

sides emphasizing expanded trade, investment and multilateral collaboration to further strengthen bilateral relations. The commitment was reaffirmed when Director General for Asia and the Pacific at the German Federal Foreign Office Frank Hartmann paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the foreign ministry here, said a ministry's press release. German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Rüdiger Lotz accompanied the visiting official during the meeting. During the talks, the two sides underscored the importance of advancing the longstanding partnership between Bangladesh and Germany, which they said has brought mutual benefits to both countries. **They discussed opportunities for diversifying and strengthening cooperation in trade, investment, supply chains, skills development, migration, people-to-people exchanges, and peace and security. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam also underscored the importance of deepening multilateral cooperation and called for stronger, sustained international engagement to help resolve the Rohingya crisis.** (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#); *Dhaka Tribune*, [10 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **President urges South Korea to boost trade, investment with Bangladesh:** President Mohammed Shahabuddin called upon South Korea to enhance bilateral trade and investment with Bangladesh, highlighting the country's favourable business climate and expanding investment opportunities. The President made the call when newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to Bangladesh Kim Ji-joon presented his credentials to him through a state ceremony at Bangabhaban this morning. Later, President's Press Secretary Md Sarwar Alam briefed reporters about the meeting. **Welcoming the ambassador, President Shahabuddin said South Korea is the fourth-largest foreign investor in Bangladesh, with nearly one hundred Korean companies, including global technology giants Samsung and Hyundai, operating and investing in the country's Export Processing Zones (EPZs).** He said Bangladesh now enjoys an excellent business and investment environment following the assumption of office by a democratically elected government through a free and fair election. **The President urged the ambassador to encourage greater Korean investment in Bangladesh's light engineering, electronics, shipbuilding, agro-processing, information technology, ready-made garments and infrastructure sectors** (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **FM meets Russian Deputy Speaker:** Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman and Deputy Speaker of the Federation Council of Russia Konstantin Kosachev have reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the longstanding friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and Russia. The commitment came during a meeting between the two leaders in Moscow on Tuesday, said a foreign ministry's press release here. **During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on issues of mutual interest and discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation in various sectors. They also underscored the importance of maintaining close engagement to advance the longstanding partnership between the two friendly countries.** Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir was present at the meeting (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **OIC Labour Center DG meets Bangladesh Labour Minister in Geneva:** Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury held a meeting with Director General of the OIC Labour Center Azar Bayramov on the sidelines of the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC). The meeting took place today at the United Nations office in Geneva, Switzerland. **During the discussion, the labour minister highlighted the significant contribution of millions of Bangladeshi workers in OIC member states to both host and home country economies. He called upon the OIC Labour Center to**

strengthen efforts in ensuring safe working environments, social protection, and dignity for migrant workers across OIC countries, stressing the need for more effective protection mechanisms. The minister said that OIC member states could greatly benefit from enhanced cooperation through the exchange of best practices and labour market data. He also underscored the importance of greater coordination among OIC countries to address emerging challenges in the rapidly changing global labour market (*BSS News*, [09 June 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **BGB on high alert amid BSF push-in attempts:** To prevent the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) from forcibly pushing people, including women and children, into Bangladesh, a large number of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel have been deployed along the borders of 26 districts. BGB members are guarding the border around the clock in four shifts, with local residents in several border areas also assisting in surveillance efforts. According to BGB and multiple border sources, the BSF has been gathering groups of men, women, and children at various border points in preparation for push-in attempts. In some cases, after failing to force them into Bangladesh, BSF personnel reportedly took some individuals back. However, most have not been allowed to re-enter India and are said to be living in inhumane conditions in open areas. **Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed told journalists that border conditions, bilateral cooperation, and, in particular, illegal push-ins would be raised as key issues at the director general-level meeting between BGB and the BSF.** Speaking at the Secretariat, he said: "All issues will be discussed there. We are addressing these matters through diplomatic channels, and our border guards remain alert. The government is prepared to resist any attempt at illegal push-ins. However, such problems should primarily be resolved through diplomatic discussions." **According to BGB headquarters, border points in the 26 districts considered vulnerable to push-in attempts have been identified, and patrols and intelligence surveillance have been strengthened in those areas. The districts 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. BGB prevents 21 push-in attempts** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [09 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BGB foils 8 more push-in bids amid DG-level talks:** The Border Guard Bangladesh on Tuesday foiled eight more push-in attempts by the Indian Border Security Force across various border points in Kurigram and Jamalpur districts amid ongoing director general level talks between the two forces in New Delhi, India. A press release issued on Tuesday by the BGB 35 Battalion in Jamalpur said that the push-in attempts were made at the Datbhanga, Mollarchar, Ijlamari and Kheyarchar border outposts in Kurigram's Roumari upazila. The release also said that three attempts were made at Pathorerchar, Bagharchar, Jhaudanga border outposts of Dewanganj upazila in Jamalpur while more than one attempts were made by the BSF through Satanipara outpost of Bakshiganj upazila of the same district. According to the BGB Headquarters officials, they have foiled at least 36 push-in attempts in the past few days (*New Age*, [10 June 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Border situation: Push-in attempts continue; BGB-BSF commences talks:** The 57th Director General-level border conference between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) has commenced. The four-day summit, which began at the BSF

Headquarters in the Indian capital, New Delhi, on Monday is scheduled to conclude this coming Thursday. This marks the first high-level meeting between the heads of the two border forces since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) assumed power in West Bengal for the first time. **Disclosing that 12 to 13 formal letters have been sent to India to halt the practice, the state minister remarked, “There are established procedures for repatriating individuals residing illegally. India must adhere to those protocols.”** In various letters dispatched to India over time, Bangladesh has characterised the “push-in” measures as violations of three past agreements. These are: the 1975 Joint India-Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities; the Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) of 2011; and the mutually agreed decisions reached during previous BGB-BSF Director General-level talks. Several former officials, who served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi, observed that such successive “push-ins” from India are unprecedented in recent history. Furthermore, past “push-in” attempts were invariably met with a “push-back” (return). According to them, in January 2003, India attempted to push more than 200 people into Bangladesh across the Lalmonirhat border. However, due to Dhaka’s unyielding stance, those individuals were marooned at the border’s zero line for nearly two months. The then-Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan traveled to Delhi to hold talks with Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha. Just prior to the discussions in Delhi, it was discovered that the individuals stranded at the zero line for nearly two months were no longer there. **To counter the BSF’s “push-in” attempts, 60,000 BGB personnel have been deployed across the borders of 26 districts in Bangladesh. Previously, such a massive concentration of BGB personnel had never been deployed simultaneously along these borders. Alongside the BGB, members of the Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) are now performing duties in border areas. Concurrently, local residents remain on high alert** (*Prothom Alo*, [09 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Bangladesh and India present their stance on border ‘push-ins’:** Bangladesh and India once again took different positions on the ongoing ‘push-in’ attempts by India at the director general-level talks, between the border forces of the two countries in New Delhi. **While Bangladesh termed such attempts illegal, inhumane and a violation of international law, India maintained that it is repatriating illegal foreigners according to its domestic laws and established procedures.** The main discussions took place on Tuesday, the second day of the 57th BGB-BSF Director General-level conference. Alongside the push-in issue, the meeting prioritised taking effective measures to stop the killing, injuring and torture of unarmed Bangladeshi citizens at the border. Both sides presented their respective positions on various border-related issues. According to BGB headquarters data, between 7 May 2025 and 26 January this year, the BSF pushed 2,479 people into Bangladesh over eight months. Among them, 120 were Indian nationals. However, attempts at push-ins along the border increased again from May this year. **Sources said the BSF director general’s remarks mirrored the stance held by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs over the past year. India maintained that action regarding illegal foreigners, including Bangladeshi nationals, is being taken in accordance with domestic laws and procedures. They asserted that illegal individuals from Bangladesh are being repatriated by following both Indian laws and the existing bilateral mechanisms between the two countries. Justifying the handover of over 2,800 Bangladeshis to the BGB, the BSF claimed that the Indian border force is operating strictly within established procedures. As always, the BSF once again raised the issue of handing over lists of illegal individuals to Bangladesh for repatriation. They alleged that once a list is provided to Bangladesh, the process gets stuck in prolonged delays. In this context, the issue of providing such lists over the past five years was also brought up. In response, the BGB strongly articulated why ‘push-ins’ are illegal. Bangladesh argued that these actions violate**

human rights and humanitarian procedures and fail to follow existing international law. Bangladesh maintained that it remains committed to bringing back its citizens from any country, including India, once their citizenship is verified. However, this must be done through proper legal channels, respecting human rights and international humanitarian standards. Therefore, there is no scope for unilaterally forcing people across the border. Such acts are illegal. Bangladesh also raised serious questions regarding the attempt to push people across the border at night. Bangladesh also addressed the BSF's allegations of delays in the verification process, specifically highlighting the steps and measures taken by Dhaka since May last year to expedite the matter. The meeting's agenda also included curbing the smuggling of drugs, weapons and other prohibited goods from India to Bangladesh, preventing human trafficking, ending border violations and addressing the construction of unauthorised infrastructure, such as barbed-wire fences, within 150 yards of the international border (*Prothom Alo*, [10 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Myanmar border mines threaten Bangladesh security:** Yet another landmine explosion along Bangladesh-Myanmar border killed a man on Tuesday, starkly exposing Bangladesh's border risks and a troubling lack of readiness with the authorities to secure the frontier. **While the Indian Border Security Force continues to push many people into northern and southwestern Bangladesh through the land border, the latest mine death marks the fifth fatality along Myanmar border in the past 16 days -- between May 24 and June 9.** On Tuesday morning, a Rohingya youth was killed in a mine explosion at a location two kilometers inside Bangladesh from border near the Reju Amtali border outpost also at Ghumdhum union under Naikhangchhari upazila along Myanmar border. **The fatal explosion took place two kilometers inside Bangladesh territory, triggering speculations as to how mines could be planted in locations remaining under constant BGB watch. At least 36 incidents of mine explosion took place between December 8, 2024 and May 12, 2026 along the bordering areas with Myanmar, according to BGB data. Of the injured during the period, 21 were Bangladeshis, 16 Rohingyas, one was BGB member, one cattle and one elephant, show BGB data. Most of these landmine blast incidents took place at Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas in Cox's Bazar and at Naikhangchhari upazila in Bandarban.** Experts have long been emphasising the need to mine-sweep the stretch, but the measure remains entirely unimplemented — raising questions about Bangladesh's preparedness and ability to deal with such threats. **On May 26, Arakan Army's political wing United League of Arakan in a statement claimed that the mine explosions in Bangladesh were not linked to the Arakan Army. BGB official Abul Hasnat said that the statement claim was a political rhetoric or nothing else** (*New Age*, [10 June 2026](#)).

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