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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Hasina tells Reuters she and senior AL leaders plan to return to Bangladesh around Dec and surrender:** Ousted Bangladeshi prime minister Sheikh Hasina, facing a death sentence back home where her party's activities are banned, told Reuters she and senior Awami League colleagues plan to return from exile in India around December and surrender. Hasina said she and members of her party aim to return voluntarily to the country they fled two years ago and present themselves in court. **"They may arrest me on my return, they may even kill me,"** Hasina, 78, said in the nearly hour-long telephone interview late on Thursday and into Friday. **"Still, I have to go,"** she said. **"My party leaders and workers are being subjected to tremendous repression. If death comes, I want it to come on my own soil, where my parents are buried and where their blood was shed"** (*The Daily Star*, [10 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Hasina's possible return fuels political debate:** Political debate over former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's possible return to Bangladesh intensified on Friday. **National Citizen Party (NCP) leader Nahid Islam called for her return through legal and diplomatic channels to enforce the court verdict against her, while opposition leader Shafiqur Rahman questioned whether she would return at all.** Meanwhile, addressing a discussion and award ceremony marking International MSME Day 2026 at the Institution of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka's Kakrail, Nahid referred to reports that Sheikh Hasina was planning to return to the country later this year. **"We recently saw an interview in which it was said that she plans to return to the country in December. Our position is that the country has already suffered 16 years of destruction. If she returns, it should only be for the execution of the death sentence,"** Nahid said. He said the government should complete the necessary diplomatic and legal procedures to bring Sheikh Hasina back to Bangladesh. Responding to questions from reporters after the programme, **Nahid said the Bangladesh government would decide how and when Sheikh Hasina would return, including whether she would surrender. "The government will discuss the matter with India. There is no third party involved. It is for the government to decide when and how she will be brought back and how the court's verdict will be enforced,"** he said. **Nahid further claimed that Sheikh Hasina's public statements were influenced by New Delhi and said any future developments regarding her return and legal proceedings would depend on diplomatic and political understanding between Dhaka and New Delhi** (*Times of Bangladesh*, [10 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh asks local media to skip Hasina's speech hours after Reuters reports her return plan:** The government has requested all media outlets not to broadcast or publish the speech of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who is in exile in India and facing a death sentence for crimes against humanity linked to the July Uprising. **In a public advisory on Friday night, it drew the attention of print, electronic, online news media outlets and social media platforms, asking them to comply with the decision for the sake of law and order in the country and respecting a court ruling.** It recounted that the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) had banned the broadcast of the speech of the ousted and fugitive Hasina on Dec 5, 2024.

“According to the prevailing law of Bangladesh, there is a legal ban on broadcasting any kind of speech, interview, audio-video speech of a fugitive convicted by a court in the media” (*bdnews24.com*, [11 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Hasina to be arrested as soon as she sets foot in Bangladesh, says ICT chief prosecutor:** Sheikh Hasina will not have the opportunity to surrender if she is returned from India under the extradition treaty, says Aminul Islam, the chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal. He said, **“Sheikh Hasina is currently in exile, under the control of the Indian government. She will not be able to return to the country freely as an ordinary citizen at her whim. “If she wants to come, she will have to come through the diplomatic and legal processes of the Bangladesh and Indian governments. And, in that case, she will be arrested as soon as she sets foot in the country.”** He made the remarks while talking to reporters at his office on Sunday (*bdnews24.com*, [12 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **How realistic is Sheikh Hasina's announcement of returning to Bangladesh in December?** Deposed Prime Minister and President of the Awami League, Sheikh Hasina, has announced that she plans to return to Bangladesh next December and surrender before the court. She has also called on party leaders living in exile to return to the country with her. However, there is uncertainty even within Awami League about whether this is a genuine plan or a political strategy to revive the party's activities. **Many party leaders say that beyond the question of whether Sheikh Hasina herself will return, the bigger issue is how many leaders and activists would ultimately be willing to take such a risk under the current political circumstances.** After news of Sheikh Hasina's announcement that she would return to Bangladesh became public, this reporter spoke with several Awami League leaders who remain in hiding. Most said they were unaware of any concrete political strategy or preparations behind the announcement. With nearly five months remaining before December, much will depend on the country's political situation, the position of the ruling BNP government, the attitudes of opposition parties such as Jamaat-e-Islami and the National Citizen Party (NCP), and the role of the international community. **However, despite speaking about leaving the judgment to the people, Sheikh Hasina has not publicly expressed regret over the killings that occurred during the student-led mass uprising.** Instead, she and other Awami League leaders continue to portray the movement as the result of domestic and foreign conspiracies and have maintained an aggressive tone toward the leaders of the uprising (*Prothom Alo*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BNP plans Teesta, Jamaat protests for credit: state minister:** State minister for water resources Forhad Hossain Azad on Friday said the BNP government has already begun work to implement the Teesta Master Plan, accusing Jamaat-e-Islami and an alliance of 11 parties of launching protests to claim credit for the initiative. ‘BNP believes in action, not rhetoric. The era of stunt politics over the Teesta issue is coming to an end in Bangladesh,’ Azad told reporters after inaugurating the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the under-construction ‘Panchagarh Gate’ at the Panchagarh-Nilphamari border. **Describing the Teesta Master Plan as a key component of the BNP government’s executive manifesto, the state minister said the government is actively working to fulfil that commitment. ‘At a time when the government has begun implementing the Teesta Master Plan, Jamaat and the 11-party alliance have taken to the streets in an attempt to take credit for the initiative,’ he said.** Azad claimed that those now leading protests had neither a vision nor a plan for the Teesta when the BNP first began working on the issue (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Nahid Islam says PM's China visit yielded 'zero achievements':** National Citizen Party (NCP) Convener and Opposition Chief Whip Nahid Islam today alleged that Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's recent visit to China had produced no commitment on either the Teesta Mega Project or the repatriation of Rohingya refugees. **Addressing a divisional rally of the 11-party opposition alliance at Rangpur Zila School ground, he said, "The achievements of the China visit are zero."** Nahid also accused the government of failing to address the economy, law and order, employment and reforms, and alleged that Rangpur had been deprived of major development projects in the national budget because of its strong opposition presence. He announced that the alliance would soon launch a fresh movement demanding implementation of the referendum verdict, the July Charter and other reform proposals (*The Daily Star*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Jamaat ameer says PM Tarique broke referendum pledge:** Opposition leader and Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Dr Shafiqur Rahman on Saturday accused Prime Minister Tarique Rahman of failing to honor his pledge to implement the referendum verdict, urging the government to fulfill the commitments it had made to the people. **"Do not become a national traitor. Fulfill the promises made to the people and implement the referendum verdict,"** Shafiqur said while addressing an 11-party alliance rally at the Rangpur District School Ground. **The rally was organized to demand implementation of the Teesta Master Plan, enforcement of the referendum verdict, an end to border killings and alleged push-ins, and measures to ease public suffering.** Shafiqur said attempts were being made to divert public attention away from the demand to implement the referendum verdict (*Dhaka Tribune*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Speaker says East Bengal Regiment's stand kept Bangladesh from remaining Pakistan:** Parliament Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad has credited the East Bengal Regiment's armed resistance against the Pakistani military's 1971 genocide with paving the way for Bangladesh's independence. **Speaking at an event at the RAOWA Convention Centre in Dhaka's Mohakhali on Saturday, the Bir Bikrom recipient described the Liberation War as "a struggle for the survival of the Bengali nation", not the war of any political party.** He said the regiment's five battalions had separately revolted and mobilised the people. "Had the East Bengal Regiment not begun resisting the Pakistani military's genocide in 1971, this country would still have remained Pakistan." Calling the East Bengal Regiment "a name very close to my heart", the former Army officer said he had carried it with pride from the day he received his commission and would continue to do so until his death. Speaker Hafiz also recalled joining the Army, serving in the East Bengal Regiment, fighting in the Liberation War and other memories from his military career (*bdnews14.com*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Court dismisses father's case plea against Yunus, Nurjahan over daughter's death from measles:** A Dhaka court has dismissed an application seeking to file a case against former interim government chief advisor Muhammad Yunus, health advisor Nurjahan Begum, and two others over the alleged death of a young girl due to negligence in measles treatment. Court bench assistant Ashutosh Bhowmik said, **"The court dismissed the application as it found no grounds to take cognisance of the case."** The application was filed on Jul 5 by Sirajul Islam, the father of nine-month-old Sauda Nuskan, who died after contracting measles. The court recorded the complainant's statement that morning and kept the order pending before announcing that it would deliver its decision on Jul 12 (*bdnews24.com*, [12 July 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **AL govt spent Tk982.92 crore on Mujib Borsho events, Khasru tells Parliament:** Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury Sunday told Parliament that the ministries and divisions together spent Tk982.92 crore on various programmes undertaken across the country to observe Mujib Borsho during the previous Awami League government. Replying to a starred question from opposition lawmaker Md Mahbubur Rahman Belal (Rangpur-3) in the on National Parliament, the minister said a total of Tk982.91 crore was spent on implementing different programmes at district and upazila levels, installing portraits and memorial structures, constructing bronze, copper and marble statues at various government offices, and setting up state-sponsored digital countdown boards. Responding to a supplementary question from the same lawmaker, **Khasru said the government has not yet taken any decision on conducting an audit or investigation into the expenditure or initiating any other measures. He, however, said the issue should not be viewed in isolation, noting that the previous government had incurred expenditure under several other heads as well.** “It is not only Mujib Borsho. There are many other issues. We are taking stock of all these matters,” the finance minister told the House. He said the government is reviewing different areas of public expenditure and that appropriate decisions would be taken after completing the assessment process (*Dhaka Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Labour leaders urge govt to honour ILO pledges in rules amendment:** Labour leaders on Sunday urged the government to ensure that the proposed amendments to the labour rules fully reflect the commitments it made to the International Labour Organisation. **They warned against any provisions that could undermine workers’ rights guaranteed under the recently amended labour law.** They made the demands at a discussion titled ‘Progress towards ILO Roadmap: BLA Amendment in 2026 and Proposal for Labour Rules Amendment’, organised by the IndustriALL Global Union in cooperation with the IndustriALL Bangladesh Council and Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies in the capital. Bangladesh committed to the ILO in 2019 to undertake legal and institutional reforms to improve labour rights, including amendments to labour legislation and its implementation. The government amended the Bangladesh Labour Act in 2026 and is now preparing to revise the Bangladesh Labour Rules to align them with the law (*New Age*, [12 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **WB suspends funding before completion of DSCC project:** The World Bank has suspended funding for a major Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) infrastructure project before its completion, leaving the fate of several unfinished works uncertain. **The Urban Neighbourhood Upgradation Project, launched in March 2019, was scheduled to end in December this year under its second revised Development Project Proposal (DPP). However, DSCC officials said the World Bank suspended funding on 31 May.** According to an intensive monitoring report by the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), the project had achieved around 72% physical progress and 61% financial progress until May. Of the project’s 25 work packages, only eight have been completed. Eighteen are under implementation, four remain in the tender stage, while design, engineering and standard bidding documents have been finalised for one package. Construction of eight community centres has reached about 60%, while work on another has remained suspended because of legal complications. Installation of street lighting, traffic signs and tree plantation has progressed by only around 6%, 7% and 2% respectively (*Daily Sun*, [12 June 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Chinese firm's Aminbazar plant gets nod to burn waste at lower heat:** Chinese firm China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) has secured fresh clearance to proceed with its 42.5-megawatt waste-to-energy plant at Aminbazar landfill, after the Department of Environment lowered the minimum incineration temperature required for the project – resolving a regulatory standoff that had held up work for years. **The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change revised its operating standards on 12 May, reducing the required temperature in the gas-phase combustion zone from 1,000°C to 850°C – the lower end of the internationally accepted 850°C–1,100°C range. The renewed site clearance certificate followed on 24 May, more than two years after CMEC first secured approval in August 2023 through a locally floated entity, WTE Power Plant North Dhaka Private Limited** (*Daily Sun*, [12 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Finance Minister says No IMF programme at cost of national interest:** Bangladesh will only pursue a new programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) if it safeguards public interest and national economic security, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said. He stressed that securing external financing is not the government's primary goal. "The issue for us is not obtaining funds; our primary concern is protecting the country's interests," the finance minister told journalists at the Secretariat in Dhaka on Sunday. **Amir Khosru stated that the current administration would reject any IMF programme that compromises the national economy or the well-being of its citizens. The minister also criticised the previous IMF-supported programme initiated under the former government, describing it as contrary to the public interest.** He noted that the previous deal included several conditions unacceptable to a democratic, elected government, which prompted the current administration to withdraw from it. Reaffirming the government's approach to international financial cooperation, he said Bangladesh remains committed to engaging with global financial institutions while ensuring that national interests are fully protected (*Daily Sun*, [13 July 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Bangladesh seeks easier UK seafarer visas, maritime investment:** Bangladesh has urged the United Kingdom to simplify and expedite visa procedures for Bangladeshi seafarers, placing the issue at the centre of talks aimed at expanding maritime cooperation and attracting greater British investment in the country's shipping sector. The call came during a bilateral meeting in London on Thursday between Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam and UK Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander, according to a Ministry of Shipping press release issued on Friday. The minister requested the UK to simplify and speed up the issuance of OK to Board (OKTB), transit and other visas required by Bangladeshi seafarers serving on international vessels, saying easier access would benefit one of Bangladesh's important overseas workforces. He also invited British investment in shipbuilding, marine engineering, port development, maritime transport and port-based industries, while emphasizing the potential for expanding trade, technology transfer and public-private partnerships between the two countries (*Dhaka Tribune*, [10 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Dhaka seeks global backing for Teesta, climate resilience:** Bangladesh has presented a broad development agenda centred on climate resilience, water security, skills development and innovation-driven industrialization at the United Nations, seeking greater international

support as the country prepares for its transition out of the least developed country (LDC) category. Speaking at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN Headquarters in New York, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) at the Prime Minister's Office Professor Dr SM Abdul Awal said Bangladesh's next phase of development will depend on strengthening climate adaptation, improving water management and building a skilled workforce capable of supporting a knowledge-based economy. **As part of that strategy, he highlighted the government's plan to excavate 20,000 kilometres of canals over the next five years to improve irrigation, retain rainwater, recharge groundwater and strengthen drinking water security in both rural and urban areas.** He also called for stronger international cooperation on transboundary river management, specifically seeking support for the Teesta Barrage Project, which Bangladesh considers vital for improving water security and agricultural productivity in the country's northern region (*Dhaka Tribune*, [11 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **AZM Zahid reaches Islamabad for 9th OIC ministerial conference on women:** Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain has reached Islamabad, Pakistan, leading a Bangladesh delegation to attend the 9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, scheduled to be held on July 12-13. Pakistan's Minister of State for Law and Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Md. Iqbal Hossain Khan received the delegation at Islamabad International Airport. The delegation includes, among others, Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Yasmin Parveen and the minister's Private Secretary Dr. Md. Mahmudul Haque. After reaching the Pakistani capital, the minister visited the newly constructed Bangladesh Chancery Complex in Islamabad's Diplomatic Enclave (*BSS News*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh joins BIMSTEC NSA meeting despite Delhi incident:** Bangladesh will attend the BIMSTEC National Security Advisers' Meeting in New Delhi on July 16 despite rejecting India's explanation over the recent airport incident involving Prime Minister's Adviser Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman, foreign ministry's officials said. Bangladesh has taken a policy decision to participate in the BIMSTEC National Security Advisers' Meeting in New Delhi on July 16, notwithstanding the recent diplomatic row over the treatment of Prime Minister's Adviser Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman at Delhi airport. **Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (retd.) Dr. A.K.M. Shamsul Islam has been nominated to represent Bangladesh at the meeting, while the government of India has been informed of his participation through diplomatic channels, foreign ministry's officials familiar with the matter said.** Officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Bangladesh, as the current Chair of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), has a responsibility to participate in the meeting (*BSS News*, [12 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **MBS visit could unlock Saudi billions :** Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's interest in visiting Dhaka has opened a diplomatic window for Bangladesh, with experts saying the visit could reset bilateral ties and revive long-stalled investment and strategic cooperation initiatives. **The proposed visit could generate both political goodwill and substantial economic dividends for Bangladesh at a time when the country is navigating an increasingly complex geopolitical environment and seeking to diversify its international partnerships.** With Riyadh now renewing its engagement with the BNP government, experts believe Bangladesh should move quickly to prepare a package of concrete deliverables before the Crown Prince's visit to ensure that the opportunity does not go the way of previous missed prospects. Former Bangladesh ambassador to Saudi Arabia Golam Moshi told TIMES of

Bangladesh that Dhaka should approach the proposed visit with meticulous preparation rather than symbolism (*Times of Bangladesh*, [13 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Japan seeks to host Prime Minister Tarique Rahman:** In recent years, particularly before and after Bangladesh's political transition in 2024, Japan has focused on qualitatively strengthening its relationship with Bangladesh. **As part of that effort, Japan hopes to host Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in Tokyo within the next two months. Before that, the foreign secretaries of the two countries will meet in Dhaka during the first half of August, where discussions are expected to provide greater clarity regarding the Prime Minister's visit. Diplomatic sources in Dhaka and Tokyo have confirmed these developments.** Japan's Ambassador to Bangladesh, Saida Shinichi, paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman on 28 June. During the meeting, he expressed Japan's interest in inviting Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit the country. Later, on 1 July, a Japanese delegation led by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Shimada Tomoaki visited Bangladesh. During a meeting with the Prime Minister, Shimada Tomaki formally invited him to visit Japan. **According to diplomatic sources from both countries, Tarique Rahman's forthcoming visit to Tokyo will mark another step in transforming bilateral relations from a framework centred on development cooperation to one based on trade, investment and strategic economic partnership. In particular, following his visit to China in June, the Tokyo visit may represent the next significant step in Bangladesh's balanced foreign policy** (*Prothom Alo*, [13 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Condolences pour in:** Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of life and widespread devastation caused by the severe floods and landslides in Bangladesh. "Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life and widespread devastation caused by the severe floods and landslides in Bangladesh," he said in a condolence message. On behalf of the people of Pakistan, the prime minister of Pakistan extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and expressed their unwavering solidarity with the government and people of Bangladesh. "We pray for the swift recovery of the injured and the safety of all those affected," the Pakistani prime minister said in a message posted on his X account. **Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has conveyed condolences to Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, the government, and people of the country amid casualties from monsoon floods and landslides.** Speaking on behalf of the Maldivian government and people, Muizzu said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones and with all those whose livelihoods have been disrupted." He affirmed Maldives' solidarity with Bangladesh during this period and wished safety, strength, and swift recovery for affected communities (*Dhaka Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#); *Times of Bangladesh*, [13 July 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **BGB seizes smuggled Indian goods worth Tk 1.57 crore in Feni:** Members of the Border Guard Bangladesh seized Indian sarees, mobile phone displays and a Bangladeshi CNG-run auto-rickshaw during a special operation in a border area of Feni's Parshuram upazila on Friday. The operation was conducted by the Feni Battalion (4 BGB) following a tip-off, according to a press release issued by Lieutenant Colonel M M Zillur Rahman, commanding officer of Feni Battalion (4 BGB). The seized goods have an estimated market value of Tk 1

crore 56 lakh 69 thousand. The confiscated items are being handed over to the local customs authorities for further legal proceedings, the release said (*New Age*, [10 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **BGB seizes mobile phone parts, bicycles at Brahmanbaria border:** The Border Guard Bangladesh seized 3,960 Indian mobile phone displays and two bicycles worth about Tk 3.17 crore in a drive along the Bijoy Nagar border in Brahmanbaria. A BGB press release said that a patrol team of Alinagar BOP under Sarail Battalion, acting on a tip-off, conducted the operation in the Bhagolpur border area early Saturday (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Two Indians held with diamond nose pins:** Border Guard Bangladesh members detained two Indian nationals and recovered 216 diamond nose pins worth Tk 45.62 lakh during a raid on an Indian goods truck at the Bhomra checkpoint in Satkhira on Thursday. **The raid was carried out following intelligence reports that the diamond nose pins were being smuggled into Bangladesh.** The truck was stopped and searched shortly after it entered the checkpoint from India's Ghosadanga land port. The detainees were identified as truck driver Samresh Das and his helper, Ram Mandal. Both were detained on charges of smuggling, while the truck was also seized. The operation was conducted under the supervision of lieutenant colonel Kazi Ashiqur Rahman, commander of the 33rd BGB Battalion. Kazi Ashiqur Rahman said the suspects had attempted to smuggle the items into the country to evade customs duties (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Illegal goods flood Jaflong markets despite crackdown:** Indian goods believed to have entered Bangladesh through smuggling routes continue to dominate markets in Jaflong, one of Sylhet's most popular tourist destinations, despite regular anti-smuggling drives by law enforcement agencies. The situation has raised questions over the effectiveness and consistency of enforcement, as the same products are sold openly in local markets but are later seized from buyers on the road. Thousands of tourists visit Jaflong every week to enjoy its scenic beauty along the Bangladesh-India border. Many also shop for Indian blankets, chocolates, spices, cosmetics and other products that are widely available in roadside stores. Visitors, however, say their shopping experience often turns frustrating on their way home. Police and other law enforcement agencies, including the Border Guard Bangladesh, regularly set up checkpoints on the Sylhet-Tamabil highway, where Indian goods are confiscated on the grounds that they were brought into the country without legal customs clearance. Many tourists question why products that are openly displayed and sold in markets remain available if they are illegal, while buyers who purchase them in good faith face confiscation and questioning (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladeshi youth shot dead by Indian nationals near Sylhet border:** Indian nationals shot a Bangladeshi youth dead in the early hours of Saturday along the Gowainghat border in Sylhet. The border killing victim is Minhaj Uddin, 25, son of Kamar Uddin of Bhadeshwar village of Paschim Jaflong union in the Gowainghat upazila, the police said. Border Guard Bangladesh 48 Battalion commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Md Nazmul Haque confirmed the incident. **The BGB officer, referring to Minhaj's neighbours, said that he entered about a kilometre inside India illegally and was reportedly shot there by local khasi tribesmen. Local union parishad member Kamal Uddin said that Minhaj and several others entered India illegally.** The BGB officer Nazmul said in the afternoon that he had verbally informed his counterpart in the border security force of India about the killing incident. 'We, however, would make a formal protest to the BSF if it is confirmed that the victim was shot dead after receiving the post-mortem examination report,' he said (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **8 Rohingyas arrested while entering Bangladesh:** Eight members of the Rohingya community of Myanmar were arrested while allegedly entering Bangladesh through the Ghumdhum border in Bandarban's Naikhongchari upazila on Friday. **Commanding officer of BGB 34 Battalion in Cox's Bazar, lieutenant colonel SM Khairul Alam** said that the detainees were confirmed Myanmar nationals, but authorities were also verifying whether they had any links to Myanmar's armed forces or any armed group (*New Age*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Four people 'pushed by BSF' forced to stay on zero line near Dinajpur border:** Four members of the same family including a woman have been stranded on the zero line near the Dinajpur Sadar Upazila border after being allegedly pushed by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF). Kamalpur Union Village Police member Saiful Islam said the BSF "had pushed" the four people past the Dainur border pillar No. 315 around 5:30am on Saturday. **Soon afterward, locals noticed the situation and informed the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), which rushed to the scene and stopped the attempt to push them in. The four people were sitting on the water-stagnant zero line as of 5pm.** The BGB has intensified patrolling along the border. A number of villagers were also seen there. Even though a video showed the BGB troops talk to the four individuals, they declined to comment to the media (*bdnews24.com*, [11 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **BSF says foiled 'push-in of 13 people by BSF' on Panchagarh border:** Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has claimed to have thwarted an alleged attempt by its Indian counterpart to push-in 13 people including women and children through the Tentulia Upazila border in Panchagarh. According to the paramilitary force, the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) was forced to turn them back due to BGB's resistance on Saturday. **Lt Col Abdullah Mohammad Kayes, commander of Panchagarh-18 BGB Battalion, said the BSF tried to push the 13 people through the area adjacent to border pillar 434/5-S of the Majhipara border outpost (BOP) in the morning. Locals first noticed the matter and reported it to the BGB, which immediately sent a team to the scene. Once there, BGB members stopped the attempt to infiltrate and pushed the 13 individuals back to Indian territory from the zero line** (*bdnews24.com*, [12 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **7 remanded over alleged extremism links:** A Dhaka court on Sunday placed seven individual on a three-day remand in a case filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act over allegations of involvement in extremist activities. The seven remanded are Shah Amanat Sabir, 23, Md Hossain Tanim, 20, Junayed, 22, Ataulah Shah, 32, Md Abidur Rahman, 20, Md Bayezid, 30, and Tahsin Islam alias Sultan, 19. According to the prosecution, six of the accused had previously been remanded under Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure before the Anti-Terrorism Act case was filed. **On Saturday, Inspector AB Siddiki of Jatrabari Police Station filed the case against 16 named accused, including the seven remanded, along with several unidentified individuals. A Dhaka court has ordered the imprisonment of 19-year-old Tahseen Islam, who was arrested on allegations of involvement in extremist activities associated with the group known as Fatah Combat System (FCS). Police said that during preliminary interrogation, Tahsin admitted to being an active member of an extremist organisation called Fatah Combat System (FCS). Earlier, on Sunday, police announced the arrest of six individuals in the "Mini Cox's Bazar" area of Dhaka's Jatrabari on suspicion of extremist involvement. Law enforcement authorities said those arrested were students and instructors of Fatah Combat System (FCS), a Khulna-based martial arts training institution. ASP Mirajul alleged that under the guise of martial arts training, the Fatah Combat**

System had been encouraging young people toward extremism (bdnews24.com, [10 July 2026](#)); *Daily Sun*, [12 June 2026](#)).

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