

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Bangladeshi student organisations back India protests:** Several student organisations in Bangladesh on Tuesday expressed solidarity with the ongoing student movement in India over alleged examination paper leaks and irregularities in the country's education system. They condemned the reported arrests and use of state force against protesters and called for the students' demands to be met. In separate statements, the Bangladesh Students' Union, the Socialist Students' Front and the Jatiya Chhatra Shakti criticised the use of force against demonstrators during the recent 'Parliament March' programme in New Delhi. They urged the Indian authorities to refrain from suppressing peaceful student protests. The statements came as protests in India over alleged examination paper leaks and broader concerns about governance in the education sector continued, with demonstrators demanding accountability and the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan following clashes with police during a march towards parliament. The Jatiya Chhatra Shakti alleged that repeated question paper leaks in medical, university, government recruitment and competitive examinations reflected deep-rooted problems in India's education and recruitment systems. The organisation also condemned the reported detention of Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke during protests and criticised the derogatory use of the term 'cockroaches' to describe students. **Drawing a parallel with Bangladesh's July uprising, the organisation said that attempts to insult and suppress students' voices could intensify public resistance, urging the Indian government to immediately accept the students' legitimate demands and avoid the use of force.** The Bangladesh Students' Union also denounced what it termed state repression against protesting students and youths in India (*New Age*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **PM's adviser comments on possible cabinet reshuffle:** If Prime Minister Tarique Rahman believes that any member of the cabinet is not performing satisfactorily, he may reassign ministerial portfolios or appoint someone new to the position. However, it is not yet certain whether such changes would take place after the government's first 180 days in office or at a later stage. This was stated by Zahed Ur Rahman, the Prime Minister's Adviser on Information and Broadcasting. He made the remarks on Tuesday at the Secretariat during the government's regular press briefing on its recent activities. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman formed his new cabinet on 17 February. In addition to the Prime Minister, the cabinet currently consists of 24 full ministers and 23 state ministers. There are also 10 advisers with the rank of minister or state minister. Under the Rules of Business, the Prime Minister is responsible for assigning ministries and divisions to ministers and state ministers (*Prothom Alo*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Timeline, ethics cloud Jamaat MP's marriage claim:** Questions over the age of a young woman, conflicting documents about her marital status, a reported recommendation for a government job and broader ethical concerns have overshadowed Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami MP Gazi Nazrul Islam's claim that the woman seen in a viral video is his legally married second wife, placing both the lawmaker and his party under intense public scrutiny. What began as a controversy over leaked footage of the Satkhira-4 MP has rapidly evolved into

a debate over whether a public representative exercised appropriate judgment in developing a relationship with a young woman who reportedly sought his recommendation for employment, whether the timeline of their claimed marriage matches available documents, and how Jamaat - known for its conservative moral positions -- will respond to the first major personal controversy involving one of its lawmakers. **The controversy erupted after CCTV footage showing Gazi Nazrul Islam in an intimate setting with a young woman spread widely across social media and messaging platforms. Fact-checking organisation Rumor Scanner said its technical review found no indication that the footage had been created or manipulated using artificial intelligence, helping shift public attention from the authenticity of the video to the identities of those involved and the circumstances surrounding the relationship.** Within hours of the footage going viral, the MP issued a detailed statement rejecting suggestions that it showed an extramarital relationship. Jamaat-e-Islami has said it will investigate allegations involving Satkhira-4 lawmaker Gazi Nazrul Islam and take necessary organisational measures after gathering relevant facts and evidence. The party's Assistant Secretary General and Central Publicity and Media Department Secretary Ahsanul Mahboob Zubair made the statement in a press release on Tuesday (*Times of Bangladesh*, [21 July 2026](#); *Dhaka Tribune*, [22 July 2026](#)).



- ◆ **EC finalises proposals to amend local polls laws:** The Election Commission (EC) finalised a set of recommendations to amend laws governing the country's five tiers of local government ahead of the upcoming local government elections. **"The amendment of laws is a legal matter. We will send our proposals to the Local Government Division. If they find them appropriate, they will act accordingly. Finalising laws is not within our jurisdiction,"** EC Senior Secretary **Akhtar Ahmed said** while speaking to reporters at the EC headquarters in Agargaon after the commission's 12th meeting this evening. He added that the recommendations would also serve as the basis for revising the electoral code of conduct for local government elections. The recommendations include incorporating the armed forces into the definition of law enforcement agencies; disqualifying MPO-listed teachers, dual citizens, loan defaulters and guarantors from contesting local polls; and barring individuals holding offices of profit from participating in the elections. The commission also decided that national identity cards (NIDs) should be renewed every 15 years on payment of a nominal fee (*The Daily Star*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **17 senior cops may be sent into forced retirement:** Seventeen senior police officials are likely to be sent into forced retirement over alleged allegiance to the Awami League, family ties to the party, roles in manipulating the 2014 and 2018 elections, repression of the opposition, and corruption. Three of them also face allegations of misconduct towards former prime minister and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, including her forcible removal from her cantonment residence in 2018. The home ministry yesterday sent the names of the 17 to the Prime Minister's Office, seeking approval to take action against them, several officials at the PMO and the

ministry confirmed to The Daily Star. “A gazette notifying the officers’ compulsory retirement will hopefully be issued today [yesterday] or tomorrow [today],” said a highly placed source familiar with the process. All 17 officers joined the police cadre on May 31, 2001. They include three deputy inspectors general (DIGs), 12 additional DIGs, one superintendent of police (SP), and one deputy police commissioner (*The Daily Star*, [22 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Govt warns against enforced disappearance, extrajudicial killing:** The prime minister’s information adviser Zahed Ur Rahman on Tuesday stated that the government would not tolerate enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings or any form of state repression under any circumstances. **Announcing a tough stance against cyberbullying, disinformation and the deliberate spread of false information online, the adviser also said that ‘bad news’ awaited cyber criminals.** His remarks came while responding to questions from journalists at a press briefing held at the Press Information Department at the Bangladesh Secretariat (New Age, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ICT orders army to produce Major Mozaffar by Jul 23:** The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has ordered former army officer Major Mozaffar Hossain to be produced in a crimes against humanity case involving retired lieutenant general Masud Uddin Chowdhury. The order was issued on Tuesday by ICT-2, headed by Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury, following a petition filed by Chief Prosecutor Md Aminul Islam. Aminul told reporters that Mozaffar, now in army custody, must be produced before the tribunal by 10am on Jul 23 under a warrant issued to the army’s adjutant general. Masud was arrested on Mar 23 (*bdnews24.com*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Advisor admits government ‘share’ of blame over delayed Milestone compensation:** Information Advisor Zahed Ur Rahman says the government “shares responsibility” for failing to compensate victims and families a year after the Milestone air crash. Responding to questions at a press conference on Tuesday, Zahed said the authorities will ensure the announced payments reach the affected families. He added that the recommendations made in the investigation report would be considered. **“I want to emphasise that I will personally raise the compensation issue and try to ensure it reaches the families quickly,” he said. “It is unfortunate that, even after one year, these families have not received compensation. We have also been in office for five months, so this is partly our failure as well. We will try to make up for it”** (*bdnews24.com*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ICT probe names Hasina, 40 others over Shapla Chattar crackdown:** The Investigation Agency of the International Crimes Tribunal on Tuesday submitted its probe report to the chief prosecutor, naming Sheikh Hasina and 40 others over the killing of Hefazat-e-Islam activists in 2013 Shapla Chattar crackdown. Chief prosecutor Md Aminul Islam said that he would officially brief journalists on Wednesday after reviewing the voluminous investigation report, while declining to disclose names of other accused. Aminul said on July 19 that investigators concluded that the crackdown was a ‘systematic’ and ‘planned’ operation involving ‘targeted’ killings that constituted crimes under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973. **He alleged that the operation was carried out through a chain of command reaching the highest level of the state.** According to the prosecution, while Hefazat activists were holding protests against bloggers, the then government used the operation to eliminate political opposition. Aminul said that deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina had been identified as the principal accused in the draft findings. The report also implicates a former inspector general of

police, a former Border Guard Bangladesh chief and several other officials (*New Age*, [22 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Dismissed BDR members stage protest for reinstatement, release:** Members of erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles who were dismissed and imprisoned following the 2009 BDR mutiny, along with their families, staged a protest in Dhaka on Tuesday demanding the reinstatement of their jobs and the release of detained personnel. The protesters from different districts, under the banner of BDR Welfare Council, gathered at the Central Shaheed Minar from Tuesday morning, held a rally and began a three-day sit-in there to press home their two-point demand. **Addressing the rally, BDR Welfare Council president Foyzul Alam said that they demanded reinstatement and full compensation for the sacked BDR members, the immediate release of innocent members and exemplary punishment of the real killers** (*New Age*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **TIB urges law to strengthen parliamentary standing committees:** Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has urged the government to enact a new law to strengthen the powers and effectiveness of parliamentary standing committees, expressing concern over what it described as repeated violations of parliamentary procedures in passing legislation and forming key oversight bodies. TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman alleged that the ruling party had used its parliamentary majority to push through bills without adequate scrutiny, debate or adherence to the Rules of Procedure, according to a press release issued on Tuesday (*Daily Sun*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **CNG station owners announce strike for July 30 for commission hike:** The Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners Association on Tuesday announced a nationwide strike for July 30, demanding an increase in the sales commission and implementation of a four-point charter of demands. The association warned of an indefinite shutdown of CNG filling stations from August 23 if the government failed to act (*New Age*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ICT judges likely to visit Aynaghar:** The judges of the two courts of the International Crimes Tribunal and the members of the ICT prosecution team are likely to visit two secret detention centres, known as Aynaghar, in the capital. One of the detention centres is the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC), which was reportedly operated by the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), while the other is the Task Force for Interrogation (TFI) Cell, run by the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB). One is located in Kochukhet, while the other is at RAB-1 headquarters in Uttara in the capital. ICT prosecutors said that the members of ICT-1 and ICT-2 may visit the sites as many victims of enforced disappearance were allegedly detained and tortured there for years. However, no date has yet been fixed (*Daily Sun*, [22 July 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Bangladesh aims to be trusted global source of green jute solutions:** The government on Tuesday expressed its firm commitment to working together to transform the jute sector into a modern industry, ensure fair prices for farmers, and establish Bangladesh as a trusted global source of climate-friendly jute-based solutions. **To achieve these goals, a coordination meeting titled “Strategic Economic Diplomacy and Export Expansion for Bangladesh’s Jute Sector” was jointly organised in Dhaka by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Textiles and Jute.** State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam and State Minister for

Textiles and Jute Md Shariful Alam announced the formation of a joint working group between the two ministries and the organisation of an 'International Jute Expo' in the near future with a renewed global outlook. **The state minister for foreign affairs reaffirmed the government's commitment to revitalising the jute sector and underscored the importance of organising Jute and Jute Products Exhibitions to restore the glory of the country's "golden fibre."** She placed particular emphasis on leveraging economic diplomacy, with the active support of Bangladesh missions abroad, to promote the development of the jute industry. The meeting decided that the proposed joint working group would formulate a national roadmap for jute exhibitions, address trade barriers affecting the jute industry, facilitate the establishment of dedicated research centres for jute, promote the adoption of modern technologies across the sector, and monitor the progress of mill modernisation initiatives. It was also decided that the proposed International Jute Expo would bring together domestic and international buyers, researchers, and investors to strengthen Bangladesh's engagement with global markets (*Dhaka Tribune*, [21 July 2026](#)).

◆ **ECNEC Likely to approve Tk 2,082.12cr 'Rural Road Maintenance & Employment Project':**

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) is likely to consider a Tk 2,082.12 crore government-funded project to maintain rural roads across the country while creating employment opportunities for thousands of poor rural women. **According to the project summary prepared by the Planning Commission, the proposed "Rural Road Maintenance and Employment Project" will be implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Local Government Division by December 2029 at a total estimated cost of Tk 2,082.12 crore, entirely financed by the government.** Under the project, LGED will undertake regular maintenance of 91,560 kilometres of rural roads across 495 upazilas in all 64 districts under the country's eight divisions. Project areas have been selected based on indicators such as the Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI), Poverty Index and Environmental Hazard Index, with priority given to improving rural connectivity and expanding social protection through women's employment. The Planning Commission said the project is aligned with the government's election manifesto, particularly commitments relating to poverty reduction, agricultural development, nationwide employment generation and ensuring "last-mile" connectivity in remote areas (*BSS News*, [21 July 2026](#)).

◆ **Apollo Hospitals Chennai holds int'l CME prog in Dhaka:** Apollo Hospitals Chennai, in collaboration with Apollo Clinic Dhanmondi, Dhaka [Licensee: JMI Specialised Hospital PLC], organised an International Continuing Medical Education Programme for doctors at Apollo Clinic Dhanmondi on Sunday. **The programme brought together nearly 100 Bangladeshi medical students, postgraduate residents and consultant physicians to exchange knowledge with international experts in robotic urology, laparoscopic surgery and endoscopic procedures, said a press release.** According to the organisers, the event reinforced the collaboration between JMI Specialised Hospital PLC and Apollo Hospitals, aiming to provide Bangladeshi patients with access to world-class healthcare services locally and reduce the need for treatment abroad (*New Age*, [22 July 2026](#)).

◆ **World Bank keen to support govt's priority programmes:** The World Bank has expressed its interest in supporting the government's priority programmes, including the Family Card and Farmers' Card initiatives, employment generation and women's economic empowerment. World Bank Division Director for Bangladesh Jean Pesme expressed the interest during a meeting with Prime Minister's Adviser Mahdi Amin at the Prime Minister's Office in Tejgaon on Tuesday afternoon, said a press release. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a number of government's priority programmes, with particular focus on the

nationwide expansion of the Family Card programme, the Farmers' Card scheme, job creation, increasing employment opportunities for women, expanding technical and vocational education and strengthening the economic empowerment of grassroots women. They also exchanged views on expanding the Family Card programme across the country to ensure greater inclusion of poor and marginalised people, especially women. The discussion highlighted the importance of developing a skilled workforce and strengthening employment-oriented education to meet future labour market demands. The World Bank representatives expressed their willingness to share with Bangladesh their experience of implementing development programmes in different countries. They also reaffirmed their interest in providing technical support and working closely with the government to implement its priority initiatives (*Dhaka Tribune*, [21 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Titas users grapple with gas shortage after LNG terminal ‘glitch’:** “Technical glitch” at the LNG terminals in Maheshkhali have reduced daily gas supply by around 450 million cubic feet (mmcf). Hence, residential, industrial, commercial and CNG station customers under the Titas Gas distribution network will continue to experience low gas pressure until the situation improves, the company said. Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution PLC said on Tuesday that the technical problems at the Maheshkhali LNG terminals had reduced the supply of regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by around 450mmcf. The company did not specify which terminal had developed the fault, the nature of the technical problem, when the disruption began, or how long it might take to restore normal supply. As in previous announcements, Titas expressed regret for the "temporary inconvenience" caused to customers. In an earlier statement issued on Monday, the company had said a supply shortfall had left industrial, commercial, CNG and residential consumers in several areas under its network facing "severe low gas pressure" (*bdnews24.com*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Dhaka-Ashulia expressway cost swells by Tk9,680cr with three new links:** The Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway project is set to get three major new links and an additional Tk9,680 crore in costs, as its twice-revised proposal finally reaches the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) today, after six months in limbo. Prime Minister and ECNEC Chairperson Tarique Rahman is expected to chair the meeting at the Bangladesh Secretariat, where the revised proposal is among nine development schemes on the agenda. The revision would widen the scope of the 24-kilometre expressway, adding a new interchange at Baipayl, a direct link to the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, and a connection to the planned underground MRT Line 1. A senior Planning Commission official told the Daily Sun that the project had stayed pending for nearly six months after the Project Evaluation Committee examined the revision in January (*Daily Sun*, [22 July 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **French envoy meets minister Zahid to boost cooperation on women, child development:** French Ambassador to Bangladesh Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet paid a courtesy call on Minister for Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain at the ministry in Dhaka. The two sides discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation on women's empowerment, child welfare and social development, according to a ministry press release. The meeting focused on a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including women's rights, sustainable development for women and children, prevention of child marriage, the Family Card programme, MCBP, the Mid-Day Meal initiative, and counter-terrorism cooperation. During the meeting, the minister sought France's support in creating employment opportunities

for trained Bangladeshi women caregivers in France and expanding the export of handicraft products made by Bangladeshi women. The French ambassador responded positively to the proposals. At the end of the meeting, Ambassador Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet invited the minister to participate in the Feminist Foreign Policy Conference, scheduled to be held in September (*BSS News*, [21 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Bangladesh, Türkiye discuss growing fraternal partnership:** The foreign ministry today said Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman and Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir reviewed Bangladesh's growing fraternal partnership with Ankara in a meeting with Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister Berris Ekinici in Manila. **"During the meeting, the two sides had a cordial exchange of views on the steadily growing partnership between Bangladesh and Türkiye,"** the foreign ministry said in a statement. It said their interaction, on the sidelines of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meetings in the Philippines capital, reflected the close and friendly bilateral relations and their continued engagement towards further strengthening Dhaka-Ankara cooperation. The statement further said the Rahman and Kobir had a cordial exchange of views on the steadily growing partnership between Bangladesh and Türkiye. The foreign minister arrived in Manila this afternoon from New York to join the ARF meetings (*BSS News*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Maldives looks beyond labour, eyes skilled Bangladeshis:** The Maldives is looking to transform its relationship with Bangladesh from one centred largely on migrant labour into a broader economic partnership, while seeking more skilled Bangladeshi professionals to support the island nation's expanding healthcare, tourism and infrastructure sectors. **Speaking during a visit to the Dhaka Tribune and Bangla Tribune offices on Tuesday, Maldives High Commissioner Shiuneen Rasheed said around 100,000 Bangladeshis currently live and work in the Maldives, making them one of the country's largest expatriate communities, and that the government is now working to both regularize undocumented workers and attract a more skilled workforce.** "We have traditionally employed many Bangladeshis in construction and hospitality," she said. "But as our economy grows, demand is increasing for skilled professionals, including nurses, accountants and other specialists." The shift comes as the Maldives pursues ambitious infrastructure and tourism expansion while reforming its labour market through a nationwide registration program aimed at documenting foreign workers and improving labour governance (*Dhaka Tribune*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Singapore eyes deeper cooperation with Bangladesh in trade, aviation, education sectors:** Charge d'affaires at the High Commission of Singapore, Mitchel Lee, on Tuesday met Adviser and Spokesperson of the Prime Minister's Office, Mahdi Amin and updated him on Singapore's ongoing interests in the port, logistics and aviation sectors. **He mentioned the digitalisation of airports and other government services, intentions to conclude a bilateral Free Trade Agreement, carbon credits collaboration, and capacity building for government officials. They discussed cooperation in education and human resource development, sharing of experience in this sector, particularly in vocational education, said the High Commission of Singapore in Dhaka.** Lee described the meeting as a constructive discussion and said he looks forward to further interactions with the aim of deepening ties between Bangladesh and Singapore (*Dhaka Tribune*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Comparisons between BIMSTEC and SAARC misleading and misplaced:** BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey today said comparisons between BIMSTEC and SAARC are "misleading and misplaced", arguing that such comparisons ultimately hurt the

interests of the Bay of Bengal regional grouping. Pandey said regional cooperation is a prerequisite for ensuring development and security across the Bay of Bengal region, noting that BIMSTEC has emerged as a dynamic and effective platform for advancing the shared aspirations of its member states. He said the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) serves the core security and development interests of Bangladesh, as well as those of its other member states. **Highlighting the growing importance of the regional grouping, the Secretary General said BIMSTEC should be assessed on the basis of its own mandate, achievements and potential, rather than being viewed through the prism of other regional organisations.** The Secretary General's remarks came at a time when BIMSTEC is seeking to accelerate the implementation of decisions taken by its leaders and strengthen cooperation in priority areas ranging from trade and connectivity to security, the environment and people-to-people contacts. Bangladesh currently holds the chairmanship of BIMSTEC, having assumed the responsibility from Thailand at the Sixth BIMSTEC Summit held in Bangkok in April 2025 (*BSS News*, [21 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Rohingya crisis not on BIMSTEC agenda as it is a 'political' issue, says secretary general:** The Rohingya crisis is not part of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) agenda because it is a “political issue”, Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey has said. Speaking at an interaction with members of the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB) at the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka on Tuesday, Pandey said the organisation's agenda is determined collectively by its member states and does not currently include political issues. "The agenda of BIMSTEC is decided by the member states together. As of now, our agenda, as I explained to you, doesn't include issues which are political in nature. “So that's where the matter stands," he said in response to a question on whether the organisation could play a role in resolving the Rohingya crisis. Myanmar, the homeland of the Rohingya refugees, is one of BIMSTEC's seven member states. **Only a day earlier, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam had urged BIMSTEC to take a more effective role in facilitating the refugees' return** (*bdnews24.com*, [21 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Korean envoy meets PM's defence adviser:** South Korean ambassador to Bangladesh Kim Ji-Joon on Tuesday paid a courtesy call on prime minister's defence adviser retired Brigadier General AKM Shamsul Islam at the armed forces division headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment. During the meeting, they exchanged greetings and recalled the longstanding friendly and excellent bilateral relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea, said an Inter Services Public Relations press release. **The two sides discussed potential areas of cooperation to support the ongoing modernisation and capability enhancement of Bangladesh Armed Forces. They also exchanged views on strengthening collaboration in military equipment, defence technology transfer, shipbuilding, joint training and advanced military education.** Both sides expressed positive attitudes towards expanding cooperation in these fields and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening bilateral defence relations. The meeting also focused on ways to elevate the existing defence and diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and South Korea to a new height (*New Age*, [22 July 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **BGB foils BSF bid to install cement boundary posts along Patgram border:** Members of the Border Guard Bangladesh prevented India's Border Security Force from installing cement

boundary posts near the Patgram border in Lalmonirhat, prompting the BSF to retreat, officials said on Tuesday. The incident took place on Monday afternoon in the Poyshottibari border area under Sreerampur Union of Patgram upazila, between Border Pillars 845/1-S and 845/2-S, within the jurisdiction of Poyshottibari Border Outpost under the 61 BGB Battalion. Assistant director of the 61 BGB Battalion Karimul Islam confirmed the incident in a press release issued on Tuesday. **According to BGB and local sources, members of the BSF's Panishala-1 Camp of the 98 Battalion, assisted by Indian nationals, removed previously installed bamboo posts in the Panishala area of Harikamata village under Mekhliganj Police Station in Cooch Behar district, about 100 metres inside Indian territory from the zero line. They then began installing new cement posts measuring around three to four feet in height. On receiving the information, a BGB patrol team rushed to the spot and objected to the installation, after which the BSF personnel withdrew from the area.** Legally, any construction that either side engages in within 150 metres of either side of the zero line must be preceded by mutual consultations (*New Age*, [21 July 2026](#)).

- ◆ **3-day remand granted for Mamun who was arrested over alleged extremist links:** A court has granted police permission to question Md Mamun Hossain, 26, on a three-day remand after his arrest at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka over allegations of links to an extremist organisation. During the remand hearing, Mamun maintained that he was innocent and said he had been travelling to Qatar on a work visa. However, the prosecution alleged that he had previously been involved in extremist activities both in Bangladesh and abroad, in addition to facing earlier cases under the Anti-Terrorism Act (*Prothom Alo*, [21 July 2026](#)).
- ◆ **256 more Rohingyas to be resettled in developed countries:** Two hundred and fifty six displaced Rohingya people are expected to leave Bangladesh soon for resettlement in six developed countries – the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Dr Ziauddin Ahmed, additional secretary (Immigration Wing) at the Ministry of Home Affairs, confirmed the move to the Daily Sun. He said the home ministry had completed its part of the process and the matter was now with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "I hope that they will soon leave the country for the developed countries," he said. **Resettlement is a voluntary, safe and regulated process through which refugees are transferred from the country where they are currently registered to a third country. The initiative is being coordinated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), a US-based humanitarian organisation** (*Daily Sun*, [22 July 2026](#)).

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