

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **SRB formed using RAB's manpower and resources, bill passed amid opposition:** A bill to form a new specialised unit under police -- styled the Special Response Battalion (SRB) -- and dissolve the controversial Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) has been passed in parliament despite objections from Opposition leaders. As the legislation provides for transferring RAB's personnel, assets, documents, facilities, funds, and liabilities to the new unit, Opposition members accused the government of essentially keeping the same force under a new brand. Some described it as "old wine in a new bottle" and demanded that the bill undergo further scrutiny and stakeholder consultations. Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmad, however, said the new battalion was formed specifically through the dissolution of RAB and that the SRB has "no link" with the former unit. The Special Response Battalion (SRB) Bill 2026 was passed by voice vote in parliament on Thursday following lengthy debates and clause-by-clause consideration. Earlier, parliament rejected opposition proposals to send the bill for public opinion polling and to a scrutiny committee. The parliament also rejected two amendments proposed by independent MP Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Iqbal over the bill's preamble and Section 24 by voice vote (bdnews24.com, [10 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Powar says Efforts underway to 'refine' and bring back Awami League:** Efforts are underway to "refine" the Awami League and bring it back into politics in a new form, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar alleged today. He claimed that some people within the government, along with groups linked to Delhi, were involved in the process. Porwar made the remarks while speaking as a special guest at a Jamaat conference in Khulna in the morning, according to a press release issued by the party's central publicity department. However, Porwar said the Awami League would not be able to make an easy political comeback if the anti-fascist political forces remained united. "Whether one does politics as a leftist, BNP or Awami League supporter, ultimately, ideological position determines the true identity of a political force," Porwar said. Referring to Islami Chhatra Shibir's success in the last Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) election, he said the student organisation had once been prevented from carrying out activities for students on campus but was now getting the opportunity to work. He described Shibir's victory in the Ducsu election as a reflection of support from young people who believe in Islamic ideals (*The Daily Star*, [11 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Awami League's (activities banned) flash procession in Gulshan:** A Dhaka court on Saturday placed 25 alleged leaders and activists of the activities-banned Awami League (AL) and its front organizations on 10-day remand each in a case filed over a flash procession in Gulshan on Friday. According to the case documents, the accused brought out a flash procession on Road 3 in Gulshan-1 around 11:50am. They also exploded a couple of crude bombs, creating panic in the area. Police later filed the case under the Anti-Terrorism Act. Police have arrested 40 more people in connection with a procession brought out by the Awami League, whose activities are currently banned, in Dhaka's Gulshan area. In a message sent by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Media and Public Relations Division on Sunday, police said 40 people who "participated in the procession" were arrested on Saturday night. However, they did not provide

the names or identities of the arrestees. Earlier on Saturday, police had said that 32 people who had “directly participated” in the procession were arrested. This brings the total number of arrests following the Gulshan rally to 72. Several videos of the rally circulating on social media showed hundreds of people chanting “Joy Bangla.” Nine people arrested after a “Joy Bangla” march in Dhaka’s Gulshan have been sent to jail under the Anti-Terrorism Act (*Dhaka Tribune*, [12 September 2026](#); *bdnews24.com*, [13 September 2026](#); [13 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Renovated DUCSU museum foregrounds Jinnah while iconic Mujib images disappear:** The renovated DUCSU museum has reopened with Muhammad Ali Jinnah now among the prominent figures on display. But some of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s most iconic photographs are missing. Jinnah appears in multiple images, including one from his 1948 declaration that “Only Urdu shall be the state language of Pakistan”. Mujib, meanwhile, is represented mainly through photographs from the 1970s and newspaper clippings. The museum was reopened Sunday by DUCSU Secretary for Liberation War and Mass Movements Fatima Tasnim Zuma, with Vice-President Shadik Kayem, General Secretary SM Farhad and others present. There is no standalone prominent photograph of Sheikh Mujib. His image appears in three newspaper clippings and photographs of his sons’ weddings between 1971 and 1975. Images from his leadership of the Language Movement, United Front election, Six-Point movement, Agartala Conspiracy case, 1969 Mass Uprising, 1970 election and Mar 7 speech are missing. Asked why, Zuma told *bdnews24*: “After Aug 5, 2024, all the images of the icons of ‘fascism’ were removed from here.” She added that Sheikh Mujib’s photographs remained in the 1972-75 section. Asked why none from 1947-71 were retained, she replied: “I did not feel like it, so I did not keep it” (*bdnews24.com*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **National committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts reconstituted with PM as chairperson:** The government has reconstituted the National Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts to set priorities on key issues concerning the region, oversee the implementation of various activities and coordinate security and law-and-order matters. The prime minister has been appointed chairperson of the 19-member committee, according to a notification issued by the Cabinet Division on Thursday. The committee includes nine ministers and advisers, along with the Cabinet secretary, principal secretary to the prime minister, members of parliament elected from the three Hill Tracts districts, the principal coordinator for SDG affairs at the Prime Minister’s Office, and the director generals of National Security Intelligence (NSI) and the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI). The chief coordinator of the Armed Forces Division under the Ministry of Defence has been appointed chief coordinator of the committee, while the DG of DGFI will serve as the member-secretary (*Dhaka Tribune*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Rizvi says Jamaat is Awami League’s political ally:** BNP Acting Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi on Sunday accused Jamaat-e-Islami of being a political ally of the Awami League, alleging that the party uses religion for political gain. “Jamaat’s politics is barbaric and cruel and aligned with those who seek to destroy democracy,” Rizvi said. He made the remarks at a programme in Maskara village of Chauddagam upazila in Cumilla, where new homes and goats were distributed among five BNP families whose houses were damaged in fires during election-related violence. Rizvi questioned how a political party could invoke religion while allegedly exploiting people’s faith for political purposes. “Islam’s true message is to serve humanity and stand beside the helpless and distressed. But they do not follow that ideal. They are focused on gaining political advantage,” he said (*Daily Times of Bangladesh*, [13 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Rizvi questions over repeated disruptions at Adani power plant:** BNP Acting Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi on Saturday questioned whether sabotage or a conspiracy is behind repeated disruptions in electricity supply from the Adani power plant in India. “One of its units has broken down. The supply of electricity coming from there has been disrupted. There are crises from so many directions,” he said. Rizvi made the remarks while addressing a discussion organised by the 12-party alliance at the Jatiya Press Club in the noon on “The Ongoing Crisis in the Country and What Patriotic Forces Should Do.” “Is there any incident? Is there any mystery? Is there sabotage somewhere? This question has arisen in people’s minds, not only mine, but in everyone’s mind. Why are technical faults occurring one after another? Why is a unit shutting down somewhere?” he said. “These issues are making all of us think. Why is this situation being created? Are various conspiracies being carried out to obstruct the government’s people-oriented programmes? Everyone is thinking about this,” he said. He said the government has been paying power plants in instalments and is also paying dues under international agreements, including those with India (*Daily Times of Bangladesh*, [12 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ACC says it has found more corruption allegations against Asif Mahmud:** The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has said it has begun looking into allegations that former interim government adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan was involved in transactions worth billions of taka in appointments, transfers and postings, as well as money laundering abroad. The commission has decided to incorporate the allegations into its ongoing investigation against him. At a press conference in Segunbagicha in the capital on Sunday, ACC assistant director Mohammad Tanzir Ahmed said a new allegation had been received against Asif Mahmud. As the allegation falls within the ACC’s jurisdiction, the commission has decided to include it in its previous investigation, he said. Tanzir Ahmed said there were allegations that around Tk 600 million was transacted in connection with the appointment of an administrator to Dhaka North City Corporation, while Tk 20 million to Tk 100 million was allegedly transacted for the appointment of 36 deputy commissioners across the country. There were also allegations of tender trading at Dhaka South City Corporation and that 10 to 30 per cent commissions were taken from development project tenders while Asif Mahmud was in charge of the Local Government Division, he said. He was also allegedly involved in tender trading at Narayanganj and Cumilla city corporations, according to the allegations. National Citizen Party (NCP) spokesperson Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain today rejected allegations that he had laundered around Tk 11,000 crore to several destinations, including Australia, Dubai and Singapore, saying he was prepared to face them. “These are allegations of corruption over promotions that took place during the BNP government’s tenure, but they are using it against me because of political motive,” Asif said at a press conference at the NCP office in Banglamotor this evening. “Today they are making one allegation, tomorrow they may make another. Let them continue. We are prepared for this,” he added (*Prothom Alo*, [13 September 2026](#); *The Daily Star*, [13 September 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Bangladesh targets additional \$5b US investment in five years:** Bangladesh has set a target of attracting an additional US\$5 billion in investment from the United States (US) over the next five years, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktaadir said today. “The government and the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) will work together to achieve the target by creating greater investment opportunities, generating employment and facilitating

technology transfer," he said. "Bangladesh is fully prepared to work closely with US companies to increase investment, create employment, transfer technology and expand economic opportunities," he added. The minister was addressing a programme marking the 30th anniversary of AmCham Bangladesh at the Radisson Blu Water Garden ballroom in the capital this evening. Muktadir expressed hope that the next chapter of Bangladesh-US economic relations would be more promising, with more US companies investing in Bangladesh, bringing advanced technologies and global expertise, while access of Bangladeshi goods and services to the US market would expand further. He stressed the need for stronger partnerships among the government, business community, investors, development partners and organisations like AmCham to achieve the goal (*BSS News*, [12 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Indian traders seek Bangladeshi hilsa for Durga Puja, which companies want to export:** Eighteen Bangladeshi companies have applied for permission to export hilsa to India ahead of Durga Puja. At the same time, the Fish Importers Association of India has sought permission to import hilsa from Bangladesh. The Ministry of Commerce has sought the opinion of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock to determine whether permission should be granted for the exports, according to sources at the Ministry of Commerce. After receiving the applications from exporters, the Ministry of Commerce sent a letter to the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock yesterday, Wednesday, seeking its opinion on the supply and demand situation of hilsa in the country. A decision on whether to allow hilsa exports to India will be made based on that opinion (*Prothom Alo*, [10 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Govt reviewing 101 MoUs signed with India: chief whip:** The incumbent government is reviewing 101 memorandums of understanding signed between Bangladesh and India, chief whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Nurul Islam Moni said on Friday. 'You will know the outcome of the review very soon,' he told journalists at a post-session press conference at the Jatiya Sangsad Media Centre. Earlier at the press conference, Moni accused the ousted Awami League government of compromising Bangladesh's national interests by favouring a friendly country, without naming India. 'When our country's ships arrived at Chittagong Port, ships from a friendly country used to be unloaded before ours. Ships from that friendly country entered the port before our ships could berth,' he said. He also alleged that goods-laden vehicles from that country were allowed to use Bangladesh's roads free of charge (*New Age*, [11 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **India privately promised support for Ganges Barrage Project, says Farooq Sobhan:** Former foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan has said India privately promised Bangladesh during negotiations over the 1996 Ganges Water Sharing Treaty that it would support the construction of the Ganges Barrage Project, but the initiative eventually stalled. Speaking at a book launch at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka on Saturday, Sobhan recalled the diplomatic process surrounding the treaty and said several key safeguards, including a minimum water guarantee and an arbitration clause, were dropped from the final agreement. 'On the signing of the Ganges Water Treaty, the conventional argument was that it would open the door to improved relations with India. We had a whole range of pending issues. The Indians had privately promised that they would support the construction of the Ganges Barrage Project,' he said. 'We had two meetings on the Ganges Water Barrage Project, but, like so much else, it died a natural death. I think we are still waiting to see it revived' (*New Age*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Adani power plant resumes full supply to Bangladesh:** The second unit of Adani Power's Godda power plant in Jharkhand, India, has resumed operations following a technical fault, bringing both units back online to supply electricity to Bangladesh. The recovery comes as one of the two units at the coal-fired Rampal Thermal Power Plant suffered an unexpected outage,

reducing the plant's output to below 600MW. According to sources at the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and Power Grid Bangladesh PLC (PGCB), the second unit at Godda resumed generation at around noon on Sunday. By 2pm, the plant's first unit was supplying 756MW and the second unit 290MW to Bangladesh, with combined supply rising to 1,453MW by 6pm, according to officials. The 1,600MW Godda facility comprises two 800MW units under a power purchase agreement signed with the BPDB in 2017. During peak demand periods, the plant has delivered upwards of 1,500MW to the Bangladeshi grid. The second unit had been offline since midnight on 9 September. Prior to the failure, the plant was supplying more than 1,400MW an hour, but output halved to around 758MW following the outage. The sudden drop added further strain to Bangladesh's grid amid an acute supply deficit. The return of the second Adani unit is expected to offer partial relief to the national grid, though issues elsewhere continue to hamper total generation capacity. At the Rampal plant – a joint Bangladesh-India initiative – a technical snag forced one of its two units offline, cutting production to under 600MW from more than 1,100MW recorded the previous day. Plant officials confirmed there is sufficient coal in stock, adding that engineers are investigating the cause of the failure to restore full operation as quickly as possible (*Daily Sun*, [14 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Adani's 1600-MW plant's power supply increases to 1450-MW at 6pm:** India's Adani Power has resumed operation of its Unit-2 of Godda Thermal Power Station in full scale supplying electricity to Bangladesh's national grid after a pause of three days," Power Development Board (BPDB) official said today. BPDB member Mohammad Jahurul Islam said power supply from the Godda plant's Unit-2 resumed at 12:04pm today while the quantum was increased to 1450 MW at 6 PM as it Unit 2 restarted full scale generation. Power generation of the Unit-2 remain suspended since Thursday midnight due to technical fault, according to Adani Power sources. Bangladesh imports electricity from Adani Power under a 25-year power purchase agreement signed in 2017 to purchase 1,600 MW from its coal-fired power plant in Godda. Data from the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) showed that Adani Power had been supplying around 800-1,000 MW to Bangladesh since mid-August. The plant, comprising two 800-MW units, supplies electricity exclusively to Bangladesh under the long-term agreement with the BPDB (*BSS News*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Chevron team meets PM, discusses investment in Bangladesh's gas sector:** A high-level delegation from Chevron met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Sunday and discussed the US energy giant's potential investment in Bangladesh's energy sector, particularly gas. President of Chevron's Base Assets and Emerging Countries Javier La Rosa led the delegation during the meeting held at the Prime Minister's Office at Bangladesh Secretariat in the morning, said a release issued by the PM's press wing. During the meeting, the delegation discussed increasing Chevron's investment in Bangladesh's existing and mature gas fields, as well as exploring opportunities for investment in new gas fields. The discussions came amid the government's efforts to strengthen domestic gas production and attract investment to the energy sector to meet the country's growing energy demand. Prime Minister's Adviser on Finance and Planning Dr Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Aninda Islam Amit, Chevron Bangladesh President and Managing Director Shu Xiong and senior officials concerned were present (*Dhaka Tribune*, [13 September 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Bangladesh PM Tarique to skip BRICS Summit, but bilateral India visit still on the table:** Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will not attend the BRICS Summit in New Delhi, but Dhaka

has left the door open for a separate bilateral visit to India if the conditions are right. No Bangladeshi representative will take part in the summit, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir told reporters in Dhaka on Thursday. He said Bangladesh was unhappy with the way the invitation to the BRICS gathering had been extended. "The prime minister was invited as the chairman of BIMSTEC, not as the prime minister of Bangladesh." He nevertheless indicated that Tarique could travel to India separately if a favourable environment emerged for a bilateral visit (*bdnews24.com*, [10 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **'India for breakfast, lunch, dinner?' Bangladesh minister urges to look beyond New Delhi:** Bangladesh should stop viewing every diplomatic question through the lens of its larger neighbour India, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir has suggested, urging the nation to focus more closely on its own interests. His remarks came after a journalist asked whether Prime Minister Tarique Rahman could meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. "India for daily breakfast, India for lunch, India for dinner -- then, brother, when will you eat your own country's food?" Kobir said. The exchange began when a journalist had observed that bilateral meetings should not take place at a multilateral forum before discussions are held separately with the country concerned. "Who says that? Where does this observation come from? Did someone from the government tell you so?" Kobir asked. When the journalist pointed out that Kobir himself had said Bangladesh would not hold bilateral meetings at a multilateral forum, he rejected the interpretation. "My answer was specific to India. We want a good working relationship with India, so it would be better if the visit happens first." Kobir's sharp remarks come against the backdrop of recalibrated diplomatic engagements between Dhaka and New Delhi following the 2024 political transition (*bdnews24.com*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **'We want to reset ties, PM's bilateral visit to India should take place':** Foreign Affairs State Minister Humaiun Kobir said Bangladesh wants to reset its relations with India and move beyond the nature of ties maintained over the past 15 years. Therefore, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman should make a bilateral visit, rather than travel there as part of a multilateral engagement, he said. The state minister made the remarks at a briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Sunday afternoon. Asked about the chief whip's statement that 101 agreements signed with India were being re-examined, Humaiun Kobir said the agreements were being scrutinised and reviewed through the parliamentary process. "This is a matter under the chief whip's purview. He will be able to give you the correct answer on this," he said. Asked whether Prime Minister Tarique Rahman would meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the UNGA, Humayun Kabir said, "Your question is not correct. Come out of your fascination with India. India is simply another neighbouring country with which we want good bilateral relations (*Prothom Alo*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **President for stronger Bangladesh-Pakistan ties:** President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on Sunday called for further strengthening Bangladesh-Pakistan ties for the mutual benefit of the two countries, particularly in trade and business, investment, air connectivity, education and training. "Pakistan is an important partner of Bangladesh in various fields. People of both countries will be benefitted if trade and economic activities between the two countries could be expanded further," he said. The President made the call as Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider met him at Bangabhaban today, President's Press Secretary Md Sarwar Alam told BSS. The President stressed consolidating relation between businessmen and entrepreneurs and utilizing new trade opportunities. He called for utilising the potentials for

exporting Pakistani products like garments and cotton yarn to Bangladesh, alongside making bilateral trade more balanced. The Pakistani High Commissioner said a trade fair featuring Pakistani products to be held in Dhaka in October and urged Bangladesh to organise a similar trade fair in Pakistan featuring Bangladesh's items. The High Commissioner also said Pakistani entrepreneurs are interested in undertaking joint initiatives to manufacture sports items, including football. Referring to the recent resumption of direct flight connectivity between Dhaka and Karachi this year, the High Commissioner said the connectivity is playing a positive role in increasing trade and business, medical tourism and people-to-people contacts between the two countries. He stressed increasing the number of flights further (*Prothom Alo*, [13 September 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Humaion says PM to present new Bangladesh vision at UNGA:** Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will present Bangladesh's new outlook and future vision before world leaders during his address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York later this month, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaion Kobir said today. "The prime minister will present Bangladesh's new outlook and vision, what the new Bangladesh will look like," Kobir told journalists at the foreign ministry. He said the prime minister is scheduled to leave for New York on 21 September and stay there until 26 September, with a busy programme involving his UNGA address and meetings with world leaders. Kobir said the prime minister would highlight Bangladesh's democratic transformation and how a government was elected through a free and fair election. He would also share with world leaders his thoughts and vision for the country's future and outline how Bangladesh intends to play an influential and positive role in promoting global peace, sustainable solutions and resolution of various crises, the state minister said. Kobir said the Rohingya crisis would remain a major priority during the visit with Bangladesh planning a high-level discussion and a side event on the issue. Domestic priorities, including poverty eradication, generating new hope in the economy and Bangladesh's leadership on climate action, particularly climate finance, would also feature in the prime minister's address, he added (*Daily Sun*, [13 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh, France discuss ways to deepen political engagement:** Bangladesh and France today discussed issues and ways to further strengthen political engagement between the two countries as a three-member delegation of French senators met state minister for foreign affairs Shama Obaed Islam. The two sides also exchanged views on a range of bilateral and multilateral issues during the meeting held at the state minister's office here, said the French embassy here. The French delegation comprised Senators Guillaume Chevrollier, Pierre-Alain Roiron and Olivier Henno, who arrived in Dhaka on Saturday night on a three-day official visit. French Ambassador to Bangladesh Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet and Christian Bec, head of the political wing at the French Embassy in Dhaka, accompanied the senators during the meeting. The senators are members of the French-Southeast Asia and Bangladesh Senate Friendship Group. The French Embassy in Dhaka described the visit as particularly significant as it marks the first political-level visit from France since Bangladesh's new democratically elected government assumed office. During their visit, the senators are expected to discuss ways to further strengthen political and parliamentary ties, exchange perspectives with their Bangladeshi counterparts and explore new avenues of cooperation between the two countries (*BSS News*, [13 September 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **Ten Bangladeshis taken to India after boat capsizes in Padma:** Indian Border Security Force (BSF) personnel rescued 10 Bangladeshi nationals after a boat carrying 12 passengers capsized in the Padma River in Chapainawabganj sadar upazila on Saturday afternoon. One passenger managed to swim back to Bangladeshi territory, while another remains missing. Police and locals said the boat carrying 12 passengers departed from Bakherali Ghat for Johurpurtek at around 5pm. Approximately 20 minutes into the journey, the vessel overturned due to strong winds and intense river currents. Patrolling BSF members from Khandua BSF Camp rescued 10 passengers from the river and took them into Indian territory. One passenger, identified as Wasim, 25; managed to swim ashore to Bangladesh, while a man named Mostafa remains missing. The identities of the 10 rescued Bangladeshis have not yet been confirmed. Upon receiving the news, police and Fire Service personnel dispatched teams to the scene. Meanwhile, BSF officially notified Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) regarding the rescue of the 10 Bangladeshi nationals (*Dhaka Tribune*, [12 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladeshi man injured in BSF shooting near Thakurgaon border dies in Indian hospital:** A Bangladeshi man who was injured in a shooting by India's Border Security Force across the border from Thakurgaon's Pirganj has died while receiving treatment at a hospital in India. The deceased has been identified as Asadul Haque, 38, a resident of Idrail village in Pirganj Upazila. In a media statement issued on Saturday night, Dinajpur-42 BGB said Asadul was a known drug smuggler and was also involved in human trafficking. The BGB said several cases had been filed against him with Pirganj Police. According to the information provided by the BGB, Asadul was shot by the BSF across the border in Pirganj and was subsequently receiving treatment at a hospital in India, where he died. Lt Col Abdullah said news about his death came from reports published by Indian media. Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Al Moin, commander of Dinajpur 42 Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), said the BGB held a flag meeting with the BSF to facilitate the repatriation of Asadul's body. The flag meeting was held at the zero line of the Chanderhat border on Sunday afternoon, with representatives of the Dinajpur 42 BGB and the Indian BSF. During the meeting, the two sides discussed the prompt repatriation of Asadul's body. Following legal formalities, the BSF handed over the body to the BGB at around 10pm on Sunday, he said. Meanwhile, two other Bangladeshi nationals, Mostakim and Sri Uda, who survived the shooting, remain in Indian custody. They were charged under India's Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, and several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (*bdnews24.com*, [13 September 2026](#); *Dhaka Tribune*, [14 September 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Police bust alleged online fraud ring in Chattogram, arrest 63 foreigners:** Police have arrested 63 foreign nationals in Chattogram while they were setting up a global online "fraud" operation, with Bangladesh chosen as a "convenient base". The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit raided a seven-storey building in Krishnachura Residential Area under Khulshi Thana on Thursday, arresting 36 Laotians, 21 Pakistanis, five Chinese nationals, and one each from Nepal and Vietnam, including 20 women. A case has been filed under the Cyber Security Act, with the CTTC investigating the case. Police said the group rented the building about 1.5-month ago through a man named Mohsin, who has close ties with Chinese nationals. Investigators said the group was preparing to run websites posing as online marketing operations, using methods including "honey traps" (*bdnews24.com*, [13 September 2026](#)).

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