

DAILY BANGLADESH WATCH

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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **TIB condemns state minister's 'shoot the messenger' response:** Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has described the appointment of a dual citizen as State Minister for Foreign Affairs under the technocrat quota as unconstitutional, while also questioning his decision to accept the position without clearly explaining his stance on the issue. **In a statement, TIB said the state minister, instead of directly answering specific questions raised by journalists in the course of their professional duties and in the public interest, responded with counter-questions. The organisation condemned what it described as the minister's resentful and aggressive response to requests for relevant information, saying such behaviour reflects the "shoot the messenger" practice of the ousted authoritarian regime.** TIB also called for an end to attempts to undermine media freedom, independent journalism, freedom of expression and the public's right to access information. TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said, "The appointment of a dual citizen as state minister for foreign affairs under the technocrat quota is unconstitutional (*Dhaka Tribune*, [25 August 2026](#); *bdnews24.com*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Law minister sees 'no breach' of law in Humaiun Kobir's 'British citizenship' row:** Law Minister Md Asaduzzaman has waded into the controversy surrounding the "British citizenship" of State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir, saying the government has acted "in accordance with the Constitution". Speaking to reporters following an event at the Secretariat on Tuesday, the minister said: **"What the government has done it did so adhering to the Constitution. "Nothing improper or unlawful has occurred here." In the minister's words, "This is known as a 'deeming clause'. "When the oath was taken, we did so constitutionally."** Asaduzzaman added, "We believe that every individual has the right to access legal aid. This is both a fundamental and human right" (*bdnews24.com*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Hefazat seeks to unite seven Islamist parties, but differences remain over Jamaat:** Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh is seeking to form a new alliance of seven Qawmi-oriented Islamist political parties. The parties have already submitted separate proposals to Hefazat outlining their ideas for the alliance. **Their proposals include questions about relations and political understandings with other parties or alliances, with the Jamaat-e-Islami-led 11-party alliance emerging as a key point of debate. Among the seven parties, Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Bangladesh has proposed ensuring that the alliance has no ties with Jamaat.** Islami Andolan Bangladesh, without naming Jamaat directly, has proposed that the alliance should not enter into any understanding with other political groups. Two other parties have proposed making the Ahl-e-Sunnat wal Jamaat creed a basis for the alliance. Three parties, however, do not want any conditions to be imposed from the outset regarding Jamaat or other alliances. These details emerged from a review of the proposals submitted by the seven parties and discussions with their leaders (*Prothom Alo*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Jamaat forms shadow cabinet:** Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, the main opposition party in parliament, has formed a shadow cabinet, party assistant secretary general Hamidur Rahman

Azad has told New Age. Talking to New Age on Tuesday, he said the shadow cabinet was formed past month, with party amir and leader of the opposition Shafiqur Rahman designated as its prime minister. **‘The party is internally working on the formation of this shadow cabinet based on a decision of the party’s highest forum. Training of its members is under way,’** Azad said, adding that the party would announce the members after finalising their portfolios. A preliminary structure covering all government ministries has been prepared, with responsibilities to be divided according to the government’s ministerial structure. For example, a shadow finance minister will monitor the activities of the finance ministry, while shadow home and foreign ministers will oversee their respective counterparts. Jamaat secretary general and former lawmaker Mia Golam Parwar is likely to hold an important position in the shadow cabinet. ‘Many senior leaders of the organisation who are not members of parliament are also associated with this structure. It has mainly been formed to hold the government accountable,’ Azad said. Policy experts, lawyers, university teachers, businesspeople and former bureaucrats were also involved in preparing the structure (*New Age*, [26 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Mayer Daak coordinator alleges priority for Jamaat abduction cases:** Mayer Daak coordinator Sanjida Islam Tuli on Tuesday alleged that cases involving the enforced disappearance of Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists were given priority at the International Crimes Tribunal during the interim government. **She said cases involving people who were allegedly disappeared during the Awami League government but had no links to Jamaat did not receive similar attention.** Tuli made the allegation while speaking to reporters at the office of the chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal. She went there along with family members of victims of enforced disappearance to learn about the progress of investigations into the cases. Mayer Daak (Mother’s Call) is a platform of the families of the people who fell victim to enforced disappearance and extrajudicial killings allegedly by government agencies during the Awami League rule (*New Age*, [26 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Rizvi says Khaleda Zia was killed in a conspiracy:** BNP acting secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi on Wednesday alleged that former prime minister and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was killed as part of a conspiracy and described her as a martyr. **“Since the Ershad regime and throughout Hasina’s 17 years of unbearable fascist rule, various conspiracies were hatched to eliminate her. Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and Begum Khaleda Zia were also killed through conspiracies. She too is a martyr,”** he said. Rizvi said this was BNP’s greatest achievement and the reason the party could not be defeated or forced to surrender despite severe repression, torture and fascist oppression. He said BNP had consequently become a popular political party and played an “extraordinarily nationalist and patriotic” role in every sphere, including domestic and foreign policy (*Dhaka Tribune*, [26 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ICT orders newspaper notices for Hasina, 6 others to surrender:** The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) on Tuesday sent four accused, including former Cox’s Bazar-4 MP Abdur Rahman Bodi and three serving and former Army officers, to jail in the crimes against humanity case over the 2018 killing of Teknaf municipal councillor Ekramul Haque in a reported ‘crossfire’. **ICT-2 issued the order, asking newspapers to publish notices calling on seven fugitive accused, including ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former police chief Benazir Ahmed, to surrender before the tribunal. It fixed 7 September for the next hearing.** The three other accused sent to jail are Brigadier General Miftah Uddin Ahmed, Brigadier General Mahbub Alam and former RAB Director General Anwar Latif Khan. All four were

produced before the tribunal. The three Army officers served as RAB officers at the time of Ekram's killing (*Daily Sun*, [26 August 2026](#)).

◆ **Awami League rebuild: Who is in line for key roles?:** Awami League, which is facing a ban on its activities, is moving ahead with plans to rebuild the party while keeping its president Sheikh Hasina, sentenced to death for crimes against humanity, at the top of its command structure. Although the idea of a “refined Awami League” has been dropped, party insiders said plans are underway to bring comparatively less controversial leaders to the forefront while keeping Sheikh Hasina in a guiding role. **Several leaders told TIMES of Bangladesh that, in Hasina's absence, the new leadership would run the party in line with her directives.** The party was ousted from power following the 2024 mass uprising. **Based on conversations with more than a dozen Awami League leaders at home and abroad, it has been learnt that the party plans to reorganise its central committee by December.** The process will later extend to district, upazila and thana-level committees, as well as affiliated and associate organisations. Party sources said several previously influential leaders could be dropped from the new structure, while those who remained active during the crisis may be given greater responsibilities. **With Sheikh Hasina announcing plans to return home by December, many party leaders have expressed willingness to return. However, they believe that if she is arrested after returning or cannot come back, the leadership being prepared under the current plan will take charge.** A joint general secretary said the grassroots would not accept any “refined Awami League” without Sheikh Hasina. Therefore, she will remain the party's central leader. He said a new leadership structure is being developed to ensure that, if Sheikh Hasina is jailed after returning home or is unable to return from India due to legal complications, the party can continue moving towards its goals under her guidance. **Awami League leaders are hoping that the BNP government will withdraw the ban before then, allowing the party to resume political activities** (*Daily Times of Bangladesh*, [26 August 2026](#)).

◆ **Savar urs goes ahead in limited setting amid 'Towhidi Janata' objections:** A two-day urs at the home of a local shrine custodian in Savar began on Wednesday under a limited arrangement and tight security, despite objections from a group calling itself 'Towhidi Janata'. The urs is being held on 26–27 August at the home of Kazi Jaber Al Jahangir in Chakulia village, Bongaon union, to mark the death anniversary of his father, Shah Sufi Syed Maulana Kazi Afsar Uddin Al Jahangir Al-Sureshwari. Savar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Saiful Islam said the administration had allowed the gathering under conditions aimed at preventing any disruption or tension (*New Age*, [26 August 2026](#)).

◆ **"We are monitoring you all the time": Journo receives death threat letter in the name of 'Touhidi Janata':** A Bangladeshi journalist living abroad has allegedly received death threats in Kushtia's Bheramara, with a letter issued in the name of 'Touhidi Janata' warning him to stop writing. Journalist Hasan Imam Ibn Habib filed a general diary (GD) with Bheramara police station on Wednesday over the threat. **In the GD, Hasan Imam stated that a letter in the name of 'Touhidi Janata' was left inside an ordinary envelope pushed under the main gate of his house in Hirimdia village of Bheramara early Wednesday.** The letter expressed anger and dissatisfaction over several of his Facebook posts, comments and writings. **At the same time, it warned him to stop these writings and threatened him with death otherwise.** Hasan Imam said the letter contained personal information and details about various matters concerning him. It also claimed that his movements are being monitored. He said the statements had left him seriously concerned about his safety (*Prothom Alo*, [27 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **NCP welcomes Bangladesh's possible entry into Mecca defence pact:** Opposition National Citizen Party has welcomed the possibility of Bangladesh joining the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement between Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan, saying the move could open new avenues for strengthening the country's security, defence, technology, trade and strategic cooperation with important countries in the Muslim world. **In a press release on Wednesday, the party said the agreement, signed in Makkah on August 7, could create opportunities for political and military coordination, joint military initiatives and cooperation in defence technology. The NCP, however, said Bangladesh should not decide to join any joint defence framework solely on the basis of political considerations or immediate diplomatic equations.** Instead, the decision should be based on a comprehensive assessment of the country's long-term national interests, security and strategic capabilities (*New Age*, [27 August 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **Invest Bangladesh chairman gets state minister status:** The government has accorded the status of a state minister to Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, chairman of Invest Bangladesh, with immediate effect. The Cabinet Division issued a notification on Tuesday granting him the status, along with salary, allowances and other benefits and facilities admissible to a state minister while he remains chairman of Invest Bangladesh. **The notification said the decision was made to facilitate the chairman in discharging his responsibilities and strengthen the authority's role in promoting and facilitating investment.** Invest Bangladesh, operating under the Prime Minister's Office, plays a key role in attracting domestic and foreign investment and coordinating investment-related services and initiatives (*Daily Sun*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **'Grave offence': Chief whip blasts Adani power deal as Bangladesh weighs options:** Chief Whip Nurul Islam Moni has described the power purchase agreement signed with India's Adani Power under the Awami League government as a "grave offence", saying it has forced Bangladesh to buy electricity at an unusually high price. Moni made the remarks in an interview at the parliament complex on Wednesday, according to a statement from the Parliament Secretariat. He said the government needed public support to reduce the economic burden of such agreements. **His comments come after Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood told parliament that the government was actively considering either renegotiating the 25-year deal or taking the matter to international arbitration.** The agreement between the Bangladesh Power Development Board and Adani Power was signed in November 2017 (*bdnews24.com*, [26 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **State minister says Long-term energy plan needed for low-carbon future:** State Minister for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shaikh Faridul Islam has called for an evidence-based, realistic and long-term energy plan to ensure low-carbon and climate-resilient development in Bangladesh. The minister made the call as the chief guest at the "University Dialogue on People-Led LT-LEDS: Bangladesh's Low-Carbon Future" held Tuesday at the Rise Auditorium of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). In his speech, Shaikh Faridul Islam said LT-LEDS should not be kept as another climate document. "It should be a long-term national development roadmap that will determine what kind of economy Bangladesh wants to build, what kind of energy system will support that economy, where investment is needed, how workers and young people should be prepared, and

how natural systems can be protected while improving people's quality of life," he said (*Dhaka Tribune*, [26 August 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Bangladesh could consider joining Mecca pact, in test for foreign ties:** Bangladesh could consider joining the Mecca pact, a mutual defence agreement signed this month between Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan, state minister for foreign affairs **Shama Obaed said in an interview with a private television channel. She said the government would assess whether joining the pact would serve Bangladesh's national and economic interests and benefit its people. She said the Mecca Pact emerged from concerns over regional security and that its central provision was collective defence. 'Basically, it is a security pact to protect the country's economy and people. And it's open to all who are interested in joining.' This move could complicate its foreign relations, particularly with neighbouring India.** Ties have been strained as Bangladesh accused Indian border forces of forcibly pushing in people while it seeks extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who has lived in exile in India since her ouster in a protest movement in August 2024. "If there is a security arrangement among Islamic nations in the Middle East, it is not unusual for us to consider participating. It is being viewed positively," said junior foreign minister Humayun Kabir. **A source in the Bangladesh foreign ministry told Reuters that Saudi Arabia had invited Dhaka to join the pact, but did not say when the invitation was made.** The source sought anonymity as he was not authorised to speak to media. **Analysts say joining a military alliance would test Bangladesh's long-standing foreign policy of avoiding rival geopolitical camps to help it attract investment, expand exports and maintain economic ties with competing powers.** Formal alliance membership could complicate Bangladesh's ties not just with India, but also China, Iran, Japan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States, said geopolitical analyst Kollol Kibria (*New Age*, [26 August 2026](#); *Daily Sun*, [26 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Draft deal takes shape for Bangladesh's potential purchase of Chinese J-10CE jets:** Bangladesh has drawn up a draft agreement to buy Chinese J-10CE fighter jets as part of its air force modernisation, Information and Broadcasting Advisor Zahed Ur Rahman has said. He made the disclosure at a press briefing at the Secretariat on Tuesday on the government's progress on different initiatives. **"We have plans to modernise our air force. As part of this modernisation, the process of acquiring fourth-generation MRCA -- multirole combat aircraft, fighter aircraft, attack helicopters, VIP helicopters and UAV systems of different models -- is ongoing,"** he said. Zahed said the purchase could proceed if budget support is secured during the current fiscal year. Otherwise, it could be included in the next fiscal year's budget. **According to Reuters, the government is considering buying up to 24 J-10CE aircraft, although Zahed did not disclose the number, value or delivery timeline. The proposed purchase would be one of Bangladesh's biggest defence procurements in years and could deepen military ties with China, its largest source of military hardware.** China uses the J-10C for its air force, and the export version of this versatile fighter jet is called the J-10CE. The global discussion about this fighter jet emerged in May last year during the short-lived India-Pakistan conflict, where Pakistan claimed to have destroyed multiple Indian Dassault Rafale fighters using the J-10CE. **In March of last year, during a bilateral meeting in Beijing, the then Interim Government's Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus expressed interest in purchasing the versatile fighter jet J-10CE to Chinese President Xi Jinping.** During the visit, the press

wing of the then Chief Adviser stated that various issues were discussed in the meeting between the two leaders, including China's assistance in the Teesta River project, the purchase of multiple role combat aircraft, and the multidimensional connectivity between China's Kunming and the ports of Bangladesh. According to diplomatic sources in Dhaka, just days before Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's visit to Beijing in June, a Chinese delegation came to Bangladesh to discuss the procurement of the J-10CE. The Chinese delegation held fruitful discussions with relevant government officials in Dhaka. Diplomats and strategic analysts believe that the technical capabilities of China's recently built fourth-generation fighter jet J-10C have been proven (*bdnews24.com*, [25 August 2026](#); *Prothom Alo*, [26 August 2026](#)).

◆ **Chinese envoy says China willing to deepen educational cooperation with Bangladesh:**

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen has said China is willing to continue deepening educational cooperation with Bangladesh and help turn Chinese language skills into jobs and development opportunities for youth. **Ambassador Yao congratulated the official release of Bangladesh's first Chinese language competency standard and course accreditation document.** Attending the closing ceremony of the "Validation Workshop on Competency Standards and Course Accreditation Document for the Chinese Language" hosted by the National Skills Development Authority of Bangladesh on Tuesday, **he said the workshop represented a concrete step in implementing the important consensus reached by the leaders of both countries.** Adviser Ismail Zabihullah positively assessed the launch of the first Chinese language competency standard and course accreditation document. **He expressed the hope to take this workshop as an opportunity to further deepen practical cooperation between the two countries in various fields and jointly promote the forward development of Bangladesh-China relations** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [26 August 2026](#)).

◆ **China, Bangladesh for stronger co-op on higher education, research:** Prime Minister's Adviser and Prime Minister's Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin left Dhaka tonight for a three-day official visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese government to attend various international events and discussions on technical and vocational education. Officials from China and Bangladesh on Wednesday called for further strengthening higher education cooperation and joint research initiatives on the road to consolidating people-to-people ties between the two countries. **The two sides laid emphasis on the issued at the "China-Bangladesh Education Exchange Conference" held at South China Normal University in Guangzhou city of Guangdong province, China, on Wednesday. The conference concluded with both sides expressing a strong commitment to increasing university cooperation, academic exchanges and long-term educational partnerships between China and Bangladesh.** During the conference, Bangladesh Prime Minister's Adviser for Education Mahdi Amin highlighted educational exchange as the key means of strengthening people-to-people connectivity between Bangladesh and China. He said, "We want to increase people-to-people ties between the two countries, and education exchange can be the biggest means of doing so. Our students will have opportunities to pursue higher education and research in China, while Chinese students will also come to Bangladesh to participate in summer schools and educational activities on various campuses." Highlighting the advantages of China's current education system, Mahdi Amin said efforts are also being made to regularly coordinate with Chinese institutions on how to further improve the academic environment and facilities for Bangladeshi students already studying in China (*BSS News*, [25 August 2026](#); *Daily Sun*, [27 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Humaion visits KSA to attend OIC meeting:** State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaion Kobir is currently visiting Saudi Arabia to take part in a foreign minister-level meeting between members of Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC). **As part of his visit, Humaion will attend an emergency meeting at OIC Headquarters in Jeddah on Thursday, sources at the foreign ministry said. According to ministry officials, Humaion will represent Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman at the meeting.** The Saudi visit is the first official foreign travel by Humaion as a state minister. He is scheduled to return home on Friday (*Daily Sun*, [27 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Govt vows no politically motivated detention:** State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said the government is committed to protecting human rights and ensuring that no citizen, irrespective of political affiliation, is unjustly detained or imprisoned out of political vendetta. **“The government will definitely ensure that no one is unjustly imprisoned or detained due to political vendetta,”** she told journalists at the foreign ministry this afternoon. Shama said the government's commitment to due process and fundamental rights applies to supporters of every political party, including opposition parties and the Awami League, whose activities currently face a ban. “No party, be it the opposition party, Awami League, or any party, the current government will definitely ensure that no one is unjustly imprisoned or detained due to political vendetta,” she said (*BSS News*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **We see Bangladesh as a growing strategic partner, says EU envoy:** Michael Miller, the EU's ambassador to Dhaka, says the bloc's relationship with Bangladesh should be seen as that of a strategic partner, moving away from the old perspective of a donor and a recipient. He made the remarks at the “Meet the Ambassador” event organised by the Center for Governance Studies at Dhaka University on Tuesday. Miller said, “We're not just looking at the relationship through that old lens. We are actually looking at the relationship through a new lens. We're looking at Bangladesh as a partner of growing strategic importance and I'm sure you feel it too. Outlining how the EU wants to develop that perspective, the EU envoy said: **“Our ambition is built on a pretty simple but fundamentally powerful idea. It is that we can and should build an eye-to-eye partnership of equals with Bangladesh. Your stability matters to us. Your prosperity matters to us. We recognise your strengths. We recognise your challenges. We all have challenges.”** The EU is also important to Bangladesh as not just a market or development partner, but also as a partner on politics, economic investment, and strategy, he said (*bdnews24.com*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Japanese firm bids to operate Dhaka Airport third terminal:** A Japanese company has submitted a proposal to operate and maintain the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Representatives of Sub Working Group submitted the proposal to the Bangladesh Civil Aviation Authority (CAAB) at its headquarters on Tuesday, said CAAB spokesperson Kawsar Mahmud. He said Masahiru Hirai, representing the Japanese company, handed over the proposal to CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal Md Mostafa Mahmud Siddiq. Other CAAB members and representatives of the Japanese delegation were also present. **The Japanese consortium submitted separate documents containing its technical and financial proposals for undertaking the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the terminal.** The proposals will be evaluated by an RFP Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism. **The third terminal is one of the country's largest and most important aviation infrastructure projects. The project is expected to strengthen Bangladesh's aviation**

sector through modern technology, international-standard passenger services and more efficient operational management (*Dhaka Tribune*, [25 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **India PM Narendra Modi extends greetings on Eid-e-Miladunnabi:** Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings on the occasion of the Islamic festival of Eid-e-Miladunnabi. In a post from his verified Facebook account, **he wrote: “Eid Mubarak! “Greetings on Milad-un-Nabi. I hope this occasion furthers togetherness and joy all around us. May the spirit of kindness and giving back to society always guide us.”** Bangladesh is celebrating Eid-e-Miladunnabi on Wednesday. The Islamic Foundation has organised a 15-day-long Sirat-un-Nabi programme for the occasion. Bangladesh’s relations with India have hit a nadir after the political changeover during the July Uprising. **Now that a BNP government led by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has come to power, India is pursuing a new strategy to restore ties.** Since the election, both New Delhi and Dhaka have been sending messages to advance relations in different ways. Modi has extended his Eid-e-Miladunnabi greetings amid this backdrop (*bdnews24.com*, [26 August 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **Chiefs of three services call on President:** Chiefs of three services on Tuesday paid a courtesy call on President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at Bangabhaban. Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Khondkar Misbah Ul Azim and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan met the President in the afternoon, said a Bangabhaban press release. **During the meeting, they congratulated the President on his assuming office as the President and conveyed their best wishes for his tenure. They also briefed the President on various activities of their respective forces and sought his guidance and cooperation as the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces in discharging their responsibilities.** The President expressed satisfaction with the activities of the Armed Forces and said the incumbent government is working to develop the Armed Forces into a modern four-dimensional force. The President assured the chiefs of the three armed forces that all-out cooperation would be extended for the overall development of the Armed Forces alongside enhancing their professional skills (*Daily Sun*, [25 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Two Indian nationals sent to jail over kush, liquor seizure:** A Dhaka court on Tuesday sent two Indian nationals to jail in a case over the seizure of a large quantity of kush, foreign liquor and Indian sarees at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mehedi Hasan passed the order after hearing a petition filed by the case’s investigation officer, according to court sources. The accused are Sanawar Ali, 36, and Imtiaz Ahmed, 36, from Kamarhati in West Bengal, India. Inspector Shahriya Sharmin of the Department of Narcotics Control, also the investigating officer, produced them before the court and sought their detention in jail. **In her petition, she said the accused, being Indian nationals, could flee the country if granted bail, potentially hampering the investigation and trial. She therefore sought their detention in the interest of a fair investigation.** The court accepted the plea and ordered them to be sent to jail. **Officials recovered 5.04kg of kush, three litres of liquor and 24 Indian sarees from their possession. They also seized Indian passports, US\$400, Thai baht and Indian rupees, four mobile phones and two boarding passes** (*Dhaka Tribune*, [25 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **BGB returns 2 BSF shotguns, walkie-talkie left behind in Bangladesh:** Border Guard Bangladesh has returned two shotguns and a walkie-talkie left behind by members of India's Border Security Force after they entered Bangladesh territory and allegedly assaulted local farmers in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat. Lieutenant colonel Mehedi Imam, commanding officer of BGB-15 Battalion, said the shotguns and walkie-talkie were handed over to the BSF during a battalion-level flag meeting held near Main Pillar No 907 along Bonchowki-Amjhol border area in Gotamari Union of Hatibandha upazila on Tuesday. According to locals, several farmers were working in a field near Main Pillar No 907 on Tuesday afternoon when BSF members entered Bangladeshi territory and assaulted them. Hearing the incident, local residents chased the BSF members, who fled the area leaving behind two short guns and a walkie-talkie. **Later, during the flag meeting, BSF representatives expressed regret over the incident following which BGB returned the weapons and walkie-talkie** (*New Age*, [26 August 2026](#)).

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