

PESHAWAR

Child, 14 security personnel among 17 killed in two attacks in Pakistan



Two bomb attacks and a gunfight between police and militants in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province killed at least 14 security personnel and three civilians including a child. The incidents on Monday, which left dozens wounded, came as Pakistan's forces battle insurgencies in provinces that border Afghanistan. AFP

WASHINGTON

Jesse Jackson, key voice of the U.S. civil rights movement, dies at 84



Veteran U.S. civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, one of the nation's most influential Black voices, died on Tuesday, his family said in a statement. He was 84. A protégé of Martin Luther King Jr. and a two-time presidential candidate, Jackson led the Civil Rights Movement for decades after the revered leader's assassination. AFP

GENEVA

Russia, Ukraine sit down for new round of U.S.-led talks to end war



Russian and Ukrainian negotiators on Tuesday began U.S.-brokered talks in Geneva seeking to end the four-year war, hours after both sides launched fresh long-range strikes. U.S. President Donald Trump is seeking to position himself as a peacemaker, but previous talks mediated by Washington have yielded no breakthroughs. AFP

LOS ANGELES

'Godfather' and 'Apocalypse Now' actor Robert Duvall dies aged 95



Robert Duvall, who played the smooth mafia lawyer in *The Godfather* and stole the show as a surfing-crazed colonel in *Apocalypse Now*, died on Monday. He was 95. Duvall won an Oscar for best actor for *Tender Mercies*. Over his six decades-long career, he shone in both lead and supporting roles. AFP

Tarique Rahman sworn in as Bangladesh PM

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Kallol Bhattacharjee
DHAKA

Five days after the parliamentary elections in Bangladesh, Tarique Rahman, chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), was sworn in as the new Prime Minister on Tuesday.

The swearing-in of the new Prime Minister and his ministerial colleagues came hours after Chief Election Commissioner A.M.M Nasir Uddin administered the oath of Parliament to the newly elected members of the BNP in Parliament, Jatiyo Sansad.

As the new Prime Minister, Mr. Rahman will lead a team of 25 Cabinet Ministers and 24 Ministers of State, who were all administered oath by President

Mohammed Shahabuddin. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Amir Khosru Mahmud Chaudhury, Salahuddin Ahmed, Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku - prominent members of the National Standing Committee of the BNP; and Nitai Roy Choudhury, Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossein, Abdul Awal Mintu, Rashiduzzaman Millat, Shama Obaid from the BNP executive committee were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers.

While most of the Ministers sworn in were elected MPs in the February 12 election, the council will also include Mohammed Amir Ur Rashid under the 'technocrats' category.

The BNP's ally Gono-sanghati Andolan's Jonaid Saki, a popular face among the Gen Z protesters for his



Way forward: Tarique Rahman takes oath as Prime Minister from President Mohammed Shahabuddin in Dhaka on Tuesday. AP

radical comments, will be a State minister.

The current National Security Adviser, Khalilur Rahman, has been included among the Cabinet Ministers as a 'technocrat'.

BNP sources have confirmed that Khalilur Rahman, who has been the face of Bangladesh's diplo-

macy regarding the Rohingya issue, could be the next Foreign Minister.

Foreign dignitaries

Around 1,200 foreign and domestic guests attended the swearing-in ceremony that took place in the South Plaza of Parliament.

Maldives President Mo-

hamed Muizzu, Pakistan's Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri were among the foreign dignitaries.

The process of transfer of power from the interim government led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus started earlier in the day when Tarique Rahman led the BNP-alliance members to Parliament, where they were administered the oath of membership.

Before the procedure, standing committee member Salahuddin Ahmed took the microphone and said the BNP members who were present on the occasion in Parliament will not take oath for being part of the 'Constitution Reform Commission'.

"None of us were elected as members of the Constitution Reform Commission and the oath for this commission has not yet become part of the constitutional process," said Mr. Ahmed, asserting that he is conveying the decision of the party.

Jamaat-e-Islami lawmakers arrived in Parliament, accompanied by the newly elected independent MPs and they were administered two separate oaths for Parliament as well as the Constitution Reform Commission.

The twin-oath procedure was conceived to integrate the results of the parliamentary election as well as referendum for constitutional amendment by including the July Charter into the Constitution.

Araghchi says agreed with U.S. 'on guiding principles' for deal

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Tuesday the latest talks with the United States saw them agree on "a set of guiding principles" that would pave the way for a deal.

"Ultimately, we were able to reach broad agreement on a set of guiding principles, based on which we will move forward and begin working on the text of a potential agreement," Mr. Araghchi told state TV.

"I can say that, compared with the previous round, fully serious discussions were raised and the atmosphere was more constructive," the top diplomat added.

Tehran and Washington held on Tuesday a second

round of negotiations - which began earlier this month - after talks last year collapsed following Israel's attack on Iran in June, which triggered a 12-day war.

That war saw the United States briefly join Israel with strikes on key Iranian nuclear sites.

The latest talks were held after Washington deployed an aircraft carrier group to the Middle East following Iran's deadly crackdown last month on anti-government protests, first sparked by economic hardships.

During the interview with state TV, Mr. Araghchi said the two sides have begun a path towards an agreement, but noted that "this does not mean we can reach a deal quickly".

Bangladesh reform agenda wins voters' backing, but rifts remain among parties

NEWS ANALYSIS

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

Bangladesh's landmark referendum on constitutional reforms delivered a decisive mandate in favour of the July National Charter 2025, setting the stage for the most far-reaching reformation of the country's governance framework since independence. According to official results published by the Election Commission, more than 48 million voters backed the Charter in the February 12 referendum, with 60.26% of participants voting "Yes". The vote coincided with the country's 13th parliamentary elections.

The endorsement places immediate political and legal obligations on the new government, being led by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which secured a two-thirds majority in Parliament. While the BNP signed the Charter last year, it did so with a note of dissent on several key provisions raising questions about how smoothly the reform process will unfold.

The July Charter is a 28-page reform blueprint born from the July 2024 uprising which toppled the 15-year rule of Sheikh Hasina. It consolidates over 80 reform proposals aimed at preventing what its architects describe as the "recurrence of authoritarian and fascist rule".

In February 2025, the interim government of Muhammad Yunus established six reform commissions to examine the constitution, judiciary, electoral system, police, public administration, and anti-corruption mechan-



Bold reset: Bangladesh's interim leader Muhammad Yunus displays the 'July National Charter' outside Parliament in Oct. 2025. AP

isms. Their recommendations were distilled into the July Charter through a National Consensus Commission process. In October 2025, 33 political parties, including the BNP, signed the Charter. The document was subsequently given legal effect through a Presidential order in November 2025.

Proposed changes

The referendum presented voters with four consolidated reform areas. First, the establishment of a non-partisan caretaker government to administer future elections, along with the reconstitution of the Election Commission and other key constitutional bodies based on the charter's guidelines. Second, the creation of a bicameral Parliament. A new 100-member upper house will be formed based on the proportional vote share received by political parties in the national election. Any future constitutional amendments will require majority approval from this chamber.

Third, the implementation of 30 specific reform proposals previously agreed upon by major political factions. These include capping the tenure of the Prime Minister, ex-

panding presidential powers, securing judicial independence, strengthening local government, and broadening fundamental citizen rights. Fourth, provisions for inclusive parliamentary representation.

The mandate guarantees increased representation for women and dictates that the Deputy Speaker and Parliamentary committee chairs must be selected from the Opposition benches. Additional reforms embedded in the Charter include protections for fundamental rights such as uninterrupted internet access, enhanced checks on executive authority, and measures to strengthen democratic accountability.

The referendum's passage imposes specific obligations on the new Parliament. Under the Constitution Reform Order 2025, the newly elected legislature will function as a Constitutional Reform Council with a fixed tenure of 180 working days to implement the Charter's provisions.

Elected members will be required to take two separate oaths, one as members of Parliament and another as members of the Constitutional Reform Council.

The BNP has given "notes of dissent" to several provisions, including the expanded powers of the President, the design and legislative role of the proposed upper house, etc.

Disagreements

However, shortly after the elections, the composition of the upper house has emerged as a particular point of contention. While the referendum mandates a chamber based on proportional representation using national vote share, the BNP's manifesto proposes allocating upper house seats based on parliamentary strength.

The National Citizen Party (NCP), founded by student leaders who led the uprising, has said the legitimacy of the referendum was stronger than that of the parliamentary election itself. "The referendum carries greater legitimacy than the national election, All Members of Parliament must enter the House with the responsibility of implementing the July Charter," said NCP spokesperson Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan.

Political analysts say the coming months will test whether the BNP's commitment to the charter withstands the practical challenges of implementation. The disagreements over specific provisions will require negotiation between the government and Opposition parties represented in Parliament.

Ali Riaz, an adviser to Muhammad Yunus, said, the referendum has delivered a direct mandate from the people for substantial constitutional reform. "It must be viewed as a public verdict and as an expression of the people's will for reform."



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NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS
(Under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 of The SARFAESI Act, 2002)
To, Borrowers: (1) **M/s Almas Halal Foods**, Proprietor Mrs. Noushida N., Building No. NM 25/727, VK Road, Near Hotel G D International Resodort, Nilambur, Malappuram-679329
(2) **Mrs. Noushida N.** W/o Mr. Ajmal P.P. Poolakkaparamban, Naduvakkad, Mambad, Thiruvail, Malappuram-676542 & Guarantor: **Mr. Hakem P.P.** S/o Mr. Moideen, Poolakkaparamban, Naduvakkad, Mambad, Thiruvail, Malappuram.

Dear Sirs,
Re: Credit facilities with our Branch
(1) We refer to our letter No. SMECELL/ADV/11/2023-24 dated 20.12.2023 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanctioning you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rate of Interest	O/s as on 25/01/2026
Cash Credit (6889000000290)	10.00 Lakhs	11.00%	Rs. 9,99,150.69 Plus Interest and other charges Since 25/01/2026
Term Loan (68890000005397)	40.00 Lakhs	11.00%	Rs. 37,99,821 Plus Interest and other charges Since 31/10/2025
			Total Rs. 47,98,971.69

Security Agreement with brief description of securities: Equitable Mortgage of 22.46 Cents (0.099 Hectors) of Land and Residential building located at Re Sy No. 37/6 in Block 82 of Mampad Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, owned by Mr. Hakem P.P. S/o Mr. Moideen, Poolakkaparamban, Naduvakkad, Mambad, Thiruvail, Malappuram. **Boundaries as per location certificate:** East: Property of Mr. Alavikutty and Mr. Rassaque, West: Property of Moideenkutty, Ajmal. **North:** Pathway, **South:** Property of Mr. Hyder Kanjirampara.

(2) You have defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 31/10/2025 and thereafter.
(3) Consequently upon the default committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 25/01/2026 in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directions and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
(4) Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs. 47,98,971.69 (Rupees Forty seven lakhs ninety eight thousand nine hundred seventy one and sixty nine paise), as stated in para 1 above, along with interest cost charges, expenses etc from 31/10/2025 within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
(5) Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
(6) Apart from the above facility you were also sanctioned a PMMY Cash Credit Facility of Rs. 10,00,00,000/- (Ten Crores) of Land and Residential building located at Re Sy No. 37/6 in Block 82 of Mampad Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, owned by Mr. Hakem P.P. S/o Mr. Moideen, Poolakkaparamban, Naduvakkad, Mambad, Thiruvail, Malappuram. (Rupees Nine Lakhs ninety eight thousands four hundred twenty-eight and ninety paise). Consequent to the slipage of above said account of Almas Halal Foods becoming npa the said account of halal food has also slipped into the category of npa on 25/01/2026 as per RBI Guidelines.
(7) We further invite your attention to sub-section (8) of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
(8) We further invite your attention to sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
(9) Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place : Nilambur
Date : 29-01-2026

(Sd/-) Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) **M/s New Shas Agencies**, Prop Venugopal K, Railway station Road, Perasannur P.O, Kuttippuram, Malappuram- 679571 (2) **Mr. Venugopalan K** S/o Sankara Panicker, (3) **Mrs. Deepa Venugopal** W/o Venugopal K, both residing at: Ottakandam kalarikal Perasannur P.O, Kuttippuram, Malappuram - 679571
Dear Sir, Sub: **DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002**. That **M/s NEW SHAS AGENCIES** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Venugopal K** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Borrowers') & **Mrs. Deepa Venugopal** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Guarantor') has availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Bank from time to time:

Loan No. & Nature of Loan	Liability with interest	Rate of Interest
125003740310-MSME OD	Rs.26,68,816.82 as on 11-02-2026	9.65%

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on 28-07-2025. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you on 11-02-2026 under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to **Rs. 26,68,816.82 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and Eighty Two Paise only)**, as on 11-02-2026 together with further interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act. Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post A/c due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

Description of the Immovable Property: 4.71 Ares of land with Residential building thereon in Re Sy no.50/93-11, Block no.3, in Kuttippuram Village Trur Taluk Malappuram District in the name of Mr. Venugopalan. **Boundaries as per map map:** East: Property of Ayob; **West:** Property of Narayanan; **North:** Property of Umnikrishnan; **South:** CERSAI SECURITY INTEREST ID 400069887969

Date: 11-02-2026 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, Canara Bank



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SALE CUM E - AUCTION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through online web portal <https://baanknet.com> for recovery of below mentioned amount and cost to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors/ Mortgagors.

Borrowers: 1.Mr.Maresh Muthuvana, S/o Mr.Muthuvana Sibadassan, No.4, Usman Khan Street, Chindripet, Chennai-600 002 **2.Mrs.Anupama.T.V**, D/o.Mr.Lakshmanan Muthuvana House, Azhiyur Kozhikode, Kerala-673 309

Demand Notice Date: **30.05.2023** / Total dues: **as on 16.02.2026 is ₹ 1,33,75,000/-** with interest thereon and costs incurred. Possession Notice Date: **21.10.2023**

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land and building standing thereon **No.38/273-A, Thaliparamba, Desom-Trichambaram in Kannur District Talupparamba Taluk** and Comprised in Survey No.23/1A3 and New RS No 23/199 and the land admeasuring to an extent of 02.996 Ares (07.400 Cents), situated within the limits of Kannur District Talupparamba Taluk and Trichambaram Desam And Bounded On the : North By: Property of D Silva, South By: 4 Metre Municipal Road, East By: Property of Murali, West By: Property of D.Silva within the limits of Kannur District Talupparamba Taluk and Trichambaram Desam.

RESERVE PRICE	₹ 99,00,000/-	EMD	₹ 9,90,000/-
Bid Increase Amount	₹ 50,000/-	Possession Type:	Physical
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Last date for submission of EMD is **25.03.2026, 3.30 p.m**

Property can be inspected by the prospective bidders on **on 23.03.2026 from 10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m**.

For downloading further details and terms & conditions, please visit, E-Auction Service Provider: <https://baanknet.com> (OR) Bank's website: <https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in>.

For Inspection of Property and other details, Prospective Bidders may contact **Central Bank of India, Mylapore Branch, Authorized Officer, Mr.Yegoreddi Venugopalrao**, Chief Manager, Mob: 99620 52877 during office hours i.e., 10.00 a.m to 04.00 p.m on working days.

Statutory 30 Days Sale Notice under Rule 8(6) / 9(1) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

The borrower/s and Mortgagor/s are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses, before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest thereon and cost incurred.

Place: Chennai; **Date:** 16.02.2026 **Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India**