

How post-Hasina Bangladesh has become a theatre of Islamism and foreign interference



In the aftermath of the August 5, 2024, upheaval—widely described by observers as a jihadist-backed power shift—Bangladesh has entered a volatile new phase. What was once an internal political struggle has increasingly transformed into a complex geopolitical contest, where foreign powers are vying for influence through local intermediaries, particularly Islamist networks.

At the heart of this contest lies Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), widely regarded as an ideological offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood. While JeI continues to participate in electoral politics, its long-term ideological objective—establishing a Sharia-based state—raises serious concerns about the direction of Bangladesh’s political future. Three major actors—China, Turkey, and the United States—have emerged as key players in Bangladesh’s evolving political landscape. Despite their global rivalries, these nations appear to share a tactical convergence in leveraging local actors to expand influence.

Operating in the shadows of this competition is Pakistan’s powerful intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), which is widely believed to be acting as a facilitator—simultaneously engaging with both Washington and Beijing. This dual alignment underscores the fluid and transactional nature of modern geopolitics, where ideological differences are often subordinated to strategic interests. A recent episode involving the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka illustrates how humanitarian initiatives can intersect with political strategy. The embassy distributed Eid al-Fitr food packages at an event attended by Ambassador Yao Wen and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Shafiqur Rahman. Officially described as aid for “residents in Dhaka”, the distribution reportedly took place within the Dhaka-15 constituency—a political stronghold of the Jamaat leader. Tensions emerged when Jamaat-e-Islami allegedly presented the aid as originating from its own leadership. In response, the Chinese Embassy issued a public clarification, emphasising its support for Bangladesh’s elected government and distancing itself from any political misrepresentation.

However, the broader implications are significant. Despite the electoral victory of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), led by Tarique Rahman, China’s engagement with Jamaat suggests a strategic calculation—prioritising long-term ideological influence over immediate political alignment. This selective engagement raises questions about Beijing’s intentions and its willingness to cultivate ties with Islamist actors.

Jamaat-e-Islami’s participation in elections often creates an impression of democratic legitimacy. Yet, analysts argue that this engagement is largely tactical. The party’s foundational objective remains the establishment of a theocratic system rooted in Sharia law.

Reports attributed to The Washington Post earlier suggested that elements within the United States may view Jamaat’s political rise as strategically beneficial. Whether intended as a counterbalance or as part of a broader regional policy, such perceptions contribute to growing unease about external interference in Bangladesh’s domestic affairs.

Perhaps the most alarming development involves reports of an alleged international conspiracy to carve out a new “Christian state” from parts of Bangladesh, Myanmar, and India. India’s premier counter-terrorism agency, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), reportedly detained several foreign nationals, including American citizen Matthew Aaron VanDyke and a group of Ukrainian operatives—namely Hurba Petro, Slyviak Taras, Ivan Sukmanovskiy, Stefankiv Marian, Honcharuk Maksim, and Kaminskyi Viktor.

One of the detained Ukrainian nationals is from the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine (Sluzhba zovnishn’oyi rozvidky Ukrainy), while some of the detainees are believed to have links to the controversial Azov Brigade, known for its involvement in high-risk operations. Intelligence sources have suggested that such operatives possess expertise in covert activities, including sabotage and targeted violence. Months before her removal from power, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued a series of warnings about foreign conspiracies aimed at undermining her government.

Backpack Blues: How to Ease the School Bag Burden



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Textbooks may be split up chapter-wise. Schools having the required financial resources could provide locker facility for students as in western countries. The methods to reduce the weight of school bags students are many, but nobody bothers to do anything about it. The splitting up of text books and notebooks is a good step, but the school authorities will ask the students to bring all the portions of the split-up books to the schools. So, this may not help the children. Strict

compliance orders should be passed to regulate the load of the school bags so as to minimise this to less than one kg. The schools should give snacks and food to the students from the school and collect the expense from the parents. They should ensure space for keeping the books in the classes and also provide healthy food and pure drinking water so that children need not carry water bottles and lunch boxes.

Most schools have eight to nine periods. This way less number of books have to be carried daily. Part of the homework should be done in the class. Children up to Class IV should not be given homework and their textbooks could be left in school. It should be mandatory for schools to admit students living not more than 5 km from the schools. This will reduce the travel time and allow students to reach home early. We should make the schoolbags as light as possible so that children do not succumb to spinal ailments. Textbooks, notebooks and homework assignments may be given during weekends for parents to see what has been taught.

Then, term-wise one book/ notebook for all subjects could be used. This heavy books or file could be left in the classroom. Similarly, craft kit, drawing, painting accessories, pencil boxes need not be carried to and fro every day. These suggestions to lighten the burden of schoolchildren would be feasible if our classrooms have infrastructure such as cupboards and shelves.

Schoolchildren are forced to carry heavy textbooks, notebooks and other accessories to school everyday. It has been suggested that the textbooks be split up term-wise as a measure to ease the burden. Term-wise splitting of textbooks may not be feasible. So, it would be better to find other solutions. The school authorities should stipulate certain norms to be followed by students regularly: students should bring books and other materials to school strictly in accordance with each day’s timetable. Textbooks along with notebooks need be carried for language study only since it involves reading experience and other practical exercises to be done

in the classroom. In the case of core subjects such as social science, general science and mathematics, notebooks alone need be brought as the learning process is held mainly on the basis of interaction between teacher and students by way of discussion or other techniques as planned by the teacher on specific portions of the syllabus. Textbooks of these subjects can be kept at homes for doing assignments or practical work. These days, children hardly get time to play. Education up to now has been goal-oriented. What you are learning is not important; what is important is the examination that you have to take. Examinations as part of education should be done away with. Daily observations made by the teachers and their remarks should be the basis on which students are promoted or detained. Don’t we think, it’s time to take steps to lighten the school bags of children. Else it will affect their health. Make the students bring only language textbooks to the class every day. If need be, other textbooks can be brought only once a week. Here are a few solutions: In

schools, at present there are seven or eight periods daily each of 45 minutes duration. There should be only five or six periods with more duration. Make the teachers follow the timetable strictly. Ask the students to write notes in a rough book and make them copy it into the notebook on the same day. If need be, tell them to bring the notebook to the class once a week. The recommendation of the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) to lighten school bags is a welcome move. It will be good to split the textbooks term-wise, so that only the relevant books need to be carried at a time. The school authorities should provide desks with locks so that the usual notes and other books that need not be taken home can be secured. This will help reduce the burden of students to an extent. Many schools abroad follow this system. It is time students were made to feel comfortable and happy about going to school.

It is sad to watch children lugging heavy school bags to school. The school authorities should keep the textbooks and notebooks in the school.

There should be a method of making children learn their lessons during school hours and carry home only the workbooks. They can take their textbooks or notebooks on alternate days. This will help reduce their burden.

Splitting the textbooks term-wise is a positive step. Children are drained out, as the education system requires students to spend around 12 to 15 hours in school. Then, they have to go for tuitions and study when they reach home. School hours can be revamped with classes getting over by 2.30 p.m. Children will find time to take rest, do homework and pursue hobbies. By adopting simple strategies like packing smart, using digital resources, and promoting a balanced curriculum, we can significantly reduce the school bag burden on students. This can lead to improved health, increased productivity, and a more enjoyable learning experience. Let’s work together to create a healthier and more sustainable education system for our children. **(B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015)**

CM to inaugurate projects worth Rs. 632 crore from Pramukh Swamy Auditorium

Municipal Corporation will give gifts including roads, water and sports complexes to the people before the elections

Rajkot, The echoes of elections are being heard in the state’s municipalities, including Rajkot. Currently, there is no elected wing in the metropolitan cities and governance is being run by administrators. However, since the official code of conduct has not been implemented yet, the municipal administration has invited Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel for the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various development works in Rajkot. Under which CM Bhupendra Patel will come to Rajkot on Saturday, March 28 and the inauguration of projects worth Rs. 632 crore will be done by the Chief Minister from Pramukh Swami Auditorium. In which the people will get big gifts including roads, water and sports complexes.

CM to inaugurate and inaugurate many works at Pramukh Swami Auditorium on March 28 According to the details received, the Municipal

Corporation had sought time last week to inaugurate and inaugurate many major works before the code of conduct. But due to lack of time, now this program of CM Bhupendra Patel has been organized on Saturday, March 28. This program will be held at Pramukh Swami Auditorium on Rayaya Road. In this program to be held next Saturday from 4 to 5 pm, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate projects worth Rs. 543 crore including roads, water treatment plants and sports complexes and Rs. 88 crore including Ghanteswar and Raiyadhar STP and pumping stations. Projects worth Rs. 632 crore will be inaugurated and inaugurated by the Chief Minister.

More than 100 employees have been assigned responsibility. As soon as th s program of the Chief Minister was finalized, the municipal administration has started preparations in full swing. In which 24 different committees

have been formed and more than 100 employees have been assigned responsibility. Apart from the corporation, preparations have also been started by the district collector and police administration for this program. Meticulous arrangements are being made by the high officials of all the departments to ensure that there is no shortage when Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel becomes the guest of Rajkot next Saturday. Before the elections, Rajkot will be gifted with development works worth Rs. 632 crore. The Chief Minister, who will be the guest of Rajkot, will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects

worth a total of Rs. 632 crore. This includes the laying of foundations of a total of Rs.

543 crore and the laying of foundations of Rs. 88 crore. Most of the works to be laid

were approved in the last meeting of the Standing Committee that met recently.

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TRAIN NO.	ORIGINATING STATION & DESTINATION	WITH EFFECT FROM	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
69251	ASARVA - KHED BRAHMA	01.04.2026	18:25 hrs	21:10 hrs (Same Day)
69252	KHED BRAHMA - ASARVA	02.04.2026	06:45 hrs	09:30 hrs (Same Day)

Halts: Sardargram, Naroda, Dabhoda, Nandol Dahegam, Rakhiyal, Talod, Prantij, Sonasan, Himmatnagar and Idar stations in both directions.
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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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) 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 the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
BHARAT ANUBHAI SOLANKI SURAJBEN DILIPBHAI SOLANKI Present & Permanent,Property Address:-Umiya township 3, rajkot bypass,Ratanpar, po jaravarnagar ,Taluka – wadhvan, Dist.- Surendranagar - 363020 Permanent address:-2. SURAJBEN DILIPBHAI SOLANKI Dedadara. Surendranagar - 363030 LAN - SHLHSDNR0000069,	13(2) Notice date 11.07.2025 Rs. 2207271/- (Rupees twenty two lakh seven thousand two hundred seventy one only) as on dated.09/07/2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHSDNR0000069	Rs.22,62,728/- (Rs. Twenty two lakh xixty two thousand seven hundred twenty eight only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.) Rs.2,26,272/- (Rs. Two lakh twenty six thousand two hundred seventy two Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 05 May 2026 , Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	06 May 2026 & Time. 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.	Ashfaq Patka 9819415477 Dharmendrasinh Chauhan- 76007 62777 Inspection Date: 10.04.2026 Time : 11.00 AM to 3.00. PM
Description of Property				
Residential house on Ratanpar R.S..No.124 plot no 108 paiki western side land admeasuring 98.00 sq.mts.G.F.B./up area 90.01 sq.mts.of the within the limits municipal limits, at-Ratanparin the dist. Surendranagar, within the limits of Municipal limits surendranagar – dudhrej wadhwani municipality and belonging Solanki surajben Dilipphai. Boundaries of the property:- North : mt.08.03in this side 6.00mt.road. , South : mt.06.00in this side plot no. 104. East : mt.14.00 in this side plot no. 108 , West : mt.14.09 in this side RS no. 122 land,				
Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
Ramshi Meramanbhai Gagaliya Tambuen Ramshi Gagaliya Present & Permanent & Business Address:-Yogeshwar Nagar Kailash Nagar Murakhndani Gari , Upleta, Rajkot.-360490. Property Address:- Mouni Park Plot No.31, Nr. Aalap Green Party Plot, Off. Khakhi Jaliya Road, Bh. Dwarkadish Soc., Upleta. LAN - SLPHJTPR00001929,	13(2) Notice date 13.08.2025 Rs. 808546/- (Rupees Eight lakh eight thousand five hundred forty six only) as on dated. 07/08/2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHJTPR00001929	Rs.15,71,900/- (Rs. Fifteen lakh seventy one thousand nine hundred 0nly) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.) Rs.1,57,290/- (Rs. One lakh fifty seven thousand two hundred ninety only) Last date for submission of EMD : 05 May 2026 , Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	06 May 2026 & Time. 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.	Ashfaq Patka 9819415477 Dharmendrasinh Chauhan- 76007 62777 Inspection Date: 10.04.2026 Time : 11.00 AM to 3.00. PM
Description of Property				
The said residential Land bearing upleta RSN 524 P/2 sqm. 11037.00 Residential plot purpose plot no. 31, sqm. 265-62 situated at Upleta, Dist.-Rajkot. Boundaries of the property:- East Property of plot no. 44, West : Road, North : property of plot no. 30, South : road.				
1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website. 2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230. 3) The mortgagors/borrowers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest before auction, failing which secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. 4) Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagers by speed/ registered post. In case the same is not received by any of the parties, then this publication of sale notice may be treated as a substituted mode of service.				
Place : Surendranagar, Rajkot Date : 01.04.,2026			Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)	

PUBLIC NOTICE
(FORM NO. URC-2)
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act
[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre, Ministry of Corporate Affairs that **M/s LAXMI TRADING COMPANY** a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of the XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
To carry on the business of wholesale and/or retail trading in aluminium sections, plates, hardware materials, glass, PVC products, rubber goods, paints, iron and steel products and all other allied, related or similar goods and materials as may be mutually decided by the Company from time to time.
To act as traders, dealers, distributors, stockists, importers, exporters, commission agents and suppliers of all kinds of building materials, industrial goods, and general merchandise and to undertake all activities incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
To purchase, sell, resell, store, transport, pack, repack, market and distribute the aforesaid goods and to carry on the business in India or abroad.

3. A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at Office 209, Aaron Spectra, Opp. Rajpath Club, Rajpath Rangoli Road, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad - 380054.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8 Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin code - 122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this **1st day of April 2026**

Name(s) of Applicant
1. Mr. Ghanshyambhai Kalidas Patel
2. Mrs. Savitaben Ghanshyambhai Patel
3. Mr. Ambrish Ghanshyambhai Patel
4. Mrs. Priyanka Ambrish Patel



MARUTI INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
NOTICE
SPECIAL WINDOW FOR TRANSFER AND DEMATERIALIZATION (DEMAT) OF PHYSICAL SECURITIES

Please note that a **Special Window for transfer and dematerialisation (demat) of Physical Shares will remain open up to February 04, 2027** as per SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-POD/ 1/3750/2026 dated 30th January ,2026("SEBI Circular"). This facility is available to those investors who had **purchased physical shares of Maruti Infrastructure Limited ("the company") prior to 01st April,2019** and:

(a) had not lodged the shares for transfer; or
(b) had lodged the shares for transfer, but the same were rejected, returned, or not attended to due to deficiencies in documentation.

Applicability of Special Window
For clarity regarding the applicability of this window to transfer the deeds executed before April 01,2019 investors may refer to the matrix below:

Lodged for transfer before April 01, 2019	Original Security Certificate Available?	Eligible to lodge in the current window?
No (it is fresh lodgement)	Yes	Yes (Subject to conditions stated in the SEBI Circular)
Yes (it was rejected/ returned earlier)	Yes	No
Yes, was lodged	No	No
No, was not lodged	No	No

Kindly note that request (s) which are accompanied by original share certificate (s) along with transfer deed(s) and other supporting documents will only be considered under the Special Window.

Investors wishing to avail of this special window may contact the Company's **Registrar and Transfer Agent, MUF6 Intime India Pvt. Ltd.**, having its address at 5th floor, 506 to 508 Amarnath Housing Finance Centre - I (ABC - I), Nr. St. Xavier's College Corner Off C G Road, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat,380006.

Query may be addressed to investor.helpdesk@in.mmps.mufg.com

For, Maruti Infrastructure Limited
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Nimesh D. Patel
Date: 31-03-2026
Place: Ahmedabad
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