

Reinvestigation into BDR killings begins soon : Home adviser

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Online Desk : Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. (retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury announced that a reinvestigation into the BDR killings would begin soon. He said: "There must be a reinvestigation of the BDR killings, and an investigation team will be formed shortly." Speaking to reporters after visiting the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) headquarters in Pilkhana, Dhaka, on Monday (Nov 4), he emphasized the necessity of the review and hinted at its inevitability. During his visit, the adviser outlined several directives given to the BGB, stressing the importance of fostering positive relations with local communities. "Since BGB operates along the borders, maintaining a good relationship with the people is essential for smooth operations," he said, adding that cooperation from the community facilitates effective work.

Addressing the need to curb the inflow of illegal items like phensidyl through the border, he said, "As you know, substances like phensidyl and other drugs often cross the border. These must not be allowed under any circumstances as they harm the nation significantly." When questioned about the measures taken by BGB to prevent Rohingya infiltration, he said, "Infiltration is strictly prohibited. However, there is a humanitarian aspect to consider, especially in areas experiencing constant shelling. We do send them back, and only a small number manage to enter. While we already have 1.2 million Rohingya, the number is now close to 1.3 million. Although some manage to come in, we will continue to send them back."

The Home Affairs Adviser said that criminals should not be given any form of exemption. "In the past, many prominent criminals were given leniency. This can no longer be allowed, no matter how influential the individuals may be," he asserted. He acknowledged some improvement in the law and order situation but stressed the need for further progress. "The situation has improved somewhat but has not yet reached a satisfactory level. It is currently just passable, but we need to make it better."

He further added, "As you know, we are in the process of changing nearly all police personnel in Dhaka. It will take time for them to be recognized and for their intelligence network to be established. BGB has also undergone significant changes. These improvements take time, but the situation is gradually getting better, and we expect further progress." When asked about a recent fire at the Jatiya Party office within 50 yards of Ramna police station and the alleged inaction of the police, the adviser stated, "I am not aware of this incident at the moment. I will look into it."

Earlier in the day, the Home Affairs Adviser visited the BGB headquarters in Pilkhana, Dhaka. At 9 am, he participated in a meeting at the border conference center, where senior BGB officials, officers of various ranks, and BGB members engaged in discussions.