

# BANGLADESH EARTHQUAKE SOCIETY (BES)

## MEMBER SECRETARY REPORT



Adhoc Committee Tenure: November 5, 2024 – April 11, 2026

Presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) — April 11, 2026

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### FOREWORD

*Assalamu Alaikum. It is my honour and privilege to present this report on behalf of the Adhoc Committee of Bangladesh Earthquake Society (BES) to the esteemed members gathered at this Extraordinary General Meeting. This report captures the key activities, achievements, and progress made during the committee's tenure from November 5, 2024, to April 11, 2026 — a period that has been transformative for our Society after more than a decade of dormancy. I express my sincere gratitude to the Convenor, Prof. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini, all Adhoc Committee members, and the Election Committee for their tireless dedication to reviving this great institution.*

### 1. Formation of the Adhoc Committee

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of November 5, 2024, marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Bangladesh Earthquake Society. After more than a decade of administrative dormancy, the EGM was convened with the sole mandate to rescue the Society from imminent dissolution. A solemn one-minute silence was observed in honor of the Society's late founders, including the legendary Prof. Dr. J. R. Choudhury (Founder President) and Dr. M. Shamsur Rahman (Immediate Past President).

The EGM constituted a 14-member Adhoc Committee with the mandate to:

- (i) restore the Society's legal registration with RJSC, (ii) reconstruct the membership database, (iii) organize technical and professional activities, and (iv) conduct a free and fair election for an Executive Committee.

Role	Member
Convenor	Dr. Engr. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini
Member-Secretary	Dr. Engr. Md. Jahangir Alam
Advisor	Engr. M. A. Sobhan
Member	Dr. Engr. Ali Akbar Mollick
Member	Engr. Abdul Malek Sikder
Member	Mr. Abdul Latif Khan
Member	Dr. Raquib Ahsan
Member	Dr. Engr. Tanvir Manzur
Member	Mr. Aminul Kaosar Dipu
Member	Engr. Mohammad Mahbubul Alam Noyon
Member	Moshiur R. Khandaker
Member	Mohammad Anwar Hossain
Member	Syed Ashraful Islam
Member	Engr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam (co-opted, 2025)

## 2. Committee Meetings

The Adhoc Committee held a total of 9 formal meetings during its tenure, ensuring regular oversight, decision-making, and accountability. Key decisions from selected meetings are summarized below:

Meeting No.	Date	Key Decisions/Activities
Meeting 1	November 5, 2024	Formation of Adhoc Committee; one-minute silence for founders; mandate issued
Meeting 2	Late November 2024	Initial planning for RJSC regularization; member outreach strategy
Meeting 3	January 2025	Engagement of Advocate Selim Reza for RJSC documentation (fee: BDT 1,00,000); bank account reactivation initiated including FDR but failed due to non-cooperation of previous committee members
Meeting 4	March 2025	Seismic Design Training (ESCB) report; membership database reconstruction initiated
Meeting 5	May 2025	Co-option of Prof. Raquib Ahsan; IEB seminar planning; new membership fee structure discussed
Meeting 6	June–July 2025	BES-IEB Seminar report; International Workshop on Liquefaction planning; sponsorship drives
Meeting 7	August 26, 2025	New membership fee structure approved (Form: BDT 2,000; Annual: BDT 2,000; Life: BDT 8,000); voter list finalized with 171 life members; NID verification mandate
Meeting 8	December 2025	Post-workshop review; financial summary; election timeline confirmed
Meeting 9	February 26, 2026	Election Committee constituted; election date fixed (April 11, 2026); nomination process finalized, online voting system initiated.

## 3. Legal and Administrative Revival

BES had been dormant for over 10 years, during which mandatory annual filings were not submitted. The committee undertook a comprehensive legal recovery process:

- **RJSC Registration Renewal:** Engaged Advocate Selim Reza on a professional fee of BDT 1,00,000. An initial payment of BDT 20,000 was made. The process is ongoing and is expected to be completed with the remaining BDT 80,000 payable upon finalization. Due to the unavailability of signatures from many past committee members, the process slowed.
- **Secretariat Establishment:** A part-time office assistant (Engr. Rafiq) was engaged at BDT 3,000/month to establish a basic Secretariat function for record-keeping and correspondence.
- **Bank Account Reactivation:** Formal consultation was initiated with previous committee members to reactivate all dormant BES bank accounts. Formal requests were issued to Prof. M. A. Ansary and Engr. Abu Sadeque for information on outstanding bank accounts and fixed deposits.

- **Operational Funding:** In the absence of accessible funds, Adhoc Committee members made voluntary donations totaling BDT 83,000 to fund initial operational and legal expenses.
- **Digital Infrastructure:** The official BES website was launched at [www.bes.com.bd](http://www.bes.com.bd), containing the member directory, constitution, election information, and Society activities.

#### **4. Membership Database Updating**

A verified and legitimate membership list was the essential prerequisite for any democratic election. The reconstruction of this database was therefore among the Committee’s highest priorities. The 2009 membership booklet compiled by Dr. A. A. Mollick — finalized during the tenure of the late Prof. J. R. Choudhury — was adopted as the primary reference and “gold standard” for authenticity. A notice was published in a daily newspaper (Daily Ittefaq and Daily Star) and on BES’s Facebook page to collect information for updating the members’ database.

The final verified voter list contains **171 registered life members**, including deceased members (BES-0001 to BES-0171), and was published on March 14, 2026, and is available on the BES website.

New membership fee structure proposed (Meeting 7, August 26, 2025). No new members were registered during this tenure to avoid controversy of election engineering:

Item	Amount (BDT)
Membership Form Price	2,000
Annual Fee	2,000
Life Membership Fee	8,000

#### **5. Technical and Professional Activities**

Despite its interim status, the Adhoc Committee made remarkable strides in re-establishing BES as an active technical institution in the field of earthquake engineering and seismic safety in Bangladesh. Three major technical programs were successfully organized:

##### **5.1 Seismic Design Training (November 23, 2024)**

BES organized a seminar on “TECTONIC AND GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW OF BENGAL BASIN FOR SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT IN BANGLADESH”. The speaker was Mr. Mir Fazlul Karim, an Engineering Geologist, the former director of GSB. This was the first technical activity organized by BES since its period of dormancy.

##### **5.2 Seismic Design Training (January 25–26, 2025)**

In collaboration with the Engineering Staff College of Bangladesh (ESCB), BES organized a two-day training program for engineers from the Health Engineering Department (HED) on seismic design and earthquake-resistant building construction.

##### **5.3 BES–IEB Earthquake Engineering Seminar (June 21, 2025)**

A full-capacity seminar was jointly organized with the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), featuring four in-depth technical presentations including contributions from international experts. The event drew strong attendance from engineers, researchers, and academics, demonstrating the renewed interest in BES’s activities.

##### **5.4 International Workshop on Seismic Liquefaction (December 19–20, 2025)**

The flagship achievement of the Adhoc Committee was the organization of an international two-day workshop titled:

*“Seismic Liquefaction, Site Characterization and Design of Civil Structures”*

held at the Department of Civil Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

### **5.5 Narsingdhi Earthquake 2025**

Professor Dr. Engr. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini visited Narsingdhi after Earthquake and installed strong motion devices.

### **5.6 Seminar at PWD (January 29, 2025)**

Professor Dr. Engr. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini delivered lecture on “Seismic Hazard and BNBC-2020” at PWD Headquarter.

<b>Venue</b>	Department of Civil Engineering, BUET, Dhaka
<b>Date</b>	December 19–20, 2025
<b>Total Participants</b>	155 registered engineers and academics
<b>Resource Persons</b>	6 (2 international + 4 domestic)
<b>International Speakers</b>	Peter K Robertson (Canada), Sorabh Gupta (India)
<b>Domestic Speakers</b>	Dr. Md. Jahangir Alam, Mohammad Al-Mamun, Dr. Mehedi Ahmed Ansary, Dr. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini
<b>Sponsors</b>	Seven Rings Cement, Samuda Chemical, GPH Ispat, SEL, AM Groups
<b>Technical Output</b>	Workshop Proceedings printed and distributed to all participants
<b>Total Income</b>	BDT 12,24,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	BDT 11,67,207
<b>Workshop Surplus</b>	BDT 57,293

***The International Workshop was a landmark achievement — the largest technical event organized by BES in recent history, attended by 155 professionals and featuring internationally renowned resource persons. The Workshop generated a surplus of BDT 57,293 which has been added to the Society’s operational fund.***

## 6. Organization of Executive Committee Election 2026

The ultimate mandate of the Adhoc Committee was to return governance to the membership through a free, fair, and transparent election. The following steps were taken:

### Election Committee Formation (February 26, 2026)

An independent Election Committee was constituted:

Role	Name/Details
Convenor	Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir (Vice-Chancellor, Daffodil International University)
Member	Dr. Rupak Mutsuddy (Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, BUET)
Member	Engr. Rafiqul Islam

### Election Timeline and Key Milestones

Activity	Date	Status
Publication of Voter List & Election Circular	March 14, 2026	Completed
Call for Nominations	March 14, 2026	Completed
Last Date for Nomination Submission	April 1, 2026 (5:00 PM)	Completed
Publication of Valid Candidates List	April 3, 2026	Completed
Last Date for Nomination Withdrawal	April 5, 2026	Completed
Publication of Final Candidates List	April 6, 2026	Completed
Deadline for Online Voting Application	April 9, 2026 (10:00 PM)	Completed
Election Day (EGM + Voting)	April 11, 2026	Today

### Nomination Summary

- Nomination forms sold: 15 (at BDT 2,000 each = BDT 30,000)
- Positions contested: President (2 candidates), Vice President (3 candidates), Secretary General (1), Treasurer (1), Editor (1), Member (6)
- Total candidates: 14 (final list after withdrawals)
- Voting venue: Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Dr. JRC Civil Engineering Building, BUET

## 7. Financial Summary

A detailed financial statement has been prepared separately and submitted for review. A brief summary is presented here:

<b>Income Summary</b>	<b>Amount (BDT)</b>
Donations from Adhoc Committee Members	83,000
Election Nomination Form Sales (15 forms)	30,000
Workshop Registration & Sponsorship (Dec 2025)	12,24,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13,37,500</b>

<b>Expenditure Summary</b>	<b>Amount (BDT)</b>
Administrative & Legal (RJSC + Meeting)	21,000
Workshop Speaker Remuneration	2,31,647
Workshop Materials, Food & Operations	9,35,560
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>11,88,207</b>

**NET BALANCE (Surplus): BDT 1,49,293**

***This balance is held in the Adhoc Committee's operational fund and will be formally handed over to the newly elected Executive Committee with complete financial records.***

## 8. Pending Matters for the New Executive Committee

The following matters are pending and are recommended for immediate attention by the newly elected Executive Committee:

1. Complete the RJSC registration renewal process by paying the remaining legal fee of BDT 80,000 to Advocate Selim Reza.
2. Pursue the recovery of dormant bank accounts and fixed deposits from previous committee officials (Prof. M. A. Ansary and Engr. Abu Sadeque).
3. Commission an independent audit of the financial records for the Adhoc Committee tenure.
4. Formal handover of all organizational records, membership database, financial accounts, and assets to the new Executive Committee.
5. Develop and implement a formal constitution amendment process to modernize the Society's governance framework.
6. Expand BES membership through a structured outreach campaign.

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## **9. Acknowledgements**

The Member-Secretary wishes to place on record sincere appreciation and gratitude to:

- **All Adhoc Committee members** for their voluntary service, financial support, and dedication without any remuneration.
- **Dr. Engr. Ali Akbar Mollick** for his guidance and support for RJSC updating of BES
- **Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir, Dr. Rupak Mutsuddy, and Engr. Rafiqul Islam of the Election Committee** for conducting a transparent and dignified election process.
- **All corporate sponsors** — Seven Rings Cement, Samuda Construction, GPH Ispat, SEL, and AM Groups — for supporting the International Workshop.
- **All international and national resource persons** of the Liquefaction Workshop.
- **All 171 verified life members of BES** for their patience and trust in the Adhoc Committee.

*Bangladesh Earthquake Society was founded with the noble mission of promoting earthquake engineering research, public safety awareness, and professional development in Bangladesh. After a decade of dormancy, the Adhoc Committee has fulfilled its mandate — the Society's legal standing is being restored, its membership is verified, its financial health is positive, and its first election in many years is underway today. I am confident that the newly elected Executive Committee will build on this foundation and elevate BES to new heights of professional service to the nation.*

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Submitted respectfully,



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