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No. 1 (Printing and Publication) — By order of the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the following order is hereby published for public information.

Order No. 01, 2025

**Implementation Order of the July National Charter
(Constitutional Reform), 2025**

Whereas, in continuation of a prolonged democratic struggle, the successful mass uprising of students and citizens in Bangladesh during July–August 2024 has manifested the sovereign will and authority of the people; and

Whereas, as a result of the said uprising, the fascist regime in power at that time was overthrown on 5 August 2024 (21 Srabon 1431), the National Parliament was

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dissolved on 6 August 2024 (22 Srabon 1431), and the present Interim Government was formed on 8 August 2024 (24 Srabon 1431), which has since received both national and international legitimacy and recognition; and

Whereas, with a view to establishing good governance, democracy, and social justice through institutional reforms, and to prevent any recurrence of authoritarian and fascist rule, the Interim Government formed six reform commissions tasked with proposing reforms in the constitution, electoral system, public administration, judiciary, police administration, and anti-corruption mechanisms; and the said commissions have submitted their respective reports to the government; and

Whereas, in pursuit of building national consensus on the recommendations contained in the aforesaid reports, the government constituted the National Consensus Commission on 12 February 2025 (29 Magh 1432); and

Whereas, the National Consensus Commission, through dialogue with all political parties and alliances that participated in the mass uprising, drafted the July National Charter 2025 incorporating recommendations for constitutional and other reforms, and the said Charter has been jointly signed and affirmed for implementation by those political parties and alliances; and

Whereas, the proposals for constitutional reform as contained in the July National Charter require approval from the sovereign people, and for that purpose, it is necessary to hold a referendum, establish a Constitutional Reform Assembly, and entrust that Assembly with the task of reforming the Constitution; and

Whereas, it is essential to issue a formal order to execute the implementation of the July National Charter 2025 as stated above;

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Therefore, under the authority of the sovereign will expressed by the people through the successful student-mass uprising in July–August 2024, and upon the advice of the Interim Government, the President hereby issues the following Order:—

1. Short Title and Commencement.—

(1) This Order shall be called the *July National Charter (Constitutional Reform) Implementation Order, 2025*.

(2) This Order shall—

- (a) come into immediate effect with respect to Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, and 15; and
- (b) come into effect, subject to the referendum yielding a majority “Yes” vote, on the date of its publication in the official Gazette with respect to Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14.

2. Definitions.—In this Order, unless the context or subject otherwise requires,—

- (a) “Referendum” means the referendum held under the authority of this Order;
- (b) “July Uprising” means the student-mass uprising that took place in Bangladesh during July–August 2024;
- (c) “July National Charter” means the July National Charter 2025 signed by the political parties and alliances, and by the National Consensus Commission constituted by the Interim Government;
- (d) “National Parliament” means the Jatiya Sangsad constituted under Article 65 of the Constitution;
- (e) “Election Commission” means the Election Commission constituted under Article 118 of the Constitution;

- (f) “Elected Representative” means a Member of the National Parliament as defined in clause (2) of Article 65 of the Constitution;
- (g) “Council” means the Constitutional Reform Council constituted under Section 7 of this Order;
- (h) “Chairperson” means the person presiding over a meeting of the Council as provided in Section 9 of this Order;
- (i) “Constitution” means the Constitution of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh; and
- (j) “Parliamentary Election” means the general election of the National Parliament held immediately following the promulgation of this Order.

3. Referendum on Constitutional Reform Proposals in the July National Charter.—For the purpose of exercising the sovereign authority of the people, this Order and the constitutional reform provisions contained in the July National Charter shall be submitted to a referendum.

4. Question to be Presented on the Referendum Ballot.—

(1) The following question shall be presented in the referendum:

“Do you consent to the July National Charter (Constitutional Reform) Implementation Order, 2025, and to the following proposals on constitutional reform as set forth in the July National Charter?”
(Yes/No):

- (a) The caretaker government during elections, the Election Commission, and other constitutional institutions shall be formed in

accordance with the procedures described in the July Charter.

- (b) The next National Parliament shall be bicameral. A 100-member upper chamber shall be constituted based on the proportion of votes received by political parties in the national parliamentary election, and any constitutional amendment shall require approval by a majority of the upper chamber.
 - (c) The political parties shall be obligated to implement the thirty reform proposals agreed upon in the July National Charter including increased representation of women in Parliament, election of the Deputy Speaker and several committee chairs from the opposition, term limitation for the Prime Minister, enhancement of the powers of the President, protection of fundamental rights, independence of the judiciary, and strengthening of local government.
 - (d) Other reforms described in the July National Charter shall be implemented in accordance with the commitments of the political parties.
- (2) The referendum shall be conducted by ballot, and each voter shall cast their vote in secret on a ballot determined by the Election Commission.

5. Holding of Referendum.—The referendum under this Order shall be held on the same day as the general election to the National Parliament immediately following the promulgation of this Order.

6. Legislation for Holding the Referendum.—Appropriate legislation shall be enacted to enable the Election Commission to take necessary measures for holding the referendum.

7. Constitution of the Constitutional Reform Council, Its Functions and Dissolution.—

(1) If the majority of votes cast in response to the question presented in the referendum are in the affirmative (Yes), then—

(a) a Constitutional Reform Council shall be constituted, comprising the elected representatives from the general election to the National Parliament held immediately following the promulgation of this Order, and the Council shall have full authority to carry out constitutional reforms;

(b) the elected representatives from the said election shall serve concurrently as Members of the National Parliament and as Members of the Constitutional Reform Council under this Order;

(c) the Council shall complete the constitutional reform, in accordance with the July National Charter and the outcome of the referendum, within 180 (one hundred and eighty) working days from the date of commencement of its first session, upon which the Council shall be dissolved.

(2) While participating in the proceedings of the Council, the elected representatives shall be referred to as Members of the Council.

(3) For the purposes of this Order, the Council shall determine its own rules of procedure regarding the summoning and adjournment of its sessions, the manner of introducing proposals on constitutional reform, their deliberation and adoption, and all other related matters.

(4) The Secretariat of the National Parliament shall provide secretarial support to the Council.

8. Oath and Administration of Oath.—

- (1) After taking the oath as Members of Parliament, the elected representatives shall, in the same oath-taking ceremony, take the oath as Members of the Council in the form set out in Schedule 1 of this Order, and shall sign the oath accordingly.
- (2) The person who administers the oath to the elected Members of Parliament shall also administer the oath to the Members of the Council in the form prescribed in Schedule 1 of this Order.

9. Chairperson of the Council.—

- (1) At the first meeting of the Council's first session, the Members of the Council shall elect a Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson; until such election is held, the senior-most Member, with the consent of the majority of Members, shall preside over the meeting as Chairperson.
- (2) In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, any Member of the Council shall preside over the proceedings in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council.

10. Summoning of Council Sessions, Quorum, Voting, etc.—

- (1) The first session of the Council shall be summoned, in the same manner as the first session of the National Parliament, within 30 (thirty) calendar days of the declaration of election results.
- (2) The presence of at least 60 (sixty) Members of the Council shall be required for conducting its proceedings.
- (3) Any proposal concerning constitutional reform shall be adopted by a majority of the total Members of the Council; decisions on all other matters shall be made by a majority of the Members present and voting:

Provided that, in the case of a tie, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

11. Special Privileges and Immunities of the Council and Its Members.—The validity of any proceedings of the Council, and the special privileges and immunities of the Members of the Council, shall be equivalent to those of the National Parliament and its Members.

12. Incorporation of the July National Charter into the Constitution.—In accordance with the Declaration of Commitment to the implementation of the July National Charter, measures shall be taken to incorporate the July National Charter into the Constitution.

13. Immediate Implementation of Constitutional Reforms.—

- (1) Upon completion of the constitutional reform as referred to in sub-section (1)(c) of Section 7 of this Order, all reforms that are capable of immediate implementation shall be so implemented without delay, and the Government shall take all appropriate measures to that end.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1), within 30 (thirty) working days of the completion of the constitutional reform under sub-section (1)(c) of Section 7, an upper chamber of the National Parliament shall be constituted under the system of proportional representation (PR) based on the votes received in the election to the lower chamber of the National Parliament, and its scope of functions shall be determined.
- (3) The term of the upper chamber constituted under sub-section (2) shall commence from the date of its oath-taking and shall continue until the last day of

the term of the lower chamber of the National Parliament.

- (4) It shall not be required to publish a list of candidates for the upper chamber at the time of the National Parliamentary election held immediately following the promulgation of this Order.
- (5) For the purpose of removing any impediment to the constitution of the upper chamber under sub-section (2), the Council may enact necessary provisions, and the Government may issue necessary directives.

14. Finalization and Publication of Constitutional Reform by the Council.—

- (1) The constitutional reform adopted by the Council shall be deemed final, and no further approval or consent shall be required in respect thereof.
- (2) The full text of the constitutional reform adopted by the Council, along with the full text of the Constitution as amended thereby, shall be published by the Government in the official Gazette without delay.

15. Issuance of Directives by the Government.—For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Order, the Government may issue necessary directives.

Schedule-1
[See Section 8]

Oath Form for Members of the Constitutional
Reform Council

The person administering the oath to the elected representatives in the National Parliament shall also administer the following oath to the Members of the Council:

“I,.....
.....being appointed as a Member of the Constitutional Reform Council, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties I am about to undertake in accordance with law and with integrity;

I will bear true faith and allegiance to Bangladesh; and

I will not allow my personal interests to influence the discharge of my duties as a Member of the Council.”

Date: 28 Kartik, 1432 B.S.
13 November, 2025 A.D.

Md. Shahabuddin
President
People’s Republic of
Bangladesh

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Secretary