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Rajuk Bhaban in the capital's Dilkhusha. File Photo: Collected

The Ministry of Housing and Public Works has ordered a full audit of the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk)'s financial records from 2009 to 2024.

The review will encompass all income and expenditure transactions, including the allocation and handover of plots and flats, the ministry said in a statement today.

The audit is to be completed within three months.

This directive, issued in the public interest, is grounded in the ministry's Internal Audit Directorate's Allocation of Functions, the officials' Charter of Duties, and a resolution passed by the ministry's Budget Management Committee (BMC) on 23 April, reads the statement.

The Internal Audit Directorate has been tasked with conducting the audit following a clear set of instructions.

The audit guidelines are as follows:

1. The Internal Audit Directorate will develop a detailed audit plan and execute the audit accordingly.

2. The audit must strictly adhere to the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha Act and associated rules and regulations.

3. Prior to commencement, the Internal Audit Directorate must submit comprehensive details of the audit team members — including names, designations, and contact information—to the ministry.

4. Rajuk must be kept informed about the progress of the audit.

5. Upon conclusion within three months, the Internal Audit Directorate is required to present a comprehensive report to the secretary of the ministry.

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Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate seizes six gold eggs in two separate operations at Dhaka airport on Sunday, 1 November 2026. Photo: Courtesy

Customs intelligence officials have seized six egg-shaped gold pieces weighing a total of 2.728kg and worth an estimated Tk4.91 crore, allegedly being taken back to Abu Dhabi after failing to fetch the expected price in Bangladesh.

The Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) seized the gold in two separate operations at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday (1 November), according to a press release issued by the agency.

Acting on a tip-off, CIID officials offloaded passenger Mohammad Minhaj from Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight BG-127, which was scheduled to fly from Dhaka to Abu Dhabi via Chattogram at 7:20pm.

With the passenger's assistance, officials recovered three gold pieces weighing 1.364kg.

In a separate operation, customs intelligence officials recovered another three pieces of the same weight that had been left in the airport's boarding bridge area.

During preliminary interrogation, those involved reportedly said the gold pieces had previously been brought to Bangladesh from Abu Dhabi. They allegedly attempted to take them back after failing to secure their expected selling price in the domestic market.

The six pieces had a combined weight of 2.728kg and an estimated market value of Tk4.91 crore, the CIID said.

The agency is investigating the source of the gold, the roles of those involved, possible smuggling networks and their international connections.

Legal proceedings in connection with the seizures are underway, according to the press release.

The workers took to the highway starting 7am, bringing traffic to a standstill and causing severe congestion and suffering for commuters.

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Protesting ready-made garment (RMG) workers block a section of the Dhaka-Tangail highway to demand a minimum monthly wage of Tk30,000 in Gazipur on 2 November 2026. Photo: TBS

Garment workers once again blocked the Dhaka-Tangail Highway in Gazipur's Kaliakair and Konabari areas and the Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway in Telipara and Salna neighbourhoods this morning (2 November), demanding higher wages despite the government's formation of a wage board.

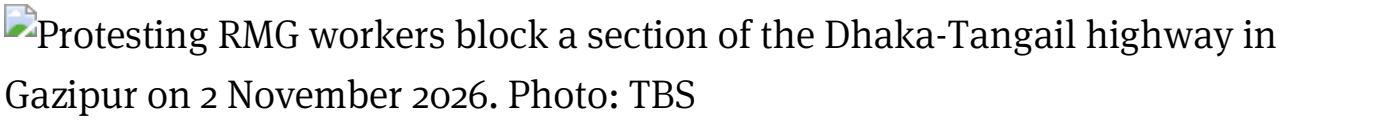
The workers took to the highway starting 7am, bringing traffic to a standstill and causing severe congestion and suffering for commuters.

Ten platoons of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were deployed at key points across Gazipur to address the ongoing labour unrest and maintain law and order.

The personnel are working alongside other law enforcement agencies to address the unrest.

Workers were seen demonstrating in the Chandra, Palli Bidyut and Mouchak areas of Kaliakair, setting fire to wooden logs and rubbish in the middle of the highway. Carrying sticks, they took positions at several intersections.

Several factories, including Eco Garments in Chandra, posted notices declaring holidays to prevent further unrest.


Protesting RMG workers block a section of the Dhaka-Tangail highway in Gazipur on 2 November 2026. Photo: TBS

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Police and other law enforcement agencies, along with riot-control vehicles, remained on high alert at different points in the area.

Gazipur Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Nurul Karim Bhuiyan confirmed the deployment.

"In view of the ongoing worker protests in the Gazipur industrial area, 10 platoons of BGB have been deployed to control the situation. Under the leadership of 21 executive magistrates, they are working jointly with law enforcement agencies," he said.

He added that precautionary measures had been taken to protect public and state property and prevent harm to people's lives and property.

Workers have been blocking the Dhaka-Tangail and Dhaka-Mymensingh highways in Gazipur for the past few days, demanding higher wages and other benefits, despite the government's formation of a wage board.

Earlier during the protests, incidents of arson and vandalism were reported, including fires at a police box, a factory warehouse and a police vehicle.

There have also been allegations that some leaders and activists of the banned Chhatra League and Jubo League were involved in the violence

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