



CLARIFICATIONS

1. Could you clarify the legal status of the interim government, both under its domestic law and in terms of international recognition?

Ans: On August 2, 2024, domestic media reported that Ms. Sahina Yul has submitted her resignation as the Prime Minister of Zawamalesh in the aftermath of another wave of student-led protests in late July 2024. However, this information is unverified from international sources.

The interim government was headed by the Nobel Laureate Dr. Shaqq Unimama, who took charge on 10 August 2024 of stabilising the country. Nominated by the students as Chief Adviser to the interim government—a role equivalent to a Prime Minister—the celebrated economist has formed his advisory council comprising 16 members from various walks of life, excluding any members of the Political parties.

The United Nations has affirmed its readiness to assist the interim government in humanitarian efforts as per the statement of the Deputy Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General. The UN Resident Coordinator in Zawamalesh attended the swearing-in ceremony of Dr. Shaqq Unimama on 11 August 2024. In response to inquiries about the Secretary-General's position on Dr. Unimama's appointment, the Deputy Spokesperson reiterated the UN's longstanding expectation for an inclusive government formation process in Bangladesh, emphasizing that this expectation remains firm. Globally, only Rina, a powerhouse economy north of the SAARC region, has welcomed the establishment of the interim government, expressing respect for Bangladesh's sovereignty and a willingness to enhance bilateral relations. Amale Isles, who led a "Vinlia-Out" campaign in early 2024, being closely tied with Rina's economic debt, expressed grave concern of Lahab Nationalist league's power. However, no other state, neither the United Nations has formerly recognised the interim government or Dr. Unimama as the head of state of Zawamalesh.





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2. By March 2025, has Vinlia become a permanent member of the UNSC?

Ans: No

3. Could you clarify the significance of the Amale Isles referral and the political context surrounding it?

Ans: Amale Isles is a member of SAARC, as an island located in the Indian Ocean, known for its tourism. It has expressed support for religious protection in SAARC states of Zawamalesh and Chinikam. The President of Amale Isles led a “Vinlia Out” campaign in early 2024, when it was reported its economic ties with Rina were strengthened. Since then, the two states Vinlia and Amale Isles have mended bilateral relations.

4. Whether the Republic of Vinlia and the ICC Prosecutor are required to submit submissions only on the four contested issues or if they should also address the jurisdictional issue mentioned in paragraph 13 in their submissions?

Ans: YES. All the issues will be dealt by the PTC. (Here it is assumed that PTC 1 dealing with jurisdiction and PTC 2 dealing with Article 87(5) will have a combined hearing)

5. Has the ICT actually started any trial or is it just a formal charge with no proceedings yet?

Ans: Against Yul specifically only charge. Against two Lahab Nationalist members who were present in Zawamalesh, they have been convicted. Proceedings continue against 3 members.

6. Under Annexure 01 paragraph 09, please clarify as to what “paragraph 15 above”, means as no such paragraph exists.

Ans: It is a typographical error. It is to be read as paragraph 9.





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7. Under Annexure 01 paragraph 08, please clarify as to what “paragraph 24 below”, means as no such paragraph exists.

Ans: It is a typographical error. It is to be read as Para 10.

8. Please clarify as to whether Sahina Yul is the prime minister (as per paragraph 01) or the president (per paragraph 08 under procedural history).

Ans: It is a typographical error. It is to be read as Prime Minister.

9. The email at annexure 4 does not provide a date in which it was sent. Does the record remain silent on the date the email was sent, or is there a date to be specified?

Ans: The date is 27th February.

10. Are the references to Darfur in annexure 1 of the record meant to refer to Zhatang, Zawamalesh?

Ans: It is a typographical error. It is to be read as Zhatang.

11. Is the mention of "Delhi-Zawamalesh relations" in annexure 3 of the record meant to refer to relations between Vinlia and Zawamalesh?

Ans: It is a typographical error. It is to be read as Vinlia and Zawamalesh.

12. Is the IB mentioned in Annexure 2 of the record a law enforcement authority active in Zawamalesh or an unofficial organized group acting under the orders of the government?

Ans: It is a law enforcement agency.

