

NIKO CASE
Six more
testify
at court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Six more prosecution
witnesses yesterday
testified before the court in
connection with the Niko
graft case filed against BNP
Chairperson Khaleda Zia
and seven others.

They include Imran
Hossain Chowdhury,
Shahidul Islam, Jahirul
Haque Talukder, Hamidur
Rahman, Shafiqul Islam
and Saidul Islam.

Judge Mohammad
Abdullah Al Mamun of the
Special Judge's Court-5 of
Dhaka set January 21 for
next hearing after
recording their statements,
said a staffer of the court.

During yesterday's
hearing, defence lawyer
Mohammad Ziauddin
represented the BNP chief
in her absence as she is
receiving treatment abroad
now.

Till yesterday, the court
recorded statements of 38
prosecution witnesses.

The seven others
accused are BNP acting
chairman Tarique
Rahman's close friend
Giausuddin Al Mamun,
former acting secretary for
energy ministry Khondaker
Shahidul Islam, former
Dhaka Club president
Selim Bhuiyan, former
senior assistant secretary
CM Yusuf Hussain, former
principal secretary Kamal
Uddin Siddiqui, Mir Moynul
Haque, and Kashem Sharif.
Of them, Kamal,
Moynul and Kashem are
abscording now.

On March 19 last year,
the court framed charges
against the eight.

In December 2007,
the Anti Corruption
Commission filed the case,
accusing Khaleda and
several others of abusing
power to award a gas
exploration and extraction
deal to Canadian company
Niko when she was prime
minister between 2001 and
2006.

Tengragiri Ecopark lies in neglect

Dilapidated infrastructure endangers visitors, wildlife

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The Tengragiri Ecopark, located in the reserve forest area of Barguna's Taltali upazila, is deteriorating due to a lack of maintenance and renovation.

The boundary wall of the wildlife sanctuary, along with roads and several small bridges over canals inside the forest, are either damaged or in a deplorable condition.

Although the Barguna Forest Department has assured that necessary measures will be taken soon, no visible steps have been implemented to address the situation.

The ecopark, built in the Tengragiri mangrove forest at a cost of Tk 2.64 crore, was developed between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 fiscal years under the "Increasing Ecotourism Opportunities" programme of the Ministry of Forests and Environment.

A 4.5-kilometre brick road was constructed within the park, along with 16 wooden and concrete bridges over small canals. Additionally, rest-houses, tube wells, and toilets were built for



visitors. During a recent visit, this correspondent observed that several bridges are on the verge of collapse, posing risks to visitors. The road has numerous potholes, and many bricks have been removed or stolen.

The rest-houses were found in poor condition, with garbage piled up in various spots. The walls of the rest-houses, toilets, and other structures have peeling plaster, and fences meant to protect wildlife such as deer and crocodiles have broken in places.

"There are no bridges at several points over the canals, forcing us to cross on foot. The benches are broken, and the rest-houses are unfit for accommodation," said Md Mahmudur Rahman Hasan, a visitor from Korailbaria, Taltali.

"The broken fences make the park insecure for visitors," added Md Matir Rahman, range officer of the Forest Department in Taltali, admitted the poor state of the ecopark. He said much of the damage, including 60 feet of the deer enclosure wall, occurred during Cyclone Remal.

"The authorities have been informed of the damages. If allocations are received, renovations will be carried out to improve facilities for visitors," he said.

Khaleda's
condition
much better
Says Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

The health of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, currently undergoing treatment at a specialised hospital in London, is much better, party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference at the party chairperson's office in Gulshan, he said, "We've received updates [about her condition]. She is now mentally and physically much better than before."

Khaleda Zia was admitted to the London Clinic on January 8 for advanced treatment under the supervision of liver specialist Prof John Patrick Kennedy.

A six-member medical team from Bangladesh, including BNP standing committee member Dr AZM Zahid Hossain, accompanied Khaleda during her journey to London.

Contacted, Dr Zahid said the doctors at the London Clinic have reviewed Khaleda's medical history, including conditions related to her liver, kidneys, and heart.

"Madam [Khaleda] is

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Two killed in road accidents

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Two people were killed in separate road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

A man died after a truck crashed into his motorcycle in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur.

Ekhlas Uddin, 30, was from Madhya Badra village of Katiadi upazila of Kishoreganj.

The truck from Barmi hit the motorcycle on the Maona-Barmi regional highway in Teliati union around 1:00pm, said Joynal Abedin, officer-in-charge of Sreepur Police Station.

Meanwhile, a cleaner of Brahmanbaria Municipality was killed after being run over by a garbage truck.

Al-Amin Mia, 35, was from Aairol village in Sarail upazila, said OC Md Mozzafar Hossain of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station.

Al-Amin was collecting garbage from different areas of the town with a municipality garbage truck in the morning. While unloading the waste at the Chhoybaria dumping station, the same truck suddenly ran Al Amin over.

Indian arrested with 18 gold bars

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh arrested an Indian national along with 18 gold bars at the Mujibnagar border in Meherpur yesterday.

Nur Hossain, 48, from Hridoypur village in Nadia, India, was arrested near pillar-104 of the Mujibnagar border, said BGB sources.

Lt Col Syed Mohammad Zahidur Rahman, commander of BGB Chaudanga Battalion 6, said the arrest was made while Nur was attempting to flee to India from Bangladesh.

The gold bars, weighing 2.18kg, were found in three packets wrapped with scotch tape in his possession.

3 brick kilns demolished in Rangamati, Bandarban

STAR REPORT

Three brick kilns were demolished by separate mobile courts in Rangamati and Bandarban yesterday for operating illegally.

In Rangamati, a mobile court led by Kawkhali Upazila Nirbahi Officer Kazi Atiqur Rahman destroyed two brick kilns -- BRB Bricks and MBB Bricks -- located in Betbunia area under Kawkhali upazila.

In Bandarban, another mobile court demolished a brick kiln and fined it Tk 1 lakh in Thanchi upazila, said Thanchi UNO Rakib Hasan Chowdhury, who led the drive.

Earlier on January 5, the High Court directed the deputy commissioners of the three hill districts to shut all illegal brick kilns in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

[Our Bandarban and Rangamati correspondents contributed to the report]

Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department-2
(Mechanical Engineering Wing)
Head Office, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Re-Tender (Goods & Related Works) Through Web

01	Procuring entity	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000
02	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
03	Invitation Ref. No. & date	CSD-2(MES): 5/3/2025-87 Date: 12/01/2025
04	Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
05	Name of the work	Re-Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 554USGPM (or compatible to 150 TR Chiller) Capacity Cooling Tower & related works for central air conditioning system installed at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Mirpur-2, Dhaka
06	Address of the web for submission e-Tender	From web : www.bangladeshbank.org.bd www.bangladeshbank-bank.org (e-Tender)
07	Last date & time e-Tenders through web	26/01/2025 on or before 3:00pm.
08	Last date & time and name & address of the office for receiving original tender security and other documents	26/01/2025 on or before 3:15pm Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
09	Name & address of the office opening tender	Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000 on 26/01/2025 at 3.30pm (Intending tenderers or authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
10	Qualification of the tenderer	<p>a) Tenderer shall have at least 05 (five) years of overall business experience in the supply and installation of mechanical machineries.</p> <p>b) Tenderer shall have specific experience for supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of proposed brand Cooling Tower for central air conditioning system installed in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous/ recognized organization worth not less than Tk. 16.00 (sixteen) lac only in single contract in the last 03 (three) years.</p> <p>c) Tenderer shall have agent/distributorship of the proposed Brand Cooling Tower.</p> <p>d) The Tenderer shall have to furnish the certificate in this respect from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent and shall meet all other criteria, terms & conditions as specified in the tender documents without which the tender will not be considered.</p> <p>e) The minimum amount of liquid asset i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 18.00 (eighteen) lac. In case of credit facilities, Bank shall ensure that the abovementioned credit limits will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor.</p>
11	Tender security	Tender Security amounting BDT 50,000.00 (fifty thousand) only will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
12	Work completion time	06 (six) months from the date of Award of Contract.
13	Address of official inviting tender	Sudhangshu Kumar Sarker, Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 (7th Floor, 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
14	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 88-02-9530490, Fax: +88-029530321.
15	Special instructions	<p>i. The Tenderer shall submit the tender through Bangladesh Bank Website (e-Tendering) & shall have a valid e-mail address for participating in e-Tendering.</p> <p>ii. Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security has to be sent to Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of Tender Data Sheet (TDS).</p> <p>iii. Scanned copy of the tender security shall be submitted with the tender through web.</p> <p>iv. Tenderer shall submit the documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of Tender opening or when required, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive.</p> <p>v. Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form PG3-1 (Tender Submission Letter) and Form PG3-2 (Tenderer Information sheet) as per format given in Tender Document.</p> <p>vi. PG3-1 form will be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad, attached by scanning during submitting tender and original will have to send to Director (Engineering-Electromechanical), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS.</p> <p>vii. Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of the tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008.</p> <p>viii. All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the Contractor during execution of the work.</p> <p>ix. Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.</p>

e-GP Tender Notice

e-GP Tender is invited in the National e-GP System (www.cprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of works mentioned below under University of Dhaka.

SL No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of work	e-Tender last selling date & time	e-Tender closing date & time
1	1049058	SH-01	Construction of Bi-cycle stand at Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall, Dhaka University.	30-01-2025 13.30	30-01-2025 15.00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.cprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's Branch.

Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@cprocure.gov.bd).

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Identification of Lot	Tender ID No.	Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	dscc/wmd/2024-25 2 P71	Cleaning Work of Pipe drain & Open drain at Ward-71 Under Zone-7. DSCC (Fiscal Year 2024-2025).	1043725	29.01.2025 up to 05:00 PM	30.01.2025 up to 2:00 PM
2.	dscc/wmd/2024-25 2 P72	Cleaning Work of Pipe drain & Open drain at Ward-72 Under Zone-7. DSCC (Fiscal Year 2024-2025).	1043726	29.01.2025 up to 05:00 PM	30.01.2025 up to 2:00 PM
3.	dscc/wmd/2024-25 2 P73	Cleaning Work of Pipe drain & Open drain at Ward-73 Under Zone-7. DSCC (Fiscal Year 2024-2025).	1043727	29.01.2025 up to 05:00 PM	30.01.2025 up to 2:00 PM

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