

ABRAR MURDER HC verdict today

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The High Court is set to deliver its verdict today on the death references and appeals of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) student Abrar Fahad murder case.



The death references and appeals have been included as item No. 1 in today's cause list of the HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain for judgement.

On October 7, 2019, Abrar, a second-year student, was beaten to death by a group of Chhatra League activists in a dormitory.

A Dhaka court on December 8, 2021, sentenced 20 Buet students to death for their direct involvement in the murder.

The court also sentenced five other students to life imprisonment in the case. The documents of the case reached the HC on January 6, 2022, as death reference to examine the lower court's verdict. The HC bench began the hearing on the case on November 28 last year. Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman, Deputy Attorney Generals Jasim Sarker, Khandaker Bahar Rumi, Nur Muhammad Azmi and Rasel Ahmed, and Assistant Attorney Generals Abdul Jabbar Jewel, Laboni Akhter, Tanvir Prodhan and Sumaiya Binte Aziz appeared for the state while lawyers SM Shahjahan, Azizur Rahman Dulu, Masud Hasan Chowdhury and Mohammad Shishir Manir argued for the accused during hearing on the death reference and appeals.



Sixty-five-year-old Lila Haldar sewing traditional kantha on the yard of her home at Mollapara in Agoiljhara of Barishal yesterday.

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5 snatcher suspects arrested in Dhaka: DMP

UNB, Dhaka

The Traffic Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police has arrested five suspects while they were allegedly attempting snatching in different areas of the capital.

The arrestees were identified as Md Sajjat Hossain, alias Sagar, 42, Md Wasim Akram, 35, Md Suman, 30, Md Sultan Mahmud Khan, 45, and Mohammad Shanto, 29, according to a DMP statement yesterday.

They were arrested on Friday in Tejgaon, Mirpur, and Uttara House Building areas, it said.

Renovation of 11 roads in Jashore stalled for 4yrs

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The renovation work of 11 roads under the Local Government Engineering Department in Jashore has remained suspended for around four years, causing immense sufferings to local residents.

After the roadwork began four years back, the contractors completed around 40-50 percent work before halting the projects.

Following prolonged delay in resuming the renovation work, the roads have become dilapidated, with numerous potholes having formed after the unpaved surface wore off over time.

As such, commute has not only become risky on these roads, but also inconvenient due to the dust produced from the road surfaces.

Locals urged LGED authorities to take immediate measures to complete renovation work of the 11 roads.

According to sources at LGED office in Jashore, a contractor Shariful Islam was awarded the work of 3.71-km stretch of the Oilkup Bazar road from Kashimpur to Dighirpar areas under Sadar upazila. Only 60 percent of the work has been completed while the deadline expired on June 16, 2020.

Similarly, work on 1.76-km stretch of the road from Hudar Mor (intersection) to Hapania via Phulbari Police Camp in Sadar upazila was awarded to contractor Hanif Trading and Steel House. Only 60 percent work has been completed while deadline expired in November 2021.



Contractor firm Nahid Enterprise was awarded the work for 1.70-km Sharshnada-Bhabanipur road with a deadline till June 2021. Only 40 percent of the work has been completed.

Meanwhile, contractor firm Renu Enterprise could complete 60 percent of the work for 1.70-km Manoharpur Yogipara-Osmanpur road while the deadline expired in September 2024.

Similarly, roadwork remains incomplete

at different places along the Notunhat-Dattapara road, Baladanga-Mathurapur road, the road stretching from Malanchi Cold Store to Arabpur union parishad, and the road from Basundia union parishad to Sebanandpur Kheyaghat.

Anand Biswas, owner of Renu Enterprise, said he expects to complete the work before upcoming Eid.

Abdur Rouf, owner of Nahid Enterprise, claimed that the work got suspended after political goons demanded extortion from him during the then Awami League government's tenure. He expressed hope to complete the work soon.

Chowdhury Mohammad Asif Reza, LGED engineer in Sadar upazila, blamed the contractors for their negligence in completing the work on the rural roads on time.

Contacted, Ahmed Mahbubur Rahman, executive engineer of LGED in Jashore, said they have already reached out to the concerned contractors and instructed them to complete their assigned work promptly within the current fiscal year.

"If these contractors do not resume the roadworks soon, their work orders will be cancelled and new tenders will be invited," he added.

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Barguna health complex shut amid doctor shortage

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The authorities of Betagi Upazila Health Complex in Barguna have announced its closure due to an acute shortage of doctors.

There have been only two doctors serving at the 50 bed hospital against 40 available posts of doctors. As such, services have been severely disrupted over the years, causing sufferings to patients.

Recently, the Directorate General of Health Services appointed six doctors to the health complex, of whom only one reported to the duty, but stopped attending soon after.

Amid the circumstances, the authorities locked main entrance of the health complex and issued two public notices recently announcing suspension of inpatient services and advising patients to seek treatment in other nearby health centres.

Visiting the health complex on recently, this correspondent saw two public notices at the entrance. One reads, "Due to unavailability of doctors for emergency cases such as police cases or injuries, patients are requested to seek treatment at other hospitals."

The second notice mentioned, "Due to unavoidable circumstances, all inpatient services are suspended. The emergency department will operate from 8:00am to 8:00pm, while the outpatient department will be open from 8:00am

Due to unavailability of doctors for emergency cases such as police cases or injuries, patients are requested to seek treatment at other hospitals.

to 2:00pm. This situation is temporary, and normal services will resume as soon as possible."

Locals complained that doctors appointed to the health complex often seek transfers immediately after joining it.

Several patients, who went to the health complex seeking medical care, expressed their frustration, saying that the nearby alternative health centre is at least 15 kilometres away, making it difficult for patients to travel.

Regarding the crisis, Betagi Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer

Contacted, Dr Sayyid Muhammad Amrullah, health and family planning officer at the health complex, said, "There are 40 doctor posts in the health complex, including consultants, junior consultants. However, apart from myself and one dentist, there are no other doctors currently serving here. Running it with only two doctors is not possible, and we have informed higher authorities regarding the crisis."

"Although several doctors were posted here in phases, only one joined, only to be transferred soon afterward. Even the resident medical officer is away for training," he added.

Dr Shyamal Krishna Mondal, divisional health director in Barishal, acknowledged the issue.

"Unfortunately, many doctors do not join their assigned postings and opt for transfers. However, we are trying to resolve the doctor crisis at the health complex, and working to ensure that newly posted doctors cannot transfer easily," he said.

STATUTORY NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) Company Matter No. 354 of 2025 Sheikh Akhter Uddin Ahmed Petitioner VERSUS The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms & another Respondents

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July uprising a combo

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resignation on August 3 at the Shaheed Mimar was a natural outcome of the people's decision, he said, adding that it was an evolution of the previously declared nine-point demand.

"We didn't decide to march to Gono Bhaban on August 5 -- the people did. We just followed them. We got support from Chhatra Shibir, Chhatra Dal, and left-leaning parties. There were unwritten agreements with political parties, and they provided manpower."

He praised Asif Mahmud's role, saying when he was unavailable,

Asif took key decisions, including advancing the Long March to Dhaka on August 5 instead of August 6. "He first pushed for student representatives in the interim government and even engaged with the armed forces' chiefs in negotiations."

Nahid, who left the government to join the NCP, described July as the beginning of a new era for democratic Bangladesh. "It was not the end of a story, but the start of something bigger."

Book author Asif Mahmud urged for grassroots narratives to be included in documenting

history. "The people were the real heroes. We still don't fully know how places like Cumilla and Rangpur mobilised. Their version will complete the history," he said.

At the event, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said the sacrifices of young activists had brought a unique opportunity for state reform.

"Such a moment may not come again in 50 years. The leaders of the uprising should now focus on restructuring the state," he added.

Sajjad Sharif, executive editor of Prothom Alo, conducted the event.

Teacher

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over by Patuakhali District Primary Education Officer Molla Bakhtiar Rahman.

Among those present were Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education Mizanul Haque, Patuakhali DC Abu Hasnat Mohammad Arefin, Barishal Divisional Director of the Directorate of Primary Education Nilufa Yasmin, and Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Yadav Sarkar.

DNCC

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"We will investigate whether they have been paying commercial tax for the last twenty years, review their plans, and check for permissions. Illegal structures outside the approved plans will be demolished, and no concessions will be given," he said.

The DNCC administrator assured that the work on the 60-foot road will be completed before Eid.

No arrests yet over

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left her abandoned near the Barguna DC Park on March 5. Other unnamed individuals were also accused of aiding Sajeeb in the crime.

The next day, police arrested Sajeeb and sent him to jail via a court order.

Following Sajeeb's arrest, his cohorts began threatening the victim's family and putting pressure on them to withdraw the case, the family said.

The girl's father was murdered on the night of March 11, the day before Sajeeb's bail hearing. His body was found in a bush near his home.

The victim's family suspected that Sajeeb's cohorts were behind the murder.

The man was the sole breadwinner for his wife,

three children, and elderly mother.

His wife and sister said they won't feel safe until the murderers are behind bars.

On March 12, a day after his murder, police arrested three more people in connection to the rape case.

They are Sajeeb's father, Sree Ram, and his associates, Kalu and Rafiqul Islam.

Barguna Police Officer-in-Charge Dewan Jaglu Hasan said, "No arrests have been made yet in connection to the murder case, but the investigation is ongoing."

Meanwhile, Barguna Additional Superintendent of Police Md Abdul Halim said, "Multiple police teams are working on the case. We hope to uncover the truth and arrest the killers soon."

Socio Biz

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Bangladesh entered the competition.

Following the preliminary round held online, 20 teams qualified to participate in the online presentation stage. Among them, the top six teams ultimately advanced to the finale, where they showcased their ideas to the judges.

The winning teams were selected by a distinguished panel representing Grameen Danone Foods Limited including its managing director Dipesh Nag, its marketing and sales director Surayya Siddiqua; and Mahzabin Ferdous, general secretary of BANCAT.

Md Tajdin Hassan, chief business officer of The Daily Star, expressed his gratitude to Grameen Danone management, the judges, and all the partners for making the initiative a success.

Withdraw 'false case'

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Detective Branch (DB) police attempted to arrest Richard on Friday night at his home. However, following widespread social media outcry, he was briefly detained and later released.

The statement noted that this incident reflects a broader pattern of state repression, citing previous police crackdowns on workers demanding fair wages, madrasa teachers protesting for better conditions, and primary school assistant teachers demonstrating for their rights.

Additionally, the signatories accused certain groups of spreading malicious propaganda against writers, teachers, and politicians, issuing

death threats, and inciting mob violence.

They criticised the administration for failing to act against such elements while cracking down on democratic movements.

The signatories further demanded action against "undemocratic, criminal, and discriminatory forces" that endanger public safety and fundamental rights.

Among those endorsing the statement are Prof Anu Muhammad, Prof Salimullah Khan, human rights lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua, author Rahnuma Ahmed, rights activist Saydia Gulrukh, Prof Geeti Ara Nasrin, lawyer and politician Hasnat Qayum, and Dhaka University teacher Samina Luthfa.

Interim

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vote but feel disconnected, as political dominance and leaders' statements seem irrelevant to them.

Sarwar Tushar, joint convener of National Citizen Party, said Bangladesh could face a situation similar to Sri Lanka in the upcoming election.

He suggested that a new political party might come to power, citing results from the Innovision survey that indicate this possibility.

Fahim Mashroor, co-convener of Voice for Reform, conducted the event. Other speakers included Md Rubaiyath Sarwar, managing director of Innovision, and economist Jyoti Rahman.