

HC acquits
Babar in
arms case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday acquitted former BNP state minister for home affairs Lutfozzaman Babar in an arms case, overturning a trial court's 17-year prison sentence handed down during the military-backed caretaker government.

The HC also scrapped the trial court verdict that convicted Babar in the case filed in 2007. He was released from jail on January 16 after spending 17 years in prison.

The court observed that filing the first information report five days after Babar's arrest was unconstitutional and legally flawed.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Nasreen Akhter

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Electricians repair table and ceiling fans at their shop. With temperatures already hitting summer-level highs, people rely on these fans for relief amid the rising heat. These electricians earn between Tk 500 and Tk 2,000 daily for their work. The photo was taken yesterday on Katpatti Road in Barishal city.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Seven killed in road
crashes in 3 districts

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and eight others injured in separate road accidents in Jashore, Joypurhat, and Thakurgaon districts yesterday and on Tuesday, respectively.

In Jashore, three people died and two others were injured as an ambulance and an engine-driven van collided head-on on the Benapole-Jashore Highway in Nabin Nagar area of Jhikargachha upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Nazma Khatun, 51, Ratna Khatun, 12, and Bablu Hossain, 52. The injured have been admitted to Jashore General Hospital. Jhikargachha Police Station OC Bablu Rahman Khan confirmed the matter.

In Joypurhat, a private car collided with a battery-run van coming from opposite direction in Kalai upazila yesterday, leaving two persons dead on the spot and two others injured.

The deceased were identified as Mofazzal Hossain Mondal 40, and Idris Ali 60, of Kalai upazila, both passengers of the van.

Locals rescued the injured and took them to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogura for treatment.

"Police went to the spot and recovered the bodies. Further legal action will be taken after preliminary inquiry," said Zahid Hossain, OC of Kalai Police Station.

In Thakurgaon, a diesel-run three-wheeler and a potato-laden truck collided head-on on Thakurgaon-Baliadangi Road in Sadar upazila on Tuesday night, leaving two persons dead and four others injured. The deceased were Arfan, 23, and Joyanta Roy, 29, of Baliadangi upazila.

Joyanta died on the spot while Arfan succumbed to his injuries after locals rushed the injured to Thakurgaon 250-bed Modern Hospital, said Md Babul, sub-inspector of Thakurgaon Sadar Police Station.

Three of the injured were shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Police seized the truck, but its driver and his assistant managed to flee, said SI Babul, adding that a case was filed in connection with the incident.

EID JOURNEY TO NORTH
Gridlock concern
looms amid ongoing
construction works

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, back from Sirajganj

The joy of holidaymakers is often dampened by severe gridlocks during Eid journey, and with ongoing construction in Sirajganj, concerns over traffic congestion loom for those heading north.

The 22-kilometre stretch of highway between Sayedabad and Hatikumrul Intersection -- located on the western end of the Jamuna Bridge -- houses seven bridges and flyovers.

However, currently construction work is ongoing at Sayedabad Bridge, Jhaoil Bridge, Hatikumrul Intersection, and Konabari Intersection, raising concerns about gridlocks.

Among these, Hatikumrul Intersection is the busiest, serving as a crucial junction for vehicles heading toward various northern districts. As such, smooth vehicular movement remains a big concern due to the ongoing construction work.

Additionally, due to construction work on the Jhaoil Bridge and at the Konabari Intersection, the highway there has turned to a single-lane, disrupting smooth movement of vehicles.

On regular days, around 18,000 to 20,000 vehicles cross the Jamuna Bridge. However, during Eid, this

number surges to nearly 40,000 to 50,000, often leading to long tailbacks on both ends of the bridge.

"Four-lane construction on the east side of the Jamuna Bridge in Tangail is complete, so we expect full-fledged four-lane service there from the start of the Eid rush," said Ahsanul Kabir Pavel, executive engineer of the Jamuna Bridge.



"Although construction is still ongoing on the west side in Sirajganj, there is enough road space to maintain four-lane traffic," he said.

However, an on-site visit to the west end of the Jamuna Bridge revealed that multiple construction zones occupy a significant portion of the highway.

"It becomes difficult to maintain normal speed after crossing the bridge," said Md Abdul Aziz, a bus driver.

"At Sayedabad Bridge, two-thirds of

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2 held over
mob attack
on rape
accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two persons for a mob attack on a teenage boy over rape allegations in Dhaka's Khilkhet area on Tuesday night.

The incident injured the 16-year-old boy and seven police officials.

Mobarak Hossain Sajib and Yousuf Ali were arrested in a case filed earlier for attacking police personnel, said OC Kamal Hossain of Khilkhet Police Station.

Police are trying to arrest others, he said.

Police were taking the boy into custody over an allegation of raping a six-year-old girl when over 100 men attacked them at Khilkhet Bazar around 11:00pm on Tuesday. A police van was also vandalised.

Meanwhile, father of the girl filed a case against the teenager, OC Kamal said.

The girl was sent for tests and treatment.

Meanwhile, the teenage boy was undergoing treatment at DMCH under police custody, the OC said.

Shishir Kumar Ghosh, medical officer of the casualty ward at DMCH, said the boy has injuries on the head and different parts of the body and is under observation.

His condition is stable, Shishir added.

Consensus
commission to
begin talks with
parties today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Consensus Commission (NCC) will begin its second round of discussions with political parties today to review key proposals from various reform commissions. The meetings will take place individually, in phases.

The first meeting in this series will be held with the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) at 3:00pm in the LD Hall of the National Parliament.

On March 22, the commission will meet with Khelafat Majlish and the Bangladesh Labour Party, said Prof Ali Riaz, vice president of the commission.

The commission will also hold talks with Rastrosangskar Andolan the following day, he added.

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ACC sues former
AL MP Golap over
illegal assets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has sued Abdus Sobhan Mia Golap, a former Awami League lawmaker and former special assistant to ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, on charges of illegally acquiring wealth beyond known income sources, and assets in the United States through money laundering.

ACC Director General Md Akhter Hossain disclosed this information at the commission's regular briefing yesterday.

Akhter Hossain said Golap, as a public servant and lawmaker, misused his power, engaged in irregularities and corruption, and laundered money to purchase nine flats and houses in Queens, New York, in the US. The properties are valued at Tk 32 crore.

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Invitation for e-Tender
e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date & Time
01	1088648	JB/TT-Proc-30/OTM/Firewall-Licence/2025	Tender for Procurement of Subscription of License for Firewall (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC.	16/04/2025 02:00 PM
02	1088768	JB/TPSCM/Proc-27/OTM/Desktop-Monitor/2025	Tender for Procurement of Desktop Computer (Without Monitor) and Monitor (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method.	16/04/2025 12.30 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders 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 (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal and e-GP Help Desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Invitation for National Tender

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting		
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Television		
03.	Procuring Entity Name	General Manager, Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Center, 669/A, Zakir Hossain Road, Khulshi, Chattogram.		
04.	Procuring Entity District	Chattogram		
05.	Invitation for	"Supply of Studio equipment, Other equipment & related Accessories for BTV Chattogram Center"		
06.	Invitation ref no.	15.54.1543.023.07.078.25.153		
07.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
08.	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB, Annual revenue budget of BTV Chattogram		
09.	Tender Package No.	Single		
10.	Tender Publication Date	20/03/2025		
11.	Tender Last selling Date	09/04/2025 (During office Hours)		
12.	Tender Closing Date and Time	10/04/2025 12:00 hrs BST		
13.	Tender Opening Date and Time	10/04/2025 12:10 hrs BST		
14.	Name & Address of the Selling of Tender Document	Office of the Assistant Director (Finance) Room No-101, Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Center, 669/A, Zakir Hossain Road, khulshi, Chattogram.(During office Hours)		
15.	Receiving Tender Document & Opening Tender Document	Conference Room (3 rd floor), Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Center, 669/A, Zakir Hossain Road, khulshi, Chattogram.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
16.	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per TDS		
17.	Brief Description of Goods & Related service	"Supply of Studio equipment, Other equipment & related Accessories for BTV Chattogram Center"		
18.	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) Only		
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft
19.	01	"Supply of Studio equipment, Other equipment & related Accessories for BTV Chattogram Center"	Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Center.	Tk. 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand) Taka Only in favor of Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Bangladesh Television, Chattogram.
Completion Time in Days/Weeks /Months 60 days				
PURCHASER DETAILS				
20.	Name of official inviting Tender	Md. Makbul Hossain		
21.	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Maintenance Engineer		
22.	Address of official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Center, 669/A, Zakir Hossain Road, Khulshi, Chattogram.		
23.	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	Tel: 02333379309		
24.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.			

19.03.25
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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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Invitation for Open Tender Method (OTM)
(Re-Tender Notice)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Television	
3.	Procuring Entity Name	General Manager	
4.	Procuring Entity Code	GOB	
5.	Procuring Entity District	CHATTOGRAM	
6.	Invitation for	Supply of goods for the purpose of building the sets of programs for Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Centre	
7.	Invitation Ref No	No-15.54.1543.029.07.002.24.19	
8.	Tender Issued Date	19.03.2025	
9.	Procurement Method	OPEN TENDER METHOD (OTM) (Re-Tender).	
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Annual Revenue Budget of BTV (GOB).	
11.	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A	
12.	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	N/A	
13.	Tender Package No.	GR-2	
14.	Lot Number	Single	
15.	Tender Package Name	Supply of goods for the purpose of building the sets of programs for Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Centre.	
16.	Tender Publication Date	20.03.2025	
17.	Tender Last Selling Date	06.04.2025 (During Office Hours)	
18.	Tender Closing Date and Time	07.04.2025	11.00 AM
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	07.04.2025	12.10 PM
20.	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	As per tender document schedule(TDS).	
21.	Brief Description of Works	Supply of goods for the purpose of building the sets of programs for Bangladesh Television, Chattogram Centre.	
22.	Selling Tender Document.	Drawing&Disbursing officer, Bangladesh Television, Chattogram.	
23.	Price of Tender Document (BDT).	1000 /- (One Thousand BDT Only).	
24.	Tender Security Amount in the form Bank Pay Order.	32,000/- (Thirty Two Thousand BDT Only).	
25.	Name of Official Inviting Tender.	MD. SHAMIM AHMED	
26.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender.	Senior Designer	
27.	Address of Official Inviting Tender.	Bangladesh Television,Chattogram Centre, 669/A Jakir Hosen Road, Khulshi, Chattogram.	
28.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender.	+8801712315465 E-mail: btvdesign224@gmail.com	
29.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings.		

19.03.2025
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