

AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK

SC to resume hearing today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has fixed today for resuming the hearing of two leave to appeal petitions filed by the state challenging the High Court verdict that acquitted BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, former state minister Lutfozzaman Babar, and others previously convicted in two cases over the August 21, 2004 grenade attack.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division, led by Justice Md Ashfaul Islam, set the date as the chief justice is scheduled to join the bench for the hearing tomorrow, Advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir, a defence counsel, told The Daily Star.

The apex court had earlier scheduled today to resume hearings on the matters.

On December 1 last year, the High Court acquitted all 49 accused, including Tarique and Babar, and scrapped the trial court verdicts that had convicted and sentenced them.

The bench delivered its judgment following hearings on the death references and appeals filed by some of the convicts. In response, the state filed two separate leave to appeal petitions with the Appellate Division challenging the HC verdict.



Two children sit precariously on a fragile bamboo bridge over a waterbody in the Aushtagram-Mithamoin boro haor of Kishoreganj. The makeshift structure could give way at any moment, putting their lives at serious risk. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: TAFSILUL AZIZ

SC verdict on Azharul's appeal toady

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court is set today to deliver its verdict on an appeal challenging the death penalty of Jamaat-e-Islami leader ATM Azharul Islam for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The appeal has been included as item one for "announcement of judgment" in today's cause list of a seven-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed.

On May 8, the apex court bench fixed today for delivering its verdict after concluding the appeal hearing.

On February 27, the SC allowed Azharul to move a fresh appeal before the court challenging his death penalty.

Azharul was allegedly the commander of the Al-Badr force and president of Chhatra Sangha, the then-student wing of Jamaat in Rangpur, during the war.

Jamaat leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami, Abdul Quader Mollah, Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Mir Quasem Ali, and BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury were previously executed following SC verdicts for crimes against humanity in 1971.

Man stabbed to death in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A man was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants in Khulna city early yesterday.

The deceased is Golam, 25, a resident of Mayur Residential Area under Horintana Police Station.

The incident occurred around 12:30am in an alley near the 22-storey building under Sonadanga Police Station.

His body was kept at the morgue of Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) for autopsy.

Quoting locals, police said a group of miscreants attacked Golam with sharp weapons over a previous dispute. They stabbed him in the abdomen.

Locals took him to Khulna Medical College Hospital, where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Md Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Sonadanga Police Station, said a group of 3 to 4 youths carried out the attack with locally made weapons.

"The motive behind the attack is not yet clear," he added.

PRAYER TIMING

MAY 27

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-40	8-00
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-45	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN BARISHAL

8 years on, construction still incomplete

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Even eight years after construction began, Barishal's first specialised hospital for children remains incomplete.

According to the Public Works Department, construction of the hospital began in February 13, 2017, with an expected launch in 2019. The hospital is still under construction and lacks essential infrastructure. Envisioned as a 10-storey full-fledged complex, the hospital was initially planned to be constructed up to four storeys at a cost of Tk 19.48 crore.

PWD officials claimed that 95 percent of the work has been completed and that the building will be ready for handover soon.

Once operational, the hospital is slated to be run by Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

SBMCH Director Brig Gen AKM Moshikul Munir, however, said not even a single appointment has been made so far. No steps have been taken to recruit the required 350

staff members or to procure and install medical equipment.

Currently, the paediatric ward of SBMCH is the only facility serving children from across the division's six districts, as well as from neighbouring Madaripur and Shariatpur.



A recent visit to the construction site revealed that while the main structure is mostly complete, internal works, including electricity connections, are still underway. Two elevators have been installed, but parts of the building still require plastering and painting, while access roads and parking areas are also under development.

Travel ban on ex-MP Sumon, wife

STAR REPORT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued a travel ban on former lawmaker Syed Sayedul Haque Sumon, and his wife Sammi Akter in connection with corruption allegations brought against them.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director AKM Mahbubur Rahman, who is leading the inquiry team, submitted an application.

An inquiry is underway into the allegations of acquiring illegal wealth brought against them, said the ACC official in the application.

The judge also directed the ACC to send a copy of the order to the additional inspector general of police of Special Branch, Malibagh in Dhaka for next course of action. Sumon, the former lawmaker of Habiganj-4, was arrested from Dhaka's Mirpur on October 22 last year.

Potholes, neglect plague Kulaura's vital road

MINTU DESHWARA, Mouhivazar

A seven-kilometre stretch of road connecting Prithimpasha and Karmadha unions in Kulaura upazila of Mouhivazar has long been in a dilapidated state following years of neglect and lack of maintenance by the authorities concerned.

According to locals, the road was last repaired in the 2017-18 fiscal year. Since then, its condition has deteriorated, giving way to numerous potholes after the bitumen surface crumbled.

At present, the road is largely impassable, with potholes ranging between 30 and 50 feet in width, posing serious risks to commuters. It has partially collapsed in at least 50 points along its entire stretch, with Morarbar, Danurmora and Kanikiri areas being the worst affected.

The bitumen surface has worn off entirely, exposing bricks through gaping holes and leaving an uneven surface. Even after a light drizzle, puddles accumulate in the potholes, turning the road muddy and causing significant inconvenience to local residents and drivers.



"This road has become very risky. Our vehicles often get damaged from wear and tear, such as broken wheels and axles, due to the uneven surface and from getting stuck in the potholes," said Shipon Mia, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver.

Several other drivers echoed him. Ayesha Ashraf Tanvir, general secretary of local Robirbazar Club, said residents of some 20 to 22 villages rely heavily on the road for daily commute. The road also connects to several key educational institutions.

"The road's sorry state has been a longstanding problem for locals. We have raised the issue multiple times during upazila parishad meetings. The upazila engineer has assured us that steps will be taken soon," said Jimiur Rahman Chowdhury, chairman of Prithimpasha union parishad.

Contacted, Tarek Bin Islam, upazila engineer of the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Kulaura, said a proposal for repair work covering 20 kilometres of road across the upazila has been sent to higher authorities for approval under the RCIP project.

"The road repair project will include the damaged portion on the Prithimpasha-Karmadha route. If approved, work will begin after the tender process," he added.

PLOT SALE

A plot is for sale in Baridhara Diplomatic Zone. Only interested and genuine buyers should Contact: 01973456904

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STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH, HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 813 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF:
An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
Md. WahiduzzamanPetitioner
-VERSUS-
Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh and another.....Respondents
Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting for the year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, of the Company name "Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh" The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 18.05.2025 and Hon'ble court directed the petitioner to publish notices within 3 (three) weeks and also to submit affidavit in compliance on or before 26th June, 2025. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.
Mohammad Ariful Islam,
Advocate, Supreme Court, Room No. 401 (Main), Supreme Court Bar Association Bhuvan, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000, Phone: 01713033898, 01886033898.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 763 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF:
Juki Singapore PTE. Ltd.
.....Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and another
..... Respondents
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Acts, 1994 for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the Juki Bangladesh Ltd. for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 for submitting the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended on 30th June, 2020, 30th June, 2021, 30th June, 2022, 30th June, 2023, and 30th June, 2024 and seeking a direction to hold the Annual General Meeting for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 within a reasonable time fixed by the Hon'ble Court has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel vide an order dated 14.05.2025 was pleased to admit the said application.
Any person or persons having an interest in the said application may appear either personally or through a duly authorized Advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing.
A copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of the required costs.
Yours faithfully
(Ragib Kabir)
Barrister-at-Law,
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Tanjib Alam & Associates,
BSEC Bhawan (Level 11),
102 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.

Procurement Notice
Quantum Reference UNDP-BGD-00859

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is seeking bids from interested firms/Organizations for the following requirements:

Contracting a firm to Coordinate and Implement Pre-vocational & Vocational training

The deadline for submission of the proposal is at 4:30 PM (Bangladesh Local Time), June 12, 2025

The proposal may be submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the **Procurement Notice**. Please visit the link below to learn more about RFP, pre-bid meeting link & submission documents through the quantum platform.

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For any technical query, please write to us through bd.procurement@undp.org mentioning the reference No **UNDP-BGD-00859 in the email subject by 12:00 PM, June 10, 2025**