

# Ex-CJ Khairul remanded for seven days

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A Dhaka court yesterday placed former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque on a seven day remand in a case filed over manipulating the Supreme Court verdict on the caretaker government system.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sanaullah passed the order after police produced Khairul before the court with a 10-day remand prayer in the case, said a sub-inspector working at the court.



Amid tight security, Khairul, 81, was escorted to a courtroom of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court around 9:45am. Thirty minutes later, he was taken back to the court's lockup after hearing on the remand prayer.

During the hearing, police inspector Md Asaduzzaman said in the verdict on the 13th Amendment, four out of seven judges ruled in favour of retaining the caretaker government system. However, after retiring, he allegedly issued a fabricated verdict against the 13th Amendment.

At that time, standing in the dock, Khairul was seen saying twice, "Not correct."

Asaduzzaman further said, "We've always known the saying, 'the judge may be changed, but the judgement doesn't.' But he changed the judgement. Because of his verdict, three generations have been deprived of voting..."

Two more state lawyers -- Azizul Haque Didar and Shamsuddoha Suman -- also argued in favour of the remand.

Didar stated, "Sheikh Hasina is an illegal ruler. Khairul Haque was the one who laid the foundation for her to establish her as a long-term autocratic leader. The whole world saw what he did -- and so did you."

Shamsuddoha said, "He was a bigger Awami League supporter than even Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He invalidated the verdict on the 13th Amendment and tarnished the judiciary..."

At that time, Khairul was also seen shaking his head in denial.

Yesterday, there was no lawyer to defend Khairul in the courtroom. Moreover, the magistrate did not hear any statement from him.

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## RAMPAL UPAZILA IN BAGERHAT

# Shrinking farmland threatens livelihoods, food security

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Once a proud landowner and hardworking farmer in Daldaha village of Bagethat's Rampal upazila, Sunil Kumar Mondal now lives on the edge of survival, clinging to the memory of a life that once revolved around his fields and harvests.

Sunil, now in his sixties, lost all eight and a half bighas of his ancestral land over three separate acquisitions for the construction of Khan Jahan Ali Airport.

Although compensated by the government according to the policies at the time, the payments were insufficient to purchase new land. Some money was saved, but much was spent over the years on unavoidable expenses.

"In 1996 my land was first acquired," he told The Daily Star. "I was paid Tk 90,000 per bigha for the first phase -- around two and a half bighas. Later, another three bighas were acquired in 1996 and the rest in 2016."

Each bigha of his land once yielded nearly 20 maunds of paddy during the Aman season, making



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for an annual harvest of over 150 maunds. That rice not only fed his family but also formed the basis of his income. "After losing my land, I could never afford to buy new fields again," he said.

Sunil was left with only 15 decimals of homestead land -- until that too was partially acquired for the Khulna-Mongla Railway Line construction in 2017. "Now I only have ten decimals. After losing my land, I became like a beggar. I have to buy rice from others to eat. I have nothing left that I can call my own."

Today, Sunil and his family of five survive on the income from a small shop run by his son, Shashank Mondal.

Sunil's story is not isolated. In his village of around 250 families, most lost their land to the airport project. With their farmlands gone, villagers now work as sharecroppers or have migrated elsewhere in search of jobs.

Across the broader area, including villages like Jhalbari, Par Gobindapur, Santoshpur, Kadamdi, Boro Nawabpur, Hogladanga, and Ranjitpur, at least 4,000 families have lost their land solely for the airport.

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# I just did what any teacher should

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The men, chanting slogans associated with the AL, were seen pushing her repeatedly. Later, police and bystanders escorted her behind a gate for safety. Even then, the men continued shouting insults in front of cameras.

Asked what gave her the courage that day, she simply said, "I just did what any teacher should. If we don't stand by our students, who will?"

For nearly three weeks after the incident, Aklima said she lived under what felt like "house arrest". The local AL office, only metres from her home, became a source of threats and fear.

"They threatened my husband and even the building's doormen," she

said. "They'd say, 'Let the right time come and we will deal with you.'"

Branded a traitor and "Razakar" by local thugs, she stopped leaving the house.

"Some of them have known me since childhood," she said quietly. "But when it comes to political gains, people forget who you are."

Still, she continued supporting her students remotely, as many were reaching out to her for guidance and reassurance.

"I told them whatever I could. If I could protect even one student, I felt I was doing my duty," she said.

Though not politically active, Aklima said her conscience had been stirred earlier, on July 16, when Abu Sayed, a student of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, was killed.

"Abu Sayed was not my student. But he was a student. The fact that no teacher came forward, no one stood by his body, haunted me," she said.

It was then that she made a promise to herself: "If something like this happens again, I will not stay silent."

Aklima has lived her whole life in the same Badda neighbourhood.

She completed her HSC at Holy Cross College and later studied philosophy at Dhaka University.

She recalled her university days in the early 2000s, which were marked by unrest.

"There were processions, gunshots... We'd run to Kalabhahan to hide," she said. "Our honours took eight years to complete. But I was never involved in politics. I was always focused on books and classes."

Aklima's dream is a revolution through curriculum, not slogans. "We need an education system that produces human beings, not just degree holders."

Real reform, she believes, starts in classrooms -- with updated curricula, trained teachers, moral education, and above all, compassion.

"In universities, we say, 'Enter to learn, leave to serve.' But right now, we are doing neither. That must change."

She knows change is not possible overnight, but believes it can happen over generations. "I may not see it in my lifetime, but if we start now, maybe our grandchildren will see it."

Closure of Tetra Tech ES, Inc. Local Branch, Bangladesh

Tetra Tech is USA based company and locally registered under the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and its office is situated in Gulshan-2, Dhaka, at House No. 10/C (3rd & 4th Floors), Road No. 90. Tetra Tech has been operating in Bangladesh since 2021, focusing on the Bangladesh Advancing Development and Growth Through Energy Project, which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Tetra Tech hereby announces the official closure of the Tetra Tech ES, Inc. Local Branch office in Bangladesh, effective August 1, 2025. Concurrently, Tetra Tech has addressed all financial obligations to its local staff, partners, and Vendors. Please contact Mr. Uzzal Hossain Mina (Mobile: 01711192084 Email: Uzzal.mina@tetratech.com) for any immediate concerns or questions.

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*Please note that only electronic applications received within the deadline will be accepted. Paper and late applications will be disregarded.*

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TENDER NOTICE

**Tender No. NSU/25-26-T01**

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ producers/ suppliers for making and supplying convocation items, in various lots as mentioned below and described in the tender schedule.

**Detail of the items:**

**Lot: 1- Convocation attires (Gown, hood, cap, tassel)**  
**Lot: 2- Gown bag**  
**Lot: 3- Certificate folder**

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender within banking hour from Southeast Bank PLC., Bashundhara Branch, on all working days till **August 18, 2025** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **August 19, 2025** by 2:15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.


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Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, and commissioning of materials for a biogas plant and shed structure, including related procurement and services, as outlined in the tender documents. Submissions must comply with the specified terms and conditions.

Project Name	Green Dairy Partnership Project in Bangladesh.			
Invitation reference No	SNA/KHL/PR/07.25.104			
Prerequisite of Tenderer	The tenderer is required to submit the following updated documents: Trade License, Business Identification Number (BIN), Tax Identification Number (TIN), and VAT Registration Certificate.  Tenderers are required to provide a current bank solvency certificate, duly issued in favor of the specified organization/vendor.  The tenderer should be submitted the related previous work experience documents.			
Invitation to Tender for the Provision of ITEM - 1 & 2	Sl. No	Item Name	Qty	Location
	1	Complete installation of 3.2 cubic meter biogas plant with double burner.	35	Satkhira, Jashore and Khulna districts (Installation would be different upazilas)
	2	Build the bio-slurry structure-Chamber 10.5x10.5x7.5 cubic feet	35	
Schedule, Time & Place for Tender Document Collection	"The tender schedule will be available for collection from 31th July 2025 to 10 th August 2025, between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM, at the following address: <b>Dhaka Office:</b> Solidaridad Network Asia, Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Contact Person: Mr. Probir Kumar Biswas, Mobile: 01771-599638 <b>Khulna Office:</b> K.D.A Residential Area, Road #9, House #189, Sonadanga, Khulna."			
Tender Closing Date and Time	The deadline for submission of tenders is on 10 th August 2025 at 4:30 PM.			
Tender Opening Date & Time & Place	Tender opening will take place on 11th August 2025 at 2:30 PM at the Solidaridad Network Asia, Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209			
Others Terms and Conditions	Tenderers are encouraged to submit quotations for both items jointly.  Solidaridad reserves the right to modify or cancel the tender schedule at any time, without prior notice.			



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