

# Death row convict held in Dhaka

## He escaped from Kashimpur jail in August last year

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The Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU) of police arrested a death row convict on Thursday, who had escaped from Kashimpur High Security Jail during the July uprising last year.

Sakib alias Babu, 23, was arrested during a raid from Dhaka's Tejuri Bazar area, said Mahfuzul Alam Russell, SP (Media and Awareness Wing) of the ATU.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the ATU carried out the raid around 7:00pm. Sakib has already been handed over to Konabari Police Station, he added.

According to the ATU, Sakib and his associates abducted Shakil Madbor, 15, from East Naodoba village in Zajira upazila of Shariatpur on June 25, 2020. The kidnappers demanded ransom from the victim's family, but after failing to get the money, they killed Shakil and buried his body near an under-construction railway bridge.

Sakib was sentenced to death and sent to Kashimpur High Security Jail in a case filed with Zajira Police Station under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

On August 6, 2024, taking advantage of the political changeover situation, Sakib fled from the prison.

Later, jail authorities filed another case with Konabari Police Station in this regard.

Sakib had been hiding in different parts of Dhaka and other areas of the country to avoid arrest.



The escalator on the footbridge in front of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital on the capital's Mirpur Road remains non-functional and fenced off, making it difficult for the elderly and people with disabilities to access the bridge and cross the road safely. The photo was taken yesterday.

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# Osmani Udyan stays

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walkways, a library, a food court, a drainage system to control two lakes, direct walkways from the Secretariat to Nagar Bhaban, a lakeside stairway, an indoor games zone, and parking facilities.

The park -- named after Liberation War commander-in-chief General Muhammad Ataul Gani Osmani -- features rare trees, sculptures, and an auditorium.

Urban planner Adil Mohammed Khan, president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said the prolonged closure is "totally unacceptable".

"It is unthinkable that it takes seven years to renovate a park. If the city corporation had real accountability, the park would have reopened long ago. This park is one of the lungs of Dhaka, especially for Old Dhaka, where green spaces are scarce," he said.

He also urged the government to open the park immediately -- even before final touches are complete -- and to identify the reasons behind the repeated delays so that

such failures are not repeated in future projects.

Meanwhile, the government has begun construction of the July Memorial Monument at Osmani Udyan to commemorate the July uprising.

Work started on July 23 and is scheduled to finish by December this year, with a government allocation of Tk 46.40 crore, a DSCC official said. Eighteen pillars have already been erected, and efforts are underway to meet the deadline.

According to the approved design, the centrepiece will be a 90-foot bronze pillar engraved with the names of July martyrs, standing on a circular platform. Surrounding it will be semi-circular sculptures depicting the British era, the 1952 Language Movement, the 1971 Liberation War, and the 2024 uprising.

The park's entrance will feature a symbolic gate shaped like the number "24", while landscaped walkways, an epitaph with martyrs' names, and other features will complete the memorial.

# Fair polls

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cannot be claimed that there are no agents or associates of the fallen government within the government within the administration and law enforcement agencies."

He added, "By infrastructure, we mean good governance, accountability, transparency, honesty and institutional integrity. These have been shaped over a long process, not just over the past 16 years, but throughout nearly 54 years.

Every institution has been politicised and brought under double layers of partisan influence, creating professional conflicts. Some of these institutions have been made functional at times, but in many cases, they have been rendered dysfunctional."

Referring to those long deprived of opportunities, he said that even when their positions were restored, politicalisation persisted.

"There is no denying this reality. I do not believe that all members of the administration or law enforcement agencies are entirely biased. Some officials and staff are still making sincere efforts," he said.

According to him, the administration is moving forward amid the tension between these forces and will continue to play its role. However, he noted, this cannot be changed overnight nor can the entire administration be restructured from scratch.

"We must allow time for stability to develop and for a new kind of professionalism to emerge," he said.

# We need to shift

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strong track record of innovation, is well-positioned to lead in clean energy transition -- delivering benefits such as job creation, energy price stability, and enhanced industrial competitiveness.

"Bangladesh can serve

as a strategic hub for

emerging technologies and a peaceful leader in atomic energy adoption.

However, he noted that any decision on nuclear options would require rigorous research and feasibility assessments.

# Voting to take place

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The nine academic buildings where the polling centres will be set up are -- Montaz Uddin Academic Building, Dr Muhammad Shahidullah Arts Building, Ismail Hossain Siraj Academic Building, Rabindra Arts Building, Jaber Ibn Hayyan Science Building, Jamal Nazrul Islam Science Building, Satyendranath Bose Academic Building, Jagadish Chandra Academic Building, and Zuberi Building.

Campaigning for the Rucusi polls began on Monday and will continue until 10:00pm on September 23.

With 24,892 registered voters, the Rucusi election

is scheduled for September 25, following a long pause of 35 years.

A total of 248 contenders will vie for 23 Rucusi posts, while 58 students will run for seats in the university Senate.

In the hall unions, 597 candidates will compete for 15 positions across 17 residential halls -- 459 from 11 male halls and 138 from six female halls.

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# Tree smuggling

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letter signed by Deputy Secretary to Forest Department-1 Tushar Kumar Paul, directed the acting chief conservator of forests to respond to reports of frequent deforestation in the Rema-Kalenga Reserve Forest and Satchari National Park.

Md Humayun Kabir, Sylhet divisional forest officer, said surveillance would soon be

strengthened with night-vision CCTV cameras and drone patrols under a project already approved.



Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

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