

Defence claims ex-IGP Shahidul faced ‘unrelated query’

Prosecution terms it ‘untrue’ at Int’l Crimes Tribunal-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former inspector general of police AKM Shahidul Hoque's counsel yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that the chief of the investigation agency had allegedly asked his client “why he was not promoted” during interrogation, an inquiry the lawyer termed entirely unrelated to the case.

“The interrogator must confine himself to issues relevant to the case. Instead, he asked the former IGP why he had not been promoted,” defence lawyer Sifat Mahmud told the tribunal, seeking a hearing on the matter when Shahidul will be produced again before the court on January 22.

Speaking to reporters during a recess, Prosecutor Mizanul Islam dismissed the defence's claim as “completely untrue”.

Shahidul, now in jail, faces two cases filed over committing crimes against humanity — one in connection with the alleged killings of nine youths in a staged “militant drama” in Kalyanpur's Jahajbari, and another related to the 2013 Shapla Chattar massacre.

Mamun, an approver in the case and a co-accused alongside Sheikh Hasina, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Jaiad Bin Amjad, another defence counsel for the former IGP, said he applied on November 18 for the full judgement but had yet to receive it.

Asked whether the full text of the November 17 judgement against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and two of her top aides had been signed, Prosecutor Mizanul declined to comment.

He only said that the 30-day timeline for filing appeals with the Appellate Division begins from the date of delivery of the judgement.

On the job status of army officers currently in custody, Prosecutor Mizanul said, “We believe necessary measures have been taken as per law. Their current status is not important for trial proceedings.”



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40 years on, Bandarban still has no waste facility

Open dumping carries toxic waste into Sangu, threatening health, biodiversity and tourism

MONG SING HAI MARMA, Bandarban

Four decades after its inception in 1984, Bandarban municipality still has no permanent waste management facility.

The municipality has long been dumping household, market and plastic waste, along with hazardous medical waste, on an open hilltop from where rainwater washes the trash straight into the Sangu river.

Every day, 30-40 tonnes of garbage from homes, markets, restaurants and hospitals are transported by municipal trucks to the hilltop site. A recent visit showed the garbage heap stands only about 150 metres from the town.

The Bandarban-Rowangchhari road, one of the district's busiest routes used daily by thousands including schoolchildren, passes right beside it.

At least four major drainage channels of the town also carry sewage and other waste directly into the Sangu, turning the once-pristine river dark and foul smelling.

The river's surface is filled with sewage, plastic, food scraps, polythene and medical waste, including discarded syringes. Solid waste has already formed a thick layer on the riverbed.

The Sangu is a lifeline for more than 10,000 people living along its banks in Langgi Para, Kyamlung Para, Kohalong Para, Bhangamora Marma Para, Baruapara and Goaliakhola Muslim Para.

“My family has been drinking

this river's water for generations. Now the water has become dark and smells terrible due to pollution, but we still have to collect it — there is no alternative,” said Meiyngnu Marma of Bhangamora Marma Para. Chathoi Aung Marma of Kyamlung Para expressed similar concern.

In the Zero Point and Traffic Mor areas, several hotels were found pumping river water. “We use supply water, but when it runs out, we pump water directly from the Sangu. All the hotels near the bridge do this,” said Md Wahid, manager of Hotel Sumaiya.



According to the Department of Environment, Bandarban lacks an effective waste management policy or infrastructure, and most drainage outlets release directly into the river. Even light rainfall now causes water levels to rise, leading to waterlogging and sudden flash floods in the town.

“The Sangu is dying. Its bed is filled with waste.

The biodiversity around it is disappearing. Even sparse rain now heightens risk of floods

and landslides,” said environmental activist Lelung Khumi.

Doctors report a rise in diarrhoea, skin infections, dysentery and gastric illnesses linked to polluted water.

“Cooking or bathing with such contaminated water allows harmful pathogens to enter the body. The long term consequences could be severe,” said Dr Dilip Chowdhury, residential medical officer at Bandarban Sadar Hospital.

Md Rezaul Karim, assistant director of the DoE, said dumping waste into the river violates the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 and the Waste Management Rules 2021.

Contacted, SM Manjurul Haque, additional deputy commissioner in Bandarban, acknowledged the issue and said a modern waste management station is being planned under a project of the Department of Public Health Engineering.

Anupam Dey, executive engineer of the DPHE in Bandarban, said a Tk 350-crore mega project (2023-2028) for Bandarban and Lama municipalities includes a water treatment plant and permanent waste management facility.

“It will be initiated once the district administration hands over the acquired land,” he added.

2 traders stabbed, mugged in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two traders were stabbed and robbed of around Tk 1.48 lakh by a group of muggers in Dhaka's Uttara early yesterday, police and family members said.

The injured were identified as Masud Rana, 37, and Al-Amin, 42. The attack took place around 3:00am on Jasimuddin Road of Uttara.

The two were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 5:45am. After receiving primary treatment, they were released and taken home.

Uttara West Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Raju said they came to know about such an incident. “We will take action once a complaint is lodged,” he added.

Arfin Laiju, wife of Al-Amin, said they live in Dhaka's Sabujbagh Basabo area, while Masud is from Bakshibazar. Both are involved in scrap business.

Laiju said the two had gone to Uttara for work and were returning home late at night. They stopped near a shop on Jasimuddin Road to buy cigarettes when 8-10 muggers attacked them, stabbing them on the head, back and forehead before fleeing with Tk 1.48 lakh they had with them.

AAUB wins top int’l aircraft design award



CITY DESK

Aviation and Aerospace University, Bangladesh (AAUB) became champion in the International Light Aircraft Design Competition organised by the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), UK, on November 10, said a press release.

The university beat 35 universities, institutions and competing teams, marking the first time a Bangladeshi university has won first place in an international aircraft design competition.

Under the management of RAeS, the annual competition required teams to design an amphibious aircraft capable of carrying six to eight passengers and operating from both land and water, along with a complete basic design.

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Request for Quotation for Red Hat OpenShift Plus (License & Local Support)

BRAC Bank PLC. delivers a full array of banking services to individuals and businesses through a network of 302 Branches & Sub-branches, 330 ATMs, 446 SME Unit Offices and 1,120 Agent Banking Outlets across the country. The bank is currently seeking potential vendors for **Red Hat OpenShift Plus (License & Local Support)**

Item Categories	Submission Date & Time
Red Hat OpenShift Platform Plus License (Commercial)	02/12/2025; 12 PM - 01 PM
Local support for OpenShift Platform Plus (Technical)	02/12/2025; 05 PM

A Request for Quotation (RFQ) is hereby issued for this purpose. The RFQ, along with details of the bidding process, can be found on the bank's website: <https://www.bracbank.com/en/page/e-tender>

Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their technical offers as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) outlined in the bidding process.

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Political parties

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He said there had been strong expectations for clear reforms in politics, bureaucracy, and business, but while everyone demands reforms in all sectors, “they do not want reforms for themselves.”

Shama Obaed, organising secretary of BNP, said political parties registered with the Election Commission cannot ensure transparency in their income and expenditure unless the commission is strengthened.

Decentralising power, she said, could help bring parties under greater financial accountability.

The event was moderated by Dhaka University Professor Asif M Shahan.

Nasiruddin Akhter Rashid

(29th November 1983 - 25th November 2023)



In loving memory of our beloved son
Late Nasiruddin Akhter Rashid

As we mark his second death anniversary,
the Rashid family humbly requests your prayers.

We seek your prayers and heartfelt remembrance
for his Maghferat, serenity of the hereafter,
and eternal peace.

Your kind thoughts mean more than words can
express as we hold him close in memory and Dua.

With deepest gratitude,
The Rashid Family

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. NSU/25-26-T05

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/reputed organisations/ distributors/ business partners/ agents for supplying desktop computer for North South University as described in the tender schedule.

Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from **Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka-1229** within the banking hour on all working days till **December 7, 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 **December 8, 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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