

# Defence claims ex-IGP Shahidul faced ‘unrelated query’

## Prosecution terms it ‘untrue’ at ICT-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.

Jaia 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.”



# 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 Meyingnu 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.

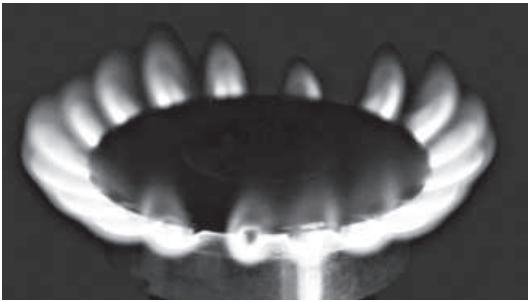
# Gas outage in N’ganj areas enters third day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Narayanganj*

Large parts of Narayanganj -- including BSCIC, Fatullah, Kashipur, Enayetnagar, Deobhog, Masdair, and Isdair -- have been without gas for more than two days after a pipeline was damaged during piling work on the Panchabati-Muktarpur flyover.

The outage began on Saturday evening when Titas Gas's main supply line was damaged in the Shashongaon area. Titas shut off the supply immediately to prevent any major accident. Although low-pressure gas supply briefly returned on Sunday morning, it was halted again to carry out repairs.

Talking about the difficulties, Mithu Bhuiyan of Amlapara said, “We haven't been able to light the stove for two days. I've had to buy meals for my four-member family every time.”



Misti Begum of Jamtala said she has been cooking on a wood-fired stove since Saturday evening, while Kulsum Begum of Kashipur has relied on an electric cooker.

Industries have also been hit hard. Shihab Uddin Ahmed, senior DGM of Rahman Garments, said gas pressure began dropping on November 22. “Our dyeing section remained completely shut on November 23 and 24. We lost around 36 tonnes of production in two days. The ironing section was also closed; only the sewing section operated,” he said.

Moshiur Rahman, manager of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited in Siddhirganj, said repair work began immediately after the rupture. On Sunday, crews dug 25 feet below ground to expose the damaged section, and by yesterday, heavy steel plates were set around the area to prevent soil collapse.

“Repair work on the damaged segment is underway. We hope to restore gas supply very soon,” he added. Officials noted this is not the first such incident, as pipelines have been damaged multiple times during work on the flyover project, requiring emergency repairs.

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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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# 35 former BDR men released from jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gazipur*

Thirty-five former members of BDR have been released from Kashimpur Central Jail in Gazipur in a case filed under the Explosives Control Act in connection with the BDR mutiny of 2009.

They were released from the jail in phases from 6:30pm yesterday after their bail papers reached the jails in the afternoon, said jail superintendents.

# Nasiruddin Akhter Rashid

(29<sup>th</sup> November 1983 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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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