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The probe was first conducted by Wari police, then handed to the Detective Branch (DB) of DMP.

Later, it went to the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit and, most recently, to the Criminal Investigation Department. Thirteen suspects have been arrested so far.

Of them, Hadisur Rahman Sagar, Mamunur Rashid Ripon, Abdul Gaffar, and Jahangir Hossain are now in jail, while Golam Sarwar Rahat went into hiding after securing bail.

Since the political changeover on August 5 last year, eight arrestees – Ajmir Amit, Tariqul Islam Mithu, Abu Raihan, Abdullah Al Tasnim, Syed Ziaul Islam, Al Amin, Zahidul Islam, and Rafiqul Islam Rubel – have also been granted bail at different times.

The previous Investigation Officer SM Mizanur Rahman, an inspector of the CTTC, told The Daily Star on September 24 that the case dockets would be handed over to the CID within a few days.

The handover took place in early October.

Contacted recently, the current IO HM Rezwanaul Islam of CID said they had just received the case documents. "Further steps will be taken after talking to higher officials," he said.

Mohammad Zakir Hossain, a defence lawyer for two of the arrestees, said, "My clients were arrested as suspects. They have consistently maintained their innocence and claimed to have no knowledge of the incident. Yet, year after year, they continue to suffer, though they are on bail now. This case needs a conclusion."

Supreme Court lawyer Ishrat Hasan said, "The non-submission of probe reports for years creates serious legal disadvantages. It frustrates the constitutional guarantee of a speedy and fair trial, often leading to prolonged or arbitrary detention of the accused, as well as denying victims timely justice."

"Repeated adjournments due to the absence of reports amount to an abuse of process. Such delays not only weaken the evidentiary value of the case but also erode public confidence in the criminal justice system," she added.



Fishermen prepare for their next voyage aboard two moored vessels at the New Fishery Ghat on the Karnaphuli River in Chattogram. After spending 15 to 25 days fishing in the deep sea, they return briefly to shore to repair boats and nets and stock food and fuel before setting out again. The photo was taken recently.

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Open garbage bins a nuisance on Ctg's busy roads



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Open garbage sheds and bins along busy thoroughfares in Chattogram city have remained a persistent public nuisance for years, despite the Chattogram City Corporation's door-to-door waste collection initiative launched nearly eight years ago.

Overflowing waste from these bins often spills onto the roads, obstructing vehicular movement and posing hazards for pedestrians. This issue is especially noticeable in areas such as Katalganj, Sholashahar Gate No 2, Chittagong College Road (Parade Corner), Nabab Sirajuddaula Road (Machhua Jharna area), and Dampara MM Ali Road.

"I have to hold my breath while passing by the wastebin placed in the middle of the main road just beside the entrance of our lane," said Rupa Dutta, a resident of Machhua Jharna.

An open garbage shed along the Chawkbazar-Muradpur Road, set up three years ago for "effective waste management", has instead become a major source of public discomfort for residents of Katalganj and Panchlaish, as well as for daily commuters.

In particular, patients visiting the many private hospitals and diagnostic centres along the road, as well as students from nearby schools, face

severe inconvenience due to the stench and traffic congestion.

"Can a dustbin be placed on a busy road in a civilised country?" questioned Zahirul Islam, a resident of Katalganj.

The CCC had previously announced plans to remove all open bins and garbage sheds by March 2017. At that time, the city had around 1,350 open bins. The corporation later distributed approximately 9,00,000 bins across 41 wards to promote door-to-door waste collection.

However, eight years on, many open bins and sheds remain in place.

Pranab Kumar Sharma, CCC's deputy chief conservancy officer, said, "These dumpsters allow our conservancy workers to temporarily store household waste before it is transported to landfills."

Regarding the placement of bins along busy roads, Sharma blamed public resistance to allocating land for waste disposal.

"Local people do not want to leave any land for setting up a dumpster. As such, we are compelled to set up the bins on roadsides without finding any alternative," he said.

The CCC is currently searching for land to establish secondary transfer stations, which are intended to temporarily hold garbage before it is taken to landfills, Sharma added.

Expelled BNP leader Akhtaruzzaman joins Jamaat

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Major (ret'd) Akhtaruzzaman, a former lawmaker and a freedom fighter who was expelled from the BNP multiple times on charges of breaking party discipline, has joined Jamaat-e-Islami.

The joining ceremony was held yesterday morning at Jamaat-e-Islami's central office in Moghbazar, Dhaka, in the presence of Jamaat Ameer Shaheerul Rahman.

According to a press release issued from Jamaat's central office, the former BNP leader Akhtaruzzaman expressed deep confidence and satisfaction in Jamaat-e-Islami's principles and ideology, its patriotism, and its steadfast stance on safeguarding the country's independence and sovereignty.

He formally joined Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami by filling out the form for primary associate membership, the release said.

The press release also noted that Akhtaruzzaman pledged to remain loyal to Jamaat's rules, ideology, party discipline and organisational allegiance at all times.

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar and Assistant Secretary General Maulana Abdul Halim, among others, were present at the event.

Akhtaruzzaman hails from Katiadi upazila in Kishoreganj. He was elected to parliament twice in 1991 and 1996 from the Kishoreganj-2 constituency on BNP ticket. At the time, the constituency comprised only Katiadi upazila. Pakundia upazila has since been added to the constituency.

In the 11th national parliamentary election, he contested the seat on a BNP ticket again but lost to former inspector general of police Noor Mohammad, who contested as an Awami League candidate. Akhtaruzzaman also served as president of the district BNP. He was most recently expelled from the BNP for the fifth time on February 20, 2022.

Country drifting

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out of 180 countries in the 2024 Environmental Performance Index, compared to 177th in 2022.

"This conference must provide guidance on how we can overcome the environmental crisis."

Chief guest Justice Ainun Nahar Siddiqua of the High Court Division said the country's obsession with "two-bigha plots" has led to rivers being filled, hills cut, and forests cleared.

"Without farmland, agriculture cannot survive," she said, calling for a shift in mindset.

She said young people are increasingly turning away from farming, with many risking their lives to migrate abroad. "We are losing our generation," she said, describing it as the country's biggest bleeding point.

Justice Siddiqua stressed the need for environmental education from an early age, saying children should learn about environmental law from class five.

She expressed hope that long-term planning would empower the next generation to build the country envisioned for decades.

Agriculture Secretary Mohammad Emdad Ullah Mian said raising awareness about environmental disasters and ensuring access to data are essential.

Hesaidagricultureisundergoing transformation, and the ministry is working to involve real farmers and grassroots organisations in long-term strategies based on ground realities.

Presiding over the inaugural session, ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda said protecting rivers, forests, hills, and farmland is inseparable from protecting human rights, dignity, and diversity.

He highlighted the role of women farmers, who contribute 72-74 percent of agricultural labour but remain invisible in policy, and stressed that they must be recognised as equal stakeholders.

He also acknowledged the contributions of marginal farmers, sharecroppers, agricultural labourers, fishers, boatmen, factory workers, and the urban poor.

The first working session on "Land and Agricultural Rights of Marginalised Communities" was chaired by researcher and former Dhaka University professor Meghna Guhathakurta.

Panelists included researcher Pavel Partha, Advocate MM Khalekuzzaman, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum President Sanjib Drong, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute's Robiul Islam, and poet-journalist Sohrab Hassan.

Speakers criticised existing policies on agriculture, forests, and wetlands as unfriendly to indigenous and marginalised groups.

They accused the state of facilitating multinational investment while neglecting the urban poor and landless communities. They said indigenous and marginalised peoples play a key role in conserving biodiversity and protecting land and forests and should be recognised in government strategies to address climate change.

Echoing the spirit of the July uprising, they called for ending discrimination in land and agricultural rights to build a just and equitable society.

Rights activists, development workers, farmers, and affected communities from across the country attended the conference.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Memo No. 25.36.3900.164.07.001.24/949

Date: 11-12-2025

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