

Trial of Quader, 6 others begins at ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The trial against Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader and six other party leaders began yesterday at International Crimes Tribunal-2 in a case over crimes against humanity committed during the July 2024 uprising.

Proceedings opened with the submission of the prosecution's written opening statement before the three-member tribunal, after which the first prosecution witness began testifying. However, minutes into the testimony, the tribunal adjourned the hearing until today following a prosecution plea.

The first witness, MA Razzak, is the father of Asif Iqbal, who was shot dead at Mirpur-10 while taking part in protests during July–August 2024.

The other accused are AFM Bahauddin Nasim, AI joint general secretary; Mohammad Ali Arafat, former state minister for information; Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash, chairman of Jubo League; Moinul Hossain Khan Nikhil, its general secretary; and Saddam Hussain and Sheikh Wali Asif Enan, president and general secretary of Chhatra League respectively.

According to the prosecution, the accused directly instigated, encouraged and provoked the use of lethal weapons against students and civilians, allegedly following instructions from former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

They are also accused of aiding and abetting the government's crackdown to suppress what the prosecution described as a peaceful movement of unarmed students and civilians, including by enforcing a nationwide curfew and deploying lethal force.

In his opening statement, Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam described Hasina as the latest addition to a long list of autocrats and fascists in world history, many of whom eventually faced trial.

He said the trial was not merely about the disposal of a single case, but carried a strong message for the nation.

Meanwhile, three defence witnesses were scheduled to testify yesterday before ICT-2 in the crimes against humanity case against JSD President Hasanul Haq Inu, but the defence failed to produce them.

One of Inu's counsels, Sifat Mahmud, said the scheduled witnesses were Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hossain, immediate past shipping adviser; Hasib-Al-Islam, a former coordinator of Students Against Discrimination; and talk-show host Jhumi Rahman.

The defence later sought the tribunal's permission to produce three alternative witnesses, including a foreign crimes expert. The tribunal allowed two of them and set February 22 for the next proceedings, but rejected the plea to include the foreign expert.

Three of a family murdered in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Three members of an expatriate's family were murdered in Monipur village under Homna upazila of Cumilla on Monday night, police said.

The victims were identified as Papiya Akter Sukhi, 22, wife of Saudi Arabia expatriate Zahirul; their son Hossain, 4; and Zubayer, 5, son of Zahirul's brother Sattar.

Informed by locals, police went to the spot and recovered the body yesterday morning, said Dinesh Dasgupta, inspector (Investigation) of Homna Police Station. The victims' bodies bore injury marks from sharp weapons, he added.

According to locals, both Zahirul and his brother Sattar are currently living abroad.

The bodies have been sent to Cumilla Medical College morgue for autopsy, said Morshedul Alam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The OC also said police are investigating the incident to determine the motive, identify and arrest those responsible. Filing of a case in this connection was underway, he added.

Youth hacked to death in Rajbari

UNB, Rajbari

A young man was hacked to death in broad daylight by miscreants in Rajbari Sadar upazila yesterday, said police and family sources.

The incident took place around 1:00pm on a paved road in Char Narayanpur area under Mizanpur union.

The victim was identified as Zahid Hasan Fakir, 27, son of Mahtab Fakir of Binodpur area in ward 9 of Rajbari municipality.

Family members claimed Zahid was killed after he demanded repayment of Tk 2,500 he had lent, while police said the murder was likely linked to prior enmity.

According to locals, Zahid received a phone call around noon and left home, saying he was going to collect the money. Shortly afterwards, miscreants attacked him with sharp weapons about 200 yards from his house, leaving him critically injured before fleeing the scene in an autorickshaw.

Locals rushed him to Rajbari Sadar Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

His mother Momena Begum said her son had left home after receiving the call and promised to return soon after collecting the money.

ST MARTIN'S ISLAND

Keya forests face fresh threat

Trees allegedly felled for resort construction

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

Natural Keya or fragrant screw pine (Pandanus odorifer) forests on St Martin's Island are allegedly being ravaged days after the tourism season ended on January 31.

Locals alleged that numerous Keya trees are being felled along the seafront in the Dakkhin-para area to clear land for resort construction.

Tayeb Ullah, a local resident, said he recently visited the area and saw that a portion of the forest had already been cleared, while more Keya trees had been felled and left to dry.

"This dense Keya forest protects the island's residential areas from the intrusion of tidal water. Several resorts have already been built after clearing Keya forests to give tourists a direct view of the sea," he said.

He said last year, seawater entered some residential areas during high tide, damaging freshwater ponds and threatening residents' livelihoods.

Foyezul Islam, chairman of St Martin's Island union parishad, said he had heard about the indiscriminate felling of Keya trees in the Dakkhin-para area along the beach but was not certain who was involved.

"A beach worker was sent to the spot for inspection on Sunday. Necessary steps will be taken following an investigation," he said.

He also said the land where the trees were cleared is privately owned. "It is possible that a local person sold the land to a resort businessman from Dhaka. However, it cannot be



confirmed why the trees were felled. It may have been for resort construction, or someone may have cut them for roofing purposes," he added.

Jamir Uddin, director of the Cox's Bazar district office of the Department of Environment, said they were aware of the incident and were treating the matter seriously, and that a preliminary investigation had already begun.

"The entire St Martin's Island has been declared an Ecologically Critical Area (ECA), and destroying any natural forest there is illegal. Those found involved will be identified through investigation and legal action will be taken under the Environment Conservation Act," he added.

Preserve works of Jibanananda

Speakers demand at poet's 127th birth anniversary programme

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The 127th birth anniversary of celebrated poet Jibanananda Das was observed in Barishal yesterday with a series of programmes organised by local poets, writers, and cultural activists.

In the morning, members of Pragati Lekhak Sangha and Barishal Kabita Parishad paid floral tributes at a mural of the poet at the Jibanananda Das Memorial Auditorium and Library, established at his ancestral home.

Speakers at a discussion meeting, chaired by poet Tapankor Chakraborty, called for the establishment of a

research centre, a large-scale library, and a museum dedicated to the poet at his ancestral residence, Sarbananda Bhaban, also a portion of the current Department of Public Health Engineering office.

They highlighted that Jibanananda Das taught English at Government Brajamohan College from 1935 to 1946, noting that although a dormitory bears his name, little has been done to promote research and study of his works.

"Visitors from outside Barishal often leave disappointed as the poet's legacy is not properly preserved here," one speaker said.



Writ petition challenges legality of Feb 12 referendum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer filed a writ petition with the High Court yesterday challenging the legality of the nationwide referendum held on February 12.

Advocate ABM Ataul Mazid submitted the petition as a public interest litigation, also seeking an order from the HC to restrain the authorities concerned from giving effect to the results of the referendum announced on the following day.

In the petition, he urged the court to issue a rule asking authorities to explain why the referendum should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

Petitioner Ataul told The Daily Star that the constitution does not allow for referendums and that the Election Commission has no authority to conduct one, and therefore, the referendum held on February 12 was unconstitutional.

"The referendum was conducted without a clear constitutional framework, without a comprehensive Referendum Act or Rules, without ensuring transparency, neutrality, equal participation and informed consent of voters," the petition stated.

The HC may hold a hearing on the petition next week, Ataul Mazid added.

সংশোধিত সম্পূরক বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৭ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৬ তারিখে পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে কক্সবাজার জেলায় জনবল সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি এর শর্তাবলীর ১নং ক্রমিকে দরপত্র মূল্য ১,০০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা মর্মে উল্লেখ ছিল। সরকারি নির্দেশনা অনুসারে উক্ত দরপত্রের মূল্য ১০০০ টাকার স্থলে ১৫০০ টাকা হবে। বর্ণিত অবস্থায় দরপত্রমূল্য ১০০০ টাকার স্থলে ১৫০০ টাকার পে-অর্ডার অথবা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

POST-POLLS VIOLENCE

Man shot in B'baria, house set on fire in Narail

STAR REPORT

A man was shot in Brahmanbaria on Monday night and a house was set on fire in Narail early yesterday in connection with polls-related feuds.

In Brahmanbaria, Emon Miah, 24, a resident of Thollakandi village under Nabinagar upazila, was attacked by 14–15 armed men and hit by three bullets near his residence around 7:45pm on Monday.

"The armed attackers came on CNG-run autorickshaws and fired at Emon before fleeing the scene quickly," said Toufiqueul Islam, Emon's elder brother.

Emon was a supporter of Kazi Nazmul Hossain Taposh, a defeated independent candidate from Brahmanbaria-5. As a result, he faced rivalry from supporters of the elected BNP lawmaker Abdul Mannan, Toufiqueul alleged.

In November last year, two people were killed in a clash between two local rival groups. Emon is a witness in that murder case, he also said.

Emon was rushed to a local hospital, where doctors advised shifting him to Dhaka for advanced treatment, he added.

Contacted, Abdul Mannan MP said he did not know about any such incident. "It may be a result of an internal feud between two criminal gangs. It is not connected with my election," he added.

Contacted, Brahmanbaria Superintendent of Police Shah Md Abdur Rauf confirmed the incident and said police were investigating.

In Narail, the house of Humayun Molla, president of Hobkhali union BNP unit, was set on fire early yesterday in Bill-Dumurtala village under Sadar upazila.

Humayun's family members said he was a supporter of Monirul Islam, a defeated independent candidate from Narail-2. He has been facing rivalry from the union BNP unit's former president Riazul Islam Tinku, who is a supporter of Fariduzzaman Farhad, the BNP-nominated candidate who was also defeated in the election.

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ঢাকা, বাংলাদেশ

"সবাই মিলে গড়ব দেশ,  
দুর্নীতি মুক্ত বাংলাদেশ"

### Invitation for Tenders

Memo No- 00.01.0000.000.103.51.0003.25-9405      Date: 17-02-2026

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Agency, Procuring Entity, Code & District               | : Anti- Corruption Commission, Dhaka.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2.  | Invitation for                                          | : Supply of Printer for Anti-Corruption Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3.  | Invitation Ref No & Date                                | : 00.01.0000.000.103.51.0003.25- 9405, Date: 17/02/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4.  | Procurement Method                                      | : OTM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5.  | Budget and Source of Funds                              | : Revenue Budget for ACC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6.  | Tender Publication Date                                 | : 18-02-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7.  | Tender Last Selling Date                                | : 05-03-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8.  | Tender Closing Date and Time                            | : 08-03-2026, Time-12.00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.  | Tender Opening Date and Time                            | : 08-03-2026, Time-12.15 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10. | Selling Tender Document place & Address of the office   | : Admin Wing, Anti- Corruption Commission, Head Office, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka, Bangladesh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11. | Receiving Tender Document place & Address of the office | : Admin Wing, Anti- Corruption Commission, Head Office, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka, Bangladesh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12. | Opening Tender Document place & Address of the office   | : Room no-101, Anti- Corruption Commission, Head Office, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka, Bangladesh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 13. | Price of Tender Document                                | : Each set 1000/- Tk (Non Refundable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14. | Tender Security                                         | : Tenderer must submit 50,000/- (Fifty thousand) tk PO or Bank Draft in favour of DDO, ACC, Head Office, Dhaka. Otherwise tender will be rejected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15. | Tender Validity period                                  | : 120 Days from the opening of tender.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 16. | Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer         | : (a) Minimum 03 years of general experience; at least 01 (one) contracts (regarding supplying of similar items successfully) completion within the last 03 (Three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 14 Lac. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital/credit line(s) shall be at least Tk 21 Lac.<br>(b) Tenderer should have up-to-date Trade Licence, VAT & Income Tax Payment Certificate. |
| 17. | Special Instruction for the Tenderer                    | : (a) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.<br>(b) Tender details are in STD.<br>(c) If tender not receive in due time for unavoidable circumstances tender will receive in following day.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 18. | Name & Designation of Official Inviting Tender          | : Mohammad Nazmul Hasan, Director (Finance)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 19. | Address of Official Inviting Tender                     | : Anti- Corruption Commission, Head Office, 1 Segunbagicha, Dhaka, Bangladesh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20. | Contact details of Official Inviting Tender             | : Telephone- 02-58316476.<br>d.finance@acc.org.bd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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