

Veteran journo

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followed by a second janaza at Dhaka Reporters Unity at 3:00pm. After the funeral prayers, he was laid to rest at the family graveyard in Mirpur-11.

Born in Dhaka in 1952, Saleem studied at Shaheen School. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Jagannath College in 1976. In 1994, he obtained his master's degree from Colorado State University in the US.

On November 29, 2002, Saleem was arrested on charges of sedition. Before his death, he himself had stated that he was subjected to physical torture during interrogation in custody. He was released from prison about 50 days later.

In a Facebook post on October 7, Saleem said that he had been forced to leave the country in 2004. He returned to Bangladesh six years later.

His writings had appeared in international publications including

TIME magazine, India Today, Outlook (India), and South Asia magazine (Pakistan).

Beyond journalism, Saleem had played a significant role in training and mentoring small-town journalists in Bangladesh on social development issues.

He also conducted workshops on environment and development journalism for South Asian journalists in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Over the course of his career, he had worked as a media specialist for several organisations, including the US-based Academy for Educational Development (AED), the Environment and Social Development Organisation (ESDO), the Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC), the Bangladesh Human Rights Journalists Forum (BMSF) and Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB).

Father recounts son's death

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Kamal, the second prosecution witness, told the tribunal that on the afternoon of July 20, he had gone to buy vegetables with his son Sifat, an eleventh grader. Spotting his classmates protesting at the Mirpur-10 roundabout, Sifat joined them.

"Within minutes, three armed Awami League processions converged from different directions and started firing indiscriminately," Kamal said.

A long-time resident of the area, he said he knew many local AL leaders, whom he alleged openly carried firearms and shot directly at students.

"One bullet struck my son in the head," he said.

Breaking down, Kamal recounted how he ran forward and lifted Sifat into his arms.

"When I touched his wound, my two fingers went straight inside his skull. That's how big the

bullet hole was," he told the tribunal, drawing gasps from the courtroom.

Beside Sifat lay another wounded boy, writhing in pain, his eye blown out by a bullet, he said.

As he searched for a rickshaw, local AL activists forcibly took Sifat inside a nearby house. Only after repeated pleas did they allow Kamal to take him away. He then carried both Sifat and the other injured boy by rickshaw to Al Helal Hospital. Doctors there referred them to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, where Sifat was pronounced dead.

Kamal further testified that when he brought his son's body home to Mirpur, local AL activists prevented him from performing funeral rites or even washing the body.

Later, he arranged an ambulance and took his son's blood-soaked body to their village home in Kalkini, Madaripur, where Sifat was finally laid to rest.

Earlier, first prosecution witness Emran Hossain, 33, from Puthia in Rajshahi,

told the tribunal how he permanently lost his right leg after being shot during clashes at Mirpur-10 on July 19, 2024.

A technician at a pest control company, Emran, said he had gone to Mirpur-10 for official duty. While returning, a bullet fired by police and helmet-wearing attackers at protesting students struck his leg near the Mirpur-10 roundabout.

He remained hospitalised for nearly 40 days.

Sitting in the witness box, visibly disabled, Emran broke down while recounting the agonising moments of uncertainty in securing hospital admission and managing treatment costs, as none of his family members could travel from Rajshahi due to curfew restrictions.

Both witnesses held senior AL leaders, including Anisul and Salman, responsible for the violence.

After the testimonies, defence counsels for Anisul and Salman cross-examined both witnesses. The tribunal fixed March 3 for the next hearing.

No let-up

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behind the incident, claiming it has become a source of fear in the area.

On the same day in Basila, another CCTV clip reportedly captured an extortion threat, warning that an entire market would be shut down if money was not paid.

Police arrested Faruk alias Kala Faruk from the Kolatia area in Keraniganj yesterday in connection with the incident, Mesbah Uddin, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, told The Daily Star.

Amid the incidents, Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam yesterday asked field-level officers to take strict measures against extortion, snatching and drug-related crimes.

"Law and order must be maintained at any cost. If anyone commits extortion, terrorism or drug-related crimes, legal action must be taken against them irrespective of party and opinion affiliations," he told officers.

He issued the directives during a virtual meeting with all police unit heads, metropolitan police commissioners, range DIGs and district police superintendents from Police Headquarters, according to a release.

ICT hears Inu defence

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tribunal that Inu had taken a double stand during the uprising.

During cross-examination, prosecutor Minazul Islam said although Inu spoke in favour of the students in the media, he actually took a position against them and supported suppressing the movement by using lethal weapons.

The prosecutor claimed Inu's double role was revealed in audio phone conversations with former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

The tribunal adjourned proceedings in the case till today.

In a separate case, the tribunal framed charges against 11 former police officers over the killing of Imam Hasan Bhuiyan Tayim, a 12th grader, in Dhaka's Jatrabari on July 20 during the uprising.

The tribunal said it found sufficient grounds to frame charges in the case.

The accused are former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Habibur Rahman; former DMP joint police

commissioner Sudip Kumar Chakraborty; former Wari Division deputy commissioner Iqbal Hossain; former additional deputy commissioner (Demra Zone) Md Masudur Rahman Monir; former ADC (Wari Zone) SM Shamim; former assistant police commissioner Nahid Ferdous; former Jatrabari OC Abul Hossain; Inspector (investigation) Md Zakir Hossain; Inspector (operation) Md Wahidul Haque Mamun; and sub-inspectors Sajjad Uz Zaman and Md Shahadat Ali of the same police station.

Two of the accused, Abul Hossain and Zakir Hossain, who are currently in custody, pleaded not guilty before the tribunal yesterday.

The tribunal set March 29 for opening statements and recording witness testimonies.

Tayim, the son of a police officer, was seen in widely circulated video footage being shot at close range by another policeman while a friend tried to pull him away.

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ID	Reference	Title of Works
1219795	GMD Sirajganj/OTM Notice/Ullapara 132 KV/2	Procurement of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IP Camera Based Surveillance Systems at Ullapara 132/33 KV Grid Substation under GMD Sirajganj, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC
1219867	GMD Sirajganj/OTM Notice/GMD Office/4	Procurement of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Grid Connected Net Metering Solar PV Systems with a Total Capacity of 40 kW at Substations under GMD Sirajganj, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC

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Invitation for Tender for 'Procurement & Installation of Air Conditioner (AC) for NHRDF (Package-1)'

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance
2	Agency	Finance Division
3	Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director & CEO, National Human Resource Development Fund (NHRDF)
4	Procuring Entity Code	None
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement & Installation of Air Conditioner (AC) for NHRDF
7	Invitation Ref No	FD/NHRDF/02.03.00.15.26-131
8	Date	22 February 2026

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/ Program Code (if applicable)	N/A	
13	Project/ Program Name (if applicable)	N/A	
14	Tender Package No.	NHRDF-GD-10	
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement & Installation of Air Conditioner (AC) for NHRDF (Package-1)	
16	Tender Publication Date	23 February 2026	
17	Tender Last Selling Date	09 March 2026	
	Date	Time	
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	10 March 2026	2:00 p.m.
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	10 March 2026	2:30 p.m.
20	Selling Tender Document	National Human Resource Development Fund (NHRDF) Probashi Kalyan Bhaban (Level-6), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Telephone No: 55138350	

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Receiving Tender Document
Room # 1201, Building # 11, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Opening Tender Document
Office of the General Manager (Admin & Finance), NHRDF Room # 1201, Building # 11, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

21	Place/ Date/ Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Not Applicable
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	As per Tender Document			
23	Brief Description of Service	Procurement of Air Conditioner (AC) & Installation for NHRDF			
24	Price of Tender Document (Taka)	1000.00 (Taka One Thousand Only) (Cash Only)			
25	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount	Completion time in Weeks/ Months/ Days
	NHRDF-GD-10	Procurement & Installation of Air Conditioner (AC) for NHRDF (Package-1)	Probashi Kalyan Bhaban (Level-6) 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.	Pay-order BDT 30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand) in favor of Managing Director & CEO, NHRDF	30 Days from the Signing of Contract

PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Touhidur Rahman
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director & CEO
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	National Human Resource Development Fund (NHRDF) Probashi Kalyan Bhaban (Level-6), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No: 0255138350 e-mail address: nhrdfmd@gmail.com
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the tender proceedings	

(Md. Touhidur Rahman)
Managing Director & CEO
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A century of flavour

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recently rediscovered the bakery's jilapi and returned on Sunday for more. "I found it very delicious, so I came again," he said.

During Ramadan, the bakery sells around 60 different items daily. Among the most sought-after are suti kebab paratha, murg musallam, beef halim, jilapi and chicken lollipop.

Even well-known food entrepreneurs frequent the shop. On Sunday afternoon, Haji Babul, owner of the popular Nanna Biryani, was seen purchasing iftar items.

"I don't usually come myself; my family members buy from here. Today I purchased paneer samosa and nimki," he said.

Junayed Ahmed, a fourth-generation member

of the owning family, said the confectionery's journey began with his great-grandfather, Chan Mian, in 1920.

"My great grandfather started the business in Faridpur. Later, it shifted to Raowza on a small scale at home and gradually expanded," he said.

Besides its main outlet in Old Dhaka, Ananda Confectionery now has branches at Jahangir Gate and Wari. The shops operate from 8:00am to 10:00pm, while the main outlet remains open until midnight, he added.

Abdul Karim, a third-generation member of the owning family, said the bakery maintains its tradition by selling exclusively on a retail basis and focusing on quality over expansion.

Publish white paper

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At the meeting, members strongly condemned what they described as the interim government's "arbitrary, hasty, and non-transparent" dealings with the United States, including a trade agreement they termed "disastrous" for Bangladesh.

The committee alleged that such agreements are aimed at undermining national sovereignty, permanently entangling the country and making it economically dependent on the US. It urged the elected government to immediately withdraw from what it called an "illegal" agreement.

Committee members also expressed concern over the appointment of an adviser, whom they identified as the "architect" of several anti-national agreements, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, describing the move as a major risk for the country,

added the release.

Members further called for investigations into incidents of post-election violence and the reported gang rape in Hatiya. They also demanded the release of individuals, including members of the Bawm community, who have allegedly been detained for prolonged periods on what it described as false charges.

Those present at the meeting included Liberation War activist Dipa Dutta, researcher Mahtabuddin Ahmed, writer Chowdhury Mufad Ahmed, Joydeep Bhattacharya, Sadrul Hasan Ripon, Mohsin Ali, Nazmus Sakib, trade union leader Satyajit Biswas, Iqbal Kabir, Democratic Student Union leader Dilip Roy, Rafiquzzaman Farid, Shayedul Haque, lawyer Alaudin Ahmed, filmmaker Akram Khan, Rafsan Ahmed, rights activist Marzia Prava, and Fakhruddin Kabir.

No pavilions

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This year, of the 37 publishers allotted pavilions, 36 have decided not to participate and have demanded that the fair be rescheduled to after Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Bangla Academy, however, decided to go ahead with the book fair. The fair will run from February 25 to March 15.

According to decisions taken at the meeting,

publishers who had previously been allotted pavilions agreed to dismantle them, with support from the Bangladesh Publishers and Booksellers Association.

Meanwhile, the lottery for stall allocation among publishers who applied by February 19 was held at 10:00pm yesterday. Publishers are expected to begin constructing their stalls from today.

Probe NCT, Pangaon

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It also alleged that the deals were concluded with "unusual haste" and under non-disclosure agreements.

The group called for a comprehensive probe into the NCT lease process as well as the Laldia and Pangaon concession deals

to determine whether any bribery or illicit financial transactions occurred.

It also urged authorities to examine the local and overseas bank accounts of those involved and take steps to prevent evidence tampering or possible flight abroad during the investigation.

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৪।	দরপত্র বিক্রয় নং	: ০৫.০৪.০০০০.০৭.০০.৬৬৩.২৬
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৯।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	: ১৬/০৩/২০২৬ ইং দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা বিআরটিসি, ক্রয় বিভাগ (৯ম তলা), ২১, রাজউক এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
১০।	দরপত্রের সাথে আনানত (আর্নেস্টম্যানি)	: মোট উন্মুক্ত মূল্যের নূনতম ১০% আনানত (আর্নেস্টম্যানি) "চেয়ারম্যান, বিআরটিসি" অনুমুল্যে যে কোন রাইয়াখ/সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে প্রদত্ত পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাকট এর মাধ্যমে ডাউনলোডকৃত দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে জমা করতে হবে।
১১।	সিডিউলের সাথে যে সমস্ত ডকুমেন্টস সংস্কৃত করতে হবে	: (ক) www.brtc.gov.bd হতে ডাউনলোডকৃত সিডিউল, (খ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (গ) আয়কর প্রত্যয়ন পত্র, (ঘ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, (ঙ) ব্যাংক স্বাক্ষরকার সনদপত্র, (চ) আত্মীয় পরিচয়পত্র, (ছ) ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রশ্মি ছবি। দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত কাগজপত্র হাল নাশাদ নবায়িত এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১২।	বিক্রয়তাল মালমাসের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	: বিআরটিসি'র অযোগ্য ঘোষিত ১০টি গাড়ী (একতলা ও দ্বিতল বাস) নিলামে বিক্রয়।
১৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম ও পদবী	: ইমাম হোসাইন, ম্যানেজার (ক্রয়)।
১৪।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর অফিসের ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নং	: ক্রয় বিভাগ, ৯ম তলা, বিআরটিসি, ২১, রাজউক এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১০০০, ৪১০৫১০৪০।
১৫।	কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা	: কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণের দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী সংযোজন, সংকোচন, পরিমার্জন ও পরিবর্তনের ক্ষমতা রাখে এবং সংক্রান্ত কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
১৬।	নির্দেশনা	: অনস্বর্ণীয়, ক্রয়কৃত ও আনানতবিহীন (আর্নেস্টম্যানি) দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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