

## ASHULIA KILLINGS

## ‘Coordinated campaign’ against unarmed civilians

## Says full verdict of ICT-2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The full verdict of International Crimes Tribunal-2 has described a coordinated collapse of police command during the July uprising, accusing law enforcers of systematic killings, destruction of evidence and obstruction of justice.

The 591-page judgment, received by the prosecution yesterday, detailed how five people were killed and their bodies burned, while another victim was set on fire while still alive.

The three-member tribunal led by Md Nozrul Islam Chowdhury concluded that the atrocities were part of a “coordinated

and organised campaign” against unarmed civilians rather than isolated incidents.

On February 5, the tribunal convicted 16 political and law enforcement officials of crimes against humanity, saying the offences fell within the “rarest category of cases warranting the severest punishment”.

Six convicts – including Muhammad Saiful Islam and AFM Sayed Roni – were sentenced to death. Others given capital punishment are former SI Abdul Malek, former ASI Biswajit Saha, and Constables Mukul Chokder and Roni Bhuiyan.

The tribunal said anything less than the death penalty could undermine public

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DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Khulna has been witnessing a steady deterioration in air quality due to dust pollution, raising concerns among residents, environmentalists and public health experts.

While Dhaka has long been labelled one of the most polluted cities, recent data suggest that Khulna at times even surpasses the capital in hazardous air conditions.

Experts said the worsening air pollution is the result of a combination of factors, including nearby brick kilns, unpaved or damaged roads, unchecked construction activities and emissions from ageing vehicles.

According to Switzerland-based air quality monitoring organisation IQAir, Khulna recorded an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 279 at 10:00am on December 20, much higher than Dhaka’s 202 at the same time. An AQI reading above 200 is considered very unhealthy, while levels exceeding 300 fall into the hazardous category.

Despite a plan supported by the World Health Organization to transform Khulna into a healthier urban environment by 2027, air quality remains alarmingly poor.

Development works under the Khulna City Corporation, Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority and Khulna Development Authority have left large sections of city roads dug up for months, creating widespread dust pollution.

Major projects include a Tk 823-crore drainage initiative, a

have intensified the dust problem across the city.

Abdul Karim Hawlader, a shopkeeper near Sonadanga Women’s Sports Complex, said large pits dug by ongoing sewerage works have left the road surface broken in the area, worsening the situation in recent months. “Hundreds of

Mahfuzur Rahman Mukul, divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said institutional failures are turning Khulna into another pollution hotspot.

Dr Sujat Ahmed, deputy director of Khulna Medical University, said air pollution can trigger cough, asthma and respiratory infections, particularly among children and the elderly.

Executive Magistrate and Chief Waste Management Officer Kohinur Jahan of KCC said cleanliness drives are being carried out across the city. “Contractors have also been instructed to promptly remove soil and construction waste generated from public works,” she said.

She urged residents and developers to avoid dumping construction materials on roads.

Khandaker Md Fazlul Hoque, director of the Department of Environment in Khulna, said they have already discussed the matter with all relevant stakeholders.

“It is not possible for our department alone to control the situation. Although we are conducting regular drives and fining polluting institutions, fines alone cannot solve the problem.”



Tk 607 crore road development programme, a Tk 2,300-crore sewerage system project, a Tk 259-crore road widening project and additional development activities worth about Tk 650 crore by other agencies. Poor coordination and prolonged implementation, particularly during the dry season,

vehicles use the route daily, causing dust to engulf the area. Customers avoid staying long, and I often suffer from coughing and eye irritation.”

Shamima Begum, a resident of Bastuhara area, said her children frequently have breathing difficulties, especially during the dry season.

## Queues still snake

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“They have instructed us to ensure that no one misuses the new decision and that fuel is not wasted,” he said, adding that if people take fuel only as needed, the situation should improve within the next two to three days.

Earlier in the morning, the government announced the withdrawal of restrictions on fuel distribution after several imported shipments reached Chattogram Port.

Restrictions had been lifted to facilitate smooth travel during the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr holidays and to support farmers’ fuel needs during the ongoing Boro cultivation season, the power, energy, and mineral resources ministry said in a statement.

With improved supply, fuel will now be available at all distribution points according to demand, effective immediately and until further notice.

The government earlier introduced fuel rationing and other controls as a precautionary measure amid concerns over possible supply disruptions in the international fuel market due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

At yesterday’s meeting, Amit sought cooperation from district administrations to address current global challenges related to electricity and energy supply.

He instructed them to bring discipline to the supply and distribution management of fuel oil.

Key instructions included verifying opening and closing stocks at fuel depots every day, ensuring the supply of fuel allocated from depots to petrol pumps, monitoring distribution to all customers, and investigating specific reasons if any petrol pump remains closed.

The other directives included preventing illegal hoarding of fuel, ensuring the security of oil depots, stopping fuel smuggling, and keeping a strict watch to prevent sales at higher prices.

“The current elected government is sincerely trying to ensure that public suffering does not increase. The administration is expected to remain vigilant and perform its duties with greater firmness,” Amit said.

He also called for several electricity-saving measures to be implemented through district administrations.

Earlier, at a meeting with business leaders, Amit instructed them to avoid decorative

lighting in shopping malls and commercial establishments, keep air conditioner temperatures at 25 degrees Celsius or higher and turn off signboard lights after shops are closed.

Representatives from the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Bangladesh Shop Owners’ Association, Bangladesh Dokan Byabosayi Malik Samity, and the Dhaka Metropolitan Shop Owners Association attended the meeting.

In another meeting with leaders of the Petrol Pump Owners’ Association, Amit sought their cooperation to keep the fuel supply normal.

Association leaders assured that discipline would return quickly through discussion and coordinated decisions. They also expressed relief over the ministry’s swift action and said the situation would soon return to normal.

Meanwhile, reports from Gazipur said most filling stations in Kapasia and Sreepur upazilas remained closed after the withdrawal of rationing, causing shortages and putting vehicles in trouble.

Motorcyclist Saiful Islam was seen pushing his bike into the AK Filling Station after running out of fuel. Another biker, Noman Mia from Pelaid village of Kapasia, was with him.

Noman told The Daily Star that there is no petrol, octane or diesel at this filling station. However, fuel is available in the open market outside.

“It seems like the work of a syndicate. The filling stations are not selling fuel but are instead selling it outside at higher prices,” he said.

A vendor was seen selling loose oil from a table on the north side of Bormi intersection at Tk 150 per litre, much higher than the government-fixed rate. When asked, the seller refused to say his name.

“There is no shortage of fuel in my shop,” he said.

In Chattogram city, snaking queues were seen outside many filling stations yesterday afternoon.

Octane was unavailable in the Sena Filling and CNG Station on Bayezid Road and at the Tigerpass Agency. Another nearby filling station Badshah Miah and Sons was closed.

[Our correspondents in Gazipur and Chattogram contributed to this report.]

## Legal Notice

IFIC Bank PLC, Gulshan Branch, 109 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka 1212, has issued various credit facilities to (1) Scholastica Limited, Represented by its Managing Director, Syeda Madiha Murshed, Address: Plot No. 2, Road No. 8/9, Sector No. 1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230. AND Registered Office: Khawaja Tower, 95 Bir Uttam A K Khandakar Road, Mohakhali (Borrower & Mortgagor) (2) Syeda Madiha Murshed, Daughter of Syed Tanvir Murshed & Yasmeen Murshed, Managing Director (Guarantor and Legal Heir of Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed) (3) Syed Maher Murshed, Son of Syed Tanvir Murshed & Yasmeen Murshed, Chairman and Director (Guarantor and Legal Heir of Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed) (4) Wasima Parveen, Daughter of Sayed Anwar Hossain & Rajia Hossain & Wife of Syed Akhtar Hossain, Director, (Guarantor) (5) Mr. Amer Ahmed, Son of Kamal Ahmed & Mushfiqa Kamal & Husband of Mitali Ahmed, Director, (Guarantor) (6) Ectetera Bangladesh (Pvt.) Limited, (Guarantor) (7) United Resources Corporation Limited (Inc. No.-C-1441 Dated 29.06.1985) (Mortgagor)

The outstanding dues of the aforesaid loan stand at Tk. 729,89,85,715.65 (Taka Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Crore Eighty Nine Lac Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and paisa Sixty Five) only as on 08.03.2026 (interest charge up to following manner). Schedule of claim on A/c. Scholastica Limited is as follows: -

SL	A/c No.	Outstanding as on 08.03.2026	Last date of charging interest in the A/c.
1	1002370470-001	24,904,441.50	31.12.2025
2	1002370470-101	3,981,254,800.50	31.12.2025
3	0000370470-485	135,09,85,376.74	30.06.2025
4	0000370470-486	840,597,720.07	31.12.2025
5	0000370470-487	1,101,243,376.84	31.12.2025
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,298,985,715.65</b>	

We request you to take appropriate steps for making payment with interest up to eventual date of repayment within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client will take appropriate steps for selling out the mortgaged properties on auction as per Artha Rin Adalat Ain-2003.

**Schedule I Properties**

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**Deed of Mortgage No. 11559 dated 06.09.2011 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 11560 dated 06.09.2011.**

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 46626 sq ft or 64 katas 12 chattaks 68ft more or less situated in the Uttara Residential Model Town of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakha (RAJUK) in the city of Dhaka, District- Dhaka, Police Station- Uttara and Sub-Registry Office- Gulshan at present Uttara, Dhaka.

**Schedule II**

**Deed of Mortgage No. 6720 dated 22.10.2017/23.10.2017 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 6721 dated 22.10.2017/23.10.2017.**

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 92.42 (ninety two point four two) decimal with basement to sixth (06th) floor space measuring 14,5095.65 square feet situated within District - Dhaka, Police Station: Mirpur and Sub-Registry Office - Mirpur, Mouza-Senpara Parbata.

**Schedule III**

**Deed of Mortgage No. 13802 dated 23.12.2024 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 13803 dated 23.12.2024.**

All that piece and parcel of land measuring (12.00 + 6.46 + 9.86 + 5.50 + 11.50 + 15.00) = 60.32 (sixty point three two) decimal situated within District- Narayanganj, standing in the name of Scolastica Limited along with all structure constructed or to be constructed thereon, situated within District-Narayanganj; Police Station & Sub-Registry Office: Rugganj, under Narayanganj.

**B.M. Elias, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh**  
For: The LawyersMahtab Centre, Suite- 07 (3rd Floor)  
177, Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam Sharanji Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka.

## Request for Proposal (RFP)

For Ground Development Works at National Cricket Ground (NCG), Purbachal, Dhaka

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Ref No.: BCB/ Grounds/T&P/ Ground Development Works-NGC /2026/206 Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The Bangladesh Cricket Board hereby invites for Sealed Proposals for “Construction of 2 Nos Ground works (ICC Standard) for the National Cricket Ground (NCG) at Purbachal, Dhaka” from the Bona-fide Contractors / Firms / Organizations as per the terms and conditions as giving as follows:

1	Organization	Bangladesh Cricket Board
2	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Executive Officer, BCB
3	Invitation for	Construction of 2 Nos Ground works (ICC Standard) for the National Cricket Ground at Purbachal, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5	Invitation Ref:	BCB/ Grounds/T&P/ Ground Development Works-NGC /2026/206
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
7	Budget and source of Fund	Bangladesh Cricket Board
8	Tender Publication Date	16/03/2026
9	Tender Last Selling Date	12/04/2026 at 4:00 PM
10	Tender Closing date and time	13/04/2026 at 12:00 PM
11	Tender Opening date and time	13/04/2026 at 1:30 PM
12	Name and address of the selling tender	Finance & Accounts Department, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Management Office, Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
13	Place of receiving & Opening tender	Management Office of Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
14	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)	To be notified.
15	Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderers	The tenderers must meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the qualification criteria section as mentioned in the tender schedule.
16	General Instruction for Tender Submission	The intending tenderer shall have to apply to the undersigned in their letter head along with copies of experience certificates from concerned authority, trade license, VAT and income tax certificates etc. for issuance of tender documents. Contractors must have all type of Sand filling, Dressing, Leveling, Sloping equipment's.  Tender Documents will be issued from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk.5000/= (Taka Five Thousand) only (Non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from 10:30 AM to 05:00 PM.
17	Tender Security	Earnest money amounting to 2.5% of the total quoted amount in favor of “Bangladesh Cricket Board” in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh must be submitted along with the Tender without which the tender shall be rejected outright.
18	The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Further, BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire tender process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for Tender by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the Tender.	

Chief Executive Officer  
Bangladesh Cricket Board  
Management Office: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216  
Tel: +880 2 8031001-4, Fax: 803 1199

## গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক

প্রধান কার্যালয়

মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬।

## সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

তারিখ: ১৬/০৩/২০২৬ইং

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সম্প্রতি কিছু ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান অনুমতি ব্যতিরেকে অবৈধভাবে গ্রামীণ ব্যাংকের নাম ও লোগো অথবা উহার সাদৃশ্য নাম ও লোগো ব্যবহার করে বিভিন্ন প্রিন্ট, ইলেকট্রনিক ও সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে প্রচার, বিজ্ঞাপন, চিঠিপত্র ও অন্যান্য কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করছে, যা সম্পূর্ণ বেআইনী এবং প্রতিষ্ঠানের সুনামের পরিপন্থী। গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক আইন, ২০১৩ (২০১৩ সনের ৫৬ নং আইন) এর ৩০(২) ধারা মোতাবেক ব্যাংকের লিখিত সম্মতি ব্যতীত কোন প্রসপেক্টাস বা বিজ্ঞাপনে ব্যাংকের নাম ব্যবহার করা দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ। এছাড়া গ্রামীণ ব্যাংকের মনোত্রাম বা লোগো কপিরাইট আইন, ২০২৩ এর আওতায় নিবন্ধিত।

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গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ।

## Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Interior Fit-Out Works for BRAC Bank PLC.

BRAC Bank PLC. delivers a full array of banking services to individuals and businesses through a network of 194 Branches, 116 Sub-branches, 330 ATMs, 446 SME Unit Offices and 1,120 Agent Banking Outlets across the country. The bank is currently seeking potential vendor(s) to carry out Interior Fit-Out Works for its premises.

A Technical Request for Quotation (RFQ) is hereby issued for this purpose. The RFQ, along with details of the pre-bid meeting and 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.

BRAC BANK  
অগ্রণী অফিসINDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH (IUB)  
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

## School of Engineering, Technology and Sciences

## Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- Assistant Professor
- Lecturer B

## Department of Physical Sciences

- Assistant Professor (Physics)
- Assistant Professor (Mathematics)
- Lecturer B (Mathematics)

Application Deadline  
Sunday, March 29, 2026

For detailed information and to apply, please visit: <http://iub.ac.bd/news-and-events/jobs-at-iub> or scan the QR code

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মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা, কুমিল্লা

## শাখা স্থানান্তর

রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি'র মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা, কুমিল্লা ১৫/০৩/২০২৬ রোজ রবিবার থেকে নতুন ঠিকানায় স্থানান্তরিত হয়ে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করছে।

পুরাতন ঠিকানা	নতুন ঠিকানা
রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা সালাম উলুখ (২য় তলা) (কাঁচা বাজার সংলগ্ন) মাধাইয়া বাজার, চান্দিনা, কুমিল্লা।	রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা সাহা সুপার মার্কেট (২য় তলা) (কাঁচা বাজার সংলগ্ন) মাধাইয়া বাজার, চান্দিনা, কুমিল্লা।

সম্মানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্ঠপোষক এবং শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের ব্যাংকিং সেবা গ্রহণের জন্য নতুন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগের অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।