

## Kamal Uddin Shabuj chief editor of BSS

BSS, Dhaka



The government yesterday appointed journalist Kamal Uddin Shabuj as the managing director and chief editor of state-run news agency Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS).

The public administration ministry issued a gazette notification announcing his appointment under the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Act, 2018 on a contractual basis for a period of one year from the date of his joining.

Kamal Uddin Shabuj previously served BSS for 32 years and retired from the national news agency as the news editor in 2023.

After the retirement, he joined the Dainik Desh Rupantor as its editor, and until his new appointment, he was serving the daily as chief editor.

During his service in BSS, he also served in the reporting team with various assignments, including the task of covering former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia for some 10 years.

Shabuj was elected twice as the president and general secretary of the Jatiya Press Club.



Members of low-income families wait for hours from early morning to buy rice and flour at subsidised prices under the government's OMS programme. The photo was taken at Boyra Mohila College Boundary Road in Khulna yesterday.

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## RAPE OF JU STUDENT Victim alleges threats to withdraw case Accused still absconding

JU CORRESPONDENT

A man accused of abducting, torturing and raping a student of Jahangirnagar University has allegedly been threatening her and her family to withdraw the case filed against him.

The accused, Tarikul Islam, a graduate of JU's Institute of Information Technology from the 44th batch, remains at large despite the case being filed on February 25, a day after the alleged incident.

On March 7, the investigation was transferred from Ashulia Police Station to the Detective Branch (DB).

"He has been pressuring me to withdraw the case and is now even proposing marriage," the woman told The Daily Star.

According to her, Tarikul has continued to harass her and her family, issuing threats and posting on social media in an attempt to justify his actions.

She alleged that the accused posted a document online in an attempt to defame her, including a Google Drive link containing 289 compromising and doctored images.

She also said police did not accept her complaint when she recently tried to file a case over cyberbullying and blackmail.

Rubel Howlader, OC of Ashulia Police Station, said the allegation did not warrant filing a case but was suitable for a general diary (GD).

"A GD was subsequently lodged, and the matter is now being investigated by the detectives," he said.

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We saw a wave of young, new faces. Yet within a year, those women seem to have disappeared. Why?" she asked. "Women are needed at the front of marches; they stand as shields against police tear gas and batons, and they help in times of turmoil. Yet, once everything is settled, women are treated as objects - ridiculed for their clothes, their faces, their words, their laughter," she said.

She also said the balance of power between the president and the prime minister had long been a subject of debate for both

the ruling party and the opposition, before and after the 2024 uprising. In its Vision 2030 and 31-point programme, the BNP had put forward specific proposals on the issue.

"That is why we had expected the president, this time, to deliver a speech of his own rather than merely reading out a cabinet-approved text. But once again, we saw the president compelled to deliver a speech cleared by the cabinet. If we cannot allow the president even this small measure of independence, then what kind of balance are we talking about?" asked Rumeen.

## 'BNP holds legacy of 1971, '90, '24'

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joined the Awami League's election with fanfare, not us."

As protests intensified, Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad intervened, asking members not to obstruct proceedings and to present their arguments in due course.

Resuming his speech, the state minister said, "In the July uprising, we were all with the students and people. We did not take the trophy from anyone. But who was the captain? That is known to Dr Muhammad Yunus. That is why he went to London, handed the trophy to our captain, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, and came back with the election date."

"This proves which party and which leader played the leading role in the movement. There can be many participants, but only one captain," he added.

Addressing Speaker Hafiz, Shahe Alam further said, "Seeing you here, some may be pleased; some may not. But you represent 1971. That credit goes to BNP, because independence was declared by President Ziaur Rahman."

The state minister pointed to the presence of freedom fighters on the treasury benches and claimed none were on the opposition side, prompting renewed protests.

The speaker responded by noting that freedom fighters were also present on the opposition benches,

citing Gazi Nazrul Islam as an example.

Mir Shahe Alam also referred to Khaleda Zia, saying that during her 2001 government she had honoured opposition MPs by providing them cars with flags and indemnity.

He stressed that the current parliament was the outcome of collective political struggles.

He also said that in the 2018 election, under the banner of Jatiya Oikya Front, the current opposition leader Shafiqur Rahman and Jamaat leaders had contested using the BNP's sheaf of paddy symbol.

Following his speech, Shafiqur took the floor, saying, "We pledged from

day one that this opposition will not be conventional. We will cooperate in all just causes and will uncompromisingly oppose all unjust, anti-people measures. But today, while thanking the president, the honourable member has overwhelmed us with countless falsehoods."

"Some of these you yourself corrected. We demand that no false information be presented in parliament. We demand expunging of false information," he added, addressing the speaker.

In response, the speaker said, "I will examine the speech. If there is any unparliamentary or false information, it will be expunged."



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### TENDER NOTICE

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#### Detail of the items mentioned below:

- Lot: 1- Core i5 desktop computer  
Lot: 2- Core i7 clone desktop computer  
Lot: 3- Clone desktop computer

Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from Southeast Bank Ltd., Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka-1229 within the banking hour on all working days till April 22, 2026 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 April 23, 2026 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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## Enforced disappearance ordinance

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He added that since the tribunal already had jurisdiction to try such allegations, there had been no need for a separate law or tribunal.

"With the ordinance now merged with the Tribunal Act, I think it is a good decision," he added.

Earlier, during parliamentary discussions, the law minister said the

ordinance's provisions into the tribunal's law reflects the government's commitment to ensuring justice in enforced disappearance cases.

Replying to a query on the tribunal's capacity, Aminul Islam acknowledged constraints in manpower, logistics and the number of tribunals.

"Our jurisdiction covers the whole country. If all complaints are brought

here, there may be several thousand cases. Naturally, our current manpower and setup are already under considerable pressure," he said.

The chief prosecutor also said capital punishment could be awarded if the charges are proven in a crimes against humanity case over the killing of Begum Rokeya University student Abu Sayed during the July 2024 uprising.

International Crimes Tribunal-2 is set to deliver its verdict in the case tomorrow (April 9).

"Our investigation has found undeniable and irrefutable evidence. We believe the charges against the accused will be proven," he said.

"Since we believe we have been able to prove the case, we hope to receive the expected verdict," he added.



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### Corrigendum of International Tender Notice

Memo No-44.01.0000.058.07.019.25/344

Date: 07/04/2026.

Invitation for International Tender Notice Published in different national dailies as per Invitation tender ref No-44.01.0000.058.07.019.25/05(2025-2026) Date: 02/02/2026 for procurement of 7.62x51 mm Cartridge in FY 2025-2026 is hereby amended as follows:

Particular Information	Published	Revised
Tender last selling date	15 April 2026	26 April 2026
Tender closing date and time	16 April 2026 at 12.00 hrs	27 April 2026 at 12.00 hrs
Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	16 April 2026 at 12.30 hrs	27 April 2026 at 12.30 hrs

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Memo No: 1473

Date: 7/4/26

### e-Tender Notice (NCT)

e-Tender is in the e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procuring of following goods.

Tender ID	Name of Tender	Invitation Reference No	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date	Remarks
1254091	Supply of Medicine (MSR Group: A -Lot-4) (Code No. 3252105) at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/Tender/25-26/23	22/04/2026	23/04/2026	OTM
1254092	Supply of MSR Group-E: Chemical Re-agent, X-ray films etc (Lot-2) (Code No. 3252105) at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/Tender/25-26/24	22/04/2026	23/04/2026	OTM
1254093	Supply of MSR Group-B: Surgical Instrument-Lot-4 (Code No. 3252105) at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, Bogura during the FY: 2025-26	SZMCH/Tender/25-26/25	22/04/2026	23/04/2026	OTM

This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and any offline/hard copies will not be accepted.

- To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
- Detail about the Tender have shown in e-Tender notice and e-Tender document. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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