

FACEBOOK POST

Jubo League leader jailed for 2 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Jubo League leader was sentenced to two months' imprisonment yesterday for contempt of court over a Facebook post that the International Crimes Tribunal-1 said contained derogatory remarks about the tribunal and its proceedings.

The three-member tribunal handed down the verdict after MH Patoari Babu, library and publication secretary of Dhaka city Jubo League, appeared before the court with his wife, admitting to posting false and fabricated claims, and sought an unconditional apology, assuring the tribunal he would not repeat such conduct.

The tribunal later recorded his statement and, after hearing both the defence and prosecution, acquitted his wife of the charges.

The court initially considered a one-year sentence, later indicated a three-month term, but ultimately reduced it to two months following requests from both sides for a more lenient, symbolic punishment.

Tribunal Chair Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder said Babu, as a "conscious citizen" and political leader, should have acted responsibly.

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A potter paints the finishing touches on fruit, bird, and animal-shaped crafts to be sold at traditional Pahela Baishakh fairs across all nine upazilas in Brahmanbaria. The photo was taken at Paulpara in Bholachong village of Nabinagar upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: MASUK HRIDDOY

Confce on sustainable development at UIU



CITY DESK

The inaugural ceremony of the 8th UIU-International Conference on Sustainable Development was held on April 11 on the United International University campus in Dhaka.

Neeltje Kielen, delegated representative of Water Affairs, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh, was present as the chief guest.

Dr Khairul Islam, regional director at WaterAid, South Asia Region; Shreya Chakraborty, country focal point, International Water Management Institute, Bangladesh; Prof Mashfiqus Salehin, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET; Vice Chancellor of UIU Prof Dr Md Abul Kashem Mia; and Prof Dr Hamidul Huq, director of the Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability, UIU, were present at the event, among others.

Malaysia to reopen job market for Bangladeshis

Says Mahdi Amin

STAR REPORT

Malaysia is set to reopen its labour market for Bangladeshis, with both sides moving to resume recruitment through a more transparent and lower-cost process, Prime Minister's Office spokesperson and Adviser on Overseas Employment Mahdi Amin said yesterday.

Briefing reporters at the Secretariat, Mahdi said he, along with Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury, travelled to Malaysia to discuss how to reopen the labour market as it remained closed for nearly two years.

He said the delegation held talks with Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who listened to Bangladesh's position with sincerity in the presence of representatives from several Malaysian ministries.

Mahdi said Bangladesh sought Malaysia's cooperation in reopening the market, and the Malaysian prime minister directed the relevant authorities to take steps to resume manpower exports as quickly as possible.

The discussions also focused on making the migration process more transparent and reducing costs for workers heading to Malaysia, he said.

Mahdi said Malaysia has a special plan to introduce an artificial intelligence-based platform through which it intends to recruit workers not only from Bangladesh but from countries around the world.

WAR-HIT COUNTRIES

Missions working 24/7 to protect Bangladeshis

Says Shama Obaed

STAR REPORT

Bangladeshi missions are working round the clock to ensure the safety of expatriate Bangladeshis in war-affected countries, said State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed yesterday.

She made the remark at a programme titled, "Word Conference Series 2026", organised by the Centre for Non-Resident Bangladeshis at a Dhaka hotel.

At the programme, Information Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan handed over Remittance Awards to 13 banks, one institution, and an individual.

Referring to the ongoing war in the Middle East, Shama said many Bangladeshi workers are employed in Gulf countries, and the missions are "working 24/7" so that expatriate Bangladeshis remain safe and secure.

She also said eight Bangladeshis have so far been killed in the war, and the government is working to bring their bodies back home.

Information Minister Swapan said RMG exports and remittances are

the country's main sources of foreign currency.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Nurul Haque Nur said the government is considering a plan to develop a dedicated area for expat Bangladeshis, possibly in Purbachal, as part of a proposed "expatriate city".

Nur said many returning migrant workers fail to receive government support because they did not complete Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) registration.

He said workers who return within six months or a year can receive rehabilitation support and training if they completed BMET registration.

He also said families of those with BMET cards were eligible for burial support, immediate family expenses and insurance benefits.

Nur expressed concern over irregular migration, saying Bangladeshis are often found among those involved in boat-tragedy incidents in the Mediterranean, which creates embarrassment for the country and affects its image.

His vision still guides healthcare

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Yunus said Zafrullah would have drawn inspiration from today's youth fighting for a better Bangladesh. "May his life continue to guide us. May he rest in eternal peace."

GK, along with its sister concerns in Savar, solemnly observed the third death anniversary of its founder, Dr Zafrullah with due respect, dignity, and collective remembrance.

The event commenced with the laying of floral tributes at his grave, where members of the Board of Trustees, officials, employees, and well-wishers paid their respects.

A remembrance meeting and doa mahfil was followed by, where long-time colleagues, comrades, and associates shared their memories and reflections on Dr Chowdhury's life.

They said Zafrullah

remained vocal in support of democratic movements and continued his struggle for people's rights.

A documentary screening on the life and work of Dr Chowdhury was held, offering attendees a renewed engagement with his vision, struggles, and lifelong commitment to equitable healthcare.

Among the speakers were Dr Abul Kashem Chowdhury, Dr Sayedur Rahman, Momtaz Begum, and Rijia Akhtar, along with other distinguished colleagues. Former employees of GK were also present, said a press release.

GK founder and valiant freedom fighter Dr Zafrullah died on April 11, 2023, aged 81, at the Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital.

A leading civil society figure, he was a vascular surgeon by background alongside a public health

expert, who earned the reputation of being the architect of the 1982 National Drug Policy to reach expensive medicines at a cheaper price to ordinary people's doorsteps.

He had joined the Liberation War while he was a medical student in the UK and set up 480-bed "Bangladesh Field Hospital", under the wartime in Sector 2, to treat wounded freedom fighters. He founded the GK in Savar in 1972. He was given the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1985 and the Right Livelihood Award in 1992 for his work in the public health sector. He got Swadhinata Padak, country's highest civilian award.

Son of Humayun Morshed Chowdhury, a student of anti-British movement revolutionary Masterda Surya Sen, Zafrullah was born on December 27, 1941, in Raozan, Chattogram.

NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Ref. Request for Proposal (RFP) Grounds Development Works at National Cricket Ground (NCG), Purbachal, Dhaka

Ref: BCB/Grounds/T&P/Grounds Development Works-NGC/2026/323 Date: 13th April, 2026

EXTENSION OF RFP SUBMISSION DEADLINE

This is to inform all prospective bidders that the proposal submission deadline for the tender invitation issued by the Bangladesh Cricket Board in national dailies vide **Tender Reference No. BCB/Grounds/T&P/Ground Development Works-NGC/2026/206 dated 16th March 2026**, regarding the Grounds Development Works at National Cricket Ground (NCG), Purbachal, Dhaka, has been extended.

Upon due consideration, the board has decided to extend the submission deadline for **02 (two) weeks**, which was primarily scheduled for April 12, 2026. Henceforth, the revised submission deadline for the sealed proposal submission is **April 27, 2026, until 12:00 p.m.**, and the last tender schedule selling date is **April 26, 2026, until 04:00 p.m.**

All other terms and conditions as stipulated in the original RFP shall remain unchanged.

Chief Executive Officer
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)
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Barrister Shafique

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He served as an adjunct faculty member at the Law Department of Dhaka University from 1969 to 1973. He also served as the principal of City Law College, Dhaka, from 1973 to 2005. Concurrently, he was a member of the Dhaka University Senate. He was enrolled as an advocate at the High Court in 1967 and was elevated to the status of senior advocate in the Appellate Division in 1989.

He was elected president of the Supreme Court

Bar Association on two occasions: 1999-2000 and 2008-2009. Furthermore, he served as the vice president of the Bangladesh Bar Council.

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 13

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:35	12:45	4:45	6:24	7:45
JAMAAT	5:10	1:15	5:00	6:28
			8:15	

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Notice on Convening Meeting of Creditors

MEETING OF THE CREDITORS OF WALTON DIGI-TECH INDUSTRIES LIMITED PURSUANT TO DIRECTION OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court issued by Mr. Justice Sikder Mahmud Razi in Company Matter No. 318 of 2026, the Meeting of the Creditors of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited (the "Company") will be held on Thursday, 07 May 2026 at 04:00 PM at Plot No: 1088, Block No: I, Road No: Sabrina Sobhan 5th Avenue, Bashundhara, Vatara, Dhaka-1229, Dhaka to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Scheme of Merger of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited (Transferor Company) with Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC. (Transferee Company).

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution with or without modification:

"RESOLVED THAT Draft Scheme of Merger (the "Scheme") of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited (Transferor Company) with Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC. (Transferee Company) be and is hereby approved and subject to sanction of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in accordance with the provisions of Sections 228 and 229 of the Companies Act, 1994 and approval of the same Scheme by the Creditors of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited, and in the similar manner Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited be merged with Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC. in terms of the Scheme."

Date: Dhaka, 12 April 2026

By Order of the Board
Sd/-
Asadullah Mahmud, FCS
Company Secretary

Notes:

- The Draft Scheme of the Merger of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited (Transferor Company) with Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC. (Transferee Company).
- A creditor who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf.
- The proxy form must be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than 72 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Copies of the Scheme of Merger and relevant documents will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during business hours.

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By Order of the Board
Sd/-
Md. Rafiqul Islam, FCS
Company Secretary

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