Teen denied bail over Baridhara crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 17-year-old boy, who allegedly drove the car that hit and killed a construction worker in Dhaka's Baridhara Diplomatic Zone on September 22, was denied bail yesterday.

Judge Md Abdul Moktadir of the Juvenile Court-8 in Dhaka passed the order. During the hearing, the teenager's lawyer told the court that the boy is a child and therefore entitled to bail.

The court asked how long he had been in custody. His lawyer replied, "He [boy] has been in custody for 12 days as of today [Sunday]."

A state lawyer also opposed the bail, saying the teenager did not have a driving licence and was not authorised to drive the vehicle.

The judge then asked, "Can a child have a driving licence?" The defence lawyer replied, "The child was not in the driving seat."

The judge then said, "The CCTV footage shows him coming out from that side. If he is granted bail now, it will send a message that one can commit such an offence and get away with reckless driving. It will send a bad message to society and encourage such behaviour. Moreover, it may lead the wealthy and children to take the law and justice lightly."

No copy of a settlement deed was submitted to the court yesterday. However, on September 24, defence lawyer Alamgir Hossain claimed the matter had been settled for Tk 9 lakh.

The teen was sent to the Child Development Centre in Gazipur on September 24 after police produced him before the court and sought his detention.

The boy was not named in the case, although he was detained at the scene. After outcry from netizens and media reports, police arrested him in Gulshan on September 23, a day after the accident.

The case, filed by the victim's elder brother Moktadir Islam with Gulshan Police Station, accuses 44-year-old Akash Marok as the driver. The complainant alleged in the case statement that Akash drove recklessly and ran over Mehedi, 24,

Unopened ramps limit Ctg expressway use

Five of nine ramps still under construction nearly three years after inauguration

SIFAYET ULLAH, *Ctg*

Nearly three years after its inauguration, the Lalkhan Bazar-Patenga Elevated Expressway in Chattogram has yet to deliver its full benefits, with none of its nine ramps open to traffic.

At present, vehicles can access the expressway only through its entry and exit points at Lalkhan Bazar and Patenga.

The ramps include upward ramps at GEC, Agrabad and Karnaphuli EPZ, downward ramps at Ambagan and Fakirhat, and two-way ramps at Nimtala and Chattogram EPZ.

Of them, the GEC and Agrabad ramps are considered the most important. The GEC ramp will connect the expressway with the city's main residential areas, including GEC Circle, Panchlaish, Nasirbad, Khulshi, Muradpur and nearby neighbourhoods, while the Agrabad ramp will provide direct access to the city's main commercial zone.

Mizanur Rahman Arian, a private bank employee, said it takes around 40-45 minutes by CNG-run auto-rickshaw to return home on Akmal Ali Road from Agrabad.

"If I could get onto the expressway from Agrabad, the trip would take no more than 10-12 minutes," he added.

The four-lane, 16-kilometre expressway, built at a cost of Tk 4,299 crore, can accommodate at least 32,400 vehicles daily, according to the Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), the project authority.

However, only around 8,500 vehicles currently use it each day.

The expressway was planned to improve connectivity with Chattogram Port, the Export Processing Zone and airport, while easing traffic on the busy Lalkhan Bazar-Patenga route.



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

An aerial view of the Lalkhan Bazar-Patenga Elevated Expressway from the Bandar area of Chattogram city. Inset, ramp construction underway in Agrabad.

Construction began in July 2017 with a June 2020 completion deadline, but the expressway was only partially opened to traffic in November 2023.

Of the nine ramps, five are still under construction.

During a recent visit to the 637-metre GEC ramp, workers were seen carrying out piling work for one of the remaining pillars.

Work began in June 2024 and was scheduled for completion by December that year. According to the CDA's project progress report, the ramp is now 90 percent complete.

The Agrabad ramp is 52 percent complete, the two-way ramps at CEPZ 90 percent, and the KEPZ ramp 85 percent.

Contacted, Project Director and CDA Executive Engineer Mahfuzur Rahman said construction of the GEC ramp was delayed by protests from students of BAWA School opposing construction beside their campus and difficulties in relocating a major Chattogram WASA water supply pipeline.

Construction of the Agrabad ramp was supposed to begin in 2024, but started only in June this year following complications over land acquisition and opposition from local traders.

Although four ramps have been completed, the CDA wants to open them only after the GEC Intersection and Agrabad ramps are finished.

Urban planner Delwar Majumder, former chairman of the Chattogram centre of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, said the expressway would remain underused without direct access from the city's main residential and commercial areas.

Subhash Chandra Barua, vice-president of the Forum for Planned Chattogram, suggested an independent technical review of the project by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The project has undergone three major design revisions since construction began -- in 2022 following an objection from the Chattogram Port Authority, in 2025 when the number of ramps was reduced from 14 to nine, and most recently when the design of a GEC entry pillar was changed after Chattogram WASA's pipeline could not be relocated.

Mahfuzur Rahman said large infrastructure projects sometimes require design changes because of site conditions and utility services. He said the changes were made to address practical problems during construction.

Recognise

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communities and other under-represented groups.

They called for proportional representation for ethnic communities in the hills and plains, and at least one reserved women's seat for indigenous peoples living in the plains.

Workers' representatives proposed reserved seats in the upper house and their inclusion in framing regulations on the right to information, judicial reform and establishment of an independent police commission.

Labour leader Razekuzzaman Ratan said workers' representatives had demanded constitutional recognition of work, wages and dignity.

Former Labour Reform Commission Chairman Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed said they had proposed a broader constitutional definition of forced labour and measures to address workplace discrimination.

He said they had also demanded a 30 percent quota for representatives of workers and marginalised communities among the 50 reserved seats for women and in the proposed upper house, or Senate.



MA Rashid's death anniv

CITY DESK

The 38th death anniversary of MA Rashid will be observed today, said a press release.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held after the Maghrib prayers at Unity Club, United House.

All of his relatives, friends, and well-wishers are requested to join the programmes to offer prayer for the salvation of his departed soul.

4.20 lakh yaba pills seized in Bandarban

UNB, *Bandarban*

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday seized 4.20 lakh yaba tablets in Nayapara area along the Tambru border in Naikhongchhari upazila of Bandarban.

Tipped off, a team of BGB-34 Battalion conducted a drive around 4:30am and chased some suspected smugglers, who managed to flee the scene, said a BGB press release.

Later, the BGB men recovered the yaba tablets, wrapped in clothes, from the spot.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

I, SHAMA SIDDIQUE Father's Name: MD. SIDDIQUE & Mother's Name: YASMIN SIDDIQUE, Address: House 91, Road 5, Block D, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka, 1229, Bangladesh. Date of birth: 22.02.1987 Passport No. A01576999, and MOHAMMED SAMEER Father's Name: MOHAMMED GHOUSE & Mother's Name: SHAHADA BEGUM MOHAMMED , Address: 2-1-PJR/674/GF PJR NAGAR, YELLAMMABANDA, KPHB, MEDCHAL, TELANGANA Pin Code - 500072, INDIA. His date of birth: 24.01.1992 Passport No: IND Z4594065, have got married at Dhaka, Bangladesh on 02 July 2026 as per Islamic traditions. Since then, we have been living as husband and wife. We have published this notice for registration of our marriage at Embassy of India, Bangladesh.

If anyone has any queries please connect with the bride's father on the contact number provided below.

MD. Siddique (Bride's Father)
Contact No: 01621223615.

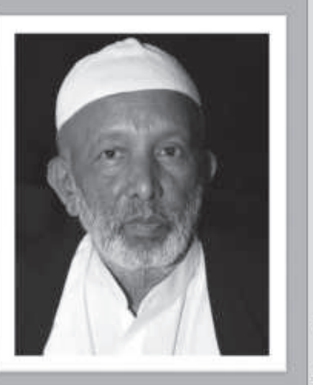
Commercial Space for Sale

Quotation from potential buyers is invited within October 15, 2026 for the following assets

Property Location	Property Particulars
Nahar Green Summit Address: Holding#43 (New) 305 (Old), Road#16 (New), 27 (Old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209	**Commercial Floor Space:** "(2nd Floor)"; measuring 6963 sft. & 8 nos Car Parking 1888 sft. (land area 2.26 katha).
Chattagram Office Address: Excel SM Tower, 62 Zakir Hossain Road, East Nasirabad, Khulsi, Chattagram	**Commercial Floor Space:** "(1st Floor)" measuring 3280 sft. & 1 nos Car Parking 90 sft. (land area 0.0091 acres).
Bogura Office Address: Jamil Shopping Center 3rd Floor, Borogola Bogura Rangpur Road, Sadar, Bogura.	**Commercial Space:** "(3rd Floor)" measuring 2075 sft. & 1 nos Car Parking 120 sft. (land area 0.98 decimal).

Please Contact:
MIDAS FINANCING PLC.
Cell # 01678-121809 Phone # 01627-318522, 4102293
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7th DEATH ANNIVERSARY!



It's been 7 years we lost our honorable former Director, Veteran Industrialist

FEROZ ALAM

on 5th of October 2019.
We remember him on this day.

We all pray to Almighty Allah for granting him Jannat.

Directors and All Employees of AUSIS

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Memo No: 35.01.0000.160.14.26.147 **Date: 04 October 2026**

Corrigendum No. 5

This is to notify all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, the e-Tender notice (Corrigendum No.4) (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) circulated vide this office memo no. 35.01.0000.160.14.26.120, date: 14 September 2026 of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has been changed as follows:

Tender ID:1283093

Package: 01/e-GP/RHD/SE/MIS ESTATE/2025-2026

Package Description: Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Plants and Equipment for Axle Load Control System under Roads and Highways Department (One Stage Two Envelope Tendering for Turnkey Contract) Under "Installation of Axle Load Control Stations at the Origins and Destinations of Freight Transport on Important Highways under Roads and Highways Department" Project.

The Tender Submission Schedule has been amended as follows:-

Field Name	Old Value	New Value
Document last selling date & time	05/10/2026 16:00	04/11/2026 16:00
Opening Date & Time	06/10/2026 14:00	05/11/2026 14:00
Last date & time for Tender/ Proposal Security Submission	06/10/2026 12:30	05/11/2026 12:30
Closing Date & Time	06/10/2026 14:00	05/11/2026 14:00
Start Date (Lot No : 01)	10/11/2026	25/01/2027
Completion Date (Lot No : 01)	10/05/2028	31/05/2028

04/10/2026
K.M Noor-E-Alam
ID NO: 006004
Project Director & SE, MIS and Estates Circle, RHD, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-1

This is an information for all concern that due to unavoidable circumstances the e-Tender Notice circulated vide this office memo no. 35.01.1541.408.31.002.26-4255, date: 14.09.2026 of Chattogram Road Division has been changed as follows:

Package: e-GP/PMP Bridge/05/EE/CRD/RHD/2025-26 (Tender ID- 1332445)

Previous	Replaced
ITT Clause 13.1(b): The minimum specific experience as a Prime contractor in the design/construction/ major maintenance/rehabilitation (major maintenance or strengthening, replacement of cables/bearings/expansion joints etc.) of Extradosed/Cable-Stayed/Suspension Bridge (anywhere in the world) in a single contract of similiar nature, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 10 (Ten) years with a value of at least Tk. 50.00 (Fifty point zero zero) Crore. [years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper].	ITT Clause 13.1(b): The minimum specific experience as a Prime contractor in the design/construction/ major maintenance/rehabilitation (major maintenance or strengthening, replacement of cables/bearings/expansion joints etc.) of Extradosed/Cable-Stayed/Suspension Bridge (anywhere in the world) in a single contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 15 (fifteen) years with a value of at least Tk. 50.00 (Fifty point zero zero) Crore. [years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper].
Tender Last Selling/ Dowloading Date : **04.10.2026 16:00**	Tender Last Selling/ Dowloading Date : **14.10.2026 16:00**
Tender Closing Date & Time : **05.10.2026 12:00**	Tender Closing Date & Time : **15.10.2026 12:00**
Tender Opening Date & Time : **05.10.2026 12:00**	Tender Opening Date & Time : **15.10.2026 12:00**
Tender Security Submission Last Date & Time : **05.10.2026 11:00**	Tender Security Submission Last Date & Time : **15.10.2026 11:00**

Except the above changes, all other Terms and Conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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