



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BANGLADESH

Date: 19 May 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Subject: Official Recognition of Mr. Md Kamruzzaman as a Recipient of the AmCham Frontline Journalism Award

Established in 1996, AmCham Bangladesh promotes bilateral economic relations between Bangladesh and the United States. As a member of the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) and an accredited body of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, AmCham is committed to advocacy, trade facilitation, and professional recognition.

On behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham), this letter formally recognizes Mr. **Md Kamruzzaman**, Special Correspondent at News24 Television, as a recipient of the AmCham Frontline Journalism Award (2021). At the time of the award, he was serving as a Staff Reporter at News24.

About the Award

The AmCham Frontline Journalism Award was launched in July 2020 in association with Masthead PR to honor Bangladeshi journalists who reported courageously from the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative reflected AmCham's commitment to acknowledging service-oriented contributions during a global crisis. Journalists played a vital role in informing the public and documenting the pandemic's impact on lives, livelihoods, and the economy.

Recognized Work

Mr. Kamruzzaman was honored for his impactful television report titled ***"Youth Unemployment in Bangladesh During COVID-19"***, which aired on **News24 Television**. His report demonstrated high standards of journalistic integrity, public relevance, and storytelling—particularly in addressing the economic challenges faced by the country's youth during the pandemic. **As a winner, he received a crest, a certificate of recognition, and an honorarium.**

Nomination & Selection

AmCham issued an open call for submissions from Bangladeshi journalists, inviting published or aired reports between March 1 and August 31, 2020, under two categories:

- **Humanitarian Impact** (lives and livelihoods)
- **Business & Economic Impact** (commerce, employment, financial inclusion)



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BANGLADESH

The final deadline was September 6, 2020. Entries from print, TV, and digital media were reviewed by **an independent selection committee** comprising senior media and policy professionals. To preserve impartiality, jury identities were kept confidential. **Judging criteria included:**

- Relevance and originality
- Accuracy and depth
- Social impact
- Ethical standards
- Storytelling quality

Award Announcements

The award was first announced at a virtual ceremony on July 22, 2020, attended by:

- **Dr. Hasan Mahmud**, Hon'ble Minister of Information (Chief Guest)
- **Ms. JoAnne Wagner**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Dhaka (Guest of Honor)
- Chaired by **Mr. Syed Ershad Ahmed**, President, AmCham

The formal award presentation followed on January 24, 2021, with:

- **Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen**, Hon'ble Foreign Minister (Chief Guest)
- **H.E. Earl R. Miller**, U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh (Guest of Honor)

As part of AmCham's commitment to transparency and recognition, the list of awardees was also published in the **AmCham Journal**, January–March 2021 issue.

We believe **Mr. Kamruzzaman's** award reflects his significant professional merit and impactful public service through journalism.

For any further inquiries, please contact us directly.

Sincerely,

Syed Ershad Ahmed

President, American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham)

Email: president@amchamdbd.org | Phone: +8801713030777