

Date: May 10, 2025

**Subject: Jury Endorsement and Confirmation Letter for Md. Kamruzzaman – ActionAid–ERF Media Fellowship 2018**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I am pleased to write in support of **Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman**, widely known as **Babu Kamruzzaman**, who was serving as a **Staff Correspondent at Channel 24 Television** at the time of receiving the **ActionAid–ERF Media Fellowship 2018**, and is now a **Special Correspondent at News24 Television**. He is widely respected for his contributions to economic journalism in Bangladesh.

During my tenure as **President of the Economic Reporters Forum (ERF)**, I served as a jury member for the fellowship selection committee, alongside **Khwaza Mainuddin**, Senior Journalist, and **Dr. Naznin Ahmed**, Senior Research Fellow at **BIDS**. The fellowship, jointly organized by **ActionAid Bangladesh** and **ERF**, was awarded through a **highly competitive, merit-based selection process** to a select group of journalists for investigative reporting in the public interest.

Mr. Kamruzzaman was one of the very few television journalists selected nationwide. His proposal on **progressive taxation and fiscal equity** stood out for its originality, research depth, and potential to influence public understanding of complex economic issues. His selection reflected the jury's strong confidence in his professional capabilities and his commitment to public-oriented journalism.

The fellowship awards were formally presented on **August 1, 2018, at the ERF auditorium in Dhaka**. The event was officiated by then–**Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith**, who **personally handed over the fellowship certificate to Mr. Kamruzzaman**. The ceremony was attended by journalists, policymakers, and members of the ERF Executive Committee. The same event also featured the ERF Best Reporting Award ceremony.

In my view, **Mr. Kamruzzaman's** work during the fellowship represents a model of **investigative journalism** that fosters policy dialogue and promotes fiscal transparency. It is a compelling example of journalism with measurable public impact.

**I fully endorse the authenticity of this fellowship** and the integrity of the **selection process**. Mr. Kamruzzaman's fellowship stands as a strong testament to his professional merit and national recognition.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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