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Subject: Confirmation of ERF-Nagad Best Reporting Award 2023 – Md Kamruzzaman

To Whom It May Concern

This letter is to formally confirm that **Mr. Md Kamruzzaman**, widely known as **Babu Kamruzzaman**, was selected as a recipient of the **ERF-Nagad Best Reporting Award 2023**, one of the most competitive and prestigious honors in economic journalism in Bangladesh.

Nature and Importance of the Award

Jointly presented by the **Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF)**—the country's largest professional body of economic journalists—and **Nagad Ltd.**, a government-licensed digital financial service provider, this award honors outstanding journalism marked by professional rigor, analytical depth, and public impact.

Winning this award is regarded as a significant career milestone and reflects excellence in key sectors including **macroeconomy, banking, revenue, capital markets, agriculture, digital economy, and investigative journalism**.

Nomination and Selection Process

In 2023, ERF received **168 entries** from journalists across print, digital, and television media. Accredited journalists submitted nominations independently or through their organizations. An internal screening team reviewed all submissions for originality, clarity, research quality, and ethical integrity. Shortlisted entries were then evaluated by an independent jury.

Selection Criteria

Submissions were judged on:

- Originality and relevance
- Depth of investigation
- Clarity and presentation
- Impact on public discourse
- Journalistic ethics

From 168 entries, only **17 reports** were selected across nine categories. **Mr. Kamruzzaman's reporting stood out** for its contribution to business and economic journalism.



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2023 Jury Panel

Final selections were made by a distinguished panel of experts in academia, media, and economics:

- **Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud** – Economist and Former Finance Adviser to the Caretaker Government
- **Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique** – Former Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka
- **Barrister Nihad Kabir** – Former President, MCCI
- **Shamsul Huq Zahid** – Editor, *The Financial Express*
- **Dr. Khondaker Golam Moazzem** – Research Director, CPD
- **Miraj Ahmed Chowdhury** – Editor, GIJN Bangla

This jury ensured a fair and rigorous selection process.

Award Ceremony

The award was conferred at **Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka**, on **November 6, 2024**, in a ceremony attended by leading policymakers, economists, and journalists. Awards were presented by:

- **Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed**, Finance Adviser, Government of Bangladesh
- **Dr. Ahsan H Mansur**, Governor, Bangladesh Bank
- **Dr. KAS Murshid**, Chairman, Nagad Ltd.

The event was widely covered in national media. As a winner, **Mr. Kamruzzaman received a commemorative crest and a monetary prize of BDT 1,00,000 (One Lakh Taka)**, formally presented on stage during the ceremony.

About ERF

Founded in **1993–94**, the **Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF)** is a legally registered organization under the **Companies Act 1913**. With over **250 members**, ERF represents leading journalists from print, electronic, and digital platforms, including several editors and senior professionals.

ERF is widely recognized for its work in media training, policy dialogues, and close collaboration with the **Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Bank**, and other national institutions.

We affirm that **Mr. Kamruzzaman's award reflects his professional excellence and commitment to impactful journalism**. For any further information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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