

Assault on Navy officer: Erfan Salim gets bail

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Online Desk: A Dhaka court today granted bail to Erfan Salim, son of Awami League lawmaker Haji Mohammad Salim, a day after an arrest warrant was issued against him in a case filed over the assault and attempted murder of a navy officer in October 2020. Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Muhammad Asaduzzaman Nur passed the order after Erfan Salim surrendered before the court and sought bail.

Yesterday, the same court framed charges against Erfan, his bodyguard Zahidul Mollah, chauffeur Mizanur Rahman, assistant Qazi Ripon, and Madina Group's protocol officer AB Siddique Dipu in the same case. The magistrate also issued the arrest warrant against Erfan, who was absent during the hearing yesterday. The court set March 6 for starting the trial against him.

Among the four other accused, Zahid is now on bail while Mizanur Rahman and Dipu are on bail. And Ripon is still at large. According to the case filed by navy officer Wasif Ahmad Khan, he and his wife were verbally abused and assaulted by several SUV passengers at Dhanmondi on October 25, 2020, following a dispute after the vehicle rear-ended Wasif's motorcycle.