

# Tarique Rahman returns home after 17 years

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Online Desk : BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman returned home on Thursday (December 25) morning from London after 17 years' of exile. The flight carrying him, his wife Dr Zubaida Rahman and their only daughter Zaima Rahman, touched Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at about 11:40AM after making around one-hour stopover at Sylhet's Osmani International Airport from London.

Close relatives and senior party leaders receive him at Dhaka airport. His mother-in-law Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu welcomed him with a flower bouquet. Party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and members of the BNP Standing Committee greeted Tarique with hugs and flowers at the VIP lounge of the airport, marking his long-awaited return to the country.

He also exchanged pleasantries with the BNP men present at the airport and waved his hand towards them. Additional law enforcement agencies have been deployed centering Tarique Rahman's return. The family's pet cat, Zeebu, is also travelling with them, along with their two close aides, Abdur Rahman Suny and Kamal Uddin. Two bulletproof vehicles are ready for him and he will travel one of these. Earlier today, the BNP leader wrote on his Facebook page at 9:34AM, "In the skies of Bangladesh after a long 6,314 days!" The flight departed from London's Heathrow Airport at 6.15PM (London Time) on Wednesday and touched down at Sylhet airport at 09:56AM en route to Dhaka.