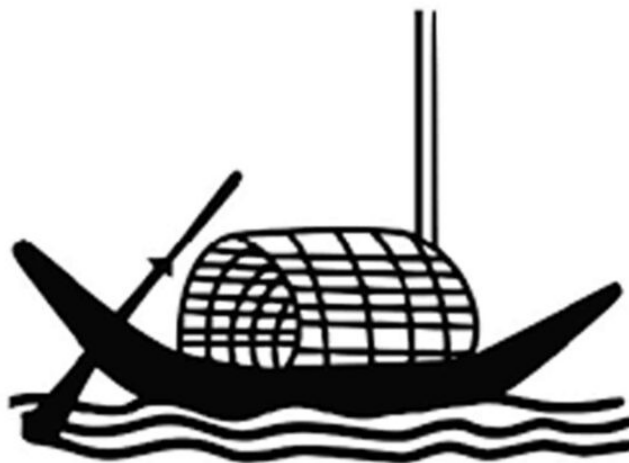




## EC Removes Awami League's 'Boat' Symbol from Website



boat symbol of the Bangladesh Awami League: collected picture

Due to the suspension of its registration, the Election Commission (EC) has removed the boat symbol of the Bangladesh Awami League from its official website. According to relevant officials, the decision was implemented following instructions from higher authorities

On Wednesday morning (July 16), the Awami League's political symbol boat was no longer visible on the EC website. Although the party's name remains listed, the symbol next to it has been removed.

When asked about this, Md. Rafiqul Haque, System Manager at the EC Secretariat, said, "The symbol was removed as per the directive from higher authorities."

The previous night, Local Government Affairs Advisor Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan criticized the Election Commission in a Facebook post. He questioned the reappearance of the boat symbol on the EC website and expressed concern over the Commission's role in this matter.

It is worth noting that on August 5, 2024, after 15 years in power, the Awami League lost governance. On May 12 of this year, the government officially banned all political activities of the party and its affiliated organizations. In line with this decision, the EC suspended the party's registration, which is believed to be the reason for the removal of the symbol.