

Court orders legal action against three Rab members

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A Dhaka court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take legal action against three Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members for bringing a 'false' arms case against an innocent man.

Judge Mohammad Golam Mortuza Mazumder of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 acquitted Mostafa Kamal, the lone accused in the case, as the charges brought against him were not proved and issued the order against the Rab members.

They are team leader of Rab-2 Captain Anwarul Islam, Sub-Inspector (SI) Mehedi Hassan, the investigation

officer (IO) and Havildar Shawkat Ali, the complainant of the case.

In his order, the judge said that Captain Anwar transgressed his jurisdiction and territorial limits and got Kamal arrested by misuse of power on false allegations of keeping arms and ammunition. On the other hand, Mehedi Hassan did not investigate the case properly and lawfully and Shawkat Ali filed the false case, committing gross violation of law. So the three deserve punishment under law for their improper, unauthorised and illegal acts, the judge said.

According to the prosecution, a team of Rab members led by Captain Anwar

man at Mirpur at about 2:15am on June 6 last year. The team seized a revolver, a light gun and 10 bullets from his residence. Rab filed an arms case against Kamal the same day.

The IO pressed charge against Kamal on June 20 under the Arms Act. After framing charge against the accused, the court recorded statements of nine prosecution witnesses.

After scrutinising the First Information Report (FIR), charge sheet, case docket, statements of witnesses and other relevant documents, the court found that the charges brought against the accused were false and fabricated.



Sayedee's legal notice to Shahriar Kabir resented

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Leaders of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee expressed resentment and surprise at the legal notice of Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayeedi against renowned journalist and human rights activist Shahriar Kabir.

The notice demanded apology from Nirmul Committee Acting President Shahriar Kabir for his book titled 'Bangladeshe Jongi Moulabad' (Militant Fundamentalism in Bangladesh). It also demanded the same from the publisher and cover-page artist of the book in three days.

Nirmul Committee Advisory Board President Prof Kabir Chowdhury in a statement yesterday rejected the legal notice outright and said Jamaat leadership has sent the notice to Shahriar Kabir to conceal their war crimes and to deny their association with militant fundamentalism.

"We believe that one day the trial of Sayeedi and his associates will take place here on the soil of Bangladesh for their war crimes," he added.

A grand rally of physically challenged people was held at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday with a call to build a society free from poverty and discrimination. The National Alliance of Disabled People's Organisation (NADPO) organised the rally.

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