ALLAH KARIM JAMEY MASQUE

Controversy over leasing a market

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One hundred and four shops of the market on Waqf estate of Allah Karim mosque at Mohammadpur have been given permanent lease without permission from the Office of the Administrator of Waqfs Bangladesh, (OAWB) alleged some member of mosque committee and locals.

The shops have been leased out for 99 years violating act 56(1) of the Waqf law, said the mosque committee members.

As per the law, no Waqf estate is subject to sale. It could be leased out for a maximum period of 4 years by the committee and for permanent lease Waqf administrators' permission is

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When asked, Mohammad Shahidul Islam, general secretary Allah Karim Jamey Masque Waqf Estate Committee (AKJMWEC) said he was not aware of any such rules.

"I didn't know that such rules existed, and if it is so, we will terminate the contract," said Islam who is also the president of

The secretary has taken lease of seven shops while the joint secretary and treasurer have

The committee has also violated the OAWB order by constructing market on plot designated for the mosque.

In September 2001, OAWB allowed the previous mosque committee to demolish the old

DU students earn

said Tarannum Shabnam, a student of

"Thave started the phone business with a

small capital saved from the money I receive

from my family," said Mushfigur Rahman at

and gates of hall buildings, elevators, stair-

case landings and even inside the toilets on

what types of services are available. The ads

contain call rates, card prices and connec-

than in the market," Mushfigur added.

for competitive examinations.

'The connection rates are much lower

Some students have put their money to

become commission agents of magazines,

periodicals or books on general knowledge

and current affairs, which are sources of

information for senior students preparing

commission agents from among the stu-

dents. "We help in increasing the newspaper

circulation for a commission ranging

between 10 and 30 per cent," said Rakib and

Many girl students have also opened

Tuhin, students of Jasimuddin Hall.

An English daily newspaper has also its

'Advertisements' are found on the walls

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structure and construct a new one, on condition that no other establishment would be built on

But the existing 21-member committee that took office on April 14, 2004 for three years extended the market alongside the plot of the old mosque.

The general secretary also said that they did not violate OAWB's order.

"A very small part of the plot of the old mosque has been taken under the market. Only the stairs and few shops have partially fallen on that plot," said Islam.

The lessees said they were not ready to give up ownership.

"We have the contract and they cannot terminate it according to their whims and fancies. We will not stand to lose for their misdeeds," said a lease owner of a shop.

It is alleged that the committee's general secretary, joint secretary and treasurer are running the committee on their own with no involvement of the president, vicepresident and most of the other mosque and market.

committee members.

Ten members including the president of the existing 21member committee brought a 'no confidence' motion against the general secretary, but it could not be passed due to lack of one

"The committee have had three meetings in two years and I was not informed about them," said Dr. Sarafat Ali, president AKJMWEC.

"I submitted my resignation in May this year protesting the irregularities, but it has not been accepted as yet," said Ali.

Another committee member alleged that the general secretary, joint secretary and treasurer embezzled a huge amount of money from the mosque account.

Islam denied this allegation and said that since the committee did not have official bank account, they used their personal accounts to maintain the mosque funds until May 19, 2006 and have transacted more than Tk 1 crore during the construction of

mini, makeshift batik plants, printing and

designing dresses for a handsome amount

them and have then sewed by run-of-the-

mill tailors," said Sumaiya Shimu, a student

of Rokeya Hall who has been related with

this business for about one year. "I make

fatua, panjabi and sari with embroidery,

appliqué, patchwork or hand-paint," she

dresses. "The products are usually sold to

friends and acquaintances," said Raisa

Alamgir of Bangladesh-Kuwait Maitree Hall.

such kinds of business, Md Mahfuzul Islam,

provost of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman Hall, expressed his ignorance

about it and said he would take necessary

requesting anonymity supported the busi-

ness. "Many students come from not-so-

well-off families and from rural areas. They

need money. I appreciate if they are trying to

However, a house tutor of Salimullah Hall

stepsifhe found it true.

help themselves.

When contacted for his comments on

Some of them also make block-printed

"I buy cloths, design the dress, tailor

The committee has not yet submitted the final account for 2003-04 fiscal year.

Office secretary of the existing committee, Mohammad Zahir Hossain filed a complaint with OAWB against general secretary Mohammad Shahidul Islam, joint secretary Mohammad Abdul Kader and treasurer Mohammad Sirajul Islam regarding irregularities by the

"The quorum required of two-thirds of the members to pass a motion on leasing, but only seven were present," said Mohammad Zahir Hossain, office secretary of existing AKJMWEC.

OAWB is now inquiring into the matter following his complaint.

"Our inspector has submitted the report after inspection. We have issued show-cause notices to the concerned persons. A hearing will take place after we receive their reply and out next course will follow accordingly," said the Waqf Administrator.

gruesome crime

asked Badhon's mother.

why are the dailies reporting such news?"

"A sense of insecurity is hovering over

us as some individuals are demanding

that the case filed against the teenagers be

withdrawn," said Abdul Hamid, Badhon's

and assistant professor of National

Institute for Mental Health said: "The

parents must be held responsible for the

crime committed. They are at work leav-

ing their only son alone, not knowing

about the companions of their son and

On June 18, Jahan, in police remand,

confessed to the crime to a metropolitan

magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas. Jahan's

statement said that he along with his two

friends, Rajib and Masud, attacked his

three classmates Badhon, Tonmoy and

promised him Tk 5,000 if he could get a

He added that his friend Rajib had

Meanwhile, Rajib and Masud were

placed on a two-day remand and are

being interrogated to find more about the

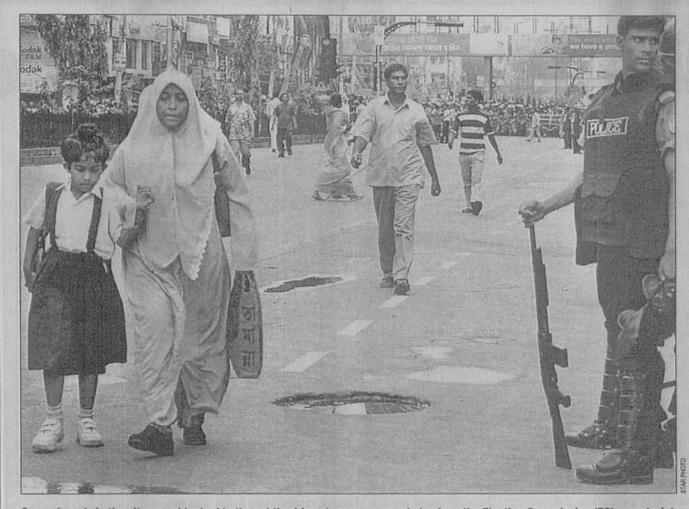
what they do in their absence.

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incident.

Dr. M. A. Mohit Kamal, a psychiatrist

LIFE GOES ON



Several roads in the city were blocked to thwart the 14 party programmes to besiege the Election Commission (EC) secretariat, but life went on as normal. A mother was taking her ward to school along Mirpur Road yesterday morning while police were blocking the demonstrators on their way to EC secretariat.

MULTI DRUG RESISTANCE TB

Awareness strategy helps in combating disease

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

Multi Drug Resistance (MDR) an advanced level of Tuberculosis (TB), that is less responsive to curative treatment, can proliferate in the country because of patients' reluctance to complete the twoyear treatment course, experts feared.

Most TB patients are unaware of the disastrous effects of MDR-TB and they just give up taking medicine after few days without completing the six-month course, said Dr Asif Muitaba Mahmud, an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDC&H).

He said the government is providing TB

treatment free of cost. "Treatment of the MDR-TB is very expensive and no government allocation is fixed for advanced treatment. Besides, the rate of cure is 70 percent at this stage, and 100 percent if the TB treatment is completed," he said. He added that it takes two years for a MDR-TB case to be cured.

Of the total TB patients, 15.4 percent are at MDR- TB level and they can spread germs to 10 percent more, which is dangerous. He said that the government and NGOs have started TB resistance work with advanced technology and if it is implemented properly, the vulnerability will reduce considerably

MDR-TB is a man made phenomenon caused by the ineffective administration of the drug meant to fight TB and could be treated even from home.

DOTS is a comprehensive strategy that ensures cure to majority of TB patients under the direct observa tion of service providers. It is initiated at 319 upazilas in the country and the detection rate of TB that was 31 percent in 2001, is now 61

medicine is very strong. But because if its Vikarunnessa Begum said it is a relief that the price, the treatment is not possible.

A total of 51 patients had been admitted to the NIDC&H. The case of 18-year old Rafia (not real name) was really heart breaking. She was forced to stop her education after passing class seven as she developed MDR-TB only because of ignorance and negligence when she suffered from TB.

"I want to continue studying. When I felt a little better, I went back to school, but had a relapse and was admitted to hospital again," said Rafia.

Rafia lost her father -- a grocer at Shatkania thana in Chittagong, six years ago. He too was a TB patient. Her little 10year-old brother died three months ago because of MDR-TB. Fortunately her mother is out of danger after receiving treatment for two years at NIDCH.

Programme Manager (PM), National

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The side effects of the MDR-TB Tuberculosis Control Programme Dr

unavailability in the market and high rate of MDR-TB affected people is negligible t, and if the Dire Short Course (DOTS) is implemented successfully, chances of MDR-TB will diminish. DOTS is a comprehensive strategy that

ensures cure to majority of TB patients under the direct observation of service providers. It is initiated at 319 upazilas in the country and the detection rate of TB that was 31 percent in 2001, is now 61.

Bangladesh was in fifth position in 2004, but as the detection rate increased it now ranks six," she said adding that the most important work is now to make people aware of the disease.

"The programme was initiated in 1993, and because of lack of funds the programme could not be implemented on a large scale, but the support of USAID will help combat TB and create awareness at grassroots level," she said.

Libraries, Cultural and

Central Public Library- 8626001-4,

Information Centers

Shishu Academy- 9564128

Bangla Academy- 8619550

Nazrul Institute- 9114602

Ford Foundation-8116133

Alliance Française-8611557

American Center - 8813440-4,

Information Resource Center, The

9556407

Shilpakala Academy- 8614673

Islamic Foundation- 9550280,

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HEALTH

Hospitals

Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam 9336611, 7411660

BARDEM 8616641-50 Cholera Hospital (ICDDRB) 8811751-

CMH (Dhaka) 9870011 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital

8628612-6 Holy Family Red Crescent 8311721-5 Islamia Eye Hospital 9119315,

8112156 Lion Eye Hospital 9129127 Medinova Medical Services 8620353-4

Mirpur General Hospital (Pvt) Ltd 9007873, 8015444

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Salimullah Medical College Hospital 7319002-6 Samorita Hospital 9131901

9122560-78, 9112086, 8114856,

Shishu Hospital 8116061-2, 9119119

Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital

Clinics

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Akand Clinic 8015855, 8022581 Aroggaya Niketan 9333730 BAV.S Maternity 8016413-4 Dhaka Monorog Clinic 9005050 Gulshan Mother & Child Clinic 8822738, 8812992 Ibn Sina Clinic 8119513 Jahanara Clinic (Pvt) Ltd 8912929 Judi Maternity 9113322 Paltan Poly Clinic 9557385

Retina Eye Center (Clinic) 9884588,

Shishu Bekash Clinic 9351625

The Eye Clinic 9333238

Blood Bank

8626812-9

Red Crescent Centre- 9116563 Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040 Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061, 7310061,7319022 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital-

Eye Bank

Sandhani International Eye Bank-8614040

Ambulances For

Dead Body Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail

9336611, Gandaria 7319808, 7318166, Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,

MARKET CLOSED

BCS Computer City-Friday

Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday

Bangabazar Market-Friday

Ahsan Manzil--Thursday.

New Market-Tuesday

Gausia Market-Tuesday

Eastern Plaza-Sunday

Dhaka Zoo-Sunday

Shishu Jadughar-Sunday

Mouchak Market-Sunday

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesdeay

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday

Farmview Super Market-Sunday

Muktijuddha Jadughar-Sunday

National Museum-Thursday

Stadium Market-Friday

Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday.

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday Elephant Road-Friday Bishal Center-Friday Cab Salida Ltd. 9344477, 01711-Baitual Mukarram Market-Friday 620888, 01711-610405 Polwell Market-Friday

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TRAIN TIMING

Agnibeena Express

826731 Limujin Cab Ltd. 9318351, 9337204 Multi-Cab Ltd. 9666502, 9570740

Orion Taxi Cab Ltd. 934727, 9347277, 01711-155144

RMS Cab Ltd. 8118536

Shatarupa Taxi Cab Ltd. 731083. 01711-458740 Tinni Cab Ltd. 9662009, 01711-645257 Teletex Cab Ltd. 7202201 Alif Cab Co. Ltd. 0191-357838, 83116948

Reliance Cab Ltd. 9339563-4

Cab One Ltd. 9563054 Ext.-3077, United Cab Ltd. 7510166, 01711-

Ulka Express Ltd. 9359885, 01711-Cab Bangla Ltd. 9563077 Ext.-3054, 3178, 01711-622644 Cab i Ltd. 9563054, 9563077, 01711-629585 Cab line Ltd. 8321162

Capital Cab Co. Ltd. 9352847-9 Classic Cab Ltd. 200825, 01711-233851, 01711-812415 Comport Cab Ltd. 8817610-4 Cab Express Ltd. 9341369, 9339337

9348401 Ext.-111



British Council- 8618867-8, 8618905-7 Community Development Library-8113769, 8113604 Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka-9126525-6 Indian Information Centre &

Cultural Library- 8850141-2 The Russian Cultural Centre-9116314, 9118531, 9118314 Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125, 8112954, 8123412 Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) 9330081-4

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Leaves Dhaka at 9-20 pm

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Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm