

ABRAR MURDER
Decision
on charge
framing Jan 21

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will decide on January 21 whether to accept the charges against 25 accused in connection with the killing of Buet student Abrar Fahad in October last year.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set the date.

On January 13, the case was shifted to the court from Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

Meanwhile, Morshed Amartya Islam, an accused in the case, surrendered before the court on Sunday. With him, 22 accused are now in jail.

On December 3, a Dhaka court ordered to confiscate property of four fugitives. The other fugitives are Morsheduzzaman Jishan, Mustafa Rafid and Ehtashamul Rabbi Tanim, all students of Buet.

On January 5, court asked police to publish ads in newspapers asking them to appear before it.

On November 18, it accepted charge sheet against the 25 accused and issued arrest warrant for the four.



AH, CHILDHOOD ... They may not grow up with toys and gadgets at their disposal, but that doesn't stop their rich imagination from having a fun time. These children flinging sand into the air to play out a battle, as another watches from behind, was taken on the banks of Lalakhal in Jainta upazila of Sylhet.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP
BYLC awards five
contest winners

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) yesterday announced five winners of Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, a social initiative that encourages and promotes promising entrepreneurs.

The initiative by BYLC's entrepreneurship development wing is supported by UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun was the chief guest at the award-giving ceremony held at a city hotel on Tuesday. "This endeavour to select, invest in, and cultivate the next generation of Bangladesh's entrepreneurs has the potential to add great value to the economy and create the land that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamed of," he said in his speech.

The five winning teams chosen from 16 finalists, are Eco Wraps, a production and packaging company of cellulose-based biodegradable biopolymer bags; Tinkers, a producer of educational and interactive learning materials and toys; Agri Mushroom and Multi-farming, an agri-tech company; Selvice, an online marketing platform for event logistics; and Digigrow, a cloud-based multi-channel platform for farmers, independent investors, and partnered retailers.

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Rezaur Rahman
passes away

CITY DESK

Rezaur Rahman, founding managing director of Bengal Airlift Group, passed away at the capital's United Hospital at 1:45pm on Tuesday. He was suffering from various ailments for the last few months, says a press release.

He had a successful and illustrious career spanning over three decades, during which he established Bengal Airlift Group as a pioneer in logistics and supply chain solutions, amongst others.

Major business concerns of the group are Bengal Airlift Ltd, Bengal Knitex Ltd, Bengal NFK Textiles Ltd, Air Alliance Ltd



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RECRUITMENT SCAM
Four top officials of
Biman get bail

JNU CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to four top incumbent and former officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, after they surrendered in a case filed over scam in recruiting 30 pilot cadets.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after the accused surrendered before the court and sought bail in the case.

The accused are former managing director Abul Munim Mosaddique Ahmed, flight operation director Capt Farhat Hasan Jamil, incumbent principal of Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre Partha Kumar Pandit, and manager (recruitment) Fakhrul Hossain Chowdhury.

On November 25 last year, ACC Assistant Director Saiful Islam filed the case with the ACC integrated district office against the four over the scam. The accused officials gave 30 cadet pilots "grace marks" and then manipulated viva exams to give them jobs, according to the case FIR.

Even before the tests, the then Biman authorities relaxed the minimum educational qualification and age limits to allow underqualified candidates to apply, it said, adding that one of the recruits is the nephew of Abul Munim Mosaddique Ahmed, who was forced to quit the state airline.

Road accidents kill 8

STAR REPORT

At least eight people were killed and seven injured in road accidents across the country in the last two days, our correspondents and news agencies report.

In Rangpur, three people were killed and two injured after a collision between an ambulance and bus at Bachurbanda area of Taraganj upazila around 7am yesterday. The deceased are ambulance driver Rubel (30), and its passengers Biplob (20) and Shathi Akhtar (25), said police.

Biplob and Shathi died on the spot after the ambulance collided with a bus of Dipjol Paribahan around 7am.

On information, police rushed the injured to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where Rubel was declared dead.

Police seized the bus but its driver and helper fled.

In Jhenidah, at least two people were killed on the spot, including a minor, in separate road crashes yesterday.

The deceased are Roni Ahmad (10), son of Bahazzel Hossain; and Kamal Hossain (31). Rony was a fourth-grader of Govt Ghighati Primary School, and Kamal was a human-hauler driver.

In the district's Kaliganj upazila, Rony was playing near Kaliganj-Kotchandpur road. At one point, while he was crossing the road, a speeding microbus ran him over.

In Moheshpur upazila, Kamal was driving a human haulier. When he reached near Bazrapur village, a truck collided with his vehicle.

In Mymensingh, bus helper Abul Hossain (40) was killed and five bus passengers were injured after it collided with a truck at Kazir Shimla area of Trishal upazila around 7:30am yesterday. Quoting locals, police said the bus hit a truck from behind, injuring six people initially.

They were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Abul dead. Police sent his body to the hospital's morgue for autopsy. Police seized both vehicles but their drivers fled. A case was lodged.

In Habiganj, Shajahan Mia (55), was killed after a speeding truck hit his motorbike at Kalimnagar area of Shaistaganj upazila on Tuesday evening, said police.

He was the general secretary of Habiganj Zila Truck-Tank-Lorry Workers Union.

Locals rushed him to a hospital, where doctors referred him to a hospital in Dhaka for better treatment. Shahjahan died around 1am on his way to Dhaka, they added.

In Pabna Sadar upazila, van driver Ebadot Ali (70) was killed on the spot after a collision between a truck and van at Naldah area on Tuesday noon, said police.

Police seized the truck and a case was filed in this connection.

ARMS CASE

Charges against
Khalid Bhuiyan
accepted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday took cognizance of charges against expelled Jubo League leader Khalid Mahmud Bhuiyan in connection with an arms case.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka accepted the charges against Khalid, now in jail, in his presence.

He also fixed February 12 for hearing on charge framing against Khalid.

On November 19 last year, Rab Assistant Superintendent of Police Belayet Hossain, also the case's investigation officer, submitted the charge sheet before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

Rab arrested Khalid, organising secretary of Jubo League's Dhaka south unit and also the president of Youngmen's Football Club, from his Gulshan residence on September 18, 2019 in the wake of the crackdown at a "casino" in the football club. Rab also seized arms, bullets and yaba pills from his residence.

Jubo League on September 20 last year expelled Khalid. Later, four cases were filed against him -- three with Gulshan Police Station and one with Motijheel Police Station.



Barishal City Corporation yesterday knocked down this structure, constructed encroaching a road in the city's Chawk Bazar area.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

BCC dismantles
illegal structure

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Barishal City Corporation (BCC) yesterday demolished part of a building constructed encroaching a road in the city's Chawk Bazar area.

Imtiaz Mahmud Jewel, executive magistrate of BCC, led the eviction drive in the afternoon. He said the building was constructed on around eight-decimal land of the city corporation and the road connecting Port and Chawk Bazar areas. It was situated within a few yards of Nagar Bhaban, he added.

Jewel said during construction of the building last year, locals objected the move and BCC also issued a notice to the owner for encroaching public property.

"As the owner did not pay heed to the notice, we conducted the drive and knocked down the illegal portion of the structure," said Kazi Moazzem Hossain, administrative officer of BCC.

Owner of the building could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

Rabab Fatima elected
president of Unicef
Executive Board

UNB, Dhaka

Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Bangladesh's Permanent Representative (PR) to the United Nations, has unanimously been elected president of the Unicef Executive Board at elections held on Tuesday at UN Headquarters in New York.

Serving alongside her as vice presidents will be the PRs of Lithuania and Morocco, and deputy PRs of Brazil and Switzerland, according to a message from the Bangladesh Permanent Mission at the UN.

With this election, Bangladesh will be able to contribute further to the UN's work, this time in providing strategic guidance to its agency specialising in children's causes.

In her acceptance speech, the ambassador thanked board members and assured Unicef that the new board will work hard to bring new ideas that can ensure the wellbeing of children and fight for their rights.

Unicef Executive Director Henrietta H Fore welcomed the new president and said the agency looks forward to benefiting from her experience and wisdom.

Fore expressed optimism that Fatima would spearhead the bureau's guidance to the work of Unicef.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT

HC stays
results of
669 qualified
candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed the results of 669 qualified candidates from Nilphamari and Barguna districts in the government primary school teacher recruitment examinations for six months on charges of violation of relevant rules.

The court also issued a rule asking authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why the results published on December 24 last year should not be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Md Mahmud Hassan Talukder came up with the order and rule following a writ petition filed challenging the results.

The process for recruitment of 266 candidates from Nilphamari and 403 candidates from Barguna -- who qualified in the examinations -- will remain halted for six months following the HC order, said Advocate Rezaul Karim, a lawyer for the petitioners.

He said as per Section 7 of the primary teacher recruitment rules 2013, 60 percent of such teachers will be appointed from female candidates, 20 percent from "posshya" (dependent) quota and 20 percent from male candidates. But the conditions were not followed, he said.

He said 21 female candidates, who qualified in the preliminary and written tests but their results were not published, collectively filed the petition on January 14.

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Tender/Proposal ID	Name of work
ID-410346 e-GP/42/EE/CRD/RHD/2019-20	Painting works and repairing of Footpath of Modhunaghat Bridge at 6th Km of Chattogram-Kaptai (R-163) Road under Chattogram Road Division during the year 2019-2020.
ID-412448 e-GP/44/EE/CRD/RHD/2019-20	Repair of seal coat at 36th (p), 37th (p), 38th (p), 39th (p), 40th (p), 41st (p), 42nd (p) and 43rd (p) Km of Chattogram-Kaptai-Regional Highway (R-164) under Chattogram Road Division during the year 2019-2020.
ID-412453 e-GP/45/EE/CRD/RHD/2019-20	Repair of Damaged Existing Pavement by Seal coat at 10th (p) to 20th (p) of Barayerhat-Heanko-Narayanhat-Fatikchhari Road (R-151) under Chattogram Road Division during the year 2019-2020.
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