

M'SINGH POULTRY TRADER MURDER HC upholds death penalty of three

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld the death penalty of three convicts in Abdur Razzaq Fakir murder case of Mymensingh.

The HC, however, commuted death penalty of another convict to life imprisonment in the same case. Abdur Razzaq Fakir (32), a poultry trader of Taltola village at Madhupur Bazar in Tarakanda upazila was killed in October 2008.

Yesterday, the HC bench of a Justice Shahidul Karim and Justice Md Akhtaruzzaman came up with the verdict after hearing death reference (trial court's documents) of the case and appeals filed by the convicts challenging the trial court verdict.

The convicts, whose death sentences have been upheld by the HC, are Mir Jahan, Emdadul Haque, and Anisur Rahman. The convict, whose death sentence has been commuted, is Ziaul Haque. The grounds on which the HC delivered the verdict could not be known as its full text was not released yet.

Lawyers Fazlul Huq Khan Farid and SM Shahjahan appeared for the convicts while Deputy Attorney General Bashir Ahmed represented the state.

The court of additional district and sessions judge of Mymensingh on May 4, 2015 sentenced all the four to death in Abdur Razzaq Fakir murder case.

According to the case statement, the convicts swooped on Abdur Razzaq Fakir while he was going to Mymensingh town around 8pm on October 15, 2008.

They stabbed Razzaq and took away Tk 15,000 from him. Razzaq died on the spot. Locals chased the gang and caught Mir Jahan, one of its members, while the rest managed to flee.

They later handed him over to the police. During interrogation, Jahan disclosed the names of three other gang members who were later arrested.

Victim's elder brother Hazrat Ali Fakir filed a murder case with Tarakanda Police Station the following day.

Four die in Habiganj road crash

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Four people -- including Nazmul Islam Kajal, chairperson of Jashore's Bagherpara Upazila Parishad -- were killed after their SUV collided with a truck in Habiganj's Madhabpur upazila yesterday.

Two of the other deceased were identified as Akhi Akhtar, from the capital's Taltola, and Ariful Islam of the upazila.

The accident took place on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Noapara in the afternoon, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Iqbal Hossain of Madhabpur police station.

Two of the five people in the SUV died on the spot. Two later died at Habiganj Sadar Hospital, and one was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment, he said.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

A case was also filed in connection with the incident.



Electronic Media Journalists' Association in Sylhet formed a human chain in front of the city's central Shaheed Minar yesterday, protesting attack on journalists across the country.

Travel agency amendment bill placed at JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"The Bangladesh Travel Agency (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2020" was placed in parliament yesterday, keeping a provision of maximum six months' imprisonment or Tk 5 lakh fine or both in the case of violation of any provision under the proposed law.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Mahbub Ali placed the bill which was sent to the respective parliamentary standing committee for scrutiny and reporting back to the House.

The committee was asked to submit its report within one month.

The bill has a provision that a travel agency can renew its licence within six months even after the expiry of the stipulated time paying penalty, can open branch offices at home and abroad, and hand over its ownership.

The proposed law also says if any travel agency works as a recruiting agency, it will be an offence and the travel agency will be fined for doing so.

Zareef youngest jury at UN art contest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Saied Muhammad Zareef Saleh, who is only 14-year-old, has become the youngest jury member of the international art contest "The Future We Want".

Perception Change Project of UN Geneva on the occasion of 75th anniversary of the United Nations organised the programme, said a press release issued on Sunday.

US citizens or lawfully permanent residents aging from 13-15 years from 44 countries participated in the event, it added. In the first step, the artworks

received 17,000 online votes and finally the three winners were selected by the jury.

Director General Tatiana Valovaya of the UN office at Geneva appreciated Zareef on August 27.

Zareef is the eldest son of Barisal Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner Abu Raihan Muhammad Saleh and Engineer Nishat Siddique. He is a seventh grader at Cumilla Cadet College.

Earlier, Zareef became winner of several national and international art contests including UN's "Kids 4 Human Rights".

Petition seeks

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Supreme Court lawyer Marum Khondaker submitted the petition as a public interest litigation, praying to the government to identify persons responsible for the negligence in repairing the gas pipeline which reportedly caused the explosion.

The petitioner requested the HC to order the authorities concerned to regularly check the utility service lines including those of gas, electricity and water across the country and take necessary measures to repair if there is any defect in the lines.

In the petition, she said officials of Titas Gas have reportedly sought Tk 50,000 from the mosque committee to repair the leak of gas pipeline. Titas Gas Ltd did not repair the gas line as its officials were not given the money, Marum Khondaker told The Daily Star.

The lawyer said the HC may hold hearing on the writ petition today.

Family demands justice for Riaj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

"We want justice for Riaj's murder. But so far the police have not been able to arrest Masum, the main accused in the murder case. We want the real motive behind this murder to be revealed as soon as possible," said Riaj's brother Ripon, the plaintiff in the case.

On the morning of April 19, 2019, deed writer Riaj Hawlader was killed with a sharp weapon at his home in Bukhainagar village. His wife Amina Akhtar Liza was arrested after Ripon filed a case against unknown miscreants at Kotwali police station.

At a press conference at Barisal Reporters' Unity on Monday afternoon, the plaintiff demanded proper investigation into the murder and punishment of the real culprits. In a written statement, Ripon claimed that although the murder took place on April 19, the police have not been able to unravel the mystery so far.

Ripon's statement comes after Riaj's wife, who was arrested the day after his death, filed a complaint with the district police commissioner that she was forced to confess to murdering her husband in the face of police brutality.

Meanwhile, three men were arrested by Inspector Sagir Hossain of Kawnia police station under the same case in mid-August this year, all of whom confessed to the crime.

Ripon questioned who was the real culprit, and demanded swift action from police to solve the case.

Earlier this week, Inspector Sagir told this correspondent that the victim's mobile phones were recovered after arresting the three men in August, and further information will be revealed once a charge sheet is filed as this is a sensitive case.

A surgeon

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as well, and can now fix more modern camera equipment.

"At first, I had to struggle a bit," he said, "But then I started opening the devices up, and looking into the details inside, slowly learning their mechanisms. I realised it was pretty similar, except everything was now electronic."

In fact, fixing digital cameras has been a lot easier for him, because the parts are more readily available.

Nowadays, a lot of young people seem to be regaining their interest in old school film photography.

They're often seen scouring for film cameras on the internet, and trying to reinvent the age-old format of photography. This rejuvenated interest in a long lost form of hobby could very well see Swapan's business experience a boom.

"That's a plus point for me," said Swapan when asked how it feels to see young people take an interest in film photography, "After all, that is what I excel at."

17 testify

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"If the committee shared the matter with others, they could have gone to Titas Gas office," said Bazlur Rahman, a grocer adjacent to the mosque.

The committee general secretary Hannan Saud dealt with all financial issues of the mosque. But its president Abdul Gaffur was not happy with this. It created a distance between them," he added.

"Many of the committee members did not function properly due to such conflict, resulting in nonchalance among them to resolve the problem," said Bazlur.

Denying the allegations, mosque committee president Abdul Gaffur said, "I did not know that Titas people demanded Tk 50,000 to repair the gas pipeline. Only the general secretary himself knew it. So, how can we take initiative to solve it?"

Hannan Saud could not be contacted as he was also injured in the explosion.

Cyber-bullying

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at Grameenphone, conducted the webinar, emphasising parental supervision and proper maintenance of digital community standards.

Several hundred parents from the respective schools attended the session.

Addressing the session, Khairul said, "The Internet contains a universe of knowledge and information that helps us to learn and positively develop ourselves. As all physical entities and services are getting digitalised, it's important that our children are able to access these. But this accessibility should be followed by guidance, and this is where teachers, parents, and siblings hold the most important responsibility."

The speakers informed the event that Google Meet saw 3,800 years' worth of time spent in sessions each day. Smartphone and feature-phone usage increased by 70 percent, laptop usage by 40, and desktop usage by 32. Average global broadband consumption increased by 47 percent.

Musicians

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artists for 100 days since March. Besides, we are selling daily essentials at a cheaper rate in 10 points in the city where some 30 musicians have been provided with work."

He also urged the government to extend support to the jobless instrumentalists who are now struggling to survive.

4,100 more

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official of Bangladesh embassy. The report also mentioned 95 percent of businesses in Iraq suspended work due to Covid-19, referring to an International Labour Organization (ILO) survey.

In April, in order to shed light on the impact of Covid-19 on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), International Organization for Migration conducted a survey on 456 enterprises active in construction and manufacturing, food and agriculture, services, and wholesale and retail sectors in urban Iraq.

The survey found that the SMEs have to undergo 40 percent employment reduction, and 52 percent production reduction on an average.

Contacted yesterday, Bangladesh Ambassador in Iraq Abu Maksud M Forhad said there are still demands for Bangladeshi workers in Iraq.

"Bangladeshi workers are known as 'sincere, hardworking and honest' to the local Iraqis," said the ambassador.

He said currently the embassy is in talks with the Iraq government to negotiate for a general amnesty for Bangladeshi workers so that they can further stay in the country.

A decision in this regard is expected to come within one or two months, he told this newspaper by phone.

The ambassador stressed that the authorities in Bangladesh should take steps in sending more skilled workers, saying this would benefit in generating higher remittance.

DNCC auctions

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damaged due to bricks, sand, rods kept there illegally.

"I have told all officials of the city if they find anything on footpaths and roads, they will auction those immediately as per law," he said.

The mayor said they will continue their drive once every week.

About illegal billboards, the mayor said there are many signboards and billboards across the city and they are not taking any permission from the city corporation. If anyone wants to set up a signboard, he/she will have to provide a certain amount of fee for this, he said.

"We will demolish all kinds of illegal billboards from September 14," he said.

Differently abled

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with sports like badminton, table tennis, basketball," said Nahian.

For many spinal cord injury survivors, wheelchair sports also offer one of the only scopes for mobility because differently-abled people are less prone to be included in education or job opportunities.

"Most wheelchair users sit at home and are dependent on the meagre amount of government welfare. I completed my graduation in computer science last year in December 2019 from East West University and was looking for jobs. The first thought I had was whether the office will be accessible for me. A friend of mine who walks with crutches got a government job and was hesitant because the job required a lot of movement -- and while he was not afraid of his ability, he feared whether his needs would be accommodated," he said.

An article by CRP researchers in a journal published by the International Spinal Cord Society in November 2019, studied 410 adult spinal cord injury survivors discharged from CRP over five years. They found that five years into leaving the hospital the median income of the cohort was an alarming US \$0. Zero dollars. Before being paralysed, almost all of them were employed.

While that is an indicator of the financial distress of wheelchair users, it also tells us that this population is probably spending years sitting at home. And that is where wheelchair sports can make a difference.

The pandemic however put a damper on their activities for a bit. "We could not move about at all during the pandemic. For example, I use an Uber or CNG-run auto-rickshaw because buses and rickshaws are impossible for me, because there are no wheelchair ramps. So we branched out to providing telemedicine support for the differently-abled. In addition, last July we organised a virtual chess tournament to keep up the pace," said Nahian. They are also organising wheelchair donations.

The foundation currently has coordinators in 11 districts of which eight districts are represented by wheelchair-users. Two of the other three districts are also represented by differently-abled people but they are not wheelchair users.

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৩০. আবেদনকারীর সাক্ষরিত আবেদনপত্র

National Institute of Textile Engineering and Research (NITER)
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VACANCY for Principal

The candidate must hold a Masters degree in Textile / Fashion Design / Mechanical / Industrial and Production / Chemical/ Applied Chemistry & Chemical Engineering from any recognized university with a PhD in the relevant field. He / she must have a good academic record from S.S.C to postgraduate level with at least 3 first classes and 10 publications in reputable journal. The applicant should have at least 20 (twenty) years of teaching and administrative experience in the aforementioned areas, of which 8 years must be as Professor at a recognized university or educational institution. As of June 01, 2020, candidates must be in the 45-65 years age range. Candidates with experience in managing educational or training institute will be considered as additional qualification. The qualified applicant should have adequate knowledge about the potential of the textile and allied engineering industries of Bangladesh. Candidates must have a good leadership quality and the potential of team building to guide subordinates in achieving the institute's mission and vision.

Attractive compensation package will be given to the deserving candidate. Application along with detailed CV, photocopies of all academic credentials, proof of work experience and 2 passport size photographs should reach to the President, BTMA & Chairman, Governing Body, NITER, UTC Tower, Level-8, 8 Panthapath, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka within October 31, 2020.

Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited
 Office of the Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Post & Telecommunications Division.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited.		
3	Procuring entity name	Chief General Manager, CTR, BTCL.		
4	Invitation for	Construction of uncompleted works (Partial) of Sagorica 2-storied new building at Sagorica, BTCL Exchange Compound, Chattogram.		
5	Invitation Ref. No.	10/04 BPH/2020-21/2		
6	Date	03/09/2020		
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
8	Tender package name	Construction of uncompleted works (Partial) of Sagorica 2-storied new building at Sagorica, BTCL Exchange Compound, Chattogram.		
9	Tender publication date	08.09.2020		
10	Tender last selling date	21.09.2020 Time: 15:30 hrs.		
11	Tender closing date and time	22.09.2020 Time: 11:30 hrs.		
12	Tender opening date and time	22.09.2020 Time: 12.00 hrs.		
13	Name & address of the office(s)			
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
	-Selling tender document (others)	None.		
	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
14	Place	Office of the Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
15	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender schedule & Public Procurement Rules (PPR).		
16	Brief description of goods or works	Construction of uncompleted works (Partial) of Sagorica 2-storied new building at Sagorica, BTCL Exchange Compound, Chattogram.		
17	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1000 for each lot (non-refundable).		
18	Lot No.	Identification of works	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
	1	Construction of uncompleted works (Partial) of Sagorica 2-storied new building at Sagorica, BTCL Exchange Compound, Chattogram.	Tk 75,000/-	2 (two) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
19	Name of official inviting tender	A.K.M. Bazlur Rashid.		
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
21	Address of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager Phones, Agrabad, Chattogram.		
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	031-713280		
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders.			

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