

## Dog relocation must stop 2 ministers

15 media personalities say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fifteen media personalities have expressed grave concern over the ongoing relocation of stray dogs from Dhaka South City Corporation. In a statement yesterday, they said the animals are being driven out cruelly and unfairly.

They demanded that city corporation authorities improve canine management, and implement benign control mechanisms.

It was signed by Ramendu Majumder, Ferdousi Majumder, Sara Zaker, Dr Sarwar Ali, Prof Abdus Selim, Prof Shafi Ahmed, Mofidul Hoque, Mannan Heera, Hasan Arif, Masum Reza, Aly Zaker, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Golam Quddus, and Mamunur Rashid.

## DU student sues Facebook users for 'sexual harassment'

She earlier filed cases against VP Nur

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University student, who had earlier sued former Ducusu VP Nur, yesterday filed a case against eight other persons, a Facebook group, and over a hundred unidentified people on the charge of sexually harassing her on the social media platform.

The case was filed with Shahbagh Police Station under the Digital Security Act and the Pornography Control Act on Wednesday night by the girl, who had filed two rape cases accusing former Ducusu VP Nurul Haque Nur and five others, Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Mamun-or Rashid said.

The complainant stated in the latest case statement, "My social status has been degraded by the alleged persons and Facebook group (Swapner Dhaka Biswabiddyalay). They harassed me sexually spreading false remark using social media platforms."

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Sujan yesterday told reporters Bangladesh Railway has been implementing the project while Bangladesh Bridge Authority, which is implementing Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project, has given some conditions.

"Both the projects have consultants and contractors to resolve 'the differences of opinions', and I think there is no big difference of opinion between them," Sujan said.

"As we are concerned over the issue, we decided to visit the site physically," he added.

Meanwhile, Planning Minister said both the projects are very important projects. "We are not agreeing with the word 'error', as error can be found after completion of the works. However, some doubt has surfaced and we know how resolve those," he said.

"If the problem [related to design] appears big, then we, if necessary, will hire consultants from abroad," he said adding, "As the problem arose, we will settle it. We will not move forward with the matter unsettled."

Replying to a question whether there was any lack of coordination between the two projects, he said, "You have the right to raise questions. But there may be human error."

He, however, said the problem would be much graver had it been detected after the completion of the project.

"We have time to correct it. May be the

cost and duration [of the project] will rise. I don't know... We will discuss the matter at higher level and there is nothing to hide," he added.

The railways minister said they are hopeful about opening the Mawa-Bhangha section of the rail line when Padma Bridge would be opened for public in December 2021.

Meanwhile, Sujan, at a programme, also distributed cheques among people who were affected by the project. Total Tk 107.41 crore have already been distributed among 3,989 people, out of total 7,705 affected people and process is on to rehabilitate others through non-government organisations.

Railways Ministry Secretary Salim Reza, Bangladesh Railway's Director General Md Shamsuzzaman, project directors and top officials of both projects also accompanied them.

Both PMBP and PBRLP are fast-track projects.

Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) is implementing the much-hyped PMBP at a cost of Tk 30,193 crore to connect the country's southwestern region with the capital via road and rail lines.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Railway is implementing "Padma Bridge Rail Link Project" to connect the capital with Jashore with a 169km rail line over the under-construction Padma Bridge at a cost of Tk 39,246-crore.

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Witnesses of the incident told this correspondent they could not protest fearing repercussions.

Some locals urged police to interrogate Shiru, which will bring everything to light.

Talking to The Daily Star at his residence in the same area yesterday, Shiru refuted the allegations against his sons, claiming that they are innocent. He said he does not even know who Mizan is.

He informed this correspondent that he is a cancer patient since 2015.

Asked about whereabouts of his sons, Shiru said, "I asked my sons to go into hiding as the neighbourhood became unsafe following the murder incident."

He also alleged that municipality Mayor Goni, his family and people from Jamaat and BNP have been harassing him for a long time. He claimed they were trying to frame his sons in the case as a conspiracy against him.

Contacted, Hazi Abdul Goni, mayor of Savar Municipality and president of municipality AL, said he is yet to hear any such complaints against Shiru. The mayor, however, said local AL did not invite Shiru to any programme because he had a bad reputation. He did not elaborate any further.

About the murder case, Saiful Islam, inspector (investigation) of Savar Police Station, said police are investigating it with highest priority.

Asked about locals' claims about Mizan's involvement with the Shakil and Shakib gang, the official said they are also looking for the duo.

The incident occurred on Sunday around 7pm, when Nila Roy (14), a 10th-grader of local Aced School, was on her way to a hospital with her elder brother Alok to have her respiratory problems examined. On their way, they were intercepted by Mizan, who threatened Alok and asked him to leave because he wanted to talk to Nila alone.

Mizan then forced Nila into the abandoned house, where he stabbed and left her. Upon hearing her cries, locals rescued and rushed her to Savar Enam Medical College Hospital. However, minutes after their arrival, doctors declared Nila dead.

The following day, Nila's father filed a case against Mizan and his parents. Police on Wednesday arrested one Selim Palowan (28), an associate of Mizan, for his alleged involvement in the case.

## Grabbers eye Tricked and

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protection for them and the property.

Jyotirmoy Sarkar, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said, "We've taken the matter very seriously. We will beef up security now."

Mentionable in 2017, some people filed a partition suit/title suit claiming their right over the land.

They also filed for injunction over the land in 2019, which was later dismissed by the Additional District Judge of Sylhet following investigation reports of Shahporan Police Station and later of the assistant commissioner (land) of Sylhet.

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Rab-3 in a joint drive with National Security Intelligence (NSI) arrested Sheikh Aminur Rahman Himu from the capital's Kafrul on Tuesday night.

He allegedly took Tk 3 crore from 400 people in last one year after promising them jobs in Brunei, said Lt Col Rakibul Hasan, commanding officer of Rab-3, at a briefing at the battalion office on Wednesday evening.

Interrogating the arrestee, Rab arrested his two associates -- Nur Alam and Bablur Rahman -- from Mohakhali.

Lt Col Rakibul said Himu is a close associate of the mastermind of Brunei human trafficking racket -- Mehedi Hasan Bijon.

An accused of around 20 cases, Bijon's passport was suspended by the home ministry last year following a request of Bangladesh high commission in Brunei after learning about his involvement in human trafficking.

Rab said Bijon is in Bangladesh now.

About the procedure of sending people, Lt Col Rakibul said there are some 3,000 companies in Brunei owned by Bangladeshis. But only one

percent of these companies are legitimate, he said.

Bangladeshi nationals in collaboration with Brunei citizens opened these fake companies and created fake visas to recruit workers from Bangladesh, he said.

"The Bangladesh high commission in Brunei already identified these companies and action would be taken against them soon," he said.

Palash Kumar Bosu, executive magistrate of Rab, who was also present at the briefing, said the Bangladesh high commission has started a visa attestation system in August 2017 after noticing that a huge number of Bangladeshis were becoming victims of trafficking.

Still many Bangladeshis have flown to Brunei, he said.

He said they are suspecting some officials working with the visa attestation system might be involved as it should be difficult to fly with a fake visa after 2017.

"We will be able to say for sure after investigation," he added.

Lt Col Rakibul said they have already got names of the racket members. "We're conducting drives to arrest them," he added.

## MJF providing

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process involving local administration, community leaders and youth volunteers of MJF's 58 partner NGOs.

Mostly rural marginalised and excluded people (i.e. tea garden workers, plain land indigenous people, CHT indigenous people, fishers, violence victims, women survivors, widows and destitute women and people with disabilities, etc) have been enlisted as eligible beneficiaries for this cash transfer programme.

In Dhaka and other big cities, transfer is mostly limited to Dalits, sex workers and LGBT people who have not received any social protection support.

Women in households are being given preference to receive cash assistance while exception was allowed for people with disabilities and/or in the absence of adult female household members.

Selected special categories beneficiaries under 18 years of age such as disabled boys/girls, victims of child marriage, school children of ethnic minorities are also receiving cash in favour of their guardians.

Special attention is being given to pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities during physical cash transfer. Distribution and grievance redressal committees have been formed in each community.

Appreciating the UK response, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said, "The support of the British government is laudable which will help some 23,000 marginalised households covering vulnerable people, who are the hardest hit by Covid-19 pandemic and in urgent need of substantive cash support for the next three months."

ARMS CASE

## Prosecution seeks highest punishment for Papi

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday sought highest punishment -- life term imprisonment -- for expelled Jubo Mohila League leader Shamima Nur Papi and her husband Mofizur Rahman Sumon in an arms case.

Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Abu told the court that they have been able to prove the charges against the couple.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Special Tribunal-1 of Dhaka fixed September 27 for the next date of hearing.

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## Juvenile

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towards him. He claimed that his father often beat him up without any reason, and his parents used to entertain his sister's wishes, Rab said.

He blamed Mim for everything and the resentment grew over the years. On Wednesday, when he found his father Liton, a fruit vendor, and mother Rukana Akter, a part-time house help, not at home and Mim was sleeping, he choked her to death, said the Rab official.

The boy first put the body under their bed but later removed to the bathroom as everyone was looking for Mim, he said.

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initiative. The report was prepared based on news reports published or aired by 25 media outlets, including national and local dailies, online news sites, and television channels.

The latest report said some 87 people were arrested across the country in connection with 86 incidents of spreading rumour over Covid-19.

It said 635 people were arrested and another 13,399 fined between March 1 and September 19.

It observed that giving out fines and penalties for not maintaining health guidelines and violating social distancing rules in public places has been gradually declining in recent weeks.

Among the offenders, 62 percent were civilians and 24 percent traders.

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