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HC issues rule on Bhorer Kagoj editor, publisher

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the editor, publisher and a reporter of the Daily Bhorer Kagoj in connection with a report published on October 28.

The rule was issued following an application filed alleging 'willful distortion of the HC proceedings by publishing false and motivated report'.

The HC directed the Bhorer Kagoj authorities to show cause within three days as to why they should not be asked to appear before the court.

The court further directed the persons concerned to explain as to why they should not be dealt with in accordance with law.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Abdul Karim and Justice ABM Khairul Haque issued the rule after hearing the application filed by KM Obaidur Rahman, BNP MP and Nurul Islam Manjor.

A similar application was also filed against the Daily 'Janokantha' authorities. But as the daily published an 'errata' on the following day the court did not pass any order in this regard.

The division bench of the HC on October 27, upon three separate applications for bail pending trial in the 'Janokantha Case' directed the government to show cause as to why KM Obaidur Rahman, Nurul Islam Manjor and Shah Moazzem Hossain shall not be enlarged on bail.

Though the petitioners sought ad-interim bail pending disposal of the rules, no order granting them interim bail was passed.

But the Janokantha in its October 28 issue published that 'High Court has rejected the application for bail of Obaid, Moazzem and Manjor'.

The Bhorer Kagoj in the same news also stated that interim bail prayers of the three have been refused.

Senior Advocate Habibul Islam Bhuiyan moved the application for drawing attention of the HC to the reports.

Both the groups blasted crackers and traded gunshots during an hour-long clash. Later police brought the situation under control.

Officials said, today's clash was a sequel to the long standing rivalry between the groups blessed with two stalwarts of the ruling party.

The Deputy Commissioner and SP of Sunamganj visited the thana headquarters. Additional police force has been deployed to avert further clash.

JU rape: Writ seeking trial of all involved

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court for trial of all those responsible for the recent incidents of rape at the Jahangirnagar University.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Mohammad Fazul Karim and Justice Mohammad Aolad Ali started hearing of the writ petition yesterday, a BNWLA press release said. The hearing will resume next week, it said.

Executive Director of BNWLA Advocate Salma Ali filed the petition against the Home Secretary, Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka, Inspector General of Police, OC of Savar thana and Vice Chancellor of JU for not taking any legal steps in this regard.

The university authorities admitted that incidents of rape took place. The incidents have been reported in different newspapers but no legal step has been taken," the press release said quoting from the petition.

The complainant prayed before the court for issuing show-cause notice on the JU authorities for its failure to lodge a case with Savar thana and also on the OC of Savar thana why he failed to file case in this regard, the press release said.

Advocate AB Mahmudul Haque and Advocate Seema Zahar appeared for the petitioner.

Shazneen murder

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Contractor Hassan, domestic help Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, gatekeeper Humayun Kabir alias Babul Sarder, Hassan's supervisor Badal, carpenter Shani Ram Mandal, maids Parvin and Minu.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, the youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group, was brutally murdered at their Gulshan residence on the night of April 23.

The victim's father accused domestic help Shahid of killing Shazneen and suspected some others as abettors.

The CID took over the investigation on April 27 and submitted the charge sheet in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court on September 17, accusing the seven persons for rape and murder of Shazneen.

The court framed charges and read it aloud to the accused yesterday.

The court asked Hassan whether he entered the bedroom of the victim on April 1 and asked her to show the defective mirror in the bathroom so that it could be replaced.

The court also asked whether Shazneen entered the bathroom along with Hassan in good faith and he suddenly grabbed her and started molesting her.

Shazneen got enraged and pushed him out of the room and threatened to tell her parents about the incident.

He conspired out of vengeance with the other accused to take revenge and paid money to kill her on April 23 when her parents were busy in a family programme.

Similarly, charges against all the accused were read out separately in the court, which asked for their version regarding their involvement in the charges. Six accused persons including Hassan pleaded innocence and prayed for fair trial.

Shahid did not say anything as he had already made a judicial statement under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The court appointed one state defence lawyer for Shahid and rejected the bail petition moved on behalf of Minu, Parvin, Hassan and Badal.

DSE: Rakib

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Rakib was also learned to have succeeded in bringing the rivals Khwaja Qudus and Khurshid Alam into the scene.

"He is now spreading rumours that the government has agreed to appoint private sector representatives as members of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)," another source said, hinting that Qudus, a leader of Rakib's rival lobby, would have a place on the regulatory body.

The DSE chairman along with three other council members should retire as a result of an open lottery on Saturday. The lottery became inevitable when none was willing to withdraw till the last day on Saturday.

According to election rule, four of the 12-elected DSE councillors are to retire every year leaving the posts vacant to be filled by a direct election.

The DSE election is expected to be held on December 17 this year and the new council is expected to take over in the last week of the year.

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BRIAN LARA FAN CLUB: Were they still smiling at the end when the hero had their hearts broken? — Star photo

30 injured as AL factions clash in Sunamganj

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 1: Thirty people were injured, five of them critically, in a clash between two rival groups of Awami League at Beral thana headquarters under Sunamganj district today.

Of the critically injured, one was admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital while four others were admitted to Deral Thana Health Complex.

Both the groups blasted crackers and traded gunshots during an hour-long clash. Later police brought the situation under control.

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A view from gully

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to bat on another usual slow track. Cronje followed the game plan right from the first delivery bowled by off-spinner Pat Symcox. He bowled exceptionally well to his field, so did all the bowlers except Crookes. The field placing was so meticulous that both Clayton Lambert and Phillo Wallace found it difficult to penetrate. Wallace presented another scintillating innings to the capacity crowd, the fourth century of the tournament. Shivnarine Chanderpaul found the going too tough and Lara made his intention very clear as he missed a big hit off the first ball he faced but did not last long as Crookes bowled him round his legs to end his misery. Carl Hooper tried to keep the innings together but Jacques Kallis, the wonderful

Consumers storm warehouses, shops for onion in India

LUCKNOW, Nov 1: Thousands of angry consumers stormed warehouses and shops across northern India over the weekend in search of hoarded onions, salt and potatoes as the prices of those foods skyrocketed, reports AP.

A shortage of onions resulting in a jump in prices from eight rupees a kilogram to as high as 100 rupees in some towns has been blamed on poor crops and hoarding by unscrupulous wholesalers. In response to the unrest Saturday night and Sunday in five Uttar Pradesh towns, the state's food commissioner shifted most of the blame to hoarders.

"There is no shortage of salt, onions, potatoes or any other commodity or vegetable in the state," commissioner Kush Verma said. "Unscrupulous traders are hoarding some commodities, thereby creating an artificial shortage and hiking up the prices. Stern action is being taken against them and the situation is expected to normalise over the next two to three days."

The state government ordered raids on several warehouses Saturday night, and trading licenses were withdrawn from owners accused of hoarding, according to an official statement. The statement added that some merchants were charged in court with spreading false rumours of a salt shortage.

Prices of other foods have risen, but not as much as those of the onions so important to so many Indian dishes, particu-

Wills Cup Trophy

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matches, leaving the South African's enough option to plan their chase.

The Caribbean batting, apart from a few flashes of brilliance, did not live up to the standard they had set in this tournament.

Brian Lara did not set the final alight as expected, his Dhaka campaign ended in a most ignominious way when the super bat was bowled round his legs by left-arm spinner Derek Crookes after scoring only 11.

Wallace however stood out as the watchman for the team as well as the most entertaining batsman in the tournament.

The big man from Barbados scored his maiden one-day international hundred, a terrific 103 off 102 balls embellished with five towering sixes and eleven savage hits across the ropes.

Vice-captain Carl Hooper finally came good with a polished

49 off 56 balls, but there was no one around to take the Caribbean to a formidable total after Wallace had set the pace.

West Indies lost their last four wickets for only 32 runs in the last nine overs, thanks to the inspired spell from Kallis, who backed by some excellent fielding ripped through the fragile West Indies lower-order.

For the crowd, it was more than a mere cricket competition.

It will take a while for the knowledgeable Bangladesh audience to forget a sensational Jhonty Rhodes, who has made fielding a form of art, an electrifying Keith Arthurton, a class-act Sachin Tendulkar, the Chris Harris cameo in the nail-biting opening match or the exhilarating experience of the West Indies fast men bowling in tandem and off-course the South African victory lap at the end of a nine-day celebration of cricket, unprecedented in the history of Bangladesh.

A view from gully

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allrounder, was at his best with the ball taking five wickets.

The South Africans proved once again that they are, perhaps, the best one-day side at this moment. Without five of the big names in world cricket, Cronje's men proved beyond doubt that it did not take genius to win matches. He assured that they would like to come back to play cricket here.

Many many congratulations to South Africa and better luck to all the other teams that played here and were the source of joy for us.

Tailpiece: There was a small matter of printer's devil in this column yesterday. West Indies scored 140 against India in the 1983 World Cup final. The additional three runs to the total was the work of the 'devil' for which we apologise.

Procurement

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According to procurement rule a farmer is allowed to sell minimum one bag containing 70 kilogram and maximum five tonnes of paddy at the government godown.

Division-wise Aman procurement targets are: sixty thousand tonnes of paddy and 1,51,500 tonnes of rice from Rajshahi, 9000 tonnes of paddy and 25,000 tonnes of rice from Dhaka, 4500 tonnes of paddy and 18,000 tonnes of rice from Khulna, 1000 tonnes of paddy and 5000 thousand tonnes of rice from Chittagong and 5000 tonnes of paddy and 500 tonnes of rice from Barisal.

Curtain falls

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ral disasters of the century just days before the gala event started on October 24.

Besides, in addition to the prolonged flooding, rain gods also threatened to spoil the show, much to the anxiety of the hosts, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

It took even an ominous turn when the opposition political parties called for back-to-back hartals ahead of the tournament.

But politics took a back seat once the Wills carnival got underway. And in the end, the Dhaka showpiece became a sold-out tournament and the unprecedented enthusiasm and response of the spectators magnified the success of it.

All the visitors, experts and cricketers did not hesitate to extend kudos to the Bangladesh crowd, which they considered as the main criterion for flourishing the game in a country aspiring for Test status.

"Bangladesh people are well known for their hospitality. The BCB and the people here once again proved it," said Jagmohan Dalmyia, the president of ICC, to the newsmen.

"The successful holding of the event will bring many a good for Bangladesh cricket in future," the cricket chief said.

WorldTel commentary team comprising the greats like Geoff Boycott, Michael Holding, Tony Greig, Ravi Shastri, Barry Richards and Martin Crowe were also in full for the appreciative and very knowledgeable cricket fans of Bangladesh.

ICC chief executive David Richards was probably the happiest of the lot. "Don't talk about other things. Let's talk about success. It's outstanding, I mean, an outstanding tournament."

BNP forms body to observe Nov 7

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has formed a 117-member committee to observe the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7. Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain, MP and Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP have been made the convener and member-secretary respectively of the committee, said a press release last night.

The committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting at 7 pm today at the Minto Road official residence of Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.

Meanwhile, BNP has decided to hold a public meeting at Paltan Maidan in the city at 3 pm on Saturday in observance of the day.

Extortionists

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ists, led by one Ledu, went to Karim's garage and demanded Tk 10 thousand from him.

When Karim refused, they dragged him atop a seven-story building nearby at gun point. They took away Tk 4000 from him, cut tendons of his legs, shot in the left leg and stabbed in different parts of his body.

Telgaon police, however, said they were not aware of the incident till filing of this report last night.

New deadline

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there are more than 400,000 migrant workers in Malaysia. Some are working without work permits, for which they could be arrested, fined and deported.

During Asia's boom years, Malaysia imported millions of foreign workers to build its modern cityscape. Now, with rising unemployment and a plunging economy, the welcome mat has been withdrawn.

Post-flood rehabilitation Stern action for any lapses, warns PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said stern action will be taken if any lapse is found in the post-flood rehabilitation, reports UNB.

"None will be spared of action if the needy people do not get the help and assistance arranged for them," she said while reviewing the post-flood activities of Relief and Disaster Management Ministry at the Secretariat.

The Prime Minister directed the officials to strictly monitor the post-flood rehabilitation programme and asked them to make sure that relief and rehabilitation materials reach the real and needy flood-victims.

She thanked the officials for their sincere and dedicated service to the flood-victims and extra efforts in facing the devastating flood.

Hasina said the government has taken up VFG card, test relief, food for work and other programmes to rehabilitate the flood-hit people.

At the same time the government has undertaken programmes for the self-reliance of the people, she said asking the officials to closely monitor the programmes.

Hasina said the government has taken Asrayan and Adarsha Gram projects to provide shelters to the homeless people and suggested income-generating activities centring these projects be initiated.

She stressed the need for having at least one pond in the arsenic-affected areas so that the people can take pond water after purification. Hasina suggested proper maintenance of ponds in rural areas, planting trees and cultivating vegetables around the ponds.

She asked the local public representatives to properly monitor this type of activities.

The Prime Minister suggested for formulation of three types of plan — one for flood-prone areas, one for cyclone-prone and another for normal areas — for construction of new establishments.

The meeting was informed that 64,000 metric tons of foodgrains, including rice and wheat, have been distributed so far among the flood victims against 40 lakh VFG cards.

Out of the total amount of Tk 25.20 crore under the house reconstruction programme in the flood-affected areas, the government has already distributed Tk 19.41 crore.

Country goes without loadshedding

The country's power system yesterday generated the highest 2,332 megawatt of electricity against a total demand of 2,330 megawatt.

The generation is the highest since Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) started generating power in the country after independence.

There was no loadshedding anywhere in the country yesterday, said Syed Jagul Kamal, PDB's Director of Public Relations. All major power stations were in operation, he told UNB last night.

The earlier record of highest generation of power in the country was 2,291 megawatt on October 22.

The PDB official said the highest generation is due to various reasons. Some 11 power plants across the country have been renovated and repaired during the current year. Besides, KPCL, a private company, added 110 megawatt of electricity in Khulna region since October 12 from its barge-mounted power plant.

Moreover, he said, major power plants at Ghorashal and Rajon were in operation which helped boost the generation of electricity.

Replying to a query, he said the power generation was less in the last few days due to shut down of some generators apprehending fault and for minor repairing work.

He hoped that the power situation will improve further by December when two new units with a total capacity of 320 megawatt will be set up at Ghorashal and Baghabari.

Landslide: 1000 feared dead in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nov 1: Up to 1,000 people are feared dead after part of a mountainside, weakened by rain, fell onto five hamlets in northwestern Nicaragua in the wake of Hurricane Mitch, reports AFP.

The landslide hit the municipality of Posoltega, some 140 kilometers north-west of Managua, Saturday.

Posoltega mayor Felicitas Zeledon said today: "We counted 58 corpses floating on the river, but we believe the death toll could reach 1,000."

Dear paans become dearer

By Nazmul Ashraf and Ehsanul Haque

Extensive damage caused by the recent deluge to thousands of paan boro (betel leaf gardens) in Munshiganj district, the biggest producer of paan in the country, is set to hit the local supply as well as export of the popular chewing leaf.

As an immediate effect of the huge loss, also suffered by some other districts, the price of betel leaf has nearly doubled, according to growers and traders.

Besides, Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) statistics show export earnings from the item has also fallen drastically--from Tk 57,79,000 in July to 1,78,000 in August this year.

Traders also warned of further price-hikes till the next harvest (between mid-September and October next year) from fresh plantings. They also suggested that export of betel leaf should be suspended to stabilise the local market.

"I now buy a bira (bunch of 80 pieces) of medium size paan for Tk 35-40, almost double the pre-flood price of Tk 18-20, but my profit margin has halved," said Mohammad Shahidullah, a retailer in Dhaka. He now sells a bira for around Tk 60 as against Tk 40 before the flood.

Market operators in Narayanganj said currently there is almost zero supply of betel leaf from Munshiganj, and they are somehow catering to the local need with fresh supplies from two unaffected districts--Khulna and Kushtia.

Of the leading betel leaf-producing districts, Munshiganj is the worst-hit where as many as 2196 growers have lost their gardens in the floodwater, according to the local branch of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, which is providing credits to the victims. However, the Bangladesh Betel Leaf Growers' Association put the number of affected growers at nearly 3,500.

"At least 85 per cent of some 4,000 growers owning nearly 5,000 boro in Sadar, Tongbari and Sirajdikhan

Peace Corps

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The Peace Corps volunteers have served more than 130 countries around the world since the programme began in 1961.

Over 150,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers since the programme was initiated by the then US President John F. Kennedy, said a press release.

About 6,500 volunteers are now serving under the programme in 84 countries.

A memorandum of understanding was signed in July last between Bangladesh and United States to facilitate the implementation of a previously existing agreement to provide for Peace Corps programmes in Bangladesh.

Onion

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shot up. The step proved useful. Reduction of duty this time will certainly help contain the price rise," the minister said.

Onion was being sold at between Tk 48 and Tk 60 in city markets yesterday.

Talking to this correspondent, retailers at kitchen markets at Mohammadpur and New Market yesterday said people started panic buying as price of onion shot up five days back. "The price has increased also because the item is now being smuggled to India following an abnormal price rise there," Abdul Quader, a retailer at the New Market said.

Haftuzzuddin, another retailer at Mohammadpur Town Hall market said supply of onion in the market sharply declined as there was no import of Indian onion due to price rise there.

Following the abnormal rise in price of onion, prices of garlic also shot up in the city markets. Garlic imported from India was being sold at Tk 48 to 50 instead of Tk 35 to 40 earlier while the local variety was selling at between Tk 56 to 60, retailers said yesterday.



Anisuzzaman dead

Chief Editor and Managing Director of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), M Anisuzzaman, died of cardiac arrest yesterday morning. He was 69, report agencies.

Family sources said Anisuzzaman was rushed to Suhrawardy Hospital from his Elephant Road residence when he complained of acute respiratory problem. The attending doctors at the hospital declared him dead.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters.

He was laid to rest at Mirpur Intellectuals Graveyard after his namaj-e-janaza at Baitul Mamur Mosque and National Press Club.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed profound shock at the sudden demise of Anisuzzaman.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Information Minister Prof Abu Sayeed visited his residence and expressed sympathy for the bereaved family members.

Born on December 10, 1929 in Dumoria of Khulna district, Anisuzzaman was appointed Chief Editor and Managing Director of BSS last year.

He started his career as assistant editor of the daily Ittehad. He also worked for Times of India, Pakistan Observer and Weekly Janata.

He was the Chief Editor of daily Azad during 1971-75 and worked as editorial advisor of daily Khabar before joining the BSS.

BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and General Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and DUJ Acting President Shuvo Rahman and General Secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan condoled the death of Anisuzzaman.

Malaysia

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flight. The three flights took ferry only some 600 passengers, thereby creating difficulties for the stranded Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia who would neither be able to manage air tickets nor be in a position to pay the huge fine, sources here said.

"Many of our people whose status have been rated as 'illegal' are not willful defaulters. Rather, they have become victims of cheating by their employers in that country," an official of the ministry said.

Some 130,000 illegal immigrants, of whom 104,000 were Indonesians, returned to their respective countries during the two-month amnesty period that ended on October 31, foreign news agency reports said. These returnees also included a few hundred Bangladeshis.