

Embezzlement of Tk 21.80 lakh Haj pilgrims file fraud case against three

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A fraud case was filed yesterday against three agents of a travel agency for embezzlement of Tk 21.80 lakh from 20 Haj pilgrims.

Alhaj Mojibur Rahman, one of the pilgrims, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka against Moulana Abdul Awal, Mohammad Masum Rana and Mohammad Ismail of Highlinks Travel International.

Magistrate Emdadul Haque took the case into cognizance and directed the officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station to take it

as a regular case.

In his complaint, Mojibur Rahman said that he along with 39 other pilgrims paid Tk 43,60,000 to the agents for their pilgrimage on December 8 last year.

Awal took the money and handed over it to two other accused to make arrangements, he said.

The agency booked a flight on January 20 for all the pilgrims, but only 20 of them got the seats on the flight although all 40 pilgrims arrived at the airport on schedule.

The three accused went into hiding since then.

Liberation War Museum to launch human rights programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Liberation War Museum will launch a programme to help create awareness about peace and human rights among the school children through its mobile museum.

"The aim of the programme is to create a sense of respect for human rights among the children so that they could inculcate those values in them," said Mdofidul Haque, one of the founder trustees of the museum, at a meeting at its auditorium in the city yesterday.

He said the mobile museum is expected to visit around 100 schools across the country a year.

Earlier, Ruth Abram, head of the Lower East Site Tenement Museum of New York and International Coalition of Historic

Site Museums and Conscience, talked about the objective of the formation of the coalition of museums.

Ruth said the museum coalition would expand its activities through incorporating more museums in addition to the existing members.

The Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh is one of the founder members of the International Coalition of Historic Site Museums and Conscience based in New York.

The other members of the coalition are Slave-trade Museum in Senegal, Anti-oppression Museum in Argentina, Martin Luther King Museum and Women Rights Museum in the USA, Gulag Museum in Russia and the Apartheid Museum in South Africa.



Cabinet members received Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on her arrival at Zia International Airport on Monday after a four-day visit to Indonesia and Brunei.

LGRD ministry asked to set up offices for MPs in their areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar yesterday asked the LGRD and Cooperatives minister to set up offices for the lawmakers in their respective constituencies.

Responding to some lawmakers' plea for having offices in their respective constituencies, the Speaker said it is a matter of deep regret that the MPs did not have any office whereas the union parishad chairmen have got their offices.

The LGRD minister said construction of offices for MPs will depend on the availability of necessary fund.

In response to a query of an opposition lawmaker, he informed the House that the issue of reviving the upazila system is still under active consideration of the government.

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Student beaten up DU students damage shops on footpath

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of students of Dhaka University damaged at least 15 shops on the footpath at Nilkhet on Monday night after the shop owners beat and injured a fellow student.

With serious head injuries, Faisal, a student of Salimullah Hall, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Dhanmondi Police arrested three shop owners from the area on charge of beating the DU student. They are Mohammad Rubel, Abdus Salam and Mohammad Momin.

Sources said Faisal bought a CD (compact disk) from a shop on footpath at the eastern part of Nilkhet but later found the CD does

not work.

He came back to the shop and requested its owner to replace it. But the shop owner refused to comply, leading to an altercation. He also beat up Faisal.

Angered by the incident, a group of about 40 students of SM Hall and Jahurul Haque Hall went to Nilkhet and damaged all the shops on the footpath. They also damaged three stationery shops in the area.

Additional police were deployed to avoid further untoward incidents.

Some shop owners claimed the students took away valuables from the shops during the melee.

Students said the footpath shop owners often misbehave with the students.

CSAF receives Tk one lakh

The Cleft & Social Aide Foundation (CSAF) received Tk one lakh from the organising committee of Down Under Glitter Party-2003 recently.

It is estimated that around 4000 babies are born with cleft lip and palate every year in the country.

The contribution will support the activity of the CSAF and ensure more plastic surgeries to the poor cleft-lip patients.

Since its inception in June 2003, the CSAF has successfully operated 85 poor cleft-lip patients, espe-

cially children, free of cost.

On behalf of Down Under Glitter Party-2003, Beverly Aves and Maulee Rae handed over the cheque to CSAF General Secretary AKM Zakir Hossain and other executive members Anita Bell, Dr Rashedul Islam and AH Sufyani.

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