

Partha in jail 7 days after HC bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saibal Saha Partha is yet to get release from the jail seven days after the High Court (HC) granted bail in two cases filed against him.

The HC on March 15 granted interim bail in two cases filed against Partha, 201 days after his arrest. But the bail order reached the Additional District Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday.

A human rights activist and lawyer told The Daily Star he apprehend that the authorities concerned are trying to delay release of Partha in the name of some official procedures.

The bail bond of Partha, arrested
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TONGI POWER PLANT

Record gas output fails to put it at full throttle

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The country's gas production yesterday reached an all time high of 1,450 million cubic feet a day (mmcfcd) but the new 110-megawatt (mw) gas turbine Tongi power plant cannot go into full operation due to erratic gas pressure and unwanted particles in gas.

Sources said this Chinese-built plant started test operation from on March 7 and went for non-stop

generation for seven days from March 14, supplying up to 110mw. But it had to suspend operation only after 28 hours due to excessive presence of magnetic particles in gas. Since then the plant could not go for full operation.

An official of Harbin, the Chinese builder, said the plant is ready for full operation but it is now producing between 10mw and 40mw power.

Built to function as Power Development Board's (PDB's)

'peaking' plant, it cannot properly supply power to the grid also due to low voltage in the 132kv line of Tongi area.

Under the agreement with Harbin, the plant wants the lowest voltage to be 119kv. But the voltage is only 04-107kv, which is not enough for starting the Gas Booster Compressor and for synchronisation of the generator. Only after

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CAMEL JOCKEY

UAE stops visas to couples with male children

UNB, Dhaka

The government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has decided not to issue entry visas or entry permits to couples from several countries, including Bangladesh, trying to enter the UAE accompanied by male children of a suspicious nature to stop employment of camel jockeys there.

The decision will come into effect on March 31. Earlier, the UAE government prohibited underage boys to be used as camel jockeys.

The countries from which camel jockeys are predominantly

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PHOTO: STAR

Trucks illegally parked at the city's Naya Bazar to English Road typically occupy more than half of the road yesterday throttling the traffic, without any remedial measure coming from the authorities concerned.

CTG ARMS HAUL

Suppl chargesheet accepted

Hearing April 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court here yesterday accepted the supplementary chargesheet in the sensational Chittagong arms haul case and fixed April 10 for hearing on charge-framing.

The court ordered producing Md Yeakub Ali, one of the five prime accused, before it on that date.

The Court of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Anwar Hossain also ordered issuing warrants of arrest and attachment of property of the 17 absconding

accused in the case.

It ordered producing before it two 'non-sent up' (names dropped from chargesheet) persons -- Abul Hossain and Shafiqur Rahman -- raising the number of accused to 45 from 43.

Twenty-five of the accused, including the 14 on bail, were present in the court yesterday.

The 11 accused not on bail also prayed for bail but the court rejected their prayers and sent them to jail.

Yeakub had allegedly supplied

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BSF kills two on no-man's land

BDNEWS, Chuadanga

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire at Baradi border in Damurhuda upazila in the district Monday night killing two people—one Bangladeshi and another Indian.

The victims were identified as

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Prayer Timing		
March 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-55	5-30
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-16	6-20
Esha	7-45	8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation		

ILLEGAL MANPOWER BUSINESS

JS body for stern move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday asked the home and civil aviation ministries to take stern action against the unscrupulous travel agents and the officials concerned who are involved in sending Bangladeshi people abroad illegally.

The parliamentary standing

committee on the Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment accused a section of officials of various agencies under the two ministries of helping the travel agents in their illegal activities.

The committee members observed that Bangladesh is losing manpower market due to such

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Galib's bail plea in robbery case rejected

BDNEWS, Gopalganj

A Gopalganj court yesterday rejected the bail petition of Bangladesh Ahle Hadith Andolan chief Asadullah Al Galib.

Some 10 associates of Galib were produced before the court for hearing on charge of committing dacoity

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POLLUTION, INDIAN DAMS

80 rivers in death bed throe: Hafiz

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Minister for Water Resources Hafiz Uddin Ahmad Bir Bikram yesterday said more than 80 rivers and innumerable water bodies of Bangladesh have already dried up

due to pollution and India's decision to construct more dams.

"The present condition of the rivers of Bangladesh are worse compared to other Asian countries," Hafiz Uddin said. He added major

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