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'Oust failed govt to get rid of sufferings'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Adarsha Mullayon and Gobeshona Sangsad formed a human chain in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday protesting price-hike of essentials and series bomb attacks and demanding reforms of the caretaker government and Election Commission.

Sangsad President Dr Wazed Miah, who is also the husband of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina, participated in an hour-long human chain from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.

AL central leaders including Obaidul Quader, Prof Abu Sayeed, Rashed Mosharraf, Prof A K Azad Chowdhury and Haji Selim also took part in the human chain.

Obaidul Quader said this government has made the people's life miserable by failing to control the price of essentials.

Without removing the 'failed' government the people will not get rid of their current sufferings, he added.

Obaidul Quader termed the alliance government as the most corrupt one in the history of the country.

Pichchi Kamal handed over to police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The businessmen of old Dhaka are panicked as the arrested top terror Hazi Kamal alias Pichchi Kamal was handed over to police on Sunday evening.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Hazi Kamal, also Jubo Dal general secretary of Ward No-66,

from his residence at Rajani Bose Lane at Lalbag in the city in the morning.

The traders brought out a procession hailing his arrest.

They said they are now passing their days in panic as a strong lobby has been going on for his bail.

If he gets bail he and his accom-

plices would take revenge on the traders for bringing out the procession, they added.

Kamrul Islam, sub-inspector of Rab, filed a case against Hazi Kamal with Lalbag police.

Lalbag police produced him before the court seeking 10 days' remand in arms and robbery cases.

Rab man jailed for bribery

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) member to five years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) for attempting to take Tk 1 lakh in bribe from a businessman at Gopibagh in the capital on March 8.

Metropolitan Magistrate MA Salam of the Speedy Trial Court-3 handed down the sentence in presence of the convict Sub-Inspector (SI) Hafizur Rahman of Rab-3.

The court also fined him Tk 10,000, in default he has to suffer RI for six months more.

Soon after the verdict, Hafiz was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail under tight security. He tried to hide himself when photojournalists were taking picture of him.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 15 prosecution witnesses.

According to the prosecution, the intelligence wing of the Rab arrested SI Hafiz at Gopibagh in the city while receiving Tk 1 lakh in bribe on March 8 this year.

It is alleged that a 10-member Rab-3 team arrested Nasir Uddin, owner of the Bhai Bhai Rice Store in Gopibagh, at his house in Swamibagh in the city on the night of February 23 and took him to the Rab-3 office.

SI Hafiz of the team beat up Nasir severely with two cane sticks until he

became unconscious. "One Shahadat Ullah Tipu urged me to collect the money you owe him," the SI said to him adding, "people are brought here to kill."

Later, Hafiz released Nasir and asked him to bring Tk 1 lakh at his rice store at Gopibagh Rail Crossing on March 8.

Nasir then informed the intelligence wing of the Rab about the incident. According to a plan, he went to his store on that day with the money in two bundles of Tk 50,000 each along with the intelligence men. The Rab intelligence nabbed SI Hafiz while he was taking the money from Nasir.

The same day Nasir filed a case against the SI with Demra Police Station under Speedy Trial (Law and Order Disruption) Act.

Investigation Officer (IO) Jahangir Hossain pressed charge against the SI on March 15, showing 20 people as prosecution witnesses.

In another case, Metropolitan Magistrate Mir Ali Reza of the Speedy Trial Court-6 acquitted a constable of the charge of extortion.

The court acquitted Mohammad Shajahan of Rajarbagh Police Lines as the charge brought against him was not proved.

The constable was arrested for his alleged attempt to extort money from a businessman at Bangabandhu National Stadium on August 22.