



Relief materials found at Falu's factory site

Case filed against the former BNP lawmaker in jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army-led joint forces seized government relief materials from a business establishment of former BNP lawmaker and businessman Mosaddak Ali Falu in Savar yesterday.

The forces demolished five houses constructed with corrugated iron (CI) sheets, which are actually government relief materials, on the factory premises.

The 40 by 50 feet houses were built for accommodation of the workers of Dhaka Shanghai Ceramics Factory at Gohalbari in Savar.

Seven hundred pieces of CI sheets worth around Tk 4 lakh bear inscriptions, 'Relief materials of Relief and Rehabilitation Department: Not for sale'.

Police filed a case with Ashulia police station accusing already detained Mosaddak Ali Falu of embezzling government property.

Several other officials of the factory were also accused in the case but their names were not mentioned.

However, the joint forces could not arrest anyone during the drive.

Falu, the owner of two private satellite TV channels ntv and Rtv-- and of a newspaper Amar Desh, is now in jail on a 30-day detention. He was charged with anti-state activities, obstruction of public safety, and illegal hoarding.

Sub-Inspector of Ashulia Police Station Ismail Hossain told journalists that one of the houses was built completely with the CI sheets for relief and the most of the por-

tions of the rest of them were also built with the same government relief material.

A very few of the sheets were bought from the market which were mixed with the sheets marked for government relief.

Tipped off, the joint forces cordoned off the houses at 11:00pm on Friday and started their operation yesterday morning.

army and police sources said.

The government bought the CI sheets for rehabilitation of the poor and distressed through government assistance during the BNP-Jamaat alliance government's rule. PHP Arabian Horse Limited manufactured the sheets.

The management of Dhaka Shanghai Ceramics Factory Limited used to pay Falu, also the

political secretary to the immediate past prime minister, Tk 50,000 a month for arranging accommodations for the workers, sources said.

The workers however said the company did not charge them any rent.

As it was a weekly holiday, the factory was closed yesterday and no company official was there. The

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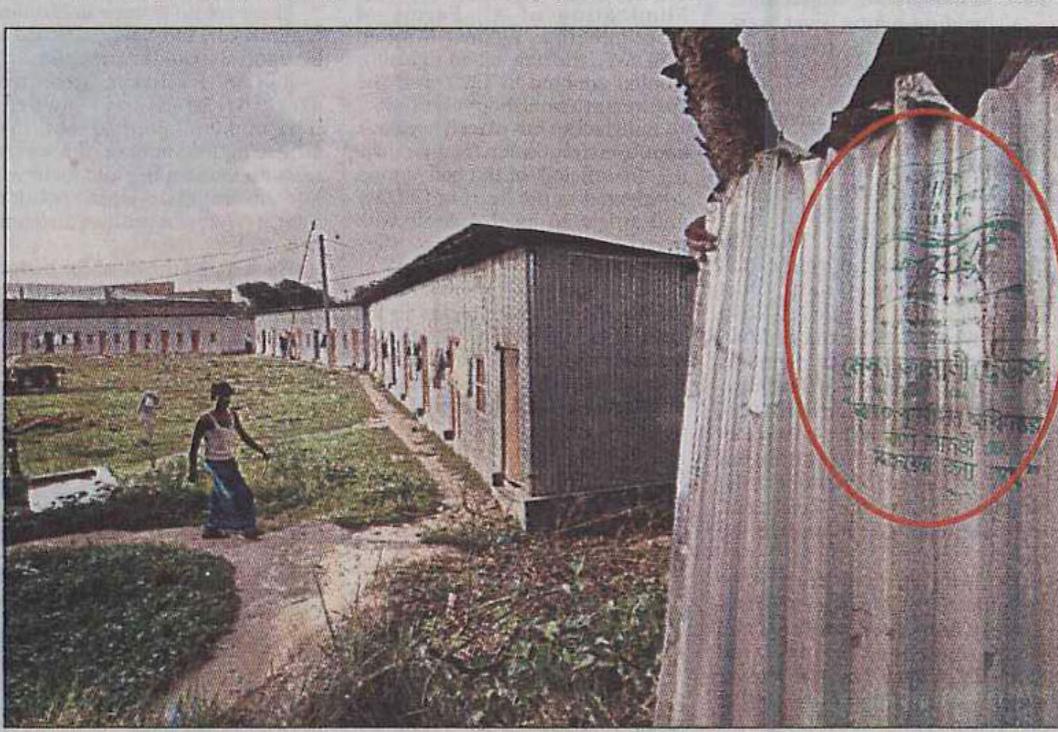


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Joint forces seized 700 corrugated iron sheets marked "Relief materials of Relief and Rehabilitation Department: Not for sale" which were used for building structures at factory site of former BNP lawmaker Mosaddak Ali Falu in Savar.

Pintu the fortune maker

His income shoots up by 104 times in 5 years, land property by 134 times

RASHIDUL HASAN

The immediate past lawmaker from Dhaka-8, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, saw quite a rise in fortune in the last five years and three months with his income, land property and shares in different companies growing manifold.

According to the statements he submitted to the returning officer

(RO) in 2001 and in 2007, his annual income shot up 104 times from Tk 3 lakh to 3.13 crore while the land property expanded from 1.31 kathas to 176 kathas, which is 134 times.

During the time, Pintu's net worth [declared] soared to Tk 5.60 crore from 8 lakh in 2001, marking a staggering increase of Tk 5.52 crore. Five years back, he had no prop-

erty or security, bonds, or bank deposits excepting a little over one katha land. Now he has over Tk 4.8 crore in deposits and shares in six companies [declared].

Pintu, also a former president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, showed Tk 3,00,000 as his yearly income in 2001 and Tk 2,50,000 as yearly expenses. His annual income was shown Tk 3,13,98,710 in 2007 while his personal expenditure was shown to be Tk 2,20,000.

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REDUCED

Surprisingly, despite devaluation of currency and inflation he could still manage to reduce his annual expenditure. He showed Tk 2.50 lakh as his annual expenses in 2001 but he claimed it to be Tk 2.20 lakh in 2007. That leaves his monthly expenses to Tk 18,333. The amount could barely suffice for the family of Pintu who lives in a posh house and has a couple of cars including a Pajero.

COMPARISONS: BETWEEN 2001 AND 2007

In 2001, Pintu had declared a total wealth of Tk 8 lakh including a land on 24/2 Moneswar Road in Hazaribagh. He did not declare any other properties in the statement submitted on September 13 the same year.

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PINTU'S WEALTH 2001		
OTHER PERMANENT PROPERTIES EXCEPT HOUSEHOLDS		
Amount of Land	Location	Approx. Price
1.31 katha	24/2 Moneswar Road, Dhaka	Tk 6,00,000
Annual Income (approx.)		Annual Expenditure
Tk 3,00,000		Tk 2,50,000

PINTU'S WEALTH 2007		
OTHER PERMANENT PROPERTIES EXCEPT HOUSEHOLDS		
Amount of Land	Location	Approx. Price
2.11 katha	24/2 Moneswar Road, Dhaka	Tk 3,45,000
5 katha	Plot No-12, Road No-3/2A, Benai, Dhaka	Tk 50,00,000
13.65 katha	Lalbagh, Dhaka	Tk 32,28,100
2.74 katha	Hazaribagh, Dhaka	Tk 11,76,600
5.16 katha	Hazaribagh, Dhaka	Tk 22,22,000
21.31 katha	South Rangeemata, Savar	Tk 1,27,850
30.30 katha	Gohalbari, Savar	Tk 2,94,750
91.46 katha	Bulbari, Savar	Tk 19,92,450
5 katha	10/1 Industrial Pkt, Tejgaon	Tk 8,39,500

OTHER PROPERTIES		
Details of Assets and Description	Amount	
Shares in BRTC	Tk 16,25,000	
Shares in Asia Travels Ltd	Tk 60,000	
Shares in Asia Petrol Ltd	Tk 60,000	
Shares in Nasir Recruit Agency Ltd	Tk 50,000	
Shares in Asia Purchasing Ltd	Tk 25,000	
Shares in Diamond Spinning Millaghat	Tk 4,00,00,000	
Shares in BN Television Ltd	Tk 80,00,000	
Deposits in banks	Tk 1,00,536	

LOANS		
Details of Loans and Description	Amount	
Forces, The City Bank Ltd	Tk 75,00,000	
As chairman or managing director of a small Bank	Tk 50,000	
BJ Bank	Tk 15,00,00,000	
Grant Bank	Tk 12,00,00,000	
City Bank Ltd	Tk 7,00,00,000	
Finance Leasing Co. Ltd	Tk 40,00,000	

Annual Income (approx.)		
Annual Expenditure		
Tk 3,13,88,710		Tk 2,20,000

Fakhrudin asks businessmen to check commodity price hike

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhrudin Ahmed yesterday urged the business leaders to play their part in keeping the prices of commodities under control.

He made the call when a 41-member delegation of the

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), led by its President Mir Nasir Hossain, paid a courtesy call on him at his office in the afternoon.

The apex body of country's business organisations formally proposed to the head of caretaker government to make Sunday weekly holiday instead of the two-day weekend and two-hour break

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More reshuffle in admin

UNB, Dhaka

As part of the ongoing reshuffle in the civil administration, the government yesterday transferred and made OSDs a number of high officials.

Textiles and Jute Secretary Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman

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Tigers clinch series

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh won their first one-day international series in Zimbabwe 3-1 with a thrilling one-wicket victory at the Harare Sports Club ground yesterday.

Chasing 245 to win, the Tigers had victory comfortably in sight after Aftab Ahmed and Mushfiqur

Rahim gave them a launching pad to finish off the match with a lot of batting remaining. But with the score at 242-7 and Bangladesh needing only three runs to win from five overs a comedy of errors saw the visitors slump to 242-9 with captain Habibul Bashar and Tapash Baisya both falling in close proximity.

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Acid victim dies after 22-day struggle for life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Victim of acid violence on the wedding night, Sabina succumbed to her injuries yesterday morning after struggling for 22 days at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) burn unit.

Talking to this correspondent only three days ago, Sabina had expressed optimism about her survival saying that a foreign expert had said so after examining her.

She, however, also deplored that she was not getting proper treatment and financial assistance.

When contacted, Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of DMCH Burn and Plastic

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CORRUPT POLITICAL LEADERS

20 govt groups busy gathering graft info

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Twenty different government teams are working in the capital to compile evidence of corruption and subversive activities of the arrested political leaders so that definite legal actions can be taken against them.

The government will soon

appoint

a new

chairman

and two

commissioners

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