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A mobile court led by Metropolitan Magistrate Rokon Ud-Doula fines Litu Cable Factory at Azimpur in the city yesterday Tk one lakh for selling cables of different brands that do not have BSTI approval.

CASE AGAINST FALU
Hearing on bail
petition Feb 26

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A Dhaka court yesterday fixed February 26 for hearing on the bail petition of detained former BNP lawmaker Mosaddak Ali Falu in connection with the case filed against him for misuse of government property.

Judge Mohamamd Rafiqul Islam of the District and Sessions Judge's Court set the date after Falu's lawyers filed a criminal appeal yesterday against the rejection order of the lower court on February 14.

First Class Magistrate Khadiza Nazneen had rejected the petition seeking bail filed by defence lawyers on behalf of the detainee.

The army-led joint forces seized government relief materials from the Savar site of a factory owned by Falu on February 9.

Following the seizure, Ashulia police filed the case against Falu and several other unnamed officials and employees of the factory.

Later on February 12, Falu was shown arrested in the case.

According to the prosecution, the joint forces came to know that Falu, owner and chairman of the Dhaka Shanghai Ceramics Factory, built 40 by 50 feet houses for accommodation of the workers.

The joint forces dismantled six such houses constructed on the factory premises with corrugated iron (CI) sheets. Six hundred and fifty pieces of CI sheets worth around Tk 4 lakh bear inscriptions, "Relief materials of Relief and Rehabilitation Department: Not for sale".

The BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government bought the CI sheets manufactured by PHP Arabian Horse Ltd for rehabilitation of the poor and distressed through government assistance.

Falu, also owner of private satellite television channels ntv and Rtv and the daily Amar Desh, is now in jail on a 30-day detention. He was charged with anti-state activities, obstructing public safety, and illegally erecting hoardings.

Memorial meet

A memorial meeting and classical music programme will be held at Isfendiar Zahed Hasan auditorium at Biswa Sahitya Kendra at 6:30pm on February 22 in memory of eminent journalist and music specialist Waheedul Haque, says a press release.

Eminent journalist and cultural personality Kamal Lohani will attend the meeting organised by Shuddha Sangeet Prosar Goshthi.