

ACC notices on ex-whip Zahed Ali, 11 other Sherpur BNP men

Ex-MP Rubel to get notice soon for statement of assets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) in Sherpur on Thursday issued notices on former BNP whip Zahed Ali, his two younger brothers and a nephew and eight other political leaders to submit their statements of assets by seven days.

The notices have already been sent to them, ACC sources said yesterday.

Earlier on March 12, ACC in Sherpur published a list of 15 'corruption suspects' in the district. The 12 served with notices are among the 15 people. Zahed Ali was elected from Sherpur-2 (Nokla-Nalitabari) constituency.

The 11 others are Zahed Ali's two younger brothers Nokla unit BNP leader and Char Austodhar Union Parishad (UP) chairman Mohammad Mahub Ali

Chowdhury alias Munir Chowdhury and local BNP leader Toton Chowdhury; his (Zahed Ali) nephew Rabbe Noor Chowdhury;

former chairman of Sherpur municipality and district BNP joint secretary Abdur Razzak Ashish; former joint convener of district BNP and BRDB chairman Fazlul Haque Badsha; Sherpur town BNP president Awal Chowdhury; Sherpur Red Crescent Society secretary Saiful Islam Swapan; Sherpur Sadar BNP president Fazlul Kader Lutu;

Charsherpur UP chairman in Sadar upazila Arif Hassan Ripon; Nokla Sadar UP chairman Refaz Uddin Refaz; former organising secretary of central Krishak League Bodiuazzaman Badsha and former municipal administrator and incumbent secretary of Sribordi upazila BNP Abdul Hakim.

Of them, Mohammad Mahub Ali Chowdhury alias Munir Chowdhury, Abdul Hakim and Arif Hassan Ripon are in Sherpur jail. ACC notices on them were sent through the jail authorities, ACC sources said.

ACC notices were sent to relatives of other political leaders including Zahed Ali Chowdhury as they are hiding since imposition of emergency.

ACC sources said notices will be sent to two more listed 'corruption suspects' -- Sherpur district BNP secretary and former lawmaker from Sherpur-3 (Sribordi-Jhinaigati) Mahmudul Haque Rubel and former president of Nokla upazila BNP Refaz Uddin Refaz. The two are in Dhaka Central Jail now.

ACC sources said there are

allegations of abuse of power, corruption, sheltering terrorists, land grabbing and tender manipulation against the political leaders.

When contacted over phone yesterday, Sherpur ACC deputy director Mahmud Hassan confirmed sending notices to the 12 political leaders.

"ACC will take legal steps if they fail to submit their wealth statements within seven days," the DD added.

Former whip Zahed Ali faces an extortion case filed with Nokla police station and former lawmaker Mahmudul Haque Rubel faces an extortion case filed with Sherpur Sadar thana and another case for misappropriation of relief goods, filed with Jhinaigati police station.



Inundated croplands in Patuakhali Sadar upazila following breach of Lohalia river embankment at Shoula village Wednesday night.

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TUESDAY'S TIDAL SURGE

50 shrimp farms, crops on 2000 acres damaged in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The tidal surge that swept the coast Wednesday night washed away shrimps from at least 50 farms and damaged crops on about 2,000 acres in 12 villages in Patuakhali Sadar and Baulal upazilas, according to official estimate available here yesterday.

The loss of shrimp farms is yet to be ascertained, Upazila Project Implementation Officer Shahidul Islam told this correspondent.

The tidal surge entered the villages as the Lohalia river dam constructed by Water Development Board collapsed at Shoula village in Sadar upazila Wednesday night during the tidal surge, officials said.

The affected villages are Shoula, Kakrabunia, Idrakpur, Pajakhali, Paldanga, Nazirpur, Kuripaika, Pratappur and Vailla in Sadar upazila and Bannikathi and Adabaria in Baulal upazila.

Crops like maize, grand nut, sweet potato on about 2,000 acres were totally damaged, Monir Rahman, chairman of Kamalpur Union Parishad in Sadar upazila told this correspondent.

The WDB constructed the sluice on Shoula canal at a cost of Tk 25 lakh in 2000, local people claimed that areas near the sluice gate have become more vulnerable as it was not carefully planned after survey.

Farmers Hanif, Motiur and Abdul Khaleq of the area said at least three sluice gates should be

constructed to control the pressure of water and protect the dam.

Our dwelling houses also went under tidal water, villagers told this correspondent during a visit yesterday.

No WDB official visit the affected area till yesterday, Kamalpur UP chairman said.

When contacted, the WDB Executive Engineer said Zahir Uddin Ahmed said, "We have submitted a proposal involving Tk 15 lakh to repair the sluice gate".

Work for repair of the breached embankment will start as soon as funds will be available, he said.



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The four members of Islamist outfit Hijbut Tawhid arrested from Shetpur village in Satkhira on Thursday.

4 Satkhira Hizbut Touhid militants sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The four alleged activists of Islamist militant outfit Hizbut Touhid including three women arrested on Thursday from Shetpur village in Kaligonj upazila were produced before court at Satkhira yesterday. The court sent them to jail.

Joint forces during a raid at a house in the village also recovered some jihadi books, 23 CDs, 33 cassettes, membership forms, leaflets, a huge quantity of mobile phone cards and dresses like that of army.

The arrestees are Mizanur Rahman Tutul, 32, his wife Reshma Parvin, 25 and his two sisters-in-law Rehana Parvin, 22 and Khadiza Parvin, all hailing from Shetpur village.

Reshma Parvin, Rehana and Khadiza Parvin are daughters of Abdul Bari of the same village.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, joint forces led by Maj Alamgir cordoned the house of Abdul Bari when his son-in-law Mizanur Rahman was holding a secret meeting.

The arrested militants told this

correspondent at Kaligonj thana hajat in presence of law enforcers that one Faroque Hossain, son of Sheikh Ansar Ali of the same village, is their district leader.

Women militant Reshma Parvin said they are not members of banned JMB.

They are trying to motivate people to follow Islam correctly and ardently, she said. But Reshma and others remained mum when asked by journalists why they are doing their activities secretly.

Kaligonj thana Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nur Islam said, "We are interrogating the militants separately to find out other militants".

On contact, Satkhira police superintendent said arrest of three women militants in the district proves that the militants are recruiting women in their organizations after the arrest and execution of JMB kingpins.

Law enforcers are conducting drives in different areas to nab Faroque and also find out dens of militants, he said.

12 SBMCH docs transferred at a time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Twelve senior doctors of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital (SBMCH) were transferred at a time on Thursday.

The doctors are Dr Jahirul Huq Manik and Dr Nazrul Islam of Surgery Department, Dr Sukriti Das of Neuro-surgery Department, Dr Abul Kasem of Urology Department, Dr GK Chakraborty of Gynecology Department, Dr Asit Baron Das of Gastro-anthology Department, Dr Rowshanara Begum of Gynecology Department, Dr Dewan Abdur Rashid of Endocrinology and Dr AK Moshtak of Pediatric Surgery Department and Khalilur Rahman of Skin and STD Department.

Golam Mahmud Selim of Medicine Department and Rajit Mallik of Surgery Department, two former principals of SBMC were also included in the transfer list, sources said.

Dr. Moniruzzaman, present director of SBMCH, claimed the transfer was a regular practice in government service. 'The vacant posts would be filled up as soon as possible', he said.

2 Wadud loyalists arrested

Ramgarh commissioner sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Joint forces on Thursday arrested two BNP cadres loyal to former lawmaker Wadud Bhuiyan for their alleged involvement in crimes in Khagrachhari.

They were identified as Mostafa Jamil Maruf, son of Abdur Rouf of Mollapara under Sadar upazila and Mohammad Mainul Islam of Panchhari Bazar under Panchhari upazila in the district.

Acting on a tip-off, joint forces raided the Mollapara area and arrested Mostafa Jamil Maruf. He was an armed cadre of former BNP lawmaker Wadud Bhuiyan. He was also accused in more than five cases, police said.

In another drive, Panchhari thana

police arrested BNP activist Mainul Islam. He was accused in 3 cases in Panchhari thana, police said.

Sources said, they were involved in anti-social activities in the region.

Meanwhile, Ramgarh municipality commissioner Mohammad Rahim Ullah, 45, was sent to jail yesterday.

Joint forces arrested him on Thursday from his residence at Ramgarh upazila in Khagrachhari for his alleged involvement in criminal activities, sources said.

Rahim Ullah was Ramgarh upazila BNP leader and also a close aide of arrested municipality chairman Belayet Bhuiyan, sources said.

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