

MOMIN MURDER
Father files naraji petition against CID charge sheet

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Father of the slain Kamrul Islam Momin yesterday filed a naraji (no-confidence) petition against the charge sheet submitted earlier dropping name of suspended Officer-in-Charge (OC) AKM Rafiqul Islam of Motijheel Police Station.

Momin, 18, and student of Dhaka Commerce College, was killed by a gang of miscreants in front of his Kafrul residence when he was going to his college at about 9:15am on September 13, 2005.

Metropolitan Magistrate Towfiqul Alam fixed today for hearing on the naraji petition after Momin's father Abdur Razzak filed it for further investigation into the murder.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on May 13 pressed charges against seven people dropping the names of OC Rafiq and 17 others from the charge sheet in the Momin murder case.

In his petition, Razzak mentioned that he had a feud over land with the prime accused Rafiqul Islam and as per his direction, his (Rafiq) hooligans killed Momin. But the investigation officer (IO) submitted the charge sheet dropping Rafiq's name. So, he prayed for further investigation into the matter by another agency, Razzak added.

CID ASP Kazi Abdus Sabur, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka showing 24 people as prosecution witnesses.

The chargesheeted accused are Hasbul Haq Jony, Tareq alias Zia, Babu alias 'Thotkata' Babu, Shakawat Hossain Jewel, Zafar, Monir Howlader and Habibur Rahman. Of them, Monir and Habib are still at large while the rest are now in jail.

Names of OC Rafiq and 17 others were dropped from the charge sheet as their involvement with the murder was not found during the investigation of the case, the IO said. Moreover, Jony had given a confessional statement saying that he along with six others was involved with the killing, he added.

Momin's father Abdur Razzak filed a murder case with Kafrul Police Station accusing OC Rafiq and 25 others on September 13 in 2005.

OC Rafiq was sent to jail on October 16, 2005 as he surrendered to a Dhaka court seeking ad interim bail in connection with the killing. Since then, OC Rafiq has been in jail custody.



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This road near Gulshan-Badda Link Road in the city remains waterlogged with sewerage water but the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye to the problem. The picture was taken yesterday.

Legal process against corrupts to continue

Says ACC chairman

UNB, Dhaka

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday said legal process against the known and suspected corrupts would continue until actions are taken against them.

"This is a continuous process... This will continue. The process will continue until actions are taken against all of those (corrupts) who we knew and are suspected," he told reporters when his attention was drawn to a press report that the Commission would inquire the alleged malpractice by some 390 corrupt suspects.

"I would not be surprised (by the figure)... It (the figure) does not seem to be big," the ACC Chairman added.

Asked when the anti-graft body would start taking actions against

the said corrupt suspects, he did not provide any specific date.

About the day's meeting, he said the Commission approved submitting supplementary charge sheet against Awami League leader and former state minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, one of

the listed corrupt suspects already in jail.

Following the filing of a first information report on March 6 for concealment of information in his wealth statement, the ACC submitted charge sheet against the former state minister on April 29. In the FIR it was alleged that Alamgir concealed information of six fixed deposit worth Tk 1.17 crore.

The ACC chairman will visit three districts - Gazipur, Tangail and Mymensingh today as part of his countrywide anti-corruption campaign.

According to the sources, it was

later found that Alamgir also concealed information of wealth worth Tk 2.13 crore in his wealth statement sought by the Commission in late February.

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Couple kills man with hammer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A couple killed a man with hammer at Tejgaon in the city on Friday night.

Police arrested the couple -- Golap Miah and his wife Rokeya Begum.

Police quoted the couple as saying that Omar Faruque, a colleague of Golap, who is an employee of HRC group, went to their residence at Tejkuni Para at 8:00pm and finding Rokeya alone in the house, attempted to rape her.

Golap reached home during the tussle between Omar and Rokeya. The couple then tied Omar's legs and hands with rope and started hitting him with a hammer. Hearing screams of Omar, neighbours rushed to the house and rescued him.

Keeping the couple confined to the house, locals informed police and rushed Omar to Al-Raji Hospital at Farmgate where he died at 11:55pm.

Omar, who earlier lived in the house as a sub-let tenant with the couple, left the house about four months ago.

'Call to write oral history of liberation war'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muzaffer Ahmad yesterday urged all to launch a coordinated move to write oral history of the liberation war across the country to preserve the untold truth of unsung heroes and preserve them," he said.

He was speaking at a discussion on "Role of Women in the War of Liberation" organised by Gaurab Mukti Juddha Sangathan, a non-government organisation, at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra in the city.

Prof Ahmad, also chairman, Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB), said initiatives should be taken in every village all over the country for writing the struggle of women during the war through oral method.

"Our mothers and sisters had a great contribution in the war directly or by assisting the freedom fighters and providing them psychological supports, but there seems no initiative to write the history of their contribution and preserve them," he said.

"There are people in every village who can describe what happened in their village during the war and we should approach them and thus the role of women in the war would come to light and be preserved."

Presided over by Sangathan Convener Bhaskor Rasha, the discussion was addressed by Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, poet Samudra Gupta, the daily Manabjatin Managing Editor KM Babar Ashraful Haque and Bir Sreshtha Flight Lt Matiur Rahman's widow Mili

Rahman.

Prof Siddique said the process of liberation war is still continuing, as the goals of the war are yet to be materialised. The history of the liberation has been forged in such a way that it turns out to be a comedy, he added.

"This way the role of women in the war was also lost from history. As we forgot to preserve our heroes' contributions and the spirit of the war, we got an independent country but we are yet to find freedom in the sectors of economy and culture."

Mili Rahman demanded that Biranganas (women who were repressed by Pakistani army during the liberation war) should also be addressed as freedom fighters.

Commodore Faruq made CPA chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commodore M Faruq of Bangladesh Navy was appointed chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) on deputation yesterday.

On the other hand, joint secretary Muhammad Abdul Halim of Rural Development and Cooperatives Department has been transferred to Bangladesh Handloom Board as a member and Mohammad Zahirul Haque, now officer on special duty at the establishment ministry, appointed a director of Bangladesh Inland Water Development Corporation (BIWTC), according to a handout.

Meanwhile, Moinuddin Khandoker, director of Bangladesh Land Port Authority, has been transferred to the establishment ministry as a joint secretary. A K M Fazlur Rahman, now officer on special duty (OSD), has been appointed joint secretary to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Monwara Begum, a director of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, has been transferred to the Economic Relations Division as a joint secretary, the handout added.