

ATTACK ON SHYAMNAGAR AHMADIYYAS IN 2005

Top Khatme Nabuat leaders among nine granted bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Salkhira

All the nine people including the Ameer of International Khatme Nabuat Movement, Bangladesh (IKNMB) Mahmudul Hasan Montazi and its Nayeb-e-Ameer Mufti Nur Hossain Nurani who were accused of attacking and ransacking an Ahmadiyya complex at Jyotindra Nagar in Shyamnagar upazila on April 17, 2005 were granted bail by a court here yesterday.

Earlier, the court summoned all the nine accused to appear before it yesterday to face trial. All the nine accused were at the dock during the hearing.

They surrendered before a

Magistrate court yesterday with prayers for bail. First Class Magistrate Wazihar Rahman granted them bail after a long hearing, court sources said.

The other religious bigots who were granted bail are Zindagir, Mostafa, Siddique, Rashedul, Mohabbat, Jahangir and Jalil Gazi.

Sheikh Alam of Ahmadiyya community in Jyotindra Nagar filed the case with a magistrate court on April 26 in 2005 accusing nine people including Montazi and Nurani for attacking and ransacking the Ahmadiyya mosque there and the community people on April 17, 2005.

The plaintiff alleged in the case

that on April 17, 2005, the IKNMB members from a procession attached people of Ahmadiyya community and looted several houses, injuring at least 50 people. The attackers also hung a signboard on the mosque asking Muslims not to go there to day prayers.

After judicial inquiry, the court framed charges against seven persons accused in the case but dropped IKNMB Amer Montazi and its Nayab-e-Ameer Nurani who led the procession and instigated the attack from the charge sheet.

The plaintiff Sheikh Alam submitted a 'naraji' petition against the court order. The court after a long hearing rejected the petition.

There after, the plaintiff submitted a revision petition before the District and Sessions Judge's court appealing against rejection of his 'naraji' petition by the magistrate court.

After a long hearing, the Judge court accepted the petition and brought charges against the two and ordered the magistrate to frame charges against them.

The cognizance court brought charges against the two and summoned all of them to appear before it yesterday. After hearing, the court granted them bail.

ACC taskforce probes Omar's assets in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A taskforce of Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday started investigation into assets and land property of former state minister and BNP leader Barrister Shahjahan Omar Bir Uttam. Omar was elected from Jhalakati-2 constituency in the last election.

The team after arriving Barisal yesterday morning visited Omar's house in the city at noon.

The palatial three-storied house owned by Shahjahan Omar in Rupatali area of the city. There is a plan to build a hospital in the name of Bir Uttam Hospital in one of the lands, sources said.

The team also inquired about bank accounts of Shahjahan Omar and left Barisal for Jhalakathi in the afternoon.



Anti Corruption Commission officials taking measurement of the house of former state minister for law Shahjahan Omar in Barisal yesterday.

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HANDOVER OF TAWHID TRUST BLDG TO GHALIB HC stays Rajshahi court order for three months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months a Rajshahi court order that asked an organisation named Tawhid Trust to hand over its 5-storied building at Kajla in the city to detained militant kingpin Prof. Asadullah Al Galib.

An HC Bench comprising Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Ashfakul Islam passed the rule, according to the defense lawyers' certified statement faxed to Rajshahi yesterday evening.

The HC passed the order as Tawhid Trust authorities apealed against the lower court order.

Lawyers Hasan Feroj Siddik and Fazle Rabbi appeared for the petitioners, sources here said.

The petitioners were Tawhid Trust Chairman Abdus Salam, secretary SM Mahmud Alam, assistant secretary Rezaul Karim.

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JCD cadre gets 21 yrs RI in arms case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court in Sylhet yesterday sentenced a JCD cadre to 21 years RI for possessing illegal firearms.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Ferdous Ahmed also fined Iftekhar Ahmed Dinar Tk 5,000, in default to suffer RI for one year more.

Fourteen years RI were given under Section 19 (KA) and seven years RI under 19 (CHA) of the Arms and Explosives Act. Both the sentences will run together.

Iftekhar Ahmed Dinar, former secretary of Sylhet district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was arrested on March 13 this year from near his house at the city's Shahjalal Uposhahar. Later, based on his confession, a locally made revolver and two bullets were recovered from a pond in the area.

Sub Inspector Abdul Hamid and Sub Inspector Humayun Kabir of Sylhet Kotwali police station framed charge against Dinar on April 2.

Court sources said 13 witnesses were examined during the trial.

Police said Dinar was wanted in a number of cases for his involvement in mugging, extortion and other crimes in the city.



Police rescued a two-and-a-half years old child (inset) from two teenaged traffickers Dulu and Rezaul at Islampur in Jamalpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Journo gets 3 yrs RI for extortion

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

The Speedy Trial Tribunal here yesterday gave editor and publisher of local vernacular daily Chandpur Zamin Rokonuzzaman Rokon three years' rigorous imprisonment for extortion.

Judge Abdul Matin also fined Rokon Tk 10,000, in default to suffer RI for two months more.

According to the prosecution story, on April 25 this year, Rokon demanded 50,000 bricks or Tk 2 lakh from Murad Patwary who owns a brick field at Bagadi in Chandpur Sadar upazila. Rokon also threatened that he would publish news item against him in the daily for non-compliance.

On a complaint lodged by Murad Patwary, joint force took him into custody and handed him over to Sadar police station. An extortion case was filed by Murad Patwary on April 25.

Eleven witnesses were examined during the trial, court sources said.

The punishment of a newsman is the first such incident in Chandpur, said elderly journalists.



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Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu was arrested in Rajshahi yesterday.

Kushtia journo threatened with death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Kushtia correspondent of the Daily Prothom Alo, Tariqul Haq Tariq, was threatened with death over cell phone on Tuesday for a news published in the daily on activities of a local Union Parishad (UP) chairman.

The journalist filed a General Dairy (GD) with Kushtia Sadar police station seeking security.

According to the GD, the daily on June 3 published a news headlined 'People of Barkhada union annoyed over oppression by Chairman Abdur Razzak'.

As the news was published, an unidentified caller introducing him as a close aide to the UP chairman threatened to kill the Prothom Alo correspondent saying, the threat will be executed when after come in the open after lifting of emergency.

When contacted, UP chairman Abdur Razzak denied making any threat to the journalist.

Police said they are investigating the matter and action will be taken after identifying the criminal.

One killed, over 100 hurt as villagers clash in Kushtia, Faridpur

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One person was killed and at least 110 people were injured, 35 of them seriously, as villagers clashed in Kushtia and Faridpur yesterday.

Ainul, 40, was killed in a clash between two groups at Mahiskundi village in Kushtia Sadar upazila. Fatally injured Ainul died at Kushtia General Hospital. At least 50 people were injured as rival groups clashed there with lethal weapons, police said.

The clash was sequel to rivalry between the two groups, one led by Samir Uddin and the other led by Rahman, over possession of a land.

Quoting villages, Faridpur Sadar police said, people loyal to Samir beat labourers engaged by Rahman group to harvest paddy from the disputed land at about 10am. Five labourers were injured.

Hearing this, men loyal to Rahman rushed to the spot and were locked in a

clash with the rival group.

Twenty of the critically injured were admitted to Kushtia General Hospital.

In Faridpur, at least 60 people were injured, 25 of them seriously, when two rival groups loyal to Delwar Chairman and Omar Daroga clashed at Vawal in Nagarkanda upazila.

According to police, the clash erupted at about 9 am when one Anwar of Vawal village resisted milkman Shobuz from selling milk at a local market. Protesting this, some people led by Shohid Mollah and Omar Daroga attacked Shobuz.

Twenty-five of the injured were taken to Nagarkada Upazila Health Complex and Faridpur Medical Collage Hospital. Of them, 15 were released after treatment.

On of the injured-Guzar Hossen, 60 was sent to Dhaka in a critical condition police said.

5 muggers held from near Jamuna Bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Police arrested five snatchers from Soydabad area on the western side of Jamuna Bridge in Sirajganj yesterday when they were fleeing after snatching Tk 58,000 from a cloth trader.

Police also recovered Tk 1.20 lakh, some gold ornaments and cell phones and seized a private car used by the muggers.

The arrestees are Abdul Kuddus, Anower Hossain, Khair Uddin, Siddique and Mozid Mian.

Police said the snatchers were moving in the area in a white private car. They snatched Tk 58000 from cloth trader Khadimul Islam of Subornosara village in Belkuchi upazila when he was waiting for a bus at Koddarmorh bus station to go Korotia in Tangail.

As Khademul shouted after being mugged, a team of traffic police led by Habilidad Asad sped there in a pickup van, chased the private car and intercepted it at Soydabad.



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Falu's abandoned car recovered in Barisal in March.

Car found in Barisal belonged to Falu

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The luxurious abandoned car recovered from beside the Barisal-Dhaka highway in March is owned by Mosaddek Ali Falu, detained former BNP lawmaker and political secretary to Begum Khaleda Zia, police said here yesterday.

Abul Kalam Azad, officer-in-charge of Uzirpur police station, said that informed by local people, police on March 8 recovered a luxurious Toyota Raum car worth Tk 40 lakh from beside the highway in abandoned condition without any number plate and documents. The car was locked.

Barisal Police sent messages to different offices of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) mentioning the car's chassis number and engine number.

On Monday (June 4), Sub-inspector Modhushudhan of Dhaka BRTA (southern zone) informed that the car was registered in the name of Mosaddek Ali Falu, son of Alhaj Abdul Mannan, of 797, South Shahjahanpur in Dhaka; telephone no. 8313707. The car's BRTA registration No. is Dhaka-metro-Ba-14-7222. Its chassis no. is EX-210-0028412 and engine no. is 5E-1105464.

We are now sure that the car belonged to Mosaddek Ali Falu, the OC said. "Now we will ask for information from BRTA about it purchase documents, taxation and licence", the OC said.

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