

## Charges pressed

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### FALU ON REMAND

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Falu, political secretary to former prime minister Khaleda Zia, on a five-day remand in a case filed in connection with misappropriating government relief materials. The case was filed with Ashulia Police Station.

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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.

According to the prosecution, the army-led joint forces on special duty came to know on January 9 that Falu, owner and chairman of the Dhaka Shanghai Ceramics Factory at Gohaili of Savar, built 40 feet by 50 feet houses for his workers.

The forces dismantled six such houses constructed on the factory premises with corrugated iron (CI) sheets, which are government relief materials.

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### CASE AGAINST AMAN

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed July 20 for hearing on charge framing against Aman and three others in a case filed under the Public Safety Act.

The three others are BNP law-

makers Nazim Uddin Alam, Alamgir Hossain and Joynal Abedin Faruque.

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Kamaluzzaman of the Public Safety Court issued arrest warrants against Nazim and Alamgir.

According to the prosecution, Aman and others exploded bombs in front of Anjuman Mufidul Islam office to create panic during hartal hours around 4:15pm on April 9, 2001.

### CASE AGAINST MUNSHI

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday sent the graft case filed against BNP lawmaker Manzurul Ahsan Munshi and three of his family members to a special court for trial.

The three family members are

Manzurul's wife Mazeda Ahsan

Munshi, two sons barrister Rizviul

Ahsan Munshi and Rizwanul Ahsan

Munshi.

The case was transferred to the Fifth Special Court--set up at Sher-e-

Bangla Nagar MP Hostel--for its quick disposal.

The case was filed on March 27

against them in connection with

submitting false wealth statements before the ACC.

On June 17, the ACC pressed

charges against them in connection with the case filed with Gulshan Police Station.

disposal.

Mohamad Obaidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, also the IO of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka on May 28 showing 10 people as prosecution witnesses.

The joint forces apprehended Moudud, also an influential BNP leader, on April 13 raiding his Gulshan home in the capital. The forces also seized various documents and 220 saris meant for government relief materials. The case was filed with Ashulia Police Station.

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Earlier, the IO of the case filed with

Tejgaon Police Station brought Falu

before the court of Metropolitan

Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokon

on completion of his four-day

remand.

The IO in his forwarding report

said Falu gave important information

about the seized government materials

from the office of a ward commis-

sioner of his constituency. So, he

needs to be confined to jail until the

investigation of the case completes.

After the hearing, Magistrate

Jagannath Das Khokon ordered him

to be sent to jail. Falu was placed on

seven days' remand in two phases in

connection with the same case

earlier.

On March 2, security personnel

had recovered 605 corrugated iron

(CI) sheets and 63 blankets meant for

government relief only at a ward

commissioner's office in Tejgaon in

the capital.

**CASE AGAINST MOUDUD**

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court

yesterday adjourned the hearing, for

the second time, of the case against

Moudud until June 28 following a time

petition by the defence lawyers.

The complainant of the case had

appeared before the court to record

his statement.

In the yesterday's petition,

Moudud's lawyers mentioned that

they had filed a petition with the

High Court (HC) seeking quashing

of the case and the matter is pending for

hearing.

**Nepal polls**

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after being forced to end a much-

criticised 14-month period of authori-

tarian rule last April.

Nepal's former rebel Maoists

ended their decade-long civil war

late last year and have been given

five ministerial portfolios in the new

government.

The fiercely anti-monarchy

Maoists want the interim govern-

ment to declare a republic before

the polls and parliament has autho-

rised such a step if the king attempts to interfere in politics ahead of the election.

Nepal's chief election official

hailed the announcement.

"We welcome this agree-

ment and now this political decision

should be backed up swiftly," election commissioner Bhojraj Pokharel told AFP.

The commission had recently

finished updating Nepal's electoral

register, and about 17.6 million of

the 27 million population were now

registered to vote, Pokharel said.

The government also needs to

improve peace and security in order

to create a stable environment for

the polls," Pokharel said.

**Thunderstorms**

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Torrential rain and gale-force winds

uprooted trees, power pylons and

huge steel billboards causing dam-

age to buildings and vehicles.

Sporadic incidents of rioting

were reported from different parts

of Karachi where people complained of a night-long power outage.

Work on restoring electricity

supply has started and municipal

workers are clearing storm-topped

trees, billboards and other debris

from the streets in the city on the

Arabian Sea coast, Kamal said.

Officials said the power supply

was restored to most parts of the city

Sunday.

The meteorological office has

forecast more rain this week.

A relief camp was set up to

provide food, medicine and shelter