

Falu's wife sued for tax evasion

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Masudur Rahman Masud, deputy tax commissioner of Tax Circle of NBR, filed the case.

In his order, the judge said the arrest warrant was issued against Mahbuba as the charges brought against her under sections 165/166 of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 were found to be true.

The court fixed July 11 for return of the arrest warrant against the accused after implementing it.

In his complaint, Masud mentioned that Mahbuba had evaded a total of Tk 1,58,05,733 in income tax during fiscal years 2001 to 2006.

Mahbuba repeatedly gave false information to the income tax department about her real income and expenditure and did not show her income tax return. She also concealed information about her real income, the complainant said.

Moreover, Mahbuba did not submit statements about her salary received from the ntv, even though

she had withdrawn Tk 9,60,000 from the ntv. After a long investigation, the Central Intelligence Cell found out the information about her taking salary from the ntv, Masud added.

TUKU'S CASE FOR FILING FALSE WEALTH STATEMENT

The hearing on charge framing of a graft case will be held on July 10 against Tuku, his wife, son and daughter for submitting false wealth statements to the ACC within the stipulated time frame.

During the yesterday's hearing, Tuku and three others were brought to the court following an order from the court.

The same court on Tuesday sent Tuku's wife Romana Mahmud, son Abed Hasan Mahmud and daughter Sarah Hasan Mahmud to jail after police produced them before the court.

Police arrested them following arrest warrants against them as

they had been absconding since the case was filed on March 21.

On June 28, ACC Assistant Director ASM Akhter Hamid Bhuiyan, the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted charge sheet against Tuku, his wife, son and daughter to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka showing 61 people as prosecution witnesses.

TUKU'S TAX EVASION CASE
The same court fixed the same date for hearing on charge framing against Tuku in connection with a case filed for evading Tk 3.80 crore income tax.

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq on Wednesday issued an arrest warrant against Tuku after Mohammad Nurul Amin, deputy tax commissioner of Taxpayers' Service Wing of NBR, filed the case.

In his complaint, Amin mentioned that Tuku had evaded a total of Tk 3,80,14,048.30 in income tax

during fiscal years 1999 to 2007.

Tuku repeatedly gave false information to the income tax department about his real income and expenditure and did not show his income tax return. He also used his ministerial position to conceal information about his real income, the complainant said.

Moreover, Tuku did not submit statements about his non-agricultural properties, motor vehicles, bank statements, credit cards, savings instruments, fixed deposits and interest on fixed deposits, Amin added.

On February 5, the joint forces arrested Tuku from his Mohammadpur residence.

NASIM CASE
The same court yesterday fixed July 10 for hearing on the graft case against Nasim and his wife for submitting false wealth statements to the ACC.

On Tuesday, ACC Assistant Director Mahabubul Alam submitted charge sheet against Nasim and his wife Laila Arzumand Banu to the CMM Court, Dhaka showing 31 people as prosecution witnesses.

On March 21, ACC Deputy Director Akhter Hossain filed a case against Nasim and his wife Laila with Dhanmondi Police Station for providing false information in their wealth statements submitted to the ACC.

In the case, Akhter mentioned that in their statements, Nasim and his wife concealed information about their wealth worth Tk 1.26 crore.

Nasim is now in jail while his wife is on bail.

PINTU CASE
ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Shafiqul Alam will interrogate Pintu and two others at the Dhaka Central Jail gate in connection with two criminal cases filed for misappropriating government relief materials.

Metropolitan Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokon yesterday allowed Shafiqul Alam, who is also the IO of the cases, to interrogate Pintu and others, after the ACC submitted two petitions.

Two others are Mohammad Rupa Mollah and Monir Hossain, chairman of Sultanganj Union Parishad under Kamrangirchar.

The cases were filed against them with Kamrangirchar Police

Station on March 19 and April 2 for misappropriating government relief materials.

PINTU SHOWN ARRESTED

Pintu was shown arrested yesterday in two criminal cases filed against him with Kamrangirchar Police Station for misuse of government materials on July 1.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shafiqul Anwar passed the order after the IOs of the case submitted separate petitions to show Pintu arrested in those cases.

KAMAL MAJUMDER

ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Morshed Alam will also interrogate former AL lawmaker Kamal Majumder at the gate of Dhaka Central Jail.

10 vessels fined in Ctg port

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A mobile court in a drive at Chittagong port channel yesterday fined 10 inland cargo vessels Tk 2.5 lakh for plying on without very high frequency (VHF) radio equipment.

The court led by Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Magistrate Muhammad Munir Chowdhury also directed the vessels not to ply on until installation of VHF sets in the vessels.

The vessels included MV Bangla Jamuna, MV Asrer, MV Maitree, MV Rumaisa Haq, MV Madina-2, MV Hazi Kayes, MV Al Taif, MV Rabbana-1, MV Pranati and MV Khaza Ahmad Shah.

Meanwhile, the same mobile court yesterday realised Tk 30,000 from a diagnostic centre - Life Scan, on charges of lacking in skilled technicians and using x-ray machines without the approval of Atomic Energy Commission.

The diagnostic centre in the city's Halishahar Naya Bazar area also failed to show any documents issued from the department of health.

It also did not have any arrangement for destroying chemical wastages, posing a great threat to public health, said a press release here last evening.

Lobi gets 8 years in tax evasion case

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of the country. The accused has been given an exemplary punishment."

Defence lawyers Sarder Zinnat Ali and Mohammad Shah Alam expressed dissatisfaction, saying the verdict was given "hastily" in their absence before the known starting time of the court at 2:00pm. They said the court delivered the verdict within a few minutes of sitting around 1:00pm.

Lobi had been brought to the parliament complex at 10:00am from Kashimpur Jail.

Lobi's counsels said they will appeal with the High Court against the verdict on receipt of its copy.

The judgment was prepared after examining the investigation

report and depositions of 18 witnesses.

The conviction will be effective with the pronouncement of the verdict.

Apart from the Tk 15 crore fixed deposits with Mercantile Bank, Dutch Bangla Bank, Prime Bank and Dhaka Bank, other properties of Lobi to be confiscated are plots in Motijheel and Khulna and a CNG filling station in Dhaka.

According to the charge, Lobi did not mention in his wealth statement that he has Tk 15 crore in his name.

Defence lawyers said manpower agency Rupsha Overseas owns the money and deposited it in six FDPS in the name of Lobi, who is the managing director of the organisation.

The prosecution argued that the manpower agency was abolished earlier and has no existence.

The defence lawyers alleged that although they submitted the tax return and revised it thrice, the authorities concerned neither did send them any receipt letter (assessment order) nor issued show cause notice following the submission.

"The accused was not given any chance to explain his position regarding the charge, which was framed against the accused forcibly," said defence lawyer Shah Alam.

The joint forces arrested Lobi from his Gulshan-1 house on February 6 and seized Tk 9.75 crore from there.

Mohammad Nurul Amin, deputy tax commissioner of Taxpayers' Service Wing of the NBR, filed the case with a Senior Special Judge's Court on May 23. The court sent the case to the Special Court on May 30.

Charges were framed against Lobi on June 5 and witnesses' deposition was taken from June 7 to June 18.

The deposition of the accused was taken under section 342 on June 20 and on July 1 the court fixed July 5 for declaration of the verdict.

Meanwhile, charges in another graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) against Lobi will be framed next Sunday.

ACC official Shirin Parveen lodged the case against Lobi with Gulshan Police Station on March 21 for giving false wealth report.

Lobi in his wealth statement submitted to the ACC mentioned that he owns wealth worth Tk 7 crore, but an ACC investigation has already revealed that he has Tk 22.25 crore fixed deposits in seven accounts.



MIDAS has conducted 24 skill development training courses on 'Cutting & Sewing' for the ultra-poor women beneficiaries of Palli-Karma Sahayak Foundation's (PKSF) partner organisations across the country from May 19 to June 25. As many as 600 ultra-poor women selected by Samaj Kallyan Sangstha, Shishu Niloy, AD-Din Welfare Centre, Dak Diye Jai, Resource Integration Centre, Solidarity, Participatory Development Initiative of the Mass Education and Wave Foundation took part in the training courses. PKSF sponsored the programme.