

## Ex-BNP lawmaker

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Ahmed were adjourned yesterday following time petitions from the prosecution and the defence.

### MUNSHI CASE

According to the allegation brought against Munshi by the ACC, the former lawmaker possessed assets worth Tk 5.37 crore beyond his known sources of income and concealed information of his assets worth Tk 3.13 crore in the wealth statement, BSS reported.

Sajeda Ahsan and her two sons were charged for helping Munshi in earning the wealth illegally.

Earlier, Munshi and his wife Sajeda were produced before the court from jail custody.

Other two accused were not present during the charge framing as they were on bail. However their legal representative was appeared on their behalf.

Judge of the special court Mohammad Ahsan Hossain read out the charge brought against them, but the accused Munshi and his wife Sajeda prayed justice denying the allegations.

Abu Sayeed, deputy director of the ACC, filed the case against them on March 27 with Gulshan Police Station.

After investigation, a charge sheet was submitted before the court accusing them on June 17 and the case was transferred to the special court for trial on June 26.

### ARREST WARRANT AGAINST SANVIR

Our Court correspondent reported that Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Alam passed the order after Criminal Investigation Department (CID) submitted a petition seeking arrest warrant against Sanvir, now in Britain.

The court also directed the authorities concerned to send the arrest warrant through Interpol and take him back to Bangladesh after his arrest.

In his forwarding report, CID Assistant Police Super Arman Ali said he came to know from different sources that Sanvir was directly involved with the killing and he is now in Britain.

Soon after the incident, Sanvir went there to avoid the arrest. So, he needs to be arrested and take him back to Bangladesh through Interpol, Arman said.

Body of Sabir, 30, a director of Bashundhara Telecommunication Limited, was found stuck over the boundary fence of an apartment on Road 104, Gulshan on July 5 last year.

**NASER CASE**  
ACC Deputy Director Golam Shahriar Chowdhury, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, yesterday submitted a seven-day remand prayer to interrogate Naser, son of former finance minister M Saifur Rahman.

In his forwarding report, the IO said he would quiz Naser to gather information about his ill-gotten wealth, his sources of income and whereabouts of the wealth.

Metropolitan Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokon fixed tomorrow for hearing on the remand prayer and directed the jail authorities to produce Naser before the court during the hearing.

On May 27, ACC Deputy Director Moniruzzaman Khan filed the case with Gulshan Police Station against Naser and his wife Rizina Naser for submitting false statements to the ACC about their wealth.

In the case statement, the complainant said Naser and his wife did not mention properties worth Tk 4.90 crore in their wealth statements.

Naser is now in jail while his wife did not get bail from any court.

### BAKIR CASE

The same court yesterday allowed the ACC to interrogate BM Bakir Hossain at Dhaka Central Jail gate in connection with a graft case filed with Motijheel Police Station.

The court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Jibin Krishna Roy submitted a petition to interrogate Bakir at jail gate.

On May 30, ACC filed the case against Bakir and his wife Nazma Hossain for concealing wealth while submitting the statement to the ACC.

ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Jahangir Alam filed the case saying wealth of more than Tk 1.25 crore of the couple was not included in their statement.

Bakir is now in custody while his wife is still at large.

### HUDA'S EXTORTION CASE

Four prosecution witnesses gave judicial statements to a metropolitan magistrate in connection with an extortion case filed with Tejgaon Police Station.

The witnesses are Munzur Ahmed Bhuiyan, Abul Kashem, Mohammad Nur-e-Alam and Mohammad Babul.

The IO Sub-Inspector (SI) Yunus Ali produced the witnesses before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka and prayed for recording their statements.

Following the petition, the CMM assigned Metropolitan Magistrate ABM Abdul Fattah for recording their statements.

According to the case filed on June 26, Huda called Wahidur Rahman Azad, a contractor of Roads and Highways (R&H)

Department, to BSEHR (Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights) office in February 2003 and demanded Tk 10 lakh in cash.

Huda also gave an alternative to Azad, asking him to construct a conference room for the organisation.

Azad said he agreed to build the conference room due to continuous pressure from Huda and it cost him Tk 5.5 lakh.

### HUDA'S THEFT CASE

A Dhaka court adjourned the proceedings of a theft case against Huda and two others until July 17 following a time petition by the prosecution.

First Class Magistrate Delwara Begum directed the authorities concerned to ask the complainant of the case to appear before the court on that date.

On May 17, Police Inspector Syed Nazrul Islam, also the IO of the case, submitted charge sheet to a first class magistrate's court in Dhaka against Huda and two others showing 17 people as prosecution witnesses.

On March 6, Mohammad Salauddin from Nurpur under Dohar upazila in Dhaka alleged that Huda and his men beat him up severely on October 28 last year.

As per Huda's instruction, the two also took away Tk 17,700 from his possession and ordered him not to tell anyone about the incident.

### SALAHUDDIN CASE

Another Dhaka court yesterday adjourned proceedings of a money laundering case against former BNP lawmaker Salauddin Ahmed until Sunday following a time petition by the prosecution.

The joint forces raided Salauddin's Shyamprabha residence in the capital on February 4 and seized a large sum of foreign currencies.

Following the seizure, police filed a case against the former lawmaker under the Money Laundering Act. The IO pressed charges against him on May 16.

## Matin denies

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allegation that the government has link with the splitting of political parties. Rather, he said, political party leaders are seeking reforms following difference of opinion among them.

The adviser said they are not running government to give any favour to any party but for the welfare of the people.

He said the incumbent caretaker government did not impose the emergency. "We've assumed office after the declaration of the state of emergency." He, however, said the emergency will be withdrawn if the situation is created.

On corruption cases, Matin, who is also the chairman of the National Coordination Committee to deal with major corruption and serious crimes, said special courts have been set up for trying the corrupt.

He claimed remarkable progress in different sectors in the last six months under the caretaker government.

## Moudud

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organisations Moudud and Associates, Asif Moudud Foundation, National Association for Resource Improvement (NARI) and Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association.

The letter said the task force is investigating offences and crimes committed by certain individuals and as part of the investigation the team needs the listed people's organisations' bank account information.

He directed the banks to provide detailed bank statements from the date of opening till date as well as applications submitted by the clients while opening the account.

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doctors declared him dead. Anjan had a bullet piercing through his skull from left to right.

Police and local sources said Anjan's grandmother, a relative and his maid, who were in the house, heard a loud bang from Anjan's toilet and went to the toilet to find him critically injured. Neighbours then rushed Anjan to the local hospital.

Police later found two live bullets in Anjan's pocket but failed to find the gun.

Anjan's mother Hafiza Akhtar Shirin claimed Anjan was murdered but Jessore Police Station's acting Officer-in-charge Abdul Matin told reporters that it was difficult to say whether it was a homicide or a suicide.

Sub-inspector Arif, who wrote the inquest report, said it was initially believed to be a case of suicide but since they could not find the gun, they are not dismissing the possibility of a homicide.

When Deputy Commissioner of Jessore Abu-al Hossain and district superintendent of police visited Anjan's house, his mother claimed that Anjan was murdered due to an internal family feud.

Unknown assailants gunned down Anjan's father Mukul on August 30, 1998.

## Decision on ACC organogram likely today

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The caretaker government is going to take decision on the proposed amendments to the organogram of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) today.

The activities of the ACC are seriously being hindered due to lack of manpower, as the workload of the commission has increased in the changed situation.

The National Implementation Committee on Administrative Reforms (Nicar) will sit tomorrow to decide the proposed changes in the ACC organogram. The number of personnel is going to be raised to 1,281 from the existing 650. If the organogram is approved, the commission will be more functional, new ACC Secretary Mokhlesur Rahman said in a regular briefing of the commission yesterday.

He said six divisional offices will be functional subject to the approval of the organogram. He said there will be 22 district offices in the country.

About the complaints received by the ACC, he said the commission is scrutinising the complaints and the complaints that are not related with the ACC will be forwarded to the respective departments. "If we undertake all the complaints, the main task will be hindered," he commented.

## 10 shortlisted

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Mujibur Rahman of Karmasangsthan Bank, Abdul Hamid Mia of Rupali Bank, Yaseen Ali of Dutch Bangla Bank, Shah Mohammad Nurul Alam of Mercantile Bank, Nurul Amin of National Credit and Commerce Bank and SA Chowdhury and Rabiu Hossain, former managing director of Sonali Bank.

"The list has been prepared on the basis of work experiences in banking sector and education of the applicants," a finance ministry source said adding that the applicants with work experiences as general managers and deputy managing directors were not included in the list.

Recently, the chief executive officer of another nationalised commercial bank, Agrani Bank, has been appointed on competitive basis from the private sector.

## Army chief

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Prothom Alo yesterday along with a photo that showed the elderly man being led away by police in handcuffs with a rope tied around his waist to Nilphamari Jail.

General Moeen paid a total of Tk 19,580, which included the original loan of Tk 9,000 and its interest, from his personal fund to the bank (now Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank) through the local army camp.

Advocate Bapi Bardhan appealed and prayed for Manoranjan's bail at the court of District Magistrate Khandakar Mokhlesur Rahman in the morning. Accepting the appeal, the court granted the bail and sent the appeal to the additional district magistrate.

Meanwhile, Abdus Samad, manager of the Bangabandhu Branch of Krishi Unnayan Bank, submitted a compromise deed between the bank and Manoranjan to the court, as the bank received the money.

After the hearing, Additional Magistrate Ayub Hossain discharged Manoranjan from the case. Advocate Ashraf Latif Kibria moved for the complainant in the court.

Manoranjan did not know who actually played the role behind his release when he was freed at about 2:00pm.

"I have only a house on a 4-decimal land where I live with my two sons and grandchildren. I have to spend the night at my nephew Shailesh's house, as I have no room of my own. I wondered how I could pay off so much debt. That's why I assumed that he would have to pass the rest of my life in jail."

As soon as he came to know that General Moeen came to his rescue, a tearful Manoranjan said, "May God bless him."

Manoranjan was sent to jail on Sunday as he failed to pay Tk 9,000 with interest to the Krishi Unnayan Bank.

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While talking to The Daily Star, Manoranjan's son Nripendranath Roy, 50, burst into tears and said that they could not go to the court to free their father due to financial crisis.

## Held politicians

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The jail authorities confirmed that except Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Mirza Abbas, all are taking treatment at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). Salauddin Quader Chowdhury is at Ibrahim Memorial Cardiac Hospital and Mirza Abbas at Apollo Hospitals Dhaka.

The government bears the medical expenses at the BSMMU but for treatment at the other hospitals the prisoners must dig into their own purse.

The Apollo Hospitals sources said that Mirza Abbas has been staying at a deluxe cabin since June 16. The rent is Tk 7,500 a day.

Besides, there are expenses for medicine and tests and doctors, said a billing section staffer.

Mirza Abbas has already paid around Tk 1,65,000 only in bed rent. The total amount spent would add up to an even higher figure if inclusive of the other costs.

During a recent visit to the Apollo Hospitals, the Star correspondent found three policemen standing guard in front of Mirza Abbas' cabin. However, none of them, two from the jail and one from the concerned police station, could say anything about his condition.

An insider said Abbas has pulled himself through and could easily leave the hospital now. But the hospital authorities kept mum when asked about the former minister's condition.

"We cannot say anything about him as his status is of a prisoner," said Giasuddin, the general manager (media) of the hospital.

Contacted, the jail officials maintained that Abbas was still sick.

"He has kidney problems. I visited him the day before yesterday and found him sick," said Deputy Inspector General (DIG-prisons) Major Shamsul Haider Siddiqui.

Sources said that Salauddin Quader Chowdhury is reluctant to receive treatment from local physicians and wants to go abroad. The government is examining his papers to decide if he should be allowed treatment outside the country. The former parliamentary affairs adviser to the prime minister has a heart

condition.

Quader said about the possibility of detained politicians being sent abroad for treatment, Shamsul Haider said the decision rests with the government and he does not have any idea if anyone would be sent or not.

UNB adds: So far 62 important prisoners, arrested on graft charges, have been given division considering their social status under the jail code, Inspector General (Prisons) Brig Gen Zakir Hassan said yesterday.

Among them are former ministers, former lawmakers, bureaucrats and business men.

Talking to the reporters, the IG (prisons) said many of these prisoners are down with various health complications and the jail authorities are taking care of them.

DIG (prisons) Major Shamsul Haider Siddiqui told the news agency that 150-200 senior politicians, businessmen and bureaucrats have been rounded up since the caretaker government launched its drive against corruption in January.

## Jamuna

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officials presented a slide show on the status of river pollution.

One of the photographs showed how the Beximco Industries at Noyarhat has been polluting the river through underground pipes so that no-one can see it, said Anwarul Iqbal, briefing the journalists about the decisions.

"They have been doing it intentionally. The government will take measures against it," he added.

Earlier, the government had directed the DoE to take action against the polluters but to no effect, he said adding, "So we've asked them again to act to stop pollution.

"But some people have requested us not to lift the ban on indoor politics," he said, indicating the standpoint of the emerging new brand of reformist politicians.

Terming the present caretaker government unusual one, Mainul said the main goal of this government is to establish a corruption-free democratic country.

Secretary Syed Md Zobayer and other officials from the water resource ministry, DoE