

## Tax evasion case

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Proceedings of cases filed against detained former home minister Mohammad Nasim and former law minister Moudud Ahmed were adjourned yesterday.

**GRAFT CASE AGAINST TUKU**

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday sent the graft case filed against Tuku, his wife, son and daughter to the Fourth Special Court set up at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar MP Hostel.

The court also fixed today [Wednesday] for hearing on charge framing against Tuku, his wife Romana Mahmud, son Abed Hassan Mahmud and daughter Sarah Hassan Mahmud in connection with the graft case.

During yesterday's hearing, Tuku and three others were produced before the court following a court order.

The case was filed against them for giving false information in the wealth statements submitted to the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC).

On June 21, ACC Deputy Director (DD) Golam Shahriar Chowdhury filed the case against them with Mohammadpur Police Station, as their wealth valued at Tk 35.95 crore did not match with the sources of their income.

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

**TAX EVASION CASE AGAINST TUKU**

Before transferring this case to Fourth Special Court, Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court fixed today [Wednesday] for hearing on charge framing of a case against Tuku filed in connection with evading Tk 3.80 crore income tax.

On July 4, the court issued an arrest warrant against Tuku after Mohammad Nurul Amin, deputy tax commissioner of Taxpayers' Service Wing of National Board of Revenue (NBR), filed the case.

In his complaint, Amin said Tuku evaded a total of Tk 3,80,14,048.30 in income tax during fiscal years 1999-2007.

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

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

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

**CASE AGAINST NASIM**

The same court yesterday fixed July 19 for hearing on the graft case filed against Nasim and his wife in connection with submitting false wealth statements to the ACC.

The court adjourned the hearing following a time petition from the defence lawyers on grounds that Nasim's wife Laila Arzumand Banu could not appear before the court due to illness.

On July 3, ACC Assistant Director Mahbubul Alam submitted the charge sheet against Nasim and his wife before the CMM Court, Dhaka showing 31 people as prosecution witnesses.

On March 21, ACC Deputy Director Akhter Hossain filed the case against Nasim and his wife with Dhanmondi Police Station.

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

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## Khaleda denied

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joint secretary general of BNP, yesterday blamed Khaleda Zia for 'destroying the image of BNP by maintaining a dynasty within the party and by giving rise to allegations against her of smuggling money'.

"The chairperson wanted to visit Sabina Yasmin but the authorities discouraged her for security reasons," Mohiuddin Khan Mohon, personal aide to the BNP chairperson, told awaiting newsmen at the hospital after the cancellation of Khaleda's trip there yesterday.

Criticising the government's move, Maj (retd) Aktheruzzaman, a former lawmaker of BNP, who along with leaders and activists of the party had been waiting at the hospital to receive their chairperson, told the reporters, "It is not the government's duty to refrain Khaleda Zia from visiting the ailing singer."

"The government shocked a large section of the people of the country by its move," he said adding that the present government will be responsible for the act.

Earlier, Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, former prime minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, and army chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed visited the ailing singer in the

hospital.

**CASE AGAINST MOUDUD**

Another Dhaka court yesterday adjourned the proceedings of the liquor possession case filed against Moudud till July 12 following a time petition from Moudud's defence lawyers.

Judge AKM Enamul Haq of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set the date following the time petition that said the High Court earlier stayed all proceedings of the case for three months.

The order came after Moudud's lawyers submitted a petition to the HC to quash the case. However, they did not get any certified copy of the stay order. So, they sought adjournment of the hearing until they are able to submit the stay order, the lawyers said.

Moudud was present at the court during yesterday's hearing.

**CASE AGAINST SARWAR**

Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Alam yesterday permitted Sub-inspector (SI) Mohammad Shahidullah to interrogate Sarwar at the gate of Dhaka Central Jail in a case filed in connection with possessing illegal ammunition at his Salton Myers residence at Gulshan in the capital.

The IO in the forwarding report placed before the court said Sarwar is needed to be quizzed about the bullets seized at his residence on May 29.

On June 18, Deputy Assistant Director Aktheruzzaman of Rapid Action Battalion-3 lodged the case against Sarwar with Gulshan Police Station.

Sarwar was picked up at his Gulshan home around 9:30am on May 29. The crack forces raided his home and seized Tk 4 lakh, gold ornaments weighing 50 tolas and some documents along with the ammunition.

**EX-FOREST BOSS SENT TO JAIL**

Former chief forest conservator Anwarul Islam was sent to jail yesterday on completion of his five-day remand in connection with a graft case.

Metropolitan Magistrate ABM Abdul Fattah passed the order after ACC Assistant Director Talebir Rahman produced him before the court without any remand prayer for further interrogation.

The ACC filed the case against Anwar and 79 others on June 25 with Gulshan Police Station in connection with his indulging in irregularities in recruiting people.

**CASE AGAINST FALU'S WIFE**

The hearing of the tax evasion case filed against Mahbuba Sultan, wife of detained former BNP lawmaker Mossaddak Ali Falu, will be held today [Wednesday].

On July 5, Senior Special Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka issued an arrest warrant against Falu's wife after Mohammad Masudur Rahman Masud, deputy tax commissioner of Tax Circle of the NBR, filed the case.

In his complaint, Masud said Mahbuba had evaded a total of Tk 1.58 crore income tax during fiscal years 2001-2006.

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

Moreover, Mahbuba did not submit statements about her salary received from ntv, even though she had withdrawn Tk 9,60,000 from the satellite TV channel. After a long investigation, the Central Intelligence Cell found out about her taking salary from ntv, Masud added.

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## NCBs recover

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three months against the year's total target of Tk 169 crore, which is only 0.63 percent. Janata Bank's performance was a bit better and it realised Tk 6.47 crore or 23.52 percent against a target of Tk 27.5 crore from the top defaulters and Rupali Bank recovered Tk 38 lakh against a target of Tk 38.5 crore.

The Agrani Bank, however, could not recover a single penny against the target of Tk 19.8 crore.

An official of the Agrani Bank said that they are negotiating with the top 20 defaulters and hoped that the bank will be able to realise a handsome amount in the remaining months of the year.

In case of other defaulted loans, Sonali Bank realised Tk 94.56 crore in first three months against the year's target of Tk 440 crore, Janata Bank recovered Tk 42.91 crore against the target of Tk 165 crore, Agrani Bank realised Tk 56.71 against Tk 27.5 crore target and Rupali Bank realised Tk 9.17 crore against a target of Tk 66 crore.

The data shows that among the NCBs, Rupali Bank's credit growth was 1.23 percent in the first three months of the year and the Sonali Bank's growth was 0.29 percent. Other two NCBs, Janata and Agrani, however, witnessed negative credit growth, 8 percent and 5.50 percent.

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### Khaleda, Hasina

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President Sheikh Hasina came down heavily on the government especially the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) for what she said were state-sanctioned atrocities against the people in particular the political leaders.

Khaleda too has made some scathing remarks against the caretaker government as well as the pro-reform leaders in her party.

Sources said the law enforcement authorities have already told Hasina's personal staff that she would require permission for going out of her Sudha Sadan residence. This however won't be applicable to her visit to the Bangabandhu Memorial on Dhanmondi road No. 32.

Earlier, the former prime minister would have to notify the authorities before going to any places. In recent weeks, AL leaders and workers could not meet their leader as only her personal staff, relatives, physicians and lawyers were allowed to enter the Dhanmondi residence.

AL Presidium Member Motia Chowdhury has already asked the caretaker government to explain if the former prime minister was under house arrest.

"We have not yet been officially informed about the new restrictions," AL chief's assistant personal assistant Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury told The Daily Star last night.

Despite attempts, no aide to Khaleda Zia, who lives in highly restricted cantonment area, could be contacted for comments on the matter.

The restraints on the movements of Khaleda have been in place since the interim government took over in January.

Following relaxation of restrictions were of late, the former prime minister visited different hospitals and the mausoleum of her husband late president Ziaur Rahman. Talking to the journalists there, she severely criticised the government of Fakhruddin Ahmed.

### Farmers

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kg urea about 15 days ago for his Aus and other crops on seven bighas of land. Even though he needs 100 kg more urea within the next ten days, the fertiliser slip issued to him will allow him to purchase only half the requirement.

A fertiliser slip for 10 kg urea was issued to Shafigul from Balibanga village of the same upazila who lined up at the same fertiliser dealer wishing to purchase 50 kg urea.

Gias Uddin was even more unfortunate. He alleged that he along with a number of other farmers had returned empty handed four consecutive times this season as the same fertiliser dealer refused to sell fertiliser to them.

District Agriculture Extension Officer (DAEO) in Bogra, Abdul Bashir, however ruled out any existence of fertiliser crisis in the district saying, "The government allocated [sufficient] fertiliser for this crop season in Bogra against the total requirement."

About 1,000 tonnes of urea have already been allocated in the district till July 10 and over 6,000 tonnes of urea were distributed in the district from April to June this year, said Bashir.

The demand for fertiliser in the district has increased this year due to extensive cultivation of seasonal crops including Aus paddy. A staggering 26,000 hectares of land have been cultivated across the district this year as opposed to 16,000 hectares last year, the DAEO explained.

Khaleda Zia told the officials that she had no problem in going to the hospital without the presence of security personnel there, but the authorities concerned still did not allow her to leave her house, the sources said.

## Red Mosque

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cleared of the militants who are armed with machine guns, rocket launchers and gasoline bombs. They put up tough resistance from the basement of the mosque, Arshad said, adding rebels also fired from minarets and booby trapped some areas. "Those who surrendered will be arrested, but the others will be treated as combatants and killed," he said.

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