

Expat killed by muggers

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An expatriate Bangladeshi was allegedly murdered by muggers in the port city on Tuesday night. The victim Nur Mohammad Rafiq, 43, was the younger brother of Jakir Hossain Lulu, sports reporter of Chittagong bureau of the daily Ittefaq. Locals found Rafiq unconscious at Lane No 3 of Amirbagh Residential Area opposite to War Cemetery area at around 9:45pm and informed police. He was then

rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the on duty doctor declared him dead. Police alleged unidentified muggers killed him while he was going to Kazir Dewry on a CNG-run autorickshaw from Reazuddin Bazar after doing a little shopping on Tuesday night. Marks of beating, scratch of nails and strangulation were found on the body of the victim, Police and CMCH sources said. A mark of human biting was also found in his left hand, they added. Family sources said Rafiq, father

of two sons, arrived home on a month's leave from Abu Dhabi on July 13. Victim's brother Jakir Hossain said they talked over cellphone at around 9:00pm when Rafiq told him to wait at Kazir Dewry intersection. "He told me that he would come there in a CNG-run autorickshaw within a few minutes," Jakir said adding, as he didn't reach there even after half an hour, I called him again but got no response despite several attempts.



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Flood-affected people wait in long queues for relief at Ashrafabad at Kamrangir Char in the city yesterday.

BDR, pirates trade fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Fire was traded between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and sea pirates at Atharodeki area in the Sundarbans yesterday. There was, however, no casualty. Being tipped off, the BDR members were hiding to seize the goods smuggled from India. Sensing their presence, the pirates carrying the goods on boat, fired 15 rounds of bullets at the BDR members. In return, the BDR fired eight rounds of bullets. The pirates fled to Indian border after being chased for an hour. The pirates are the aides of Indian Motalieb group, said Maj Alamgir, commanding officer of the seventh rifles battalion at Nildumur in the Sundarbans.

Tarique Rahman

FROM PAGE 16 clarify the media report that Tarique is facing a case for concealing information in the wealth statement about owning Daily Dinkal. It was also reported in a section of press that Tarique has wealth worth Tk 58 lakh beyond his known sources of income.

Aazam, also former prime minister Khaleda Zia's lawyer, commented on the report of commencement of inquiry into her wealth statement. Focusing on the history of the daily, the mouthpiece of the BNP, Aazam said former BNP lawmaker MA Jinnah was the actual owner of the daily, Jinnah handed over the ownership of the daily to BNP in 1991. Then BNP secretary general late Abdus Salam Talukder accepted the ownership of the daily. Subsequently, Prof Majidul Islam was appointed its publisher and printer. In July 1998, BNP policymakers in a meeting decided to appoint Tarique as the publisher and printer of the daily and he took over the charge on April 16, 2002. Since then, he has been in this position. "The ownership of Dinkal is in the name of Abdus Salam Talukder. Tarique Rahman didn't buy its ownership. All the movable and immovable properties of Dinkal belong to BNP. Therefore, Dinkal's income and expenditure were not shown in the income tax document of Tarique. As a result, there can't be any case against him regarding the ownership of Dinkal," the briefing was told.

About Tarique's wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission on June 10, Advocate Aazam said, "To the best of my knowledge, the wealth statement submitted by Tarique Rahman to the ACC is correct and flawless. He owns nothing more than what he stated and his all assets are taxed." About the 'supplementary statements' sent to the ACC, he said, "His client informed the commission as soon as the information became available to him after submitting the statement." Aazam urged the ACC to accept the supplementary statement on both legal and humanitarian grounds. About the reported inquiry into the wealth statement submitted by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, he said, "Khaleda firmly told that to the best of her knowledge she has no more asset apart from those stated in the wealth statement.

'Seized materials from courier service not military weapons'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After initial examination of the seized materials from a courier service office in the city on August 8, a team of military explosive experts have said those are neither military weapons nor part of military weaponry. "Twenty-nine materials, recovered from Trans Air Express Courier Service at Arambagh, are 'line throwing rocket fuse'. Those are used as signal flares from ship to ship or ship to shore in rescuing operations," they added. It is perceived from the words inscribed on the line throwing rocket fuses, weighing 670 to 700 grams each, that those may contain very low capacity flammable explosives for creating force, sources said, adding that their range is only 250 metres and those are a type of rocket projectile. They said although involvement of any militant group was not found behind the smuggling of those fuses, it is very suspicious as those were destined for India. A team of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) seized the 29 fuses after raiding Trans Air Express Courier Service. They also arrested three people Rezaul Karim, Nur Alam alias Badal and Sayed Kamruzzaman alias Kamrul alias Tanu who are now on a five-day remand. Around 15 days before the recovery, those materials were taken in a carton to Trans Air Express Courier Service by one Siraj Uddin Lulu of Johnson Road in Old Dhaka for sending them to Kolkata. Besides, those were sent to Lulu from Rainbow Marine and Navigation, a marine equipment

seller and suppliers in Chittagong. Experts said for whom those materials were being sent and for what purpose will be clear once Lulu and owners of Trans Air Express Courier Service and Rainbow Marine and Navigation are arrested.

RU student files case against Shibir cadres

RU CORRESPONDENT

A general student of Mother Box hall of Rajshahi University filed a general dairy (GD) against Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) cadres of the hall with Mother Police Station yesterday. Ruhul Amin, a fourth year student of Statistics department, said on Tuesday night, a group of Shibir cadres led by hall President Razzak and Secretary Shahabul ordered him to immediately leave the hall. In his GD Ruhul mentioned that the ICS cadres threatened to oust him if he doesn't abide by their order. Earlier, Ruhul at a function protested a Shibir decision that enraged the Shibir cadres, Ruhul told newsmen. Ruhul filed a complaint with the hall provost and demanded punishment to the responsible Shibir cadres. He also urged the police to ensure his security. When contacted Razzak denied the allegation and said Shibir is not involved in such incidents.

WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy rainfalls are also likely at places during the period, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 25.5 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:31pm today and rises at 5:34am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.0	26.3	97	94
Chittagong	27.8	25.5	97	90
Rajshahi	32.6	25.7	93	90
Khulna	31.5	28.4	88	84
Barisal	30.0	26.0	98	92
Sylhet	30.9	26.0	92	93
Cox's Bazar	28.8	27.4	92	93

Flash flood in India

AFP, Shimla

Flash floods killed six people and left as many as 54 missing after triggering landslides and flattening houses in a remote village in northern India, police said yesterday. Ten school children were among the missing after a cloudburst triggered the flooding late Tuesday, police said, adding the children had travelled to Ghanvi village to celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence. "Six bodies have been recovered so far by rescue teams from the debris in Ghanvi village in Shimla district," said a senior police official. "The final death toll could be between 50 and 60 people," said police officer Jaipal Singh. Army, paramilitary and police teams combed the debris for survivors. Floodwater raced through the village in scenic Himachal Pradesh state, causing landslides and washing away houses and other buildings, such as a school, police said. The Press Trust of India reported 16 houses were washed away. There were fears some victims might be buried in landslides while others could have been swept into a nearby fast-flowing river, police said.



PHOTO: STAR

Roads & Highway Department bulldozes unauthorised structures along Kutubkhali canal at Kajla in Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra project area yesterday.

Siraj's daughter-in-law jailed for 6yrs

FROM PAGE 1 60,000 in default of which she has to spend another nine months in prison.

Farzana was sentenced to five years' imprisonment under section 166 of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 for evading tax. She was also fined Tk 50,000 in default of which he has to suffer six months of imprisonment.

The court sentenced her one year of imprisonment under section 164 of the same ordinance for not submitting her income tax return since fiscal year 2004-05. The court fined her Tk 10,000, in default of which he has to spend three more months in jail.

National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed the case against Farzana, wife of former BNP lawmaker's son Rajib Shiraj Apu on July 12.

Farzana, managing director of Garden Fresh Preservations Ltd in Savar, went into hiding before the case was filed. She did not even employ a lawyer to defend her.

The sentence against Farzana will take effect from the date of her arrest or surrender before the court.

Senior Special Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued the arrest warrant against Farzana on July 12, after Syed Zakir Hossain, Deputy Tax Commissioner of Companies Circle of NBR filed the case.

In his complaint, Zakir said Farzana evaded income tax of Tk 80.45 lakh from fiscal year 2004-2005 to 2006-2007.

Complainant said Farzana gave false information about her income and expenditure to the NBR and did not show her income tax returns.

She also concealed information about her real income of Tk 2.91 crore, the complainant added.

The same court directed the authorities concerned on July 22 to get an advertisement published in two national Bangla dailies asking Farzana Khan to surrender before the court within three days. Later the case was transferred to the Special Court.

Advocate Rafiqul Haq Benu, public prosecutor of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) moved the case at the special court as counsel for the NBR.

After completion of his argument on August 9, Rafiqul prayed to the court for awarding punishment to Farzana saying that allegations against her were proved in the deposition of witnesses. The court had fixed yesterday for delivering its verdict.

Advocate Rafiqul told The Daily

Star that Farzana opened her income tax file with the NBR on October 11, 2005. But she did not submit her income tax return from fiscal year 2004-05 to 2006-07. She earned over Tk 2.78 crore during the period.

He said Farzana evaded income tax of Tk 80.45 lakh by concealing information about her income of Tk 2.78 crore. According to the Income Tax Ordinance, it is mandatory to submit tax return if someone has taxable income, he added.

CASE AGAINST ISRATUNNESSA Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday issued the order to attach all moveable and immovable properties of Isratunnessa, wife of detained AL Joint General Secretary Obaidul Quader in a tax evasion case after Motijheel police submitted a report on the AL leader's wife who is on the run. Earlier, the same court issued an arrest warrant against Isratunnessa after NBR assistant tax commissioner Nigar Sultana filed the case.

In the case statement, the complainant said Isratunnessa evaded income tax upon her income of Tk 88,76,717 from fiscal year 2000-2001 to 2006-2007.

Moreover, she concealed her real income while submitting income tax return to NBR, Nigar added. **QUADER CASE** The same court yesterday transferred the tax evasion case against Quader to the Fourth Special Judge's Court at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar MP Hostel for its quick disposal.

In her complaint on August 7, Nigar mentioned that Quader had evaded income tax upon his income of Tk 1,07,31,284 from fiscal year 1997-1998 to 2006-2007.

The plaintiff said Quader did not mention about the plot he got allotted from Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha, savings, FDR, luxurious car, and bank loans in his wealth statement submitted to the NBR. Quader was produced before the court amid tight security, during the hearing of the case.

CASE AGAINST CUSTOMS OFFICIAL The same court yesterday issued arrest warrant against ATM Sarwar Hossain, director general of Customs in a case filed by Rabul Hassan Prodhan, assistant tax commissioner of NBR.

In the case statement, Rabul mentioned that Sarwar evaded income tax upon his income of Tk 4.31 crore from fiscal year 2000-2001 to 2006-2007.

Moreover, Sarwar submitted a false statement to NBR concealing his real income. **HARRIS CASE** The same court yesterday fixed August 19 for the hearing on charge framing against Harris Chowdhury, political secretary to former premier Khaleda Zia in connection with a graft case.

ACC Assistant Director Monayem Hossain, also the investigation officer (IO), submitted the charge sheet against Harris and his associate Amin Badal to the same court on July 22, showing 18 people as prosecution witnesses.

Harris has been absconding while Badal is behind bars. **MOHIUDDIN CASE** Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and three others, including prominent TV artiste Abdullah Al Mamun, were acquitted of charges in a graft case yesterday.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge AKM Anwar Hossain acquitted Mayor Mohiuddin, Abdullah Al Mamun, AL leaders Golam Mostafa Kanchan and Secretary of Chittagong Bar Association Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury of the corruption charges.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against them with Kotwali Police Station on June 28 on charge of misappropriating Tk 44 lakh from a CCC fund for making a documentary on the Liberation War named Muktijuddhe Chattagram

The judge acquitted Mohiuddin, Mamun and two others, as allegations brought against them could not be proved. **EX-MP SUED** In Pirojpur, a Tk 8 lakh extortion case was filed yesterday against former BNP lawmaker Dr Rustom Ali Farazee.

Contractor of Rupsha Engineering Limited Mujibur Rahman lodged the case in Mathbaria upazila court at about 11:00am under the Speedy Tribunal Act.

In the case statement, Mujibur Rahman stated that Rupsha Engineering Ltd got work order for carpeting a 10-km road from Mothbaria Bazar to Bandhappara in 2005 from the Roads and Highways Department.

He alleged that he paid Tk 8 lakh in toll to the former MP at his residence on February 7 in 2005.

Business leaders for effective steps

FROM PAGE 1 and fuel prices will lead to further increase in the cost of overall production process including major agricultural input – fertilizer, thus adding 'insult to injury'," the statement said.

"It is unfortunate that on the one hand we urge the farmers to produce more and, on the other, discourage them by increasing interest rates on agricultural credit at a time when they need more support than anytime before."

It said the Asian Development Bank has already revised its earlier projection of 3.2 percent growth in agriculture in FY07 due to flood losses and "we apprehend that this will further decline and lead to a higher food deficit, if the government continues its policy of accepting outside prescriptions devoid of ground reality."

Time has now come to think as to how long the country should continue with its present dependency on 'donor advice' for the meager foreign assistance, which has declined to less than 3 percent of GDP, the statement said.

"Moreover, how much of this assistance is really available and can be used to meet our priority needs of development?" it posed a question.

The statement said the USA and the EU countries as well as other industrialised nations provide high subsidies in the agriculture sector. "On the contrary, we, in Bangladesh are doing the reverse without considering the ground reality and the consequences that the nation will face after this devastating flood."

The statement was signed by President of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mir Nasir Hossain, President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)-Bangladesh Mahbubur Rahman, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Latifur Rahman, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hossain Khaled, President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, President of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry Masih UI Karim, President of Bangladesh Garment

Manufacturers and Exporters Association Anwar-ul-Alam Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association Md Fazul Hoque, Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Association of Banks Muhammad A (Rumee) Ali, President of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association Abdul Hai Sarker, President of Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies Samson H Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Employers' Federation and Chairman of Bangladesh Jute Mills Association Kamran T Rahman, President of Bangladesh Agro Processing Association Amjad Khan Chadury and Acting Chairman of Bangladesh Insurance Association Nizamuddin Ahmed.

Cocaine worth Tk 50 lakh seized in Joypurhat

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Members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized 500 grams of cocaine worth Tk 50 lakh during a raid on a local train at Panchbibi Station in Joypurhat yesterday morning.

Acting on a tip-off, the BDR team conducted a raid at around 11:00am and found a polythene bag containing the cocaine in a bathroom of the Parbatipur-bound train, Commanding Officer Lt Col Azizul Islam said.

However, no-one was arrested in this connection.

On August 11, the BDR personnel also seized 500 grams of cocaine and 300 grams of heroin from a train at the same station.



Dhaka Club President Salim Bhuiyan hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office recently for the CA's relief fund.



Md. Mukhter Hossain, Executive Vice President of Prime Bank Limited, hands over a cheque for Tk 20 lakh to Major General AKM Muzahid Uddin, General Officer Commanding and Area Commander, 19 Infantry Division, Ghatail Area, at his office recently for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood-affected people of that area.