

Verdict in extortion case against Minu Aug 26

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The verdict in the extortion case filed against Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu and 10 others will be delivered on August 26.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Zahirul Haque yesterday fixed the date after hearing a daylong argument between the state and defence lawyers.

Minu and nine other accused were on the court dock during the argument. The nine are district BNP Vice-president Nazrul Huda, BNP adherents Mainul, Ranju, Islam, Ashraf, Shamsul, Tajuddin Sentu, Babu and Abdullah al Mamun.

A key accused and former city BNP General Secretary Shafikul Haque Milon is absconding.

Plaintiff Shamsul Alam Khan, a governing body member of Evergreen Model College, lodged the case with Rajpara Police Station on April 21.

The court framed the charges against them on July 26 after Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahman Sarkar pressed the charges against 11 persons on May 16.

According to charges, the accused waylaid Shamsul at Baharampur bypass intersection on March 29 and demanded Tk 4 lakh in toll after assaulting him at the direction of Mayor Minu.