

Hasina says she is victim of conspiracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she has been a victim of conspiracy and expressed fear once again that she will not get justice.

"I am a victim of conspiracy," Hasina said, seeking doa from the people of the country so that she gets justice.

Three personal staff of the former prime minister met her at the sub-jail on the parliament premises yesterday. Protika, Marzina and Sharmin—the three personal staffs of the AL chief—entered the sub-jail at 3:25pm and came out at 4:35pm.

After meeting with Hasina they told reporters that the AL president is not mentally fine because she cannot talk to her son, daughter, sister and other relatives.

"However, she is physically sound," said a staff.

Meanwhile, no BNP leader or activist went to the sub-jail yesterday.

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3 RU teachers sent to jail on surrender

Charged with violating Emergency Power Rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Metropolitan Magistrate's Court for Speedy Trial yesterday sent three Rajshahi University (RU) teachers to Rajshahi Central Jail after they surrendered following the court's order and prayed for bail.

Former chairman of mass communication department Dulal Chandra Biswas, Sayed Selim Reza Newton and another teacher of the same department Abdurrahman Mamun were accused of violating the Emergency Power Rules (EPR) 2007.

The court granted the teachers' prayers for division in jail if the jail code permits.

The court fixed today for beginning the trial of the EPR violation

case. The highest punishment in the charges is up to five years' imprisonment.

The same court on September 2 ordered the police to notify the three teachers for surrender within three days after police pressed charges against six teachers including them in the EPR violation case.

Other accused in the case are former RU vice-chancellor Prof Dr M. Saidur Rahman Khan, RU Progressive Teachers' Alliance convener Prof Dr Abdus Sobhan and Prof Moloy Kumar Bhownik of management department. Rapid Action Battalion arrested them on August 24 and they were interrogated for 10 days in remand.

As the court of Magistrate SM Fazlul Karim Chowdhury sat on

12:00pm, the three teachers appeared at the court with lawyers who submitted their prayers for bail and division.

Defense lawyer Mansur Ahmed, Mohon Kumar Saha and Ehsan Ahmed told the court that the accused are dignified persons and they showed their respect to the court by surrendering. They will not flee away if they are granted bail, they argued.

But the court denied the bail prayers reasoning that there is no provision for even holding hearing on the bail prayers under the EPR.

Court Sub-inspector Shamsul Alam Khan argued that the teachers were not eligible for division.

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MIG-29 CASE
HC delivering verdict in case against Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday started delivering verdict on the petition of the detained Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina for quashing the graft case against her in connection with purchase of eight MIG-29 fighter aircrafts.

The delivery of the verdict is expected to complete by today.

A HC division bench comprising Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury and M Ataur Rahman Khan started announcing the verdict in the morning and continued till 3:30pm with a lunch break.

Later, one of Hasina's counsels Barrister Shafique Ahmed told reporters that the judges started announcing the verdict after hearing both the petitioner and the government sides on the appeal.

The judges read out submissions of the petitioners yesterday. Hasina's counsels said adding that they will read out submission of the

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GRAFT CASE

Charges pressed against Lotus Kamal, family

Arrest warrant against Obaidul Karim, 5 officials of Oriental Bank

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against detained former Awami League (AL) lawmaker AHM Mostafa Kamal, also known as Lotus Kamal, his wife Kashmira Kamal and their two daughters in a graft case.

Meantime, a Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against the chairman of Orion Group, Obaidul Karim, and five former and incumbent high officials of Oriental Bank Limited in an embezzlement

case. Another Dhaka court will decide on September 9 whether charges will be framed against detained former housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas for keeping local and foreign currencies at his South Shahjahanpur residence.

LOTUS KAMAL CASE

The ACC's deputy directors Abu Sayed and Fayaz Alam—also the investigation officers (IOs) in the case—submitted the charge sheet to the court of Dhaka's chief metropolitan magistrate against Lotus Kamal and his family, showing 44 people as prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution appealed for

arrest warrants against Lotus's two daughters—Kashfi Kamal and Nafisa Kamal—as they did not appear before the court for bail.

His wife Kashmira earlier secured bail from the High Court (HC).

The case was filed against the Lotus Kamal family with Gulshan Police Station on March 22 this year for allegedly concealing Tk 2,99,55,658 in their February 25 wealth statements to the ACC.

OBAIDUL KARIM CASE

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq at the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's

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Businessmen Sohel, Salman sued for graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beximco Group Chairman Sohel F. Rahman, his brother and the conglomerate's vice-chairman Salman F. Rahman and four others were sued in a graft case yesterday.

Assistant Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Moshabul Alam filed the case with Motijheel Police Station on charge of withdrawing over Tk 158.67 crore from IFIC Bank in the name of Beximco Group through cheating and forgery.

Other accused in the case are former managing director of IFIC Bank Ataul Haque, ex-manager of IFIC Bank's Motijheel branch Asud-Doula and directors of Beximco Holdings Ltd Iqbal Ahmed and MA Qashem.

In the case, the complainant said the accused in connivance

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'Massive' terror plot foiled in Germany

US citizens possible target of extremists

AFP, Berlin

pubs and airports frequented by Americans with a view to detonating explosives loaded in cars and killing or injuring many people," Harms told a press conference.

The men, two Germans and a Turk aged 22, 28 and 29, had amassed vast amounts of hydrogen peroxide, the same chemical used by suicide bombers in the 2005 attacks on London's transport system, which killed 56 people, Harms said.

"As possible targets ... the suspects named discotheques and

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JF Moriarty named as US envoy in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

US President George Bush has nominated James F Moriarty of Massachusetts to be the new ambassador of the United States to Bangladesh.

Moriarty, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, most recently served as the US ambassador to Nepal.

Prior to this, he served as special assistant to the president and senior director for Asian Affairs on the National Security Council, a press release of the US Embassy said.

Earlier, Moriarty served as a counselor in the Political Section of the American Embassy in Beijing. He received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College.

DU VIOLENCE
AI for fully independent enquiry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amnesty International (AI) has called on the caretaker government to make sure that all violations reported in the context of the recent student unrest are thoroughly investigated and those responsible brought to justice.

In a letter to Chief Adviser Dr Fakhrul Islam Ahmed on September 4, AI Secretary General Irene Khan also called the government to ensure that the judicial enquiry led by Justice Habibur Rahman Khan is

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Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz at the Saudi Royal Palace in Jeddah on Tuesday after Yunus was conferred "King Abdul Aziz Medal."

Prof Yunus receives King Aziz Medal

UNB, Dhaka

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday received King Abdul Aziz Medal from the Saudi government.

Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz decorated Prof Yunus at the Saudi Royal Palace in Jeddah in recognition of his contributions toward confronting human development problems and introducing micro-credit system to combat poverty.

Prof Yunus flew to Jeddah on September 4 at the invitation of King Abdullah.

The Nobel laureate was received at the palace by the king and had discussions with him on international and regional issues with a particular focus on development initiatives for Muslim countries.

Yunus urged the Saudi king to introduce centers of academic excellence in Muslim countries as well as a Saudi scholarship fund under the king's patronage for students from Muslim countries to study at top universities around the world.

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Pakistan rounds up 50 Sharif men

KSA blasts Sharif's intention to return home

AFP, Islamabad

Police have rounded up around 50 supporters of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif ahead of his planned return to the country next week, officials said Tuesday.

The activists from Sharif's faction of the Pakistan Muslim League party were detained in Punjab province, Pakistan's most populous area and the base for the ex-premier's support.

Sharif has vowed to come back to Pakistan on September 10 and stop the re-election for another term as president of Pervez Musharraf, the man who toppled him in a bloodless coup in 1999.

"Around 50 of our workers have been rounded up from their homes

and from party offices in several cities in Punjab," party chairman Raja Zafarul-Haq told AFP.

"The government is nervous about the return of Nawaz Sharif and they want to sabotage the reception he is going to get when he returns, but they cannot dent our commitment to our leader," he added.

"We condemn this vulgar, unconstitutional act by law enforcement officials at the behest of the president's regime."

Pakistani authorities confirmed that there had been a number of arrests from Sharif's party but would not give specific numbers.

"We have rounded up a few people because they are potential

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India clinch a cricket thriller

SPORTS REPORTER

Newcomer Robin Uthappa hit the winning runs in a thrilling finish as India beat England by two wickets in the sixth one-day match to take the Natwest series to a decider.

Uthappa (47 not out) steered India to the target of

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Prayer Timing

September 6

Fajr 4-35 5-10

Zohr 12-45 1-15

Asr 4-30 4-45

Magrib 6-20 6-25

Esha 7-45 8-15

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