

Babar questioned

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with a case filed for embezzling Tk 95 lakh of the bank.

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) pressed charges against Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) ward commissioner Chowdhury Alam, his family members in a case filed in connection with concealing their actual wealth in the wealth statement submitted to the ACC earlier.

CASE AGAINST BABAR

Judge Sayed Jafed Mansur of the Metropolitan Special Tribunal-9 yesterday asked Babar to explain in defence about the charges that have been brought against him and the statements of the 16 prosecution witnesses. Babar pleaded not guilty and demanded justice.

The case was filed on June 3 in connection with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition under the Arms Act.

The same court earlier recorded statements of witnesses including sub-inspector (SI) Helal Uddin, the complainant of the case.

The army-led joint forces recovered four firearms—a shotgun, a rifle, a pistol, a Brazilian revolver, two magazines and 297 bullets—at Babar's Gulshan home on May 28. Police said Babar failed to show any documents for the foreign revolver.

CASE AGAINST PINTU

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued an arrest warrant against Pintu's wife Nasima Akther in connection with a case filed for concealing wealth worth around Tk 21.88 crore in their statement submitted to the ACC.

On October 2, ACC Assistant Director Nasiruddin Ahmed, also the investigation (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet against Pintu and his wife to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court (CMM), Dhaka, showing 61 prosecution witnesses.

Nasima has been at large since the case was filed against her. Her husband, Pintu, was sent to jail in February this year after he surrendered to the court.

On June 13, ACC Assistant Director Nurul Alam filed the case with Hazaribagh Police Station against the couple for concealing wealth worth over Tk 21.88 crore in their wealth statements submitted to the ACC earlier.

CASE AGAINST SQ CHY

The same court yesterday fixed October 9 for the hearing on charge framing against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, parliamentary affairs adviser to detained former prime minister Khaleda Zia, in a case filed in connection with concealing his wealth in the statement submitted to the ACC on February 25.

On October 2, ACC Deputy Director Moniruzzaman, who is also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the CMM's Court, Dhaka, showing 47 people as prosecution witnesses.

On June 13, ACC Assistant Director SMM Akther Hamid Bhuiyan filed the case with Ramna Police Station, accusing Salauddin of hiding two vehicles valued over Tk 1.17 crore in his wealth statement.

CASE AGAINST EX-BANK OFFICIALS

The same court yesterday issued arrest warrants against five former officials of Oriental Bank Ltd in a case filed in connection with embezzling Tk 95 lakh from the principal office of the bank in Motijheel in the city.

The accused are ex-senior vice-president of Oriental Bank Ltd Shah Mohammad Harun, ex-assistant vice-president Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, ex-senior executive vice-president Mahmud Hossain, executive vice-president Kamrul Islam and former deputy managing director Inamul Haq.

On October 1, ACC Assistant Director Rafiquzzaman, also the IO of the case, submitted the charge sheet against the five people showing 14 people as prosecution witnesses.

ACC Assistant Director Abdul Latif filed the case against them with Motijheel Police Station on December 29 last year in this connection.

The accused in collusion with others, submitted fake documents, drew the amount from the bank through six cheques on different dates and embezzled the money, the first information report said.

CASE AGAINST MILLAT

The same court issued an arrest warrant against former BNP lawmaker Md Rashiduzzaman Millat after National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed a case against him in

GP fined Tk 168cr

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earlier fined some other cell phone companies for indulging in illegal VoIP business.

A Rab team had earlier met Banglalink authorities and showed them the evidence it gathered on the company's illegal VoIP operation. The authorities admitted that illegal VoIP operators used their equipment for such operation in the past but stopped it in January.

Aktel's massive illegal VoIP operation was also detected in the recent past in a Rab raid at its office in Gulshan. Rab recovered huge equipment along with financial records which indicate that Aktel was earning between Tk 100 crore and Tk 180 crore a year from this operation. A case was filed against the company.

GP'S VERSIÓN

In a press release yesterday, GP said the company has agreed to make a one-time payment to the government as compensation for revenue loss due to use of GP subscriptions by some customers to illegally transfer international calls.

GP has fully cooperated with the law enforcement agencies and BTRC investigating the case.

connection with evading income tax. His firm, Sourav Trading International Ltd, allegedly evaded income tax against the income of Tk 4.51 crore during fiscal years 1998-2007. He is the managing director of the firm as well.

Deputy Tax Commissioner Mridul Kanti Das of the NBR had filed the case against Millat.

CASE AGAINST CHYALAM

ACC Assistant Director Abdul Latif submitted the charge sheet against DCC ward commissioner Chowdhury Alam, his brother, wife, son, daughters, son-in-law and brother-in-law in the graft case filed in connection with concealing Tk 7 crore in their wealth statements.

The accused are Alam's wife Hasina Chowdhury, brother Khorsheed Alam Mintu, son Abu Sayed, daughters Mahmuda Akther and Mahfiza Akther, son-in-law Selim Miah and brother-in-law Rahamati Ali Labu.

Of them, Alam is now in jail while the others have been absconding since the case was filed against them.

The IO prayed for issuance of arrest warrants against them.

ACC Assistant Director Talebir Rahim filed the case against Alam and others on June 13 with Khilgaon Police Station.

VERDICT AGAINST EX-MPSHAFI

The verdict of a case filed against detained former BNP lawmaker Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury in connection with misappropriating relief materials will be delivered on October 11, our staff correspondent in Sylhet reports.

Magistrate Devjit Sinha of Sylhet Speedy Trial Court yesterday fixed the date after the completion of arguments.

Earlier, the same court sent the former lawmaker to jail on September 18 after he surrendered before it.

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CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST AL FRONT LEADER

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against president of Awami Svechchhasebok League (ASL) Md Bahauddin Nasim in connection with a sedition case filed five years ago.

Judge Aman Ullah at the Fourth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court fixed October 30 for trial. Bahauddin Nasim jumped bail and is absconding now.

On July 25 this year, investigation officer (IO) Munshi Atiqur Rahman, also an assistant commissioner of police (ASP) at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), submitted the charge sheet before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, showing 14 people as prosecution witnesses.

Mohammad Dulal Uddin Akand, then asP of Faridpur zone CID, arrested Bahauddin Nasim on February 27, 2002 at Zia International Airport and seized Tk 36,300, three passports, two tickets, eight books and some CDs.

Later, Akand filed the case with a Dhaka court on March 11, 2002, accusing Nasim of acting against the country's sovereignty and tarnishing its image abroad.

The complainant alleged that the CDs contained "false and fabricated stories of torture" on the minority Hindu community in the country, videos of ransacking Dhaka University dormitory rooms and houses at different parts of the country by the so-called activists of the four-party alliance.

He said the CDs contained "fake" videos of ransacking puja mandaps during the 2001 general elections.

"Such activities might destroy communal harmony and worsen the country's law and order situation," the plaintiff observed in his case statement.

Nasim later obtained bail from the High Court. The bail was cancelled on August 14 this year as he did not appear before the court.

PABON'S BANK ACCOUNT INFO

The ACC yesterday sent letters to all commercial banks asking them to give information on Akhtar Hamid Pabon, son of BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

The anti-graft body also asked the banks to provide detailed transaction records of Pabon and information on his business house, Khandaker Enterprise.

The information is required for proper investigation, the ACC letter said.

3 Bangladeshi

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They were handed over to Bangladesh yesterday following a request from the Bangladeshi authorities.

Police sources said that the arrested criminals are infamous although their names were not included in the list of 23 top criminals declared by the then government on December 27, 2001 in the wake of severe slide in law and order.

The government also announced bounties for their arrest.

As the top criminals fled the country following the listing, Taj, Ibrahim and Lambar Selim played key role in running their gang and continuing crimes including murder and extortions in Mirpur, Kafrol, Bhashantek and Mohakali areas.

In several phases, the present government handed over lists of 373 suspected criminals, who are reportedly hiding in India, to the Indian authorities. The names of these three were on the list, police sources said.

Our Benapole correspondent adds: A team of 30 CID officials of West Bengal, led by Assistant Superintendent of Police Swapani Saha, brought the three criminals to the camp of Border Security Force (BSF) at Petrapole at noon. After completing the formalities, they handed over the three to a 12-member team of CID led by CID Additional SP Abdur Rafeq.

Tariqul

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Shafuddoula. Twelve people have been named as prosecution witnesses in the charge sheet.

The charge sheet, however, exempted another son of the former minister whose name was included in the list of 24 individuals as accused in the first information report (FIR).

Earlier, a case was filed against 28 individuals including the four mentioned in the charge sheet on March 2 recovered 27 pieces of corrugated iron sheets from the office of an NGO named Astha in the Gopde area of Jessore town. Tariqul Islam's wife Nargis Begum is the founder of Astha.

Nazrul Islam, project implementation officer of Jessore Sadar upazila, filed the case with Kotwali Police Station for misappropriation of government relief supplies meant for distribution among the destitute.

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