POSSESSING TK 20CR ILLEGAL ASSETS, HIDING INFO

# ACC to file case against mayor Sarwar this month

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is preparing to file a case against detained Barisal City Corporation (BCC) mayor Majibor Rahman Sarwar for hiding information about his assets in his statement and possessing wealth beyond known sources of income.

The ACC is now serutinising the proposed FIR (first information report) submitted by an ACC task force. The case will be filed this month, according to ACC sources.

Sarwar, arrested on May 29 for alleged corruption, submitted his wealth statement to the ACC on July 27 through a representative, which said he and his family possess wealth worth Tk9 crore.

The ACC sources said investigation revealed that Sarwar and his family possess wealth and property worth about Tk 20 core, earned in last few years without any legal source of income.

The assets include 7 flats, lands, shops and Tk 1.12 core fixed deposits with banks in his name and names of his wife and daughters, task force sources said.

Most of the assets were earned after he was elected mayor of Barisal City Corporation in March 2003, they said.

They said Sarwar's Tk 8 crore

Majibor Rahman Sarwar

assets out of Tk 9 crore mentioned in his wealth statement was also earned without any known legal source of income.

The task force also detected Tk 4 crore undisclosed property owned by the mayor. These include 'illegal' constructions on government lands and money collected from those as rent, the sources added.

ACC sources said the task force submitted the proposed (FIR) on September 18. ACC legal experts are reviewing the report and a regular case will be filed with police within this month.

Maj. Abdul Hye, head of the ACC task force No.4, told journalists earlier that only Tk one crore assets out of Tk 9 crore mentioned in the mayor's wealth statement was sound legal.

According to the wealth statement, Sarwar has one flat in Gulshan in Dhaka, three flats and a five katha land in Banani, two shops in Banani and Basundhara in Dhaka, 30 decimal land in Savar, 10 acres of land in Barisal, 3 luxurious cars, one revolver, 3 rifles and Tk 40 lakh in 10 bank accounts in his name.

His wife Nasima Sarwar has three flats in Dhaka, 70 decimal land, 30 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 15 lakh in two bank accounts.

Fixed deposits of Tk.53.8 lakh were found in names of their two minor daughters, sources added.

The wealth statement submitted on behalf of Sarwar and his family showed rent from flats as their source of income but did not describe the legal source of money with which the flats were purchased.

However, the wealth statement said that according to Section 19/B of income tax laws, declaration of source of income was not needed while submitting income tax returns.

Official sources said Sarwar got Tk 42,000 as salary, house rent and allowances as mayor of Barisal City Corporation.

It was gathered that Sarwar earned around Tk 15,000 per month from a bidi factory. But at several public meetings earlier he claimed that he did not take a single penny from that factory for the sake of welfare of workers.

He also has a construction firm named 'Comfort Trading and Builders', but no business was found in its name in last 3-4 years, the sources said.

The ACC sources said, scrutiny of documents and statements submitted by land registration offices, banks and other institutions, found wide differences between Sarwar's submitted wealth statement and real value of his assets and legal sources of income.

Besides field investigation, the task force also interrogated Sarwar about his wealth and sources of income. He was interrogated Barisal Kotwali police station while on rwmand.

Investigations revealed that BCC mayor Sarwar invested a huge amount of capital in different firms in different names, which would exceed Tk 4 crore. He got financial benefit regularly from those investments, the sources said.

## Rivals kill 2 outlaws in Kushtia

*Another injured by Rab in Rajshahi*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Two outlaws were killed by party rivals at Malihad village in Mirpur upazila Sunday night.

The dead were identified as Akther Hossain Mondol, 28, a regional commander of the Lal Pataka (red flag) faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) and Babu, 26, an armed cadre of the same faction.

Police said party rivals picked up Akther and Babu from their houses within a span of 30 minutes. They called them out from houses in pretext of a party meeting.

Family sources said both of them belonged to PBCP-ML. But they left the party and joined its Lal Pataka faction in January this year.

Police said criminals slaughtered them to death at Padmabeel field at Malihad village. Afterwards, a PBCP cadre identifying himself as Siddique Ali alias Tiger informed Rab, police and journalists through cell phone and claimed responsibility for the murder.

Accordingly, police recovered the bodies and sent those to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.

Additional superintendent of police (ASP) of Kushtia visited the spot yesterday.

Rab and police have launched separate drives to arrest the killers.

Meanwhile, another cadre of the Lal Pataka faction sustained critical bullet injuries in a shootout between outlaws and Rab men at Taltala Bazaar in Bagmara upazila, Rajshahi Sunday evening, said our RU correspondent.

The injured was identified as Zabed Ali, 37, son of Asir Uddin Mollah of Mirzapur village.

# Implement separation of judiciary

## Lawyers demand in Barisal, Chandpur

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Members of Barisal District Bar Association and Chandpur District Bar Association have urged the government to implement separation of judiciary from administration immediately.

Our Barisal correspondent reports: The Bar Association members here hailed the government decision and vowed to foil any conspiracy against the government decision to separate judiciary from administration.

They vehemently condemned the activities of the members of the administration cadre.

They were addressing a meeting at Barisal District Bar Association auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Bar association president Advocate Dilp Ghosh presided the meeting.

Terming independence of judiciary as a constitutional binding, the lawyers said separation of judiciary from administration will ensure justice and protect basic rights of citizens.

They said those who protest separation of judiciary from administration are violating the Constitution and breaking discipline of the Public Service rules

They said the members of the administrative cadres used the political governments illegally for their own interest while at the same time are blaming government for interference in their duties when the question of transparency and accountability comes.

Separation of judiciary from administration is a fruit of a greater mass agitation and would benefit the citizens through implementation of their Constitutional rights, they said.

At the outset of the meeting, judges of Barisal district judgeship led by district judge Md Sahidullah exchanged views with members of the district bar association.

Among others, advocates Syed Golam Masud Bablu, Enayet Pir Khan, Talukdar Muhammad Yunus, Shakhawat Hossain Jummon, Kamrul Ahsan Shahin, Majibur Rahman, Fazlur Rahman, Majibur Rahman Nantu, Abdus Sattar, Kazi Manirul Hassan, Syed Waliullah Saju and other members of the Bar Association addressed.

Meanwhile, Golam Masud Bablu, secretary of Barisal District Bar Association has alleged that the district administration had locked the room of the Additional District Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

He said the room was selected for use as the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Barisal under Barisal district judgeship after separation of judiciary from November 1.

However, the deputy commissioner and the district magistrate were not available for comments. But their staff said the room was locked for renovation.

A correspondent from Chandpur reports: Members of Chandpur Bar Association, at a meeting held here yesterday hailed the government initiative for separation of judiciary from administration.

Advocate Zahirul Islam, president of the Bar Association presided the meeting.

The lawyers also condemned the officials of the republic for hatching a conspiracy to resist the bold move and its implementation from November 1. They called upon the government to bring the Public Service rules violators to book and take disciplinary action against them.

Among others, Advocate Fazlul Huq Sarker, Advocate Ruhul Amin, Advocate Ahsan Habib, Advocate Iqbal Bin Bashar, Advocate Kazi Habibur Rahman and Advocate Abdul Mannan Patwary addressed.

## Indigenous youth held with bullets in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bandarban*

Security forces yesterday arrested an indigenous youth and recovered 93 bullets from his possession at Roangchhari bus terminal here, police said.

The arrested is Chin Hla U Khiang, an inhabitant of Keplong Para in Roangchari upazila.

Acting on a secret information, the forces challenged Chin Hla U Khiang and another indigenous youth while they were moving towards Balaghata bazaar by a rickshaw van in the morning. Chin Hla U Khiang was caught red-handed by security personnel along with ammunition.

Another youth jumped from the van and fled the scene.

## Army explodes 12 recovered rocket launchers in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

A special team of Bangladesh Army yesterday exploded 12 rocket launchers which were recovered during earth digging at Shamsernagar on October 7.

Kamalganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Ehsanul Haque said the Army team exploded the rocket launchers at a distant place in Lawachhera reserve forest at about 2 pm.

The 12 rocket launchers were recovered during earth digging behind the under-construction market of LGED at Shamsernagar Bazaar in Kamalganj upazila.

Police earlier said those were brought by Pakistani army in 1971 during the Liberation War.

PHOTO: STAR

Eligible voters wait in queues at Bindubasini Boys' High School as voter listing with photographs and national identity cards began in Tangail town yesterday.

# Voter listing in Tangail amid festive mood

## *Data collection begins in Ctg, Bandarban and Rangamati*

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A good response from voters was observed as the task of preparing voter lists with photograph and national identity (NID) card began in Tangail town yesterday.

In Chittagong, Bandarban and Rangati, enumerators from election offices started door to door visits to collect information for voter listing.

Maj Gen AKM Mujahiduddin formally inaugurated the programme at Bindubasini Boys High School in Tangail, our correspondent reports.

A large number of voters including females started coming to the registration centres from the morning as voter registration started at 25 centres in wards No 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, and 13.

The task will continue till October 27 while the work in five other wards -- No 14,15,16,17, and 18 -- will be done from October 28 to November 2.

A total of 2,58,848 voters in Sadar upazila have already filled up the voter registration forms after preliminary works for the much-awaited voter listing in the municipality and Sadar upazila began on October 6, district election officials said. The registration will run till November 21.

The task of data collection for preparing voter list with photograph and national identity cards began in Chittagong city yesterday, reports our Chittagong correspondent.

The filed level enumerators started visiting door to door in almost each of the 41 wards under Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) to collect information of the eligible voters.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ashraf Shamim inaugurated the voter-listing task through releasing balloons at a ceremony organised by Election Working Group on the premises of Zila Parishad at around 10:30am.

Later a colourful procession was brought out where a people from different sections participated carrying placards.

A total of 4897 field level enumerators working under over 800 supervisors will conduct the data collection task, said sources in the District Election Office.

Door to door visit for information collection for voter listing with photograph and national identity card started in Bandarban municipality and Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The programme was officially opened by taking information, signature and finger print of the deputy commissioner of Bandarban district yesterday morning.

Our Rangamati correspondent adds: Data collection of voters as part of preparing voter list with photographs and national identity cards in Sadar upazila and municipal areas in Rangamati began yesterday.

The enumerators started field level work for collecting necessary information from the eligible voters while Green Hill, a local NGO, has arranged announcement through loudspeakers to inspire the residents of the town to provide their data for voter registration.

A total of 335 enumerators and 79 supervisors have been appointed for the purpose. Besides, data entry operators, proofreaders and computer operators will be appointed within this month, DEO office sources said.

## Domestic help fighting for life with burn injury

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

A minor domestic help, a victim of violence allegedly by her master's family, was sent to Dhaka yesterday with critical burn injuries.

Eight year-old Farzana Begum was working at the house of trader Wazzila Chawdhury at Nasirnagar upazila headquarters.

She sustained the burn injuries as kerosene was poured on her clothes and torched, sources at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital said.

Farzana was rescued by neighbours and first taken to Nasirnagar Upazila Health Complex and then sent to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. Nasirnagar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Shawkat Ali visited her at the health complex.

Contacted, the UNO has said he has asked the officer-in-charge of Nasirnagar police station to probe the matter.

Wazzila Chawdhury's family however claimed that Farzana received burnt injuries as a stove exploded when she was pouring kerosene into it.

# Detained Kishoreganj municipal chairman sued for extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kishoreganj*

An extortion case was filed with Kishoreganj Sadar Police Station against detained Kishoreganj Municipality chairman Abu Taher Miah.

Following the case filed on Sunday night by Mofiz Miah of Batrish Monipuripara in the town against the chairman and Rokon, a surveyor of the municipality, the case was sent to Kishoreganj Cognisance Court-1 yesterday afternoon.

According to case statement, a group of 8-10 people led by Taher and Rokon on September 26 damaged Mofiz's a brick-built house,

Abu Taher Miah

three tin-shed houses and looted belongings worth Tk 2 lakh from there.

After a written notice from Taher, Mofiz met him at the latter's office on July 22 last year when the chairman demanded Tk 1 lakh as bribe, goes the case statement. As Mofiz refused, Taher threatened him with dire consequences and the attack on his properties on September 26 was a sequel to this.

On October 9, the joint forces led by a first class magistrate caught Taher red-handed when he was taking bribe from a trader in the town.

Taher was a BNP nomination seeker from Kishoreganj-3 constituency (Kishoreganj Sadar) for the parliament election scheduled for January 22 (later cancelled).


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| ০৭) | দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় | : | ২১/১১/২০০৭ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:৩০ ঘটিকায় আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাক্স খোলা হইবে। |
| ০৮) | প্রি-টেন্ডার মিটিং এর তারিখ ও সময় | : | ১৪/১১/২০০৭ইং সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকায় নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী দপ্তরে অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। |
| ০৯) | বিশেষ শর্তাবলী | : | ক) প্রতিটি দরপত্র সিডিউল আলাদা-আলাদাভাবে ক্রয় করিতে হইবে এবং আলাদা-আলাদাভাবে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে।<br>খ)দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য বাবদ উল্লেখিত টাকা আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেডের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট / পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে।<br>গ) দরপত্র জামানত হিসাবে উল্লেখিত টাকা আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেডের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট / পে-অর্ডার / ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি আকারে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে।<br>ঘ) বর্নিত সরবরাহ কাজটি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির নির্দেশনা, তফসিলের বর্ণনা / স্পেসিফিকেশন / ভারপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তার নির্দেশ এবং এতদসঙ্গে সংযুক্ত বিশেষ শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক সম্পন্ন করিতে হইবে।<br>ঙ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল, সংশোধন বা এতদসংক্রান্ত যে সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষন করেন। |

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