



Dr. Shafiqur Rahman
TK 2.5CR GOVT REVENUE LOSS
Ex-Ameer of
Sylhet Jamaat, 3
others sued
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed a case against four persons including immediate past chief of Sylhet city Jamaat-e-Islami and former deputy commissioner of Sylhet for dodging Tk 2,55,20,000 government revenue.

ACC Deputy Director (in charge for Sylhet division) Dhali Abdus Salam filed the case with Sylhet Kotwali police station Monday evening.

The accused are the then deputy commissioner of Sylhet Abul Hossain (now joint secretary), the then sub-registrar of Sylhet Sadar Dewan Mozahar Hossain, former Sylhet city Jamaat Ameer and managing director of Golden Tower Dr. Shafiqur Rahman and Md. Nurul Islam Khan.

They did it in connivance with each other while purchasing lands for the said multi-storied shopping mall.

Dr. Shafique, Nurul Islam Khan and others bought a 92 decimal plot of land worth Tk 18 crore in the name of Golden Tower in the city's Ambarkhana area in 2003.

By abusing power and influence, they persons registered the land showing its price at Tk 40 lakh only, dodging Tk 2,55,20,000 government revenue, the ACC said in the case.

The then sub-registrar registered at a fee of only Tk 5,80,000 against the actual fee of 2.61 crore.

The ACC case also mentioned that Dr. Shafiqur negotiated with the sellers, fixing the price at Tk 18 crore on October 20, 2002 and made the payment in installments.

But later he concealed the contract and registered the land at a lower price.

FAILURE TO BUILD 2 MORE BRIDGES

Firm fined more Tk 27lakh, work orders cancelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Roads and Highway Department (RHD) and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Tangail have fined Kader Siddiqui's construction firm Sonar Bangla Prokaushol Shangkha Tk 27 lakh for failing to complete construction of two bridges in Ghatal and Nagarpur upazilas within the scheduled time.

They have also cancelled the work orders for the bridges, sources said, adding that Tk 9 lakh of the fine money has already been deposited.

The actions were taken for breaking the conditions of contract, they said.

Sonar Bangla Prokaushol Sangstha, a construction firm owned by Kader Siddiqui got the work order for construction of a 84-

metre-long bridge over Jhinai river on Ghatal-Bhuapur road at Dublakuri under Ghatal upazila in 1996, said officials at Tangail RHD.

Primarily the bridge construction cost was estimated at Tk 1,84,00,000 but later it was re-estimated at Tk 2,56,00,000.

The construction firm was supposed to complete construction of the bridge within two years as per the agreement.

Although the bridge has remained incomplete after 12 years, the firm has already drawn away Tk 2,15,00,000 as bill.

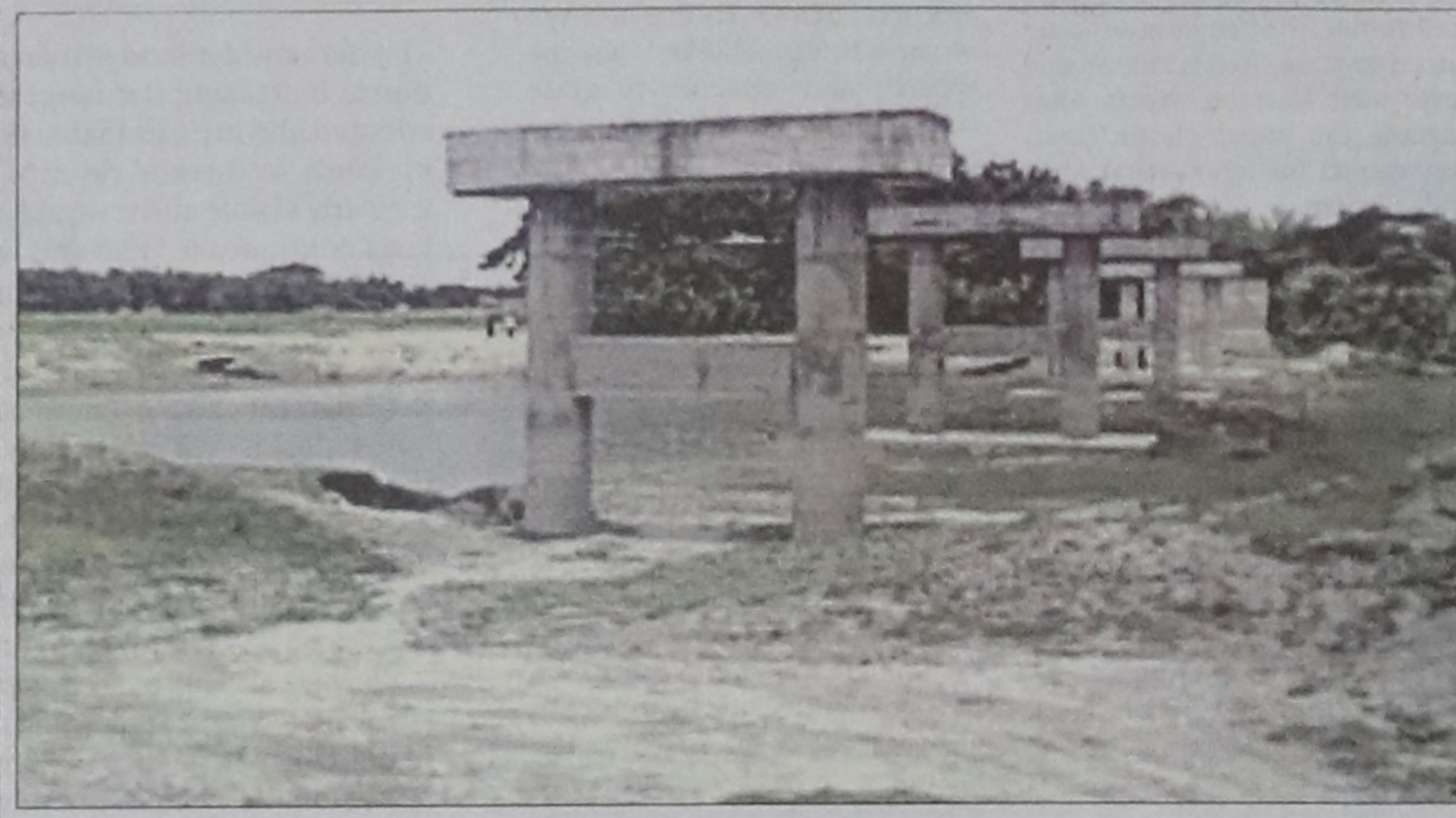
The RHD on July 10 this year cancelled the work order of the bridge and fined the firm Tk 18 lakh following allegations of breaking conditions of the agreement.

Golam Mostofa, executive engineer Tangail RHD, said they have asked the higher authorities for fund to complete rest of the work.

The same construction firm got the work order for construction of a 100-metre-long bridge at Rehai Bhugalhat under Doptior union in Nagarpur upazila on December 17 in 2005, which was funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and supervised by Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED).

The cost was estimated at Tk 1,88,00,000 and the construction work was supposed to be complete within December 16, 2006.

Officials of LGED in Tangail told The Daily Star that they cancelled the work order of the bridge and fined the construction firm Tk 9 lakh on March 25 this year for failing to complete construction of the deck and some other works of the bridge within the scheduled time as per agreement. The Tk 9 lakh fine money has already been deposited, they said.



Scheduled to be ready in December 2006, the bridge on Dhuburia-Doptior road at Rehai Bhugalhat in Nagarpur upazila sees completion of only a few pillars so far.

DCC to fell 52 old trees

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societies and organisations.

"We are felling 25 trees on the median of Gulshan Avenue due to objections from GrameenPhone who are responsible for the road beautification work of the area, as they have been complaining for the past year that the trees hamper the beautification plan," he said.

"The DCC's storm sewerage drain lies under the median of Gulshan Avenue and the roots of the trees hamper drainage of rain water," Shamsuzzaman said.

"Among these 52 trees, 13 are already dead," he pointed out.

There is also the consideration for situations where some larger roadside trees are taking up the space of residential houses or obstructing the household activity in some order or the other.

The zonal authorities do not decide the fate of the trees however. The decision to cut the trees was approved by the Dhaka Mayor on July 14 and the work order given to

Mohammad Nizam, a contractor, on July 17.

Interestingly, he was asked to complete the work within a week of receiving the work order.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka told The Daily Star yesterday that the decision is part of regular procedures and he approved the scheme following initiatives taken by zonal officials.

He said that the matter will be looked into and added, "If we find that the reasons cited for cutting down the trees are wrong, we will stop the felling."

Environmental experts have meanwhile questioned the DCC decision.

Abu Naser Khan, chairman of Save the Environment Movement, said they are against cutting of trees anywhere. Where the whole city is barren of greenery, there has to be more justification for felling such old trees for, if not anything else, climatic reasons.

"If the trees were indeed blocking the drains then couldn't alter-

native steps be taken to correct the drainage system without felling such old trees?" he asked.

"The roads and drainage systems are important for us but so is saving our trees for the sake of the environment," he said.

DCC officials however could not say if the drainage system could have been improved with steps other than cutting down the trees.

Nizam won the contract of the work through an auction held on July 9 for a price of Tk 1,56,100. The assessment of the trees' cost by the forest department was about Tk 1,54,669.

Shiraj a resident of Gulshan for the last 35 years said the tree near road-89, that is to be cut down, dates back to the pre-independence days. He claims that the tree is in no way obstructing any drainage work.

Another resident also asked if the DCC could not have thought of other steps to improve the drainage rather than cutting off the trees.

Mohammad Shahjahan, the tree

fellier hired by the contractor, said that he has already cut down six trees in the area over the last five days.

"We will start next on the large tree near Gulshan road-89," he said adding that the tree must be about 50 years old.

The 25 trees on the median on Gulshan Avenue include raintrees, debdaru, banyan, akatha, epil-epil, mango, chatuyan and berry trees. Others include three trees adjoining the British High Commission in Baridhara, one kishnachura near road-27, block-J in Banani, eight acacia trees on Madina Avenue road island, one mahogany on road-18, block-B in Banani, one cotton tree at the corner of road 24 and 39 in Gulshan, a mango tree at the corner of road-24 and 30 in Gulshan and a kishnachura and mahogany tree at road 56 and 70 in Gulshan, a mango tree on the DCC field behind Wonderland in Gulshan, seven debdaru trees at CWS (A)-1, Gulshan road-34 and one debdaru tree in Gulshan road-79.



BRIGHT STUDENTS AGAINST GRAFT: One hundred and eighty GPA-5 achievers of Harimohon Government High School in Chapainawabganj town at a reception accorded by Sachetan Nagorik Committee of TIB yesterday taking oath not to involve in corruption.

Graft in govt offices not due to low pay

ACC chief says in Thakurgaon

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday called upon government officials to resist corruption and help the government root out the vice from society.

He sought cooperation from all levels in freeing the administration from the menace.

"The caretaker government is trying very sincerely to remove corruption, which is eating up all development programmes, the ACC chairman said.

"Do your children know whether the money you spend for them is legal or illegal?"

"If they know it is legal, they

(your children) grow up with strong moral values and better human beings," he said at a view-exchange meeting titled "Taking institutional initiative to prevent corruption". It was held at Thakurgaon Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

The ACC chief said top officials in the administration have to take the lead in removing corruption and ensure transparency at all levels.

"It is illogical that poor salary is behind corruption. Many employees live honestly with low income," he said.

"Rooting out corruption from society is not easy but we have to try to scale it down to a tolerable level".

ACC chairman said it is true that corruption is rampant also at district and upazila levels. Village

people are to bribe officials for petty works.

Thakurgaon Deputy Commissioner Miah Abdullah Mamun and Acting Police Superintendent AKM Iqbal, among others, were present at the meeting.

District Primary Education Officer Nazir Ahmed, Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department Mohoshin Ali, Managing Director of Thakurgaon Sugar Mill MA Star and Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital Dr. Sultan Alam also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier in the morning the ACC chairman talked to reporters of electronic and print media at Thakurgaon Circuit House.

4 teachers lock Sust admin office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The vice-chancellor, registrar and other officials could not enter their offices as four associate professors, pressing for their 'due promotion', put the main gate of the administrative building of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) under lock and key yesterday morning.

Their promotion to the post of professor had been lying pending for four years, said the teachers -- associate professors Dr Syed Badiuzzaman Faruque, Dr Abdul Hannan, Dr Shamsunnahar Begum and Dr Mahfuza Ahmed, all of the Department of Physics.

The demand was placed long before but the vice chancellor paid no heed to their legitimate claim for the up-gradation, they said.

The teachers had been staging sit-in front of the Registrar's Building for the last five days.

Sust offices could not function yesterday due to the teachers' agitation, Sust Registrar Zamil Ahmed Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.



Sharmin Sultana Rini

Suicide: Arrest of 'cheat' lover demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Leaders and activists of 10 NGOs and women's organizations in the district at a press conference yesterday demanded arrest of Abdul Wadood who allegedly cheated meritorious student Sharmin Sultana Rini in the name of love that led her to commit suicide.

Madhab Dutta of Sodosh, an NGO, read out a written statement at the press conference, held at Satkhira Reporters Club.

He alleged that Brac staff Abdul Wadood, son of Ayeen Uddin of Sultanpur in the town, developed an illicit connection with Rini on false assurance of marrying her. She became pregnant.

As he refused to marry her, she committed suicide by burning herself, he alleged. Rini poured kerosene on her body and torched herself in front of Wadood's rented house at Kalaroa Sunday evening. She died at Satkhira Sadar Hospital on the same day.

Awareness programme by Apollo Hospitals

Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka recently organised Healthcare Awareness Programme for members of Khulna Club, says a press release.

Dr Mrinal Kumar Sarker, consultant and coordinator, Apollo Fertility Centre, Dr Md Sadiqul Islam, consultant, internal medicine and rheumatology and Dr Syed Sakib Nazir, consultant and coordinator, clinical and interventional cardiology of Apollo Hospitals, conducted the programme in Khulna.

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Request for Expression of Interest
For selection of individual consultants (National)

1. Ministry/Division	Home Ministry	
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police	
3. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh police	
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KEY INFORMATION		
7. Procurement Method	Selection of individual consultant (Time based fixed method)	
FUNDING INFORMATION		
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Career Opportunity in NGO Sector

A leading national NGO providing micro credit to over 100,000 women members in rural and urban areas for income generating activities, and now setting its goal to expand to 200,000 members in the next two years with financial support from PKSF, intends to recruit qualified person for the following positions:

1. Assistant Director (Program): One position

Candidate must have minimum of ten years experience in micro credit operation with proven track record. The person will be required to take responsibility for the program management of "Women's Credit Program" of the organization which includes planning, budgeting, staff management and reporting. The qualified person possessing relevant managerial skills and vision is expected to assist the Director in leading the program successfully.

Educational qualifications: Minimum of Masters in Commerce/Social Science with sound academic background is required. Candidates having MBA (Finance) will be given preference. Good knowledge of PKSF lending system will be an added advantage. Good command of English is essential.

2. Assistant Director (Internal Audit): One position

Candidate must have minimum of ten years experience in micro credit operation of which five years in internal auditing job. Willing to undertake frequent field visit and take responsibility of internal audit division.

Educational qualifications: Minimum of Masters in Accounting/Finance with sound academic background. Candidates having C.A. CC course or ICMA Intermediate completed will be given preference. Proficiency in Computer and good command of English is essential.

3. Assistant Director (Admin & HR): One position

Candidate must have minimum of five years working experience in Administration & Human Resource Dept. in any reputed organization.

Educational qualifications: Minimum of Masters in any discipline. Candidates having MBA in HRM or completed minimum one year diploma in HRM or in personal management having sound knowledge on labor law will be given preference. Good command of English is essential.

Above jobs offer highly attractive salaries and other benefits including provident fund, gratuity and have great future prospects. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Suitable applicants will need to submit a comprehensive C.V. together with a recent passport size photograph to the Executive Director, Post Box No-10092, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, latest by August 6, 2008.

'Cancel Kosba pourasabha' Taxes without service

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

People in Kosba upazila headquarters have been holding processions and rallies for the last two days demanding cancellation of Kosba upazila as they have to pay municipal taxes without getting any service.

Several processions, joined by hundreds of villagers, paraded the main roads of Kosba upazila headquarter yesterday to press the demand of the district demanding the cancellation of Kosba Pourasabha today.

On Monday, at least 500 people of different villages joined a mass signature campaign on the premises of the office of Kosba Upazila Assistant Commissioner for Land demanding cancellation of pourasabha.

Responding a prayer by a villager for cancellation of Kosba pourasabha, the concerned ministry ordered Kosba Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) to investigate the matter.

On behalf of UNO, AC Land A K M Shawkat Ali Majumder served a public notice and conducted an interview session on Monday. Several thousand villagers gathered for the interview. The AC Land will also conduct another interview session today.

Kasbha pourasabha was declared during Awami League rule nine years ago. It is run by an administrator as election is yet to be held because a case regarding its area is under trial.