

## Swindling

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Assistant Commissioner (AC) of police Md Golam Azad Khan said Monir has already been arrested from his Merul Badda residence in the city.

The AC also said that Salma had not been arrested as she was now in the ninth month of her pregnancy. Since Shilon left the country over a year ago, it was not clear who the father of the child is.

Monir is the son of Tamer Ali Sikder of Palong upazila in Shariatpur and is an Applied Chemistry graduate from Dhaka University. At present he runs a travel related business. While in university he was vice president Bangladesh Chhatra League's Fazlul Haque Hall unit.

Talking to The Daily Star, Shilon, who has been living in Athens, Greece since 1999, said that he was introduced to Monir at DU by a friend in October 2006 while on a visit to Bangladesh. Subsequently Monir agreed to help him find a bride.

Shilon said, "Monir introduced me to Salma at Hotel Sheraton, saying Salma was a friend of Monir's girlfriend and like a sister to them. Monir said Salma's father was dead, and she studied at Dhaka university, supporting herself by tuitions. I grew close to her and eventually we decided to get married the next year."

He then left for Greece in December 2006.

Shilon then kept in touch with Salma over phone calls and sent Salma Tk 20,000 per month for her study and living expenses.

"During the wedding, I gave her a diamond ring worth Tk 85,000, three necklaces of 25 tolas of gold worth Tk 6,30,000 and a gold ring worth Tk 12,000," Shilon said.

"As my would-be wife demanded, I sent her Tk 7 lakh more for other purposes and just before we got married she proposed that I send her money to buy a flat in the city as neither of us have a place to live in Dhaka," said Shilon who hails from Gopalganj.

"I then sent her Tk 22 lakh to buy a flat at Banglamotor."

## Service age

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service age of the freedom fighters by at least one year," State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Abir Tajul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday.

He also hinted that the service age limit could be increased by even two to three years, which was under consideration.

The next cabinet meeting on August 17 may take the decision.

Across the country, there are around 4,500 government officials and staffs who are freedom fighters. They have long been demanding increase in their service tenure.

Besides, the government would go for increasing service age of all its officials and employees in December.

Talking about the trial of war criminals, the state minister said the government is determined to bring them to book immediately after appointing investigation agency, which would require some more time.

"We want to try the war criminals in a fair way so that it is acceptable to international quarters," he said adding that only the war criminals with substantive proofs would be brought to justice regardless of their party affiliation.

## Road blocked

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The UNO was there to oversee the process of dismantling the camp as a part of the government decision to pull out an army brigade and 35 makeshift camps from the three districts in line with CHT Peace Accord.

Contacted, Tarikul Alam said he suggested that the locals submit an application to the deputy commissioner seeking security arrangement in the area. He, however, said he did not feel any security crisis due to the withdrawal of a camp.

Meanwhile, army officials handed the campsite over to the UNO in absence of the landowner Suvra Lal Chakma.

After dismantling the Dighalchhari camp, which was set up in April 1981 and approximately 40 kilometres from Rangamati district headquarters, a total of 100 troops along with their belongings left for Chittagong Cantonment.

Until yesterday, a total of five military camps in Rangamati – three under Kaptaij brigade and two under Rangamati brigade, were withdrawn.

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ORPHANAGE CASE  
SC upholds  
Tarique's  
bail order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court upheld a High Court order granting bail to Tarique Rahman in the Zia Orphanage Trust embezzlement case yesterday.

The Appellate Division also upheld another HC order that stayed proceedings against Tarique in an extortion case filed by Amin Ahmed Bhuiyan, a real estate businessman.

Talking to The Daily Star at the DB office, detained Monir Hossain admitted that he had introduced his wife to Shilon but denied any other involvement. He said his wife had built up a relationship with Shilon behind his back. When questioned about the time of the wedding and the honeymoon, Monir said he was out of the country at the time with his mother to perform the Holy Hajj.

Monir also said that if Shilon withdraws the case, he is willing to take up his wife's liabilities and gradually pay back all the money she took from Shilon.

Monir also informed the police that Salma was never a student of DU, in fact she had completed her HSC from Sheikh Borhanuddin College.

Shilon had earlier been married and has three children. He got divorced in 2002.

The Anti-corruption Commission recently filed leave-to-appeal petitions with the SC against HC orders that granted bail to Tarique in Zia Orphanage Trust graft case and stayed the proceedings against Koko in the corruption case.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam appeared for the government and advocate Khurshid Alam Khan stood for ACC, while barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon stood for Tarique and Koko.

## 2nd ODI

ON THE OTHER HAND, Zimbabweans will be looking to get Sunday's crushing defeat out of their heads and strive for a better show to restore parity in the series.

The game starts at 2:30 pm Bangladesh time. State-run Bangladesh Television (BTV) and satellite channel TEN Sports will beam live telecast from Queen's Sports Club in Bulawayo.

Bangladesh will field the same eleven that played in the opening match. Most of the Bangladesh batsmen have got runs in recent games, and their only worry till now seems to have eased off with both the seamers bagging wickets in the first game. Zimbabwe, on the other hand, are expected to make changes, particularly in the way they counter spin, if they are to put on a more credible show today. They will also be looking to find ways to have cracks at the Bangladesh batting line-up that looks more resolute than ever before.

## TCB active

TCB city with its imported goods, Sher Mohammad said.

He said the TCB should have imported essentials at least a month earlier.

The TCB is importing 25,000 tonnes of edible oil from Malaysia and 12,000 tonnes of sugar from Thailand to meet the demand of consumers during Ramadan, a senior TCB official said.

He also directed the respective district authorities to monitor the markets so that price charts for the shoppers can be ensured.

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The TCB sources said they have only 222 dealers across the country. It now plans to assign two more dealers at each upazila before Ramadan.

The process of assigning more dealers will be completed soon, said the TCB official.

He said the prices of edible oil and sugar would be fixed after the goods are transported to the warehouses.

"We shall sell the goods through our dealers across the country this year. Previously, the TCB men sold the goods using trucks and vans in cities and towns," he said.

City Group of Industries Chairman Fazlur Rahman said the prices of edible oil should be fixed after the ministries concerned and other stakeholders review the total import cost.

If the prices are not fixed this way, they would not fluctuate frequently, he added.

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## No room

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Alzal Hossain was made information and research affairs secretary to the committee.

The Awami League Central Working Committee has 26 executive members and 47 officer bearer posts, including the party president, general secretary, 13 presidium members, three joint general secretaries and seven organising secretaries.

The Awami League on July 30 announced the names for 43 posts in the committee, excluding veterans Amir Hossain Amu, Abdur Razzaq, Tofail Ahmed and Suranjit Sengupta who were presidium members.

On July 24 the Awami League national council re-elected Hasina as president and Syed Ashraf Islam as general secretary.

"Awami League President Sheikh Hasina appointed the executive members in consultation with the presidium members as per the party constitution," said General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam in a press release yesterday.

The 26 executive members are: Mohammad Nasim, Abul Hasnat Abdulla, Altaf Hossain of Magura, Matiur Rahman of Mymensingh, Eng Mosharrif Hossain of Chittagong, Sheikh Harun-Or-Rashid of Khulna, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, AKM Rahmatullah, Syeda Zeenunnisa of Sylhet, Monnuna Sufian, Kairuzzaman Liton, Fazle Rabbi, Bipul Ghosh, Abdur Rahman, Akhtaruzzaman, Bir Bahadur, Tipu Munshi of

Politicians

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any foreign militant organisation like LeT.

The law enforcers hope they will be able to make headway towards unearthing the LeT's political patrons once they capture some other Lashkar men in the country.

Multi Obaidullah and Moulana Mansur meantime disclosed that their organisation has been active in Bangladesh for the last 14 years.

They also said local LeT operatives have links to the network of absconding Indian underworld don Daud Ibrahim and Huji Bangladesh leaders.

Both the detainees had been teaching at local madrasas since their illegal entrance to Bangladesh in 1995.

"Obaidullah had been organising Bangladeshi youths for jihad on instructions from Ameer Reza, an Indian holed up in Pakistan," DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque told newsmen after Obaidullah's arrest.

Talking to reporters while being paraded before the media, Obaidullah said four other most wanted Indians are also hiding in Bangladesh.

Following up information obtained from him, DB police arrested LeT leader Mansur Ali from Dakkhin Khan area in the capital on July 22.

Mansur told reporters at the DMP headquarters that he had close relations with local Huji top brass including Mufti Hannan, Abdur Rouf, Abu Taher and Sheikh Abdus Salam.

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## Detainee questions hinder plan to shut Guantanamo

AFP, Washington

Less than six months before his self-imposed deadline to shut down Guantanamo, US President Barack Obama faces key fights over where to move detainees and how to prosecute them.

His administration has only had limited success in emptying the detention centre of those considered its most low-risk inmates, sending them home or to third countries willing to provide them with asylum.

Portugal this week joined Bermuda, France, Ireland, and even the Pacific archipelago of Palau in agreeing to accept detainees from the prison, located on a US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Obama is still wrestling with what to do with some 225 detainees who remain, among them the highest-profile arrests in his predecessor George W. Bush's "war on terror" including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-described mastermind of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Obama made shutting the camp -- a symbol for many of what was wrong with Bush's "war on terror" -- by the end of his first year in office on January 2010 a major campaign pledge.

But his decision earlier this year to prosecute some detainees in reformed versions of the Bush-era military commissions and try others in federal courts has met with growing opposition.

## Mobile courts

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strengthening the BSTI, we have recruited 113 new staff and purchased new machinery for chemical testing.

Dewan Zakir Hussain,

secretary to the industries ministry, was also present at the briefing.

## Koko

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added departmental action would be taken against Dr Sabrina, the medical officer concerned.

Without a confirmed diagnosis, this officer reported "pneumonia due to swine flu" in the death certificate though she misspelled writing "sowin flu".

He was admitted to the hospital on Saturday at 4:00pm with a severe breathing problem and we were busy trying to relieve his condition," said Hyder Ali.

The attorney general said the case was filed against Koko in March this year but Koko had collected Koko's signature in January this year for filing the writ petition.

Koko told The Daily Star that he did not commit any forgery as he submitted a genuine letter of authority to the HC on Koko's behalf.

"I met Koko in Bangkok on January 27 this year. He put signatures on the letter of authority and other documents before me the same day," he said.

The government on August 5 this year filed an application with the HC, alleging that Koko tendered "forged and manufactured" documents with his writ petition to the HC.

Koko, now staying in Thailand for treatment on parole, authorised advocate Taher Islam Tawhid to file the writ petition. But the authorisation letter was authenticated by an unauthorised person in Dhaka, not by any official at the Bangladesh embassy in Thailand, it said.

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