

BG Press staff

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innovative ways to leak question papers. They also said the syndicate has been doing it for a long time.

Police sources said Mostafa, during interrogation in remand, told investigators that Shahidul Islam, a binder of BG Press, got the question paper out of the press on July 6 using an innovative method.

He said Shahidul tailored an identical pair of trousers of the BG Press uniform but it had a secret pocket near the waist. Usually, employees and officials of BG Press put on their uniform after they enter the pressroom.

Mostafa said Shahidul put on a pair of regular trousers on top of the press uniform and then entered the press. He then took the trousers off inside the press making it look like he had changed into the press uniform. He then slipped one of the question papers into the secret pocket and before leaving work he put on his trousers over the fake uniform that had the question paper inside, Mostafa told investigators.

While raiding Shahidul's house in Tejgaon police recovered a pair of fake BG Press uniform trousers, which had a pocket near the waist.

Mostafa said that Khandker Mohammad Ali maintained the duty roster of employees and he made the roster in such a way so that Shahidul could be on duty that day.

Mostafa also confessed to police that his wife Laboni Begum and some other BG Press employees and officials were involved in the leakage.

Police from Tejgaon Industrial Police Station yesterday afternoon arrested Abdul Jalil, former proof pressman of off-set branch of BG Press, and recovered Tk 28 lakh with a deposit slip kept in his personal metal suitcase at the BG Press.

Jalil was produced before the press in the evening at the police station.

He said Mostafa's wife Laboni took him to Mohammad Ali's house on Thursday and she later gave him the money to hold on to it saying she was in grave danger.

Chowdhury Monzurul Kabir, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon Division, said they got a tip-off that Jalil had a portion of the money the syndicate earned for leaking the question.

He said Jalil told them that he moved the money to his office on July 8.

This syndicate has long been involved with question paper leakage, he said adding that the investigation is on and all the names of people involved will be revealed.

The deposit slip revealed that he deposited to his account over Tk 50,000 each month since January.

Police took arrested Mohammad Ali and MA Rouf to Rangpur yesterday morning from Dhaka and both the arrestees on primary interrogation disclosed names of some employees and officials with BG Press and PSC.

Superintendent of Police of Rangpur Saleh Mohammad Tanvir told reporters in his district that the arrestees on remand admitted that they leaked out the question papers for the written recruitment tests for auditor in the defence ministry, customs inspector, food inspector and primary school teachers during the last eight months.

They had also leaked out question papers for the test to recruit primary school teachers in 2009.

Police sought seven-day remand for Mohammad Ali and MA Rouf each but a magistrate granted only four-day remand each.

Four held for raping girl, making CD

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Four youths were arrested here yesterday on charge of making a porno CD of a schoolgirl after rape.

The culprits also demanded Tk 50 lakh from the victim's father in exchange of returning the CD.

The arrestees were identified as Mohiuddin Monir alias Munna, 22, Nirjhar Das Samu, 25, Rana Nandi, 25, and Rahul Nath, 25.

Sources said Mohiuddin recorded his physical relation with a 14-year-old girl, also a class nine student of a school in the city, forcibly at Hotel Golden Star of Sadarghat area on March 28.

Later, he along with the other arrestees made 400 copies of the CD at a shop called Video Park at Jalsha Market in the city.

On June 24, they contacted with the girl's father over phone demanding Tk 50 lakh in exchange of returning the CD and also threatened him of releasing the CD in the market if their demand is not met.

Failing to get expected response from the father, they released the CD in the market on June 26.

The girl's father filed a case with the Kotwali Police Station on Sunday night accusing three--Mohiuddin, Rashed, and Jasim Uddin and five other unidentified persons.

Investigation officer of the case Sub Inspector Sudip Das along with Sub Inspector Md Mohsin of the police station raided different areas of the city and arrested the four in a 17-hour drive that ended at 4:00pm yesterday.

"On information, we arrested Mohiuddin and Nirjhar from Sadarghat area while Rahul from Avoymitra Ghat and Rana from his CD shop," said SI Sudip.

During primary interrogation, Mohiuddin claimed to have love affairs with the girl. However, the girl's father in the case alleged that his daughter was raped forcibly, Sudip said.

"We have seized a computer, memory cards and pen drives from the possession of the arrestees, SI Mohsin said.

Deputy Commissioner (North) Banaj Kumar Majumder of Chittagong Metropolitan Police told The Daily Star that the culprits are the members of an organised gang. They raped the girl and later tried to extort the money.

"Our drives against such crimes are going on and if anyone is found to have such CD in their possession will be arrested in the case," the DC said.

Towhid

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existing BDR law does not allow a BDR court to try any of its officers.

But he has been made the prime accused in the charge sheet of a BDR carnage case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka yesterday.

All 735 accused were produced before the BDR special court during a two-hour proceeding yesterday.

Prosecutor Lt Col Md Badrul Alam, commanding officer of Sadar Rifle Battalion, brought charges against the accused, who were in the dock at that time.

Of the accused, 298 have been put in different jails after their arrests in a criminal case filed in connection with the bloody BDR mutiny last year. The rest are still serving in various units.

The three-member court headed by the BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam began proceedings at 10:30am at the Darbar Hall of the Pikhana BDR headquarters. The other members are Lt Col Md Nurul Alam, and Maj Gen Ali Mushtain Khan.

The court set February 2 next year for hearing of charge framing in the case.

Badrul told the court that all 735 jawans took part in the mutiny led by Towhid.

The prosecutor said he sought assistance from the accused during investigation but did not get any response from them.

Badrul said many accused were at the Darbar Hall on February 25 but they said they don't know anything.

Some members of BDR regimental police, who were on duty at Pikhana on the day, also gave similar replies, said the prosecutor.

Additional Attorney General Kazi Izzarul Haque Akand assisted the court.

BCL, performance

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Members of AL central working committee and advisory council and presidents and general secretaries of all district units have been invited to attend the meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30pm at Gono Bhaban.

The grassroots leaders said if they are allowed to speak their mind, they would talk about unabated violence and crimes by BCL activists.

Azgar Ali, general secretary of Kushtia district AL, said the unruly Chhatra Leaguers are damaging the government's image badly and should be expelled from the student body.

He however thinks infiltrators are causing the troubles under the BCL banner.

"I will request the prime minister to ensure party lawmakers work not for personal gains, but for the organisation," he added.

Sardar Mohammad Shah Alam, Jhalakathi district AL president, said the government must not let the unruly BCL men get away with their misdeeds.

Narail AL president Subhas Chandra Bose said Chhatra League is detracting from the government's achievements in last 18 months.

He also underlined the need for more coordination between lawmakers and local leaders to ensure development.

Fazlur Rahman Faruk, general secretary of the party's Tangail unit, said he will urge the prime minister to contain unruly BCL men and resolve the electricity crisis without delay.

"I will also ask her to take measures to control prices of essentials and better treat the party's dedicated leaders," he said.

Anal Kumar Dey, Shariatpur AL general secretary, said now that the government is preparing to hold the war crimes trial, AL has to be strengthened more.

HC asks govt

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Sheikh Mohammad Zakir Hossain came up with the orders following a writ petition jointly filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh and Partner in Legal Education and Assistant for Development.

The organisations filed the petition as a public interest litigation seeking necessary directives from the HC on the government to save the rivers.

During yesterday's hearing, petitioners' lawyer Manzillur Murshid told the court that encroachments and constructing structures on the rivers are illegal as per the environment and water bodies acts.

A certain quarter has been damaging the environment by encroaching on the rivers and constructing structures, he said.

He mentioned that the prime minister had directed people to stop building structures in the Meghna, and the HC in June last year asked the officials concerned to demolish all structures in the four rivers around Dhaka.

Deputy Attorney General Nazrul Islam Talukder stood for the government.

Tiger species

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for discussion at a "tiger summit" in St. Petersburg from September 15 to 18.

"In Indonesia alone, only the Sumatran tiger still exists, while the other two subspecies have become extinct," the minister said, referring to Javan and Balinese tigers which were wiped out in the 1980s and 1940s respectively.

He blamed a "lack of law enforcement" for the continuing losses of Sumatran tigers, which number only about 400 in the wild.

Several are killed every year by poachers and villagers who compete with them for dwindling forest resources.

WWF says the global, wild population of tigers of all species has fallen from about 100,000 to an estimated 3,200 over the past century.

Countries invited to attend the St Petersburg summit are Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam.

The pre-summit talks in Bali from Monday to Wednesday will hear details of each country's tiger protection plans and funding proposals.

Indonesian conservation official Harry Santoso said ahead of the talks that Jakarta

a number of leaders who preferred not to be named said they would request the premier to make the non-performing ministers deliver.

"We can even suggest that she consider a cabinet reshuffle to enhance the government's overall performance," said a district unit president.

At tomorrow's meeting, funds and lands of the Awami Foundation will be handed over to Bangabandhu Memorial Trust, said Mrinal Kanti Das, AL deputy office secretary.

The trust will set up a nursing college and hospital on the foundation's land in Savar, he added.

Border Guard

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maximum punishment, which was seven years' imprisonment for mutiny offences under the existing BDR law, premier's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told reporters after the meeting.

He said a three-tier court system would replace the existing one-tier one. Of the three courts, the Special Border Guard Court could award capital punishment for mutiny, or instigating mutiny or similar offences.

Two other courts -- Special Summary Border Guard and Summary Border Guard courts -- will have the authority to try other types of offences and award punishment.

If the bill gets through in parliament, Bangladesh Rifles Order of 1972 and Bangladesh Rifles (Special Provision) Ordinance 1976 will be annulled and the BDR will be renamed Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

The cabinet at a meeting on March 1 approved the draft act in principle and formed a six-member committee with prime minister's advisers HT Imam and Mashiur Rahman for scrutinising the proposed law. It also included the prime minister's principal secretary, cabinet secretary, law and home secretaries.

The government moved to formulate the new act after last year's bloody BDR mutiny that claimed lives of over 74 people including 57 army officers deputed to the border force.

The cabinet also approved International Mother Language Institute Act-2010 and Family Violence (Protection and Prevention) Act-2010.

It reviewed the decisions made during the last 18 months. A total of 498 decisions have been made so far at 74 meetings. Of those, 411 were executed with an implementation rate of 82 percent.

Besides, 100 laws have been passed in parliament, Azad said.

The previous BNP-led government made 239 decisions and executed 148 of them with an implementation rate of 64 percent.

The cabinet decided to fill 582 posts of assistant civil surgeons in the freedom fighter quota with candidates on the merit list as freedom fighters' children were not available for the positions.

PSTN licences

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directed to restore the services of five PSTN (public switched telephone network) operators by cancelling the decision.

The operators are RanksTel, Dhaka Phone, National Telecom, Peoples Tel, and WorldTel, whose services were switched off by the BTRC in March for their involvement in illegal international call termination through VoIP technology.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain came up with the order following a writ petition filed by Asgar Ali, a physically challenged and blind person who benefits from PSTN services of RanksTel, challenging the BTRC decision.

About implication of the HC order, petitioner's counsel advocate Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday that he could not say whether BTRC has to open the switchrooms of the five landline operators following the stay, before obtaining the copy of the order.

He, however, said the HC stayed the BTRC decision on the ground that the BTRC chairman cannot hold any meeting to take such decision, as his son is a manager of a telecom company named NovoTel Ltd.

Deputy Attorney General Nazrul Islam Talukder said the government would soon file an appeal with the Supreme Court to stay the HC order.

The BTRC on May 10 at a meeting had decided to cancel licences of five landline operators on charge of their involvement in illegal VoIP business.

BTRC Chairman Zia Ahmed presided over the meeting.

Nizami

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torching of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw that killed its driver on the eve of June 27 hartal called by BNP.

Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hossain issued the order after the Detective Brach (DB) of police sought permission to take Nizami in their custody for interrogation.

Paltan police produced Nizami before the court on completion of his nine days' remand in three cases.

On June 30, the Jamaat-Islami chief along with the party's Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, and Nayeib Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, were shown arrested in a slew of cases including four in connection with war crimes, and were remanded for 16 days each.

Another Dhaka court yesterday placed banned outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Maulana Saibur Rahman on a four-day remand in a case filed for alleged involvement in anti-state activities.

Metropolitan Magistrate Kamrunnahr Rumi passed the order after DB Inspector Sheikh Mahbubur Rahman, also the investigation officer, produced him before the court seeking remand for seven days.

On May 23 this year, several JMB leaders and activists were sued in the case filed with Kadamtoli Police Station.

Dhaka seeks

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Bangladesh's first secretary (labour) in Libya has recently told The Daily Star that around 40 Bangladeshi workers are now in jail there besides 31 recently released.

BMET Director Nurul Islam said the online connectivity would enable BMET to verify the visas approved by the Libyan embassy in Dhaka before issuing emigration clearance. Emigration clearance is a must for the jobseekers going abroad.

BMET welfare desk and immigration at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka can also verify the visas online when workers cross the immigration, he said.

"It will be an effective tool for stopping visa forgeries," Islam said, adding that Bangladesh government could even help develop software for the online connectivity, if Libya so desired.

Nurul Islam said during the visit of expatriates' welfare minister, Libya proposed that Bangladesh provide technical expertise for a training institute in Tripoli.

As per the decision, Libya will put in place necessary infrastructure, while Bangladesh will plan curriculum and send trainers to run the training centre where the Libyans and Bangladeshis could be trained to improve their vocational skills as required by Libya, said the official.

BMET has prepared a proposal in this regard, Islam said, adding, "We have good engineers who can train people there. Such a vocational institute could be a gesture of confidence in relationship between the two countries."

Uganda blasts

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troops to the anarchic country to prop up the Western-backed government.

"At one of the scenes, investigators identified a severed head of a Somali national, which we suspect could have been a suicide bomber," said army spokesman Felix Kulayigye.

"We suspect it's al Shabaab because they've been promising this for long," he said yesterday.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the bombings.

An al Shabaab commander in Mogadishu praised the attacks but admitted he did not know whether they were the work of his group, which is fighting to overthrow the Somali government.

"Uganda is a major infidel country supporting the so-called government of Somalia," said Sheikh Yusuf Isse, an al Shabaab commander in Somalia's capital Mogadishu.

"We know Uganda is against Islam and so we are very happy at what has happened in Kampala. That is the best news we ever heard," he said.

One American was among those killed and President Barack Obama, condemning what he called deplorable and cowardly attacks, said Washington was ready to help Uganda in hunting down those responsible. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also condemned the attacks on "innocent spectators".

One bombing targeted the Ethiopian Village restaurant, a popular night-spot which was heaving with soccer fans and is frequented by foreign visitors. The second attack struck the Lugogo Rugby Club also showing the match.

Twin coordinated attacks have been a hallmark of al Qaeda and groups linked to Osama bin Laden's militant network.

"In the city mortuary, I have been informed, there are 70 bodies," James Kokoza, Uganda's state minister for primary health care, told journalists.

Police spokeswoman Judith Nabakooba said 10 of the dead were either

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during this Awami League government like its previous rule after Liberation War.

The former premier said the government wants to stay to power with foreign support. "But it cannot stay in power with foreign support," she added.

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Saadeq Hossain Khoka, Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, Abul Khayer Bhuiyan MP and Rehana Akhter Renu MP were present.

Sylhet BCL man

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There has been a long-standing rivalry between the MC College and Sylhet Government College units of BCL over establishing supremacy in the Tilagarh area.

Police suspect the murder is a result of the rivalry between the BCL factions.

Natore crossfire

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The seven are Selim, Hanif Ali, Feroz Hossain, Amzad Hossain, Majibor Rahman, Abdul Quddus and Abdur Rashid.

On Sunday, the judge in the same case sent former officer-in-charge of Singra Police Station Abu Bakar, two sub-inspectors of police, an assistant sub-inspector, five police constables and two Ansar members to jail rejecting their bail prayers.

Ansar Ali's father Rajab Ali filed a case with a Natore court on August 27, 2009 saying that his son was picked up by police on July 23, 2008, and killed on July 27 that year.

He said the police killed him and tried to make it look like he died in crossfire.

The court instituted a judicial enquiry committee led by magistrate Mahmudul Hasan. The committee filed its report on May 10 this year and accused 19 people including 11 law enforcers of killing Ansar Ali.

On May 10, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Natore Mohammad Akhteruzzaman issued arrest warrants against 11 law enforcers and eight others on charge of killing the youth at Singra in Natore.

The court on Sunday sent the 11 law enforcers to jail and the seven villagers who had allegedly helped them were sent to jail yesterday. One of the accused is now dead.

Ethiopian or Eritrean. The US embassy in Kampala said one American was killed.

The US charity Invisible Children said in a blog posting that one of its members, Nate Henn from Wilmington, Delaware, had been killed in the rugby club blast.

"COWARDLY ACT" Uganda President Yoweri Museveni visited the rugby club.

"This shows you the criminality and terrorism that have been talking about," he said. "If you want to fight, go and look for soldiers, don't bomb people watching football."

"This is a cowardly act by al Shabaab terrorists," Bereket Simon, the Ethiopian government's head of information, told Reuters in Addis Ababa.

Ethiopian troops invaded Somalia in 2006 to oust an Islamist movement from Mogadishu. That sparked the Islamist insurgency, which still rages.

The blasts come in the closing moments of the final between Spain and the Netherlands and left shocked survivors reeling among corpses and scattered chairs.

"We were watching soccer here and then when there were three minutes to the end of the match an explosion came ... and it was so loud," witness Juma Seiko said at the rugby club.

Heavily armed police cordoned off both blast sites and searched the areas with sniffer dogs while dazed survivors helped pull the wounded from the wreckage.

Bidding war

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are launching an audacious bid to bring the octopus to Spain and rename him Paulo, using him as a mascot at a major food event.

A string of bookmakers from around the world have also expressed an interest to buy the octopus from the Oberhausen Sea Life Centre, with marketing experts predicting he could become a big hit with advertisers.

Paul's psychic powers have not gone down well with everyone though, with fans of Holland, Germany and Argentina issuing a string of death threats towards the eight-legged creature.

Many have posted recipes online, with the Berliner Kurier newspaper urging the aquarium to "throw him in the frying pan", following his correct prediction that Spain would beat Germany in the World Cup semifinal.

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has told a Spanish radio station he was worried about the octopus's safety and is considering offering the octopus Spanish security.

He said: "I am concerned for the octopus ... I am thinking of sending him a protective team."

Spain's Environment and Fisheries Minister Elena Espinosa went one step further:

"On Monday, I shall be at the European Council of Ministers and I shall be asking for a (fishing) ban on Paul the octopus so the Germans do not eat him," he said.

Maola, Nizami

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did not want to disclose what the police have found questioning the Jamaat and Hizbut Tahrir leaders for the sake of investigation.

Maola was produced before a Dhaka court yesterday afternoon on completion of his remand in a case filed with Uttara Police Station. The court ordered sending him to Dhaka Central Jail.

Meanwhile, Nizami was produced before a Dhaka court yesterday on completion of his nine days of remand in three cases filed with Paltan Police Station. The investigation officer of the car-torching case filed with Ramna Police Station then sought the court's permission to quiz the Jamaat boss, which the court granted.

Earlier the same day, another Dhaka Court placed Saibur on a four-day remand in a case filed with Kadamtoli Police Station in connection with his alleged anti-state activities.

Shab-e-Barat

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The Ministry of the Religious Affairs Kazi Habib-ul-Awal chaired the meeting.

Joint Secretary of the Religious Affairs Ministry Kamaluddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary of the Information Ministry Forhad Hossain and Khatib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Professor Moulana Salahuddin, among others, attended the meeting.