

Shamsher Mobin's bail petition rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury in connection with a case filed for torching a private car the night before June 27 hartal that killed a man.

Judge (In charge) of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after defence lawyers submitted a bail petition against the rejection order of the lower court on July 4.

The BNP leader was shown arrested in the murder case soon after another Dhaka court on June 30 granted him bail in the case filed with Gulshan police station for assaulting the police.

The driver, Faruque Hossain suffered burns on 60 percent of his body as criminals torched his car on June 26 and died at the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on July 1.

Shamsher Mobin, arrested on the day of hartal, was taken on 28 days' remand on June 28 on charges of obstructing police from discharging their duties and vandalising vehicles during the strike called by the opposition BNP.

Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, its Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, Nayebe Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeede, BNP leader Mirza Abbas were also shown arrested in the case.

DUNCAN CALLS ON HASINA PM for quick release of climate funds

Seeks British cooperation in exploration of gas, coal and oil

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her call to the developed nations specially Britain for quick release of climate change adaptation fund, committed in the last Copenhagen summit, for the most vulnerable countries like Bangladesh.

The premier made the call while visiting British Minister for State for International Development Alan Duncan MP paid a courtesy call on her at her official residence Gano Bhaban yesterday morning.

After the call-on PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said the premier thanked British government for their assistance in poverty alleviation, education, health, sanitation and emergency aid in natural disasters.

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, the press secretary said Hasina also sought British cooperation in exploration of gas, coal and oil in Bangladesh.

The PM requested the British minister to continue current student friendly visa policy and withdraw temporary suspension on issuing visa to Bangladeshi students.

During the call-on, the PM also requested the British government for regular intake of Bangladeshi workers for the restaurants in the UK and easing the process for them to obtain visa for work.

She informed the British state minister that her government after assuming office with landslide victory in the last general election has started working to strengthen parliamentary democracy in the country.

In this context, she mentioned the formation of all the parliamentary standing committees in the first session of the current parliament when seven posts of chairman were given to opposition political parties to this end.

She said like British Parliament her government introduced prime minister's question hours in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Laying emphasis on uninterrupted democracy for over all development of a country, Hasina said no country can achieve development without democracy.

In this context, she said her government is working relentlessly to strengthen parliamentary democracy in the country.

The PM said Bangladesh has harvested a bumper food production and been able to achieve food security as a result of some pragmatic steps taken by her government including drastic cut down of fertiliser prices.

Hasina said her government achieved around six percent growth rate during last fiscal despite world economic recession.

Referring to women empowerment, Hasina said the government is working to empower women at all levels for ensuring balanced development.

In reply, the British minister appreciated the prime minister for her prudent leadership in different international forums on climate change issue and keeping the country's economic wheel moving even during the worldwide economic recession.

Principal Secretary to the PM MA Karim, Ambassador At-Large M Ziauddin and Secretary to the PM's Office Mollah Waheeduzzaman, among others, were present on the occasion.



PHOTO: PID

Visiting UK Minister of State for International Development Alan Duncan yesterday calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban, left, and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office, right, in the city.



PHOTO: BNP

7 killed in road crashes

METRODESK

At least seven people were killed and six others injured in separate road accidents in the country on Tuesday and yesterday.

UNB from Narayanganj reports: At least two people were killed and five others injured when a Dhaka-bound microbus collided with a truck at Purinda Boroitola of Arahazar on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Sobhan, 35, the microbus driver. The identity of the other deceased could not be known.

The injured were sent to Dhaka Medical Hospital. They were all passengers of the microbus.

Police sent the bodies to a hospital morgue for autopsy. BSS reports from Madaripur says: Two people were killed on the spot and another seriously injured

stones at the other vehicles on the road. They also captured the truck driver Jahangir Alam and helper Azad Molla when they were trying to flee the scene.

Later, police brought the situation under control and arrested the driver and helper. A case was filed with the Sadar police station in this regard.

Our correspondent from Dinajpur adds: A motorcyclist died in a road accident in Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat on Tuesday night.

The deceased, identified as Md Saiful Islam, 35, son of Md Fazlur Rahman of Dasra-Fakirpara of Khetlal. Saiful was the former general secretary of Khetlal upazila Chhatra League.

Police said Saiful Islam crashed into a roadside tree at Korolgari village on Itakholra-Jamalganj highway. Later, he succumbed to his injuries at the Joypurhat Sadar Hospital.

Mahmudur's HC bail stayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday stayed for a week a High Court (HC) order that had granted bail to Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of recently closed the daily Amar Desh, in a case filed against him on charge of obstructing police in discharging their duties.

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice Md Muzammel Hossain passed the order after hearing a petition filed by the government seeking stay on the HC order.

The judge also asked the government to file a regular leave-to-appeal petition with the SC against the HC order within the period.

Earlier on Monday, the HC granted ad-interim bail to Mahmudur in the case filed by Tejgaon police on June 2 accusing him of obstructing the police in discharging duties.

DESCO SUBMITS REPORT TO HC All transformers in city functioning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Electric Supply Company (Desco) yesterday submitted a report to the High Court claiming that almost all the transformers in Dhaka city are functioning.

According to the report, out of a total of 3,500 transformers in the capital only a handful is set up in unsafe places.

Manzill Murshid, president of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), however, told reporters that around 100 transformers in Dhaka city currently pose threat to public safety.

Manzill, also a lawyer, said his organisation would submit a petition to the HC for its directives to the authorities on removing the faulty transformers.

Managing Director of Desco Saleh Ahmed yesterday submitted a 526-page report as per an earlier HC order.

On June 6, the HC had directed Desco to form and assign a committee of experts to examine all the electric transformers in the capital and submit a report within three weeks.

The court passed the order that day upon a writ petition filed

by HRPB following the Nimtoli tragedy on June 3.

The petition stated that frequent accidents are occurring due to the power division's failure to check the conditions of the transformers on a regular basis.

The HRPB had filed the writ petition as public interest litigation following some media reports, which mentioned that the Nimtoli fire originated from explosion of a transformer.

The Desco formed an 11-member committee on June 7 led by its Director Manzur Rahman (engineering) to check the transformers.

Krishak League leader's body found in river

UNB, Cox's Bazar


The body of a Krishak League leader, who was swept away by hilly water, was found floating on the Matamuhuri River in the district's Chakria upazila yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Badiur Rahman, 70, president of Chakria upazila Krishak League,

yesterday morning.

Earlier on Monday, six people, including Badiur, were swept away by a surge of hill water caused by torrential rainfall in Chakria, Ramu and Ukhiya upazila.

Local administration sources said floodwater started receding due to less rainfall.



In remembrance of *Syed Shaul Kabir*
A Memorial Service will be held today, the 25th anniversary of his passing away. All friends & family are requested to join to commemorate his life and legacy at 7:00pm at Topkapi restaurant, Gulshan.
RSVP: 017-11521964

Tk 197.72 Crore BCC Budget Passed Dev, beautification get priority

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal City Corporation has approved Tk 197.72 crore budget for 2010-11, placed by Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron at the Nagar Bhaban hall room yesterday.

The budget gave highest emphasis on development of the city and enhancing its beauty. Stating that a grand plan will be taken to build up a child-friendly city to aid the development of children, the mayor said Tk 20 lakh has been allocated in the budget for the purpose.

He said Tk 30 lakh has been allocated as allowance for insolvent widows adding that no other city corporation has yet allocated allowance for widows.

Plans have been taken to shift the central bus terminal from Nathullabad to Gariar Par area in Kashimpur to rid the city of traffic jam, the mayor said.

The mayor also announced to give "Mayor's stipend" to meritorious students.

Besides special allocations have been made in the proposed budget to building a 20-bed shelter for the elderly people, setting up solar lights in the extended areas of the city where power has not reached yet, establishing three graveyards, construction of auditoriums and towards protection of rivers and canals.

The exact figure of the proposed budget is Tk 197,72,35,784 whereas the revised budget Tk 101,21,41,202.

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২০২১ সালের মধ্যে সুখী ও সমৃদ্ধ বাংলাদেশ গড়ার রূপকল্প বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড দেশব্যাপী কর জরীপের কাজ হাতে নিয়েছে। এরই ধারাবাহিকতায় আগামী ১লা জুলাই, ২০১০ থেকে সারাদেশে একযোগে আয়কর জরীপ কার্যক্রম শুরু হয়েছে। জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড নিয়োজিত জরীপ টীম দ্বারে দ্বারে গিয়ে এ জরীপ কাজ সম্পন্ন করবেন। এ জরীপ কার্যক্রমে সহযোগিতা করার জন্য সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে সবিনয় অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

করদাতাগণ যেভাবে সহযোগিতা করবেন-

- ব্যক্তি করদাতাগণ তাঁদের টিআইএন সনদ, ন্যাশনাল আইডি কার্ড, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) হাতের কাছে প্রস্তুত রাখবেন যাতে করে আয়কর জরীপ টীম চাহিবামাত্রই তা প্রদর্শন করতে পারেন;
- করদাতাগণ জরীপ ফর্ম পূরণ করে জরীপ টীমের নিকট প্রদান অথবা জরীপ ফর্ম পূরণে প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য দিয়ে সহযোগিতা করবেন;
- করদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অবশ্যই টিআইএন সনদ দৃশ্যমান স্থানে ঝুলিয়ে রাখতে হবে;
- করদাতাগণের সুবিধার্থে জরীপ টীম কর্তৃক আয়কর রিটার্ন ফরম, টিআইএন আবেদন ফরম ও চালান ফরম সরবরাহ করা হবে যা তাঁরা সংশ্লিষ্ট কর সার্কেল/জরীপ এলাকায় স্থাপিত ক্যাম্পে পরবর্তী সময়ে জমা দিতে পারেন।

বৈশ্বিক মন্দাকে মোকাবেলা করে ২০২১ সালের মধ্যে বাংলাদেশকে একটি মধ্য আয়ের দেশে উন্নীত করতে নিয়মিতভাবে আয়কর পরিশোধ করে সচেতন নাগরিক হিসেবে কর্তব্য পালনে সচেষ্ট হোন।

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