

Shamim Osman gets ad interim bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted ad interim bail to former Awami League lawmaker AKM Shamim Osman in two graft cases in which he was earlier jailed for 11 years.

The HC bench of Justice Md Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddique granted the bail following two separate appeals filed by him against the lower court judgments.

The bail will continue till disposal of the appeals.

The trial court had sentenced him to eight years imprisonment in the NBR-filed case while three years in the ACC-filed case during the last caretaker government.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hands a cheque of Tk 10 lakh over to the wife of sub-inspector of police, Md Matiur Rahman, who was killed during the violence over Arial Beel in Munshiganj on January 31.

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Dhaka seeks int'l help to ensure food security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday sought help from the international community to face the challenges of food security amid price hike of essentials, population growth and climate change impact on agriculture.

Addressing the inaugural session of an international conference in Delhi, Abdur Razzaque, food and disaster management minister, appealed to the international community to extend support for agricultural research.

The US-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) organised the three-day conference on Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health at Taj Palace Hotel.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh inaugurated the programme. US Foreign Secretary Hillary Clinton, Indian Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar, IFPRI Director General Shenggen Fan and many food and agriculture experts from across the globe attended the programme.

Razzaque is leading a three-member delegation including MP Narayan Chanda and Naser Farid, director general of food planning and monitoring unit, in the conference.

He said official development assistance for agriculture has been reduced to 4 percent in 2006-07 from 19 percent in the 1980s, according to a statement sent by the food ministry in Dhaka.

The minister said access to food has improved but still about 25 percent hardcore poor in Bangladesh are not getting adequate nutritious food.

Rapid population growth, climate change, increasing number of natural disasters, price hike of essentials make the situation worse, he added. International aid and grants to agricultural research is important to overcome the crisis.

Sustainable agricultural growth is necessary as agriculture is the primary source of all nutrients for humans, the minister noted.

CERTIFICATES TO SHIP BREAKERS DoE, Shipping dept served notices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) yesterday served a legal notice on top officials of the environment department of (DoE) and shipping department for issuing clearance certificates to various ship breakers violating court directions.

The notice was served on the director generals (DGs) of Department of Environment and Department of Shipping and the director of DoE Chittagong division.

The Supreme Court in March 2009 made it mandatory for ship breakers to obtain pre-cleaning (decontamination) certificate and environmental clearance prior to bringing scrap ships into Bangladesh territory, read a press release of Bela.

But the DoE in October last issued conditional environmental certificates to 16 ship breaking yards, which was later brought to the attention of the SC. Though the court then made it clear that there was no scope for issuing such conditional certificates, DoE went ahead with giving clearances in favour of the 16.

This January, the DoE decided to issue 44 more conditional clearance certificates defying the court order. Meanwhile, the shipping department issued "no objection" to the import of 26 scrap ships without any pre-cleaning and environmental certificate, which is an act of contempt of court, said the Bela press release.



Death anniversary of Tawfiq Aziz Khan today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 10th death anniversary of Tawfiq Aziz Khan, former executive editor of The Daily Star, sports writer and commentator.

One of the leading journalists of the country, Tawfiq joined the then Pakistan Observer as a staff reporter in 1958 while he was a student of Dhaka University.

He worked as public relations officer at the erstwhile EPIDC (East Pakistan Industries Development Corporation) and Titas Gas Corporation from 1968 to 1975, before joining the Dainik Bangla and the Bichitra as general manager.

He joined The Daily Star in 1990 as its founder managing editor. He became executive editor in 1997 and worked in that capacity till his death.

The first English sports commentator of the country, Tawfiq Aziz worked in radio, and later in television, since 1958. He was also the resident editor of Cricketer Asia of Hong Kong and Sports Times of Lahore.

Tawfiq Aziz was the founder editor of the fortnightly Sports World (Kira Jagat). He was also involved with the weekly Holiday at the initial stage of its publication.

A permanent member of Jatiya Press Club, he was elected president of Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association six times.

He was also a national committee member of FEMA (Fair Election Monitoring Alliance).

He was a founder member and president of the country's first group theatre 'Drama Circle' and served the Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West as its president for two consecutive years from 1999. He died of lung cancer at the age of 64 on February 11, 2001.

153 faced acid attack last year

Says ASF report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 153 people fell victim to acid attacks in 2010 across the country, according to a report by Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF).

The number stood at 150 in 2009 after fewer acid attacks in the preceding seven years, it says. ASF data also revealed that the year 2002 saw the highest number of acid victims -- 490.

ASF yesterday held a news conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city to disclose the record.

ASF executive director Manira Rahman said that on the whole, counts of violence against women have increased in 2010 and it is alarming that the number of acid victims has also risen.

The main reason behind acid attacks is land dispute, a cause that has decreased in 2010, said Manira. But attacks for refusing marriage proposals or sexual relationship have increased by 22 percent, she said.

Manira suggests that mass awareness and people's movement be imperative to combat acid violence.

বাংলাদেশ ভাষাবৈদিক সমিতি

৫ম তলা, হাসপাতাল ভবন, বারডেম
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বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ভাষাবৈদিক সমিতির (বাডাস) সম্মানিত আজীবন সদস্য এবং অধিভুক্ত সমিতিসমূহের মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগামী ১৮ মার্চ-এর ২০১১ সালের বেলা ৩.৩০ মিনিটে 'বিআইএইচএস' কমপ্লেক্স, দারুল সালাম, মিরপুর, ঢাকায় সমিতির ৫২তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা (এজিএম) এবং ২০১০-২০১১ সালের ন্যাশনাল কাউন্সিলের সদস্যদের এক তৃতীয়াংশ পদে নির্বাচন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

এ ব্যাপারে সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্র প্রতিদিন (গুরুবার এবং সরকারী ছুটির দিন ছাড়া) সকাল ৯টা থেকে বেলা ২টা পর্যন্ত সমিতির কার্যালয় ১২২ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, (বারডেম হাসপাতালের ৩য় তলায়, রুম নং-৩৪০) শাহবাগ, ঢাকা থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আগামী ১৪ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০১১ তারিখে বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা এবং ভোটার তালিকাসহ নির্বাচন সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য ও কাগজপত্র সমিতির ৫ম তলার নোটিশ বোর্ডে প্রদর্শন করা হবে।

আজীবন সদস্যদের মধ্যে যাদের সদস্যপদ এক বছর পূর্ণ হয়েছে শুধুমাত্র তাঁরা এবং অধিভুক্ত সমিতিসমূহের মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিরাই বাংলাদেশ ভাষাবৈদিক সমিতির ন্যাশনাল কাউন্সিলের সদস্য নির্বাচনে ভোট দিতে পারবেন। উল্লেখ্য, ভোট প্রদানের জন্য সম্মানিত আজীবন সদস্যদেরকে 'আজীবন সদস্য কার্ড' সঙ্গে আনতে হবে। যারা আজীবন সদস্য কার্ড হারিয়ে ফেলেছেন অথবা এখনো সংগ্রহ করেননি তাদেরকে আগামী ০৬ মার্চ ২০১১ রবিবার-এর মধ্যে বর্তমান ঠিকানাসহ ২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি সমিতির কার্যালয়ে জমা দিয়ে নিজ দায়িত্বে 'আজীবন সদস্য কার্ড' সংগ্রহ এবং ভোটার তালিকায় নাম পরিবর্তন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা গেলো।

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ENGR. M. A. AWAL
GENERAL MANAGER

CASE AGAINST TARIQUE Hearing deferred till Feb 17

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred the hearing on taking into cognisance the charges against BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun till February 17 in a money laundering case.

Judge Mohammad Zohurul Haque of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Tarique's lawyer submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the hearing.

In the petition, lawyer Sanaullah Mia mentioned that the Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday disposed of the leave-to-appeal petition saying that the charges brought against Tarique and Mamun were not maintainable under the Money Laundering Act 2009.

The trial proceedings of the case will be held under the Money Laundering Act 2002. But they did not get certified copy of the SC judgment. So they prayed for adjournment of the hearing.

Mamun was produced before the court, while Tarique had gone abroad for medical treatment.

On July 6 last year, the ACC pressed money-laundering charges against the duo for laundering Tk 20.41 crore between 2003 and 2007.

City trader shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot a trader and snatched his motorbike near the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital last night.

Jasim Uddin, 30, with bullet injury in the left leg was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He is an imitation jewelry trader in Chawk Bazar in Old Dhaka.

Jasim said three muggers waylaid him around 9:00pm as he was coming to book fair.

VACANCY NOTICE



Bangladesh

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