

Pak Taliban 'number two sacked'

AFP, Peshawar

The number two commander in Pakistan's nebulous, umbrella Taliban movement has been sacked as deputy chief but will remain within the organisation, a spokesman said yesterday.



Maulvi Faqir Mohammad

Maulvi Faqir Mohammad is the Taliban's commander in Bajaur, one of Pakistan's seven districts in the tribal belt on the Afghan border and one that has seen a recent lull in fighting between the Taliban and Pakistani soldiers.

He was sacked on Sunday at a meeting presided over by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakimullah Mehsud at a secret location in Pakistan's north-western tribal belt, spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan told AFP by telephone.

"A shura (council) meeting was held on Sunday and it decided to remove Maulvi Faqir Mohammad from the position of deputy chief of TTP," he said, adding that

Mohammad would continue to serve the group as an ordinary member.

Ehsan gave no reason for the removal. Neither was a successor announced.

The TTP is a loose confederation of militant commanders founded and run by Baitullah Mehsud until his death in a US drone strike in August 2009. His killing sparked a bitter succession battle won by Hakimullah Mehsud.

A source close to the Taliban told AFP on condition of anonymity that the Bajaur commander fell out of favour with Mehsud over his alleged support for peace talks with the Pakistani government.

Mohammad also had sympathies with Mehsud's biggest rival within the TTP, Waliur Rehman, the source added.

North-western Pakistan, particularly the main city of Peshawar, has seen a recent increase in suicide and gun attacks blamed on Taliban.

UK journos are 'spies'

Says Libyan militia
BBC ONLINE

Two British journalists detained in Libya are suspected of spying, the militia that is holding them says.

Faraj al-Swehli, commander of a Misrata brigade, said the men had entered Libya illegally and were carrying "incriminating evidence".

He said the activities of reporter Nicholas Davies, 37, and cameraman Gareth Montgomery-Johnson, 36, were being investigated.

The men had been working for Iran's TV station Press TV.

The BBC's Gabriel Gatehouse in Tripoli says that at a hastily convened press conference, reporters were shown video footage of what was purported to be the two journalists test-firing weapons.



PHOTO: AFP

France's incumbent president and UMP ruling party candidate for the 2012 presidential election Nicolas Sarkozy salutes people during a campaign visit yesterday in Saint-Quentin, northern France.

10 spellers

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round) will begin on March 16 with a minimum of 3,000 participants from across the country.

Pabna Cadet College saw Subbrota and Shafiq from class IX, and Rafi, Shahriar and Huraiera from class X qualify for the second round.

The organiser at Barisal Cadet College picked up Raiyan Rahman from class IX and Shahriaz Ahmmed, Nazmul Karim, Mukhlesur, Rahman Shohan and Jyoti Prokash Mazumdar from class X in the first round.

Students, who are still interested in participating in the Spelling Bee contest, can log into www.champs21.com and play online spelling games as many times as they like. The top scorers in online games will be eligible for the divisional round.

Seventy-two spellers will move from the second round to the TV round where they can take along a parent and a teacher of their choice.

The TV round will be broadcast on Channel i. The top three spellers will get attractive cash prizes-- the champion will receive Tk 5 lakh, while the runner-up and the third-place finisher Tk 2 lakh and Tk 1 lakh.

The champion will also get an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC with a parent.

No bike riding on footpaths

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in the city.

The authorities will have to mark zebra crossings on streets near Matsya Bhaban, High Court Mazar Gate, Jatiya Press Club and Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh in 15 days, it said.

It also directed a deployment of adequate traffic police at the crossings.

The authorities must submit separate comprehensive reports on the number of motor vehicles operating in the city, total area of streets, pathways, walkways and foot bridges in the capital by April 10.

At the same time, the DMP commissioner was directed to submit the notifications, if issued earlier, restricting rickshaw operations in Dhaka city over the last one year, Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder told The Daily Star.

The HC ordered the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority chairman to submit a report on the number of registered motorised vehicles plying the city.

The HC bench of Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman and Justice Md Habibur Gani also issued rules upon the authorities

to explain in four weeks why directives should not be given to them to ensure unhindered movement of people in the city.

In the rules, it asked the communications secretary to explain why he should not be ordered to constitute Dhaka Metropolitan Transport Authority which will regulate and coordinate the public and mass transport system.

The government was also asked to explain why it should not be directed to arrange sufficient segregated pathways for pedestrians and non-motorised vehicles and to remove all the obstacles for free movement of people through the existing walkways.

Two Supreme Court lawyers -- KM Zabir and Aynun Nahar Siddiqua -- filed the two petitions in August and October last year on the basis of media reports on sufferings of people while moving in the city.

The HC heard expert opinions of Prof Sarwat Jahan, a teacher of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, who presented a study report prepared by Japan International Cooperation Agency in 2010

on vehicles plying in Dhaka.

Citing the study, he said rickshaws are more useful than private cars in terms of occupying space.

Against the 40 percent of road space they require, rickshaws transport almost 54 percent of passengers, while cars taking up 39 percent of road space, transport less than 9 percent passengers, Prof Sarwat said.

"It is thus clear that cars, not rickshaws, are the main culprit," he said.

He said bicycles use 1.7 percent of road space but transport 2.5 percent passengers; buses occupy only 6 percent of space but transport 28 percent passengers, baby taxis (auto-rickshaws) 10 percent of space but carry only 4 percent of passengers, he said.

The communications secretary, home secretary, inspector general of police, administrators of DCC North and DCC South, deputy commissioner of DMP (traffic) and its joint commissioner, and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority chairman have been made respondent to the orders and the rule.

Advocate ABM Waliur Rahman Khan appeared for the petitioners.

Inept contractor fails

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the project as their mobilisation was too little.

"The company could have begun the primary work and accelerate it later on getting the land. It rather refrained from implementing the project even after the deadline had been extended by a year," said Aminur Rahman Laskar, who was in charge of the project and is now chief engineer of the RHD.

The contractor's negligence prompted the communications ministry to drop the project in February last year. It asked the firm to complete work on the Patia bypass and the three bridges.

Officials of the RHD had several meetings with the ITCL authorities but could not make the company resume work. The firm did not even maintain the project roads as per contract.

To resolve the issue, Aminur on June 5 last year in a letter to ITCL Chairman Quazi Galib A Sattar warned him of possible consequences for failing to resume the project within two weeks.

The company in reply asked the RHD to withdraw the letter.

"The ITCL couldn't produce any record on utilising the mobilisation advance, which is a violation of the contract," an RHD official told The Daily Star.

As the government moved to realise the advance amount, the firm sent a legal notice demanding the initiation of an arbitration to settle the matter. It also alleged that the RHD had terminated the contract.

"Though the deal was intact, the ITCL had made the allegation to drag the RHD into a legal battle and avoid repayment of the mobilisation advance," claimed an RHD official.

Despite many attempts over several days, The Daily Star could not reach any ITCL high officials for their comments. The company office, however, gave The

Daily Star contact information on the project manager, Surajit Datta. But when contacted, Datta told The Daily Star over the telephone that he did not work for the company any more.

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Singapore top carbon emitter in Asia-Pacific

AFP, Singapore

Affluent Singapore had the largest carbon footprint per head in the Asia-Pacific in 2010, conservation group WWF said yesterday.

The environmental advocacy group said Singapore's 2010 per capita gross domestic product of more than \$40,000 -- one of the highest in the region -- fuelled exorbitant consumption habits.

But the group also fingered the corporate sector and in particular the construction industry for crowding the tiny city-state as the region's top per capita carbon emitter.

Precise figures for various nations in the Asia-Pacific will be released together with the WWF's Asia Footprint Report in June.

DESCO ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
DHAKA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, মেসার্স সাইমন এন্টারপ্রাইজ, সাংঃ ৭২ রূপায়ণ সেন্টার (৭ম তলা), মহাখালী সি/এ, ঢাকা ১২১২, যাহার স্বত্বাধিকারী মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ, পিতাঃ আলহাজ্ব মুসা মিয়া, সাংঃ ফ্ল্যাট নং-এ/৭, রোড নং-৪, হাউজ নং- ৮৫, ব্লক নং-বি, নিকেতন, গুলশান-১, ঢাকা এর নিকট বকোয়া খণ্ডের বিপরীতে ১৫-০১-২০১২ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত সুদসহ পাওনা ২,৩০,০৩,৯০১.৪০ (দুই কোটি ত্রিশ লক্ষ তিন হাজার নয়শত এক দশমিক চার শূন্য) টাকা মাত্র। যাহার জামিনদার (১) মিসেস নাদিরা রহমান, স্বামী-মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ, (২) হালিবুর রহমান, পিতা-মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ, (৩) নাহিনুর রহমান, পিতা-মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ, (৪) কানন রহমান, পিতা-মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ, (৫) কাভা রহমান, পিতা-মোঃ মামুনুর রশিদ। ব্যাংকের উক্ত পাওনাকৃত টাকা আদায়ের নিমিত্তে তফসিল বর্ণিত বন্ধককৃত স্থাবর সম্পত্তি নিলাম বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্ন বর্ণিত শর্তাদিতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। উক্ত সম্পত্তি বন্ধক দাতাগণ কর্তৃক বিক্রয়ের ক্ষমতা অর্পণ করিয়া ব্যাংকের অনুকূলে নিবন্ধিত আম-মোজোরানা সম্পাদন করা আছে।

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(A) All that piece and parcel of the land measuring 19 (nineteen) kathas or equivalent to more less 3140 (three thousand, one hundred and forty) ajutangsha, situated at J.L. No. C.S.- 601, S.A.- 601, R.S.- 114, Mouza: Sreekhanda, C.S. Khatian Nos. 23 and 45, S.A. Khatian Nos. 27 and 54, C.S. and S.A. Plot Nos. 12 and 13, R.S. Khatian Nos. 08 and 52, Plot No. 34 and 36, D.P. Khatian No. 674, Plot Nos. 655, 656, 657, 658, Mutation Khatian No. 465 under the Joth: 465, Plot Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, Road Nos. 9 and 10, Block: C under the project of Hashem Real Estate Limited, Police Station: Ashulia, Sub-Registry office: Savar, District: Dhaka, along with all structures and building constructed and to be constructed thereon together with all rights, title, interest, easements, benefits, etc. attached thereto or appertaining to the land. The plot is butted and bounded by: to the North- Road: 09 of the project, 20'-0" feet wide, to the South- Road: 10 of the project, 20' feet wide, to the East- Road: 07 of the project, 20' feet wide, to the West- Road: 09 and 10 of the project, 20' feet wide bearing the Plot Nos. 06 and 11.

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শর্তাবলী

০১) আর্থক্ষণ ক্রেতাগণকে আগামী ২১.০৩.২০১২ তারিখে বিকাল ৪.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে স্টেট ব্যাংক অব ইন্ডিয়া, গুলশান শাখা, ঢাকা এ রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে সাদা কাগজে নাম, পিতার নাম, মাতার নাম, পূর্ণ ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত দরপত্র জমা দিতে হইবে এবং ঐ দিন বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকার পর দরপত্র দাতার (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সামনে দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

০২) অর্থক্ষণ আদালত আইন ২০০৩ এর বিধান মোতাবেক প্রত্যেক দরপত্রে দরদাতার উদ্ধৃত দরের অনূর্ধ্ব ১০,০০,০০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ২০%, উদ্ধৃত দর ১০,০০,০০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক এবং অনূর্ধ্ব ৫০,০০,০০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকা হইলে উহার ১৫% এবং উদ্ধৃত দর ৫০,০০,০০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক হইলে উহার ১০% এর সমপরিমাণ টাকার জামানত স্বরূপ পে-অর্ডার/ ব্যাংক ড্রাকটের মাধ্যমে স্টেট ব্যাংক অব ইন্ডিয়া, গুলশান শাখা, ঢাকার অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

০৩) অনূর্ধ্ব ১০,০০,০০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকার উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিবসের মধ্যে, ১০,০০,০০০ (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা অপেক্ষা অধিক এবং অনূর্ধ্ব ৫০,০০,০০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকার উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার ৬০ (ষাট) দিবসের মধ্যে এবং ৫০,০০,০০০ (পঞ্চাশ লক্ষ) টাকার অধিক উদ্ধৃত দর গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ৯০ (নব্বই) দিবসের মধ্যে দরদাতার সমুদয় মূল্য পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে।

০৪) ১ম সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কোন কারণে ব্যর্থ হইলে ২য় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা-কে গৃহীত মূল্যে বন্ধকী সম্পত্তি ক্রয় করিবার জন্য আহবান করা হইবে এবং একইভাবে ৩নং অনুচ্ছেদ ও এক্ষেত্রে বলবৎ থাকিবে।

০৫) ২০০৩ সালের অর্থক্ষণ আদালত আইন এর ১২(৩) ধারা প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে গৃহীত দরদাতার অনুকূলে সম্পত্তির বিক্রয় দলিল রেজিস্ট্রি করিয়া দেওয়া হইবে। দলিল সম্পাদনের যাবতীয় খরচ, বকোয়া খাজনা এবং আনুসঙ্গিক খরচাদি ক্রেতাকে বহন করিতে হইবে।

০৬) কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

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