

## FRAUD CASE Destiny Group chairman granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to three persons, including Destiny-2000 Ltd Chairman and Boishakhi Media Ltd Managing Director Rafiqul Amin, in connection with a fraud case.

The two others accused are Irfan Ahmed Sunny and Sayed Sajjad Hossain, two directors of Boishakhi Media, a concern of Destiny Group.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Saifur Rahman granted the bail upon a bond of Tk 10,000 with two guarantors after the trio surrendered before the court seeking bail.

On May 14, MNH Bulu, chairman of BNS Group of Companies, filed the fraud case for not returning shares of Boishakhi Television to him.

Following the case hearing, the same court issued arrest warrants against the trio on the same day.

In the complaint, Bulu alleged that he entered into an agreement with Boishakhi Media and bought shares worth Tk 64,000.

He also gave Tk 3 crore to Boishakhi Ltd as loan with a condition that the company must repay the money by November 30, 2008, but the company has yet to pay off the debt.

Later, the complainant came to know that his shares were transferred to another shareholder, Saiful Alam, without his knowledge.

Bulu also found out on October 1, 2009 that the accused submitted an annual report to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms making a false claim that the complainant had transferred all his shares to Destiny-2000 Ltd on September 29 of 2009.



Left with no alternative travel options other than train, a huge number of people turn up at railway stations due to BNP-led opposition's hartal yesterday. The photo captures a crowd of Jamalpur-bound passengers at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital.

PHOTO: STAR

## Youth beaten to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was beaten to death at Shahidnagar Beribandh in Chwak Bazar area of the capital yesterday.

The victim, Iqbal Hossain, 27, lived at Lalbagh Shahidnagar and worked at the Beribandh bus stand on a temporary basis for the last three days.

He got seriously injured when around 20 people, working in a cattle farm in the area, beat Iqbal and another suspecting them as cattle lifters at around 10:30am, said police. Another was released with injuries.

However, Iqbal's wife Amena Begum said she knew nothing behind the beating.

Iqbal died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at around 6:30pm after Amena took him to the hospital.

## Nine killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Nine people, including two of a family, were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Habiganj, Gazipur, Dinajpur and Kishoreganj yesterday.

Staff correspondent from Sylhet reports: Four people were killed and three others injured as a truck rammed a pick-up van from the opposite direction on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Haritala area of Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj yesterday morning.

The deceased were Abdul Quader, 30, of village Bargharia in Karimganj upazila, Anwar Ali, 35, of village

Hapasia in Pakundia upazila of Kishoreganj, Sadhan Chandra Biswas, 30, of village Asrampara in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh and Anwar Miah, 28, of Begumganj upazila of Noakhali.

The injured were admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital.

In another incident, Tofayel Ahmed Imon, 17, died as a truck ran over him on the highway in Bejora area of the same upazila at about 3:30pm yesterday.

In Gazipur, a boy and his maternal uncle were killed instantly and two others injured when a bus hit a rickshaw carrying them in front of Bata shoe factory in Tongi at around 7:00am

yesterday.

The victims were Imon, 8, and his uncle Tota Miah, 25, hailing from Chowgachha upazila in Jessore.

The injured Minu Begum, Imon's mother and Sakib, 10, his elder brother were rushed to a local hospital.

In Dinajpur, teenage motorcyclist Reza Babu, son Nizam Uddin Sarker, was killed as his motorbike hit a rickshaw on Ranirbandar-Khansama road in Ranirbandar area of Khansama upazila yesterday morning.

In Kishoreganj, Rasel, 8, son of Elhaz Mia, died instantly as a tomtom (three-wheeler) ran over him at Sheura village in the sadar upazila yesterday.

## BB executive director Jahangir passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Jahangir Alam, executive director of Bangladesh Bank (BB), died of cardiac arrest in Istanbul, Turkey yesterday at the age of 56, said an official.

BB Deputy Governor Sitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury told The Daily Star that following a cardiac arrest at noon (local time), Jahangir was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Jahangir went to Istanbul to attend a meeting of Islami Financial Services Board on Sunday.

Sur Chowdhury said the Bangladesh embassy in Turkey had been contacted and hoped that the body would arrive in Dhaka tomorrow or Sunday.

BB Governor Dr Atiur Rahman, who was in Nepal, expressed his deep shock at the death of Jahangir and recalled his significant contribution to the banking sector, said Sur Chowdhury.

Atiur also expressed his sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

BB officials went to Alam's residence in the capital and consoled the family members.

## Doa mahfil

BSS, Dhaka

A doa and milad mahfil on the occasion of the first anniversary of death of Begum Rowshan Ara Zubaida Khanam, wife of senior counsel Justice TH Khan and mother of former member of parliament Afzal H Khan, will be held today (Friday).

The doa mahfil will be held at the Mohammadpur Kishalay Girls' School, Tajmahal Road in the capital after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for the peace of the departed soul.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING US envoy urges govt to take strong action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the present situation of human trafficking from Bangladesh, US Ambassador Dan W Mozena urged the government to take strong steps against the offence, a gross human rights violation.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain conveyed the concern of the ambassador to reporters after Mozena called on the minister at the ministry yesterday.

"We are not saying that human trafficking is not happening. But we are already working to check it. The home ministry enacted an anti-human trafficking act recently," said Khandker.

For the last two years, Bangladesh has been ranked at Tier 2 watch list by the Trafficking in Persons report, annually published by the US.

Khandker, however, said there is no link between human trafficking and labour migration.

Traffickers allure both men and women into going abroad using tourist visas. Moreover, cross border trafficking occurs as Bangladesh has a long land border, he said.

Khandker, also the labour and employment minister, said to have sought US help in tackling the problem.

He said Mozena also voiced his concern over the killing of labour rights activist Aminul Islam, whose body was found near Ghatail Police Station on April 5.

"I told him that we are no less concerned about it." The government came to know that Aminul was neither involved in instigating labour unrest nor had any conflict of interest with anyone, he said.

The facts will finally be known once the investigation into the killing is complete. "We are giving it the utmost importance," he noted.

Khandker said Mozena was pleased about the overall labour situation in the readymade garment sector.

"However, I requested him to take measures so that buyers increase the prices of the garment products they buy from Bangladesh," he said, adding that as a result, workers here will get better salaries.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia presides over a meeting of the 18-party alliance at her Gulshan office in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

DHAKA TODAY

Sit-in  
Nagorik Sanghati will stage a sit-in; Venue: before National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

Roundtable  
Jatiya Nagorik Mancha will organise a roundtable; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 11:30am.

Extended meeting  
Bangladesh Ganatantrik Ainjibi Samity will hold its extended meeting; Venue: Hall No-2, Supreme Court Ainjibi Samity; Time: 10:00am.

Seminar  
Jatiya Ganatantrik Front will arrange a seminar; Venue: Jatiya Press Club;

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## Train derails, 10 injured in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Joydevpur-bound passenger train derailed near Ishwardi Railway Station yesterday morning, leaving up to 10 injured after the engine and three carriages veered off the tracks.

The derailment happened some 500 metres from the station at about 5:00am as "someone had removed fishplates from the lines", said Sujit Kumar Biswas, divisional traffic officer of Railway Pakshey division.

Train services on Dhaka-Ishwardi route resumed around 3:00pm when the railway workers completed their repair works on tracks after removing the derailed engine and bogies.

"A primary investigation has found that someone might have removed the fishplates to disrupt the train movement across the country. This is absolutely an act of sabotage," Pankaj Kumar, divisional railway manager, told The Daily Star.

"We assume that the pro-hartal activists might be responsible for the sabotage but the matter has yet to be confirmed," he said, adding that a five-member committee has been formed to investigate the incident.

A case was filed with the Ishwardi Government Railway Police (GRP) Station.

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