

**TAX EVASION CASE
ETV chairman
summoned
by court**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday summoned Ekushey Television Ltd (ETV) Chairman Abdus Salam, hours after a tax evasion case was filed against him.

Judge Md Zahirul Haque of Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka asked Abdus Salam to appear before it on September 11.

Bazlur Rahman Khan, deputy tax commissioner of National Board of Revenue (NBR), filed the case.

The case statement said the ETV chairman evaded tax upon his income of Tk 17.64 crore in the fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2009-2010.

Earlier on March 20, Abu Sayeed Sohel, deputy tax commissioner of NBR, filed a case against the ETV chairman and its managing director Ashrafal Alam for not submitting their tax returns within a stipulated time.

The two were granted bail



The traffic division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) is going high-tech. This traffic sergeant uses an electronic ticketing machine which instantly saves the case information at the DMP server while giving a printout for the offender. The photo was taken from Kazipara yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Qulkhwani of Farhat Rahman Meeta Aug 16

METRO DESK

Farhat Rahman Meeta, daughter of eminent industrialist late Moqbulur Rahman, passed away at her residence in the capital's Dhanmondi on Saturday.

She left behind her son, a brother, a sister and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her qulkhwani will be held at Parc Palais, House-74, Road-12/A, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers on August 16.

Meeta's son Sami and sister Ishrat request her relatives, friends and well-wishers to attend the

**ARSON CASE AGAINST
OPPOSITION LEADERS
Govt seeks
resumption of
proceedings**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday filed a petition for vacating a High Court order that stayed the proceedings of an arson case against 46 opposition leaders and workers, including the BNP acting secretary general.

Attorney General Mahubub Alam placed the petition before the HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar.

Accepting the petition, the bench yesterday fixed today for a hearing.

The same bench on August 6 stayed for eight weeks all the function of Speedy Trial Court-5 regarding the bus torching case filed against the opposition leaders and workers.

The HC also issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in two weeks why the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court's decision to give judicial powers to the Speedy Trial Court-5 to conduct the case should not be declared illegal.

The HC's move came since the government could not show any copy of gazette notification "giving judicial power to Speedy Trial Court-5 to conduct cases having the same nature like that of the arson case".

The attorney general's office yesterday annexed a gazette notification issued by the government in 2008 along with its petition, Deputy Attorney General Ekramul Haque Tutul told The Daily Star.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha on July 31 in an order gave judicial powers to Metropolitan Magistrate Harun-or Rashid to conduct the Speedy Trial Court-5 for hearing and disposing of the case.

The Speedy Trial Court-5 the same day framed charges against the 46 accused in the case.

Police filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station hours after a bus was set ablaze near the Prime Minister's Office during the opposition's April 29 hartal.

Obituary

CU CORRESPONDENT

Veteran freedom fighter and social worker Bir Mohon Barua passed away due to old age complications at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 82.

He left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and grandchildren.

He will be cremated at his home in Aburkhill village in Raojan upazila today.

**RAPE OF SPEECH IMPAIRED GIRL
HC orders DNA test
to identify culprits**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed police to immediately get Dhaka Medical College Hospital doctors to carry out a DNA test on a speech impaired girl, who was raped in Munshiganj's Louhojang upazila last month, to identify the rapists.

Hearing a petition filed on the basis of an August 1 Janakantha report, the court also directed police to submit the test report to it as early as possible.

The report said one, Shipan Bepari of Singherhati village of Kanaksar union under Louhojang upazila, abducted the girl from a road, confined and raped her for two days in a house and left her on the road at the end of July.

Police rescued the girl on July 30, held talks with local Awami League leaders led by one, Monir Hossain, and sent her to her village in

Bhola on July 31, without carrying out any medical test, to suppress the incident, it said.

Yesterday, the HC bench ordered police to arrest the rapists and provide security to the girl and her family.

The judges also heard from the girl's mother in their chamber, where the girl was present. They were brought by police as per the HC's August 2 directive.

Louhojang Police Station officer-in-charge, Abdul Malek, and investigation inspector, AKM Masud Khan, and Monir, Kanaksar union AL president, also appeared yesterday.

The court, on August 2, had summoned the policemen for not recording a case over the incident and Monir for allegedly pressing police not to accept the case.

The bench yesterday ordered them to again appear before it on October 14.

**Jubo League
leader beats
up TV staff**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A television videographer filed a case against a Jubo League leader and his 10-12 aides yesterday accusing them of beating him up over parking of a motorcycle.

Sayed Muhammad Masud, staff videographer of Maasranga Television, in his case statement said Rajshahi city unit organising secretary Alok Das and his aides beat him for parking his motorcycle near to a motorcycle of the jubo league leader in Shaheb Bazar area around 10:00pm on Saturday.

Hajj flights to begin Sept 17

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hajj flights carrying Bangladeshi pilgrims to Saudi Arabia will begin on September 17 and end on October 22 this year.

The return Hajj flights will begin on October 30 and continue till November 28.

The final schedule for the flights was declared yesterday after a meeting at the ministry of civil aviation. Secretary Ataharul Islam chaired the meeting.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary standing committee on civil aviation also held a meeting yesterday. The meeting was attended by chairman of Biman's board of directors Air Marshal (ret'd) Jamal Uddin Ahmed, amongst other members.

This is the first time Jamal Uddin has attended a parliamentary body meeting in the last three years, having ignored several requests by the committee to do so in the past.

The issue of his absence was even raised to the prime minister by committee members, Syed Mohsin Ali, a member of the body, said.

In yesterday's meeting, Jamal Uddin explained reasons behind Biman's loss as well as reasons behind its sorry state.

Afterwards, talking to The Daily Star, chief of the committee Engineer Mosharraf Hossain said, "The committee asked Biman to make sure that the unwanted issues, which could malign the government's image, don't occur during the hajj flights operation."

The House panel also asked Biman to improve its service and procure a new aircraft to make it a profitable venture, he said.

A total of 112,568 pilgrims from Bangladesh are scheduled to perform Hajj this year. Of them, 2,965 pilgrims will travel under government management and the rest under private arrangements.

Biman Bangladesh will carry half the pilgrims while Saudi Arabian Airlines and National Air Service (NAS) Air - also of Saudi Arabia - will carry the remaining pilgrims.

The meeting also approved pre-hajj and

DISAPPEARANCES

Bodies of microbus, taxi drivers found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five days after a microbus driver of Tangail went missing on his way to Dhaka, police recovered his decomposing body near Water Development Board's pump house in Mirpur Beribadh area in the capital on Saturday night.

In another incident, the body of a taxi driver, who was taking three to four youths from Feni's Dagonbhuiyan Bazar Petrol Pump to Feni sadar on Friday night, was found at Sonagazi upazila yesterday. The taxi had gone missing, said police.

The microbus driver, Adam Ali Miah, 35, had been slaughtered, said police.

The microbus owner, Md Selim Miah, who is Adam's brother-in-law, told this correspondent that one, Binimoy, son of Rabiul Guerrilla of Tangail town, hired the microbus on August 6 evening, saying he would go to the capital's Uttara.

Selim last talked to Adam around 10:00pm that night, when Adam said he was passing Mirzapur in Tangail en route to Dhaka. After midnight, Selim found

cellphones of both Adam and Binimoy switched off.

Selim went to Binimoy's house, where Rabiul revealed that Binimoy was a mugger.

Selim received a ransom demand, through sources on August 8, of Tk 2 lakh for the return of Adam and the vehicle. The next day, the captors claimed that Adam had escaped and their demand was Tk 1 lakh for the vehicle's return. Selim said he had disagreed. Selim filed a murder case on Saturday night with Tangail Police Station against Binimoy and his unidentified accomplices.

A Feni correspondent reports, police said the CNG-run taxi driver, Nizam Uddin Rubel, 24, son of Abul Kashem of Sreedharpur in Dagonbhuiyan municipal area, was hired by three to four youths around 8:00pm to take them to Feni.

Rubel's body, with the hands and mouth tied up, was found by the locals in a field at Saheber Haat area of Amirabad union.

Police sent the body to Feni Sadar Hospital Morgue for autopsy.

**Bangladeshi
peacekeeper
shot dead
in Sudan**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi peacekeeper was shot dead by unidentified miscreants in Darfur region of Sudan yesterday morning.

Md Ajar Ali, 40, was killed when a bullet went through his neck in gunfire in front of a UN structure in Darfur. The gunfire also left two others injured.

He was serving at Otash Community Police Camp in Darfur.

Kamrul Ahsan, public relations officer of police headquarters in Dhaka, confirmed the incident.

Ajar, hailing from Sathiya upazila of Pabna, landed in Sudan for United Nations peacekeeping mission on July 8 this year. He joined Bangladesh Police in 1996.



A train on Narayanganj-Dhaka route moves on the tracks submerged in water near Gandaria Railway Station after yesterday's downpours. The area gets waterlogged every time there is a downpour.

PHOTO: STAR



A mobile court is examining polythene produced in an illegal factory in Agrabad area of Chittagong city yesterday. The court sealed off the factory.

PHOTO: STAR

**Three JMB
leaders jailed**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced three leaders of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 15 years' rigorous imprisonment on charge of possessing grenades and explosives.

The convicts are Mohtasim Billah alias Bashir, commander of JMB Dhaka zone, and two ehisar (fulltime) members of the outlawed outfit Momin Bhuiyan alias Mizan and Md Moyeen Uddin alias Moyez.

Judge Mohammad Motahar Hossain of the Speedy Trial Tribunal pronounced the verdict in presence of the convicts at a packed courtroom.

The court also acquitted another JMB leader Mohammad Salauddin as the charge brought against him was not proved.

Earlier the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 34 prosecution witnesses.

A team from Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Mohtasim from Konabari and Moyez and Mizan from Uttarkhan in Gazipur on February 20 in 2009 along with 2 grenades and huge explosives.

Following the incident, Sub-Inspector Aminul Haque filed a case against the three.

**Autistic boy
drowns in
capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An autistic boy drowned in Satarkul Namapara jheel in Badda area of the capital yesterday.

The deceased Shariar Roudro, 10, a resident of Darogabari in the area.

Roudro's mother Ferdousi Begum said he went out of home around 12:00 noon yesterday without anyone's concern.

Later, tenants of the house informed them that Roudro had drowned in the nearby jheel, she added.

With the help of their neighbours, they rescued him and took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he was declared dead.