

Limon

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the Senior Judicial Magistrate's court yesterday for hearing in the case filed against him by Rab for obstructing law enforcers from conducting their professional duties, attempted murder and injuring the Rab personnel.

Limon's lawyer Nasir Uddin Kabir said that from now on, in this case, Limon's lawyers could represent him before the court.

The same court yesterday heard the objection plea filed by Limon's mother Henoara Begum over the police report submitted in a case she had filed against six Rab personnel.

The report submitted by Rajapur police to the court cleared Rab of all allegations.

The next hearing date for both the cases has been fixed for December 12.

On March 23, 2011, sixteen year old Limon was shot and maimed by Rab personnel when he went to fetch the family cattle from a field near his house in Chhaturia village of Rajapur upazila.

Following the shooting, Rab filed two cases against Limon -- one accusing him of possessing firearm and the other of obstructing law enforcers from conducting their duties.

Since then, the life of Limon, who used to work at a brick kiln to bear his educational expenses, has turned upside down. He had to have his leg amputated. But despite this, he has learned to walk on an artificial leg.

Limon could not appear for the HSC exams last year as the shooting had taken place only a fortnight before the exams. He later took re-admission and in his first year final exams, results of which published recently, Limon scored GPA-4.

Meanwhile, three lawyers from rights group from Ain o Salish Kendra (Ask) joined the hearings yesterday, alongside the two counsels, to assist Limon.



A mass procession held by BNP-led 18 party alliance in the capital's Kakrail area yesterday afternoon. PHOTO COURTESY: BNP

BNP's no to Hasina-led pre-election govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance leaders yesterday reiterated that they would not participate in the next parliamentary elections with the incumbent prime minister remaining the government head.

They also blasted the Awami League government for restricting a section of private media from covering a programme of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"Its failures alone will bring down this government," said Moudud Ahmed, member of BNP standing committee, in his brief speech before the beginning of a mass procession in front of his party headquarters at Nayapaltan.

The BNP lawmaker also said the Anti-Corruption Commission remained entirely subservient to the

government. "I believe the World Bank team will also understand that."

He was referring to the delegation that left Dhaka on Wednesday wrapping up its three-day visit. It was assigned to review the ACC probe into the allegations of Padma bridge project graft.

The alliance had earlier announced its plan to hold countrywide demonstrations for yesterday to press for the restoration of the caretaker government system and to protest the government's repression on the opposition.

The constitutional provision that mandated a non-party caretaker administration to oversee the general election was scrapped in parliament last year, despite protests from the opposition.

Yesterday afternoon, transports on roads linked to Paltan, Motijheel,

Malibagh, Mouchak and Kakrail almost came to a standstill as the alliance brought out the mass procession and paraded through the areas.

Throwing the capital's traffic into disarray, hundreds of opposition leaders and activists earlier had marched in small processions to the BNP office from different parts of the city and its outskirts to join the programme.

Witnesses said activists from outside the capital came by several hundred buses which were later parked on roads at different places, worsening the congestions.

Hundreds of commuters were seen standing for hours to get transports.

The 18-party men vandalised several vehicles at Moghbazar and Malibagh, sending a wave of panic across the areas.

N'ganj Shibir men clash with police, 30 hurt

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At least 30 people were injured as Islami Chhatra Shibir activists and law enforcers clashed in front of BNP party office in DIT commercial area of Narayanganj town yesterday.

Police arrested 10 activists, including Narayanganj district unit BNP Vice-President Jannatul Ferdous, during the clash.

Police and local sources said the clash ensued when Shibir activists, on their way to join a mass procession in front of the BNP party office, pelted brickbats on the law enforcers around 3:00pm, protesting the filing of cases against some leaders and activists of BNP-led 18-party alliance.

In retaliation, police fired around 50-rounds of rubber bullets and teargas shells to disperse them, sources said.

Several vehicles were vandalised during the clash.

Fourteen yet fearsome

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in jail after being arrested with contraband Yaba tablets last year, when he was not even 13.

On October 3, the Detective Branch (DB) of Police arrested him once again. This time he had an illegal pistol and ammunition in his possession.

Mamun completed primary education from Koratitola Free Primary School and got admitted in class-VI at CMS High School in 2011. But his educational expense became a burden for the low-income family and he had to give up study six months after joining high school.

His father Abdul Latif is a security guard of a local building and his mother a house help. Mamun has two brothers and three sisters. He is the second son of the family while his elder brother is physically challenged.

The Daily Star managed to talk to Mamun at the DB headquarters and its media centre.

Narrating how he got involved in illegal drug trade and criminal activities, Mamun said, "I first handled drugs three to four years ago when some local senior brothers asked me to bring drugs for them from various places in the capital. They rewarded me with money."

"They [the senior brothers]

would ask me to transport bags from one place to another," he said, adding, "I did that because they used to give me Tk 100 to Tk 1,000 for that. The money made my festivals gorgeous and my friends began to respect me the more I kept spending for them."

Mamun said he had started supplying Yaba tablets and phensedyl as soon as he had become known to drug peddlers.

"The local brothers also gave me arms to transport. When I earned their trust, they gave me arms to keep," he said.

At Koratitola, many said they knew about the arrest of Mamun and three others. However, none of the locals agreed to make any comment by name.

Mamun's friend Siddique, who is an employee of a butcher shop, said Mamun had spent much money for them. He took them to eateries and cinemas.

Locals said Mamun had become more daring after coming out of jail on bail last March. He kept illegal arms, ran drug business and maintained contact with listed criminals.

The teenager also worked for other criminal groups and took part in criminal activities like issuing threat, charging

bombs and shooting at people who declined to pay extortion money.

Mashiur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner (ADC) of DB (West), said although Mamun was a teenager, he was a professional criminal who had involvement in drug peddling and possessed arms.

Sultana Kamal, chairperson of Transparency International Bangladesh and executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra, said the boy had not joined the crime world willingly.

He was a victim of poverty and the ailing society, she said, adding that the place where he lived and a section of people of the society were also responsible for his involvement with crime.

"Even if he tries, it will be difficult for him to get rid of the crime ring he is trapped into," said Sultana Kamal, also a former adviser to a caretaker government.

She said the state and the police were obligated to help the child get out of this crime world as per the Child Acts, 1974.

According to the Directorate of Narcotics Control, about 30,000 women and children are involved in illegal drug trade in Bangladesh.

Missed slumber

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What is more, any memories lost due to not getting enough shut-eye may be gone for ever, the Society for Neuroscience's annual conference heard.

Researcher Ted Abel said "I think what it really means for modern life is that sleep is not a luxury."

Prof Abel and his team from the University of Pennsylvania looked at how mice that were stopped from sleeping fared on a memory task.

The creatures were kept awake for varying amounts of time, to pinpoint just how little sleep had to be lost for their recall to be damaged.

The professor told the New Orleans conference "What we found is that when we

deprived animals of sleep, that impaired storage of memories.

"And most importantly we found out that a very short period of time would block memory consolidation, it was as short as three hours, which for mice is something like 20 per cent of their sleep over 24 hours.

"In human terms, it would be the equivalent of dropping an eight-hour night of sleep to six hours, which is something we do all the time."

It is thought that the replay of our memories while we are asleep is essential for their proper storage in the brain.

The study also suggested that there is a critical period

after learning during in which memories are consolidated, meaning that loss of sleep at some points in time may be more damaging than at others.

Prof Abel, who tries to get seven to eight hours of sleep a night, added that any information lost due to lack of sleep is gone forever -- meaning that sleeping longer the next night won't bring it back.

Neil Stanley, one of Britain's leading sleep experts, said "The important thing about sleep is that it allows the brain to do things that it is far too busy to do during the day."

"Sleep is the quiet time that gives the brain time to do the filing," Stanley added.

PM's comments

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people are exercising the powers of the state in running the country alongside Sheikh Hasina's government.

The Supreme Court in its full verdict on the constitution's 13th amendment act observes that the present constitutional provision for technocrat ministers is undemocratic and contrary to the fundamental principles of the constitution as it was formulated and adopted in 1972.

Using the apex court's verdict which declared illegal and void the caretaker government system since it comprised unelected people, Hasina's government hurriedly abolished the caretaker government system in June 2011.

But there has been no move to honour the apex court's observation regarding the current constitutional provision on technocrat ministers.

And it is Hasina's government that introduced a new force of powerful advisers who are unelected. She appointed seven advisers with the status of full ministers and gave them portfolios to exercise executive powers, although the constitution does not allow doing so.

The local government system is an integrated part of the central government that exercises the executive powers of the state. Running the local government bodies through administrators is also in contradiction with the fundamental state principle mentioned in Article 11 of the constitution, which clearly says that the republic shall be a democracy in which effective participation by the people through their elected representatives in administration at all levels shall be ensured. It also goes against Article 59 of the constitution, which says local government bodies must be comprised of elected people.

However, Hasina's government did not care about this constitutional provision when it appointed administrators to run district councils and the bifurcated DCC around a year ago.

And Sheikh Hasina finds nothing wrong with all those unelected people as they are now part of her government. Rather, she has been extremely critical of people who advocate the restoration of a non-partisan caretaker government system for holding free and fair parliamentary polls. She has been consistent

in expressing her view that the country will run as per the constitution.

The reality, however, is different.

War crimes

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and will not decline in the future," Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Al Bussairy said at a press briefing in the capital yesterday.

The briefing was organised at his Gulshan residence to inform the media about the Saudi government's preparation for hajj in Makkah and Madina this year.

Trashing recent media reports that the trial of Ghulam Azam and the killing of a Saudi embassy official would put strains on bilateral relations, the Saudi envoy said whatever happens in Bangladesh is its internal affair.

He said the Saudi government is happy with the arrest of the killers of Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al-Ali, who was shot dead in Gulshan on March 6 last.

The law minister has assured the Saudi government that the killers would be tried under the speedy trial act, and it would be completed by December, he said.

Asked whether the Saudi government had slowed down the recruitment process of Bangladeshi workers following the crackdown on pro-Islamic parties, Bussairy said there was no reason to believe that Bangladeshi expatriate workers would be punished for any action of its government here.

"We want Bangladesh's people to live in peace and good relations to prevail among political parties," he said, adding that Saudi Arabia maintained cordial relations with all parties.

The ambassador admitted that the number of workers to be recruited from Bangladesh had come down as his government was trying to bring about a balance in the recruitment of foreign workers according to its policy.

On his government's preparations for hajj, Bussairy said the Saudi embassy had issued visas to some 1.11 lakh Bangladeshi pilgrims this year.

He also told the press that Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh would hold a joint commission meeting in December where some deals would be signed to boost trade and commerce.

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