

# PRODUCING ARRESTED JUDGE TO MEDIA HC stays withdrawal of 5 cops from posts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed a lower court order for withdrawing five policemen from their posts for producing a judge before the media without taking permission from a magistrate.

The stay order will remain in force until the disposal of a rule issued by the HC on Tuesday over the law enforcers' action of taking statement from the detainees in presence of the media, said the court.

In the rule, the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Farid Ahmed also asked the law enforcement authorities to explain why they should not be directed not to take any statement from the detainees in presence of the media.

Akil-Uz-Zaman, an apprentice lawyer, had filed the public interest litigation on Tuesday challenging the legality of the law enforcers' activity of producing the detainees before the media.

Earlier, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate

MA Salam on December 6 had directed the IGP to take departmental action against the five police officials.

The cops jointly filed a petition with the HC bench yesterday seeking a stay on the lower court's order.

The five cops are Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner (Ramna) of DMP; Mustafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of New Market Police Station, and its three sub-inspectors Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, Shafiqul Rahman, and Nur Hossain.

Advocate SM Rezaul Karim appeared for the police officials, while Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder represented the government.

On December 1, the police officials produced Javed Imam, a senior assistant judge of Bhola District Judge's Court, before the media after arresting him near the capital's Eden College for allegedly carrying 342 bottles of Phensedyl in a microbus.

Following yesterday's stay order, the five cops will join their previous duty stations.



Workers on the sewing floor at Viyellatex, an apparel company, which uses environment-friendly equipment to reduce its energy consumption as well as boosting production.

PHOTO: COURTESY

# Instinctive boy frees himself from abduction

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Six hours into his abduction, an 11-year-old boy made a rare escape from the confinement of his abductors in Old Dhaka Tuesday.

It was his instincts that saved Imtiaz Ahmed Siam, a class VI student at Nababpur Government High School.

Siam was abducted by one of his acquaintances around 2:30pm on Tuesday when he was playing near his Malitola house.

Siam's father Sirajuddin was asked him to pay Tk 20 lakh as ransom; otherwise, they threatened, his son would be dead by the next day.

Sirajuddin told The Daily Star how his son was abducted and how he made his escape using his instincts.

On Tuesday, Anik Chowdhury, a relative of one of the tenants of Siam's house, took him to his Jatrabari apartment, saying he would show Siam an aquarium there. Anik's apartment is on the third floor of a five-storey building.

As soon as he entered the house, Anik and his wife scotch taped his mouth and tied his hands and legs with scarves.

They then put him into the box of a box-bed with two mattresses pressed against his body. The abductors asked him not to make any noise or sound.

As Siam was sweating inside the box, quite a while later he stopped hearing footsteps in the apartment.

He made his first move now-- he started to rub his mouth against the wall of the box and soon the scotch tape came off. Now he untied the scarf around his hands with his teeth and used his hands to untie the legs.

Sensing that nobody was inside the flat, he came out of the box and found the main door of the apartment locked from outside. So he bolted it from inside to prevent the abductors from entering.

He first screamed for help but nobody heard. He then entered

the kitchen and started to throw vegetables through window to the ground.

As some people gathered at the scene, Siam tried to talk to them but they did not understand him. It was night by then.

So Siam got some paper and wrote how he was abducted and how he was brought there. He threw the notes down. Many people gathered at the scene by that time and rescued Siam.

They also caught the abductor Anik and handed him over to Jatrabari police. Anik was taken on a one-day remand yesterday.

Siam's father filed an abduction case against Anik with Bangshal Police Station.

# HSBC - Star CLIMATE AWARDEE 2010 Viyellatex's way of doing more with less

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Viyellatex Group, a leading apparel company, won the HSBC-The Daily Star Climate Awards 2010 for adopting green and energy-saving technology in garments manufacture.

Chairman of Viyellatex Group, KM Rezaul Hasnat, admits that it was his survival instincts that first led him to consider adopting energy efficient measures for his knit apparel and textile manufacturing business unit.

Not everyone in his company, however, understood or appreciated his business-sense at the time, says Hasnat.

"The barrier was the initial mindset. It was quite challenging for me to convince my colleagues of the endeavour. You also need to make considerable investment initially," he states. "But now-a-days, it is in our team members' DNA."

Hasnat says they have replaced energy-devouring electrical equipment with environment-friendly alternatives to substantially reduce the company's energy consumption.

In addition, they have introduced a system to reuse steam that would normally be released into the atmosphere as waste during the dyeing process.

A co-generation boiler makes use of the exhaust from three gas-powered 3.2MW generators, while fabric dryer exhausts ensure lower levels of energy consumption.

"Viyellatex has been able to save more than 3 million cubic metres of natural gas in the last fiscal year with the introduction of such measures," highlights its head of sustainability Tayef Quader.

The company has also taken some

initiatives to preserve rain and ground water. For instance, it has installed a rain water harvesting system covering an estimated rooftop space of 2,50,000 square feet, he says.

"On average, Dhaka city receives 2,075mm of rainfall a year. Our system utilises this rain water by storing it in a tank. We then reuse the water for fabric dyeing, washing and other purposes," Quader explains.

"The introduction of this system has resulted in saving roughly 45,000 cubic metres of underground water every year."

Tayef also says their treated waste water from the effluent treatment plant (ETP) is reused for daily toilet flushing of 9,000 workers, instead of being diverted to the main sewage line. "This again saves around 48,500 cubic metres of underground water per year."

The principle of Triple Bottom Line (People, Planet, Profit) plays a crucial role in shaping Viyellatex's overall strategies, policies and goals.

"We have undertaken a journey for green modernisation involving all business entities to show our sincerest commitment in preserving our precious but non-renewable resources."

"As the textile sector is both an energy and water intensive industry, there is a serious need of organisations to come forward and demonstrate their sincerity towards ensuring efficient and optimum use of resources," says Tayef.

In this modern world of depleting environmental resources, adopting strategies of "doing more with less" is the way to move forward and pave the road to a sustainable future, he adds.

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain, middle, Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna, right, and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal leader Khalequzzaman, left, at a seminar titled "Present situation and the election system" organised by Nagorik Oikya at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.



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# No possibility of poll engineering: Dr Kamal

UNB, Dhaka

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday ruled out any possibility of election engineering in the next general election.

"The next general election will not be a controlled one; rather it will be free, fair and neutral," he said while addressing a seminar at the Jatiya Press Club.

Nagorik Oikya arranged the seminar titled "Present situation and the election system."

Dr Kamal said people will boycott those who reaped the benefits of a system in the 2008 general election and are now saying that they will not let anyone to enjoy it anymore. "People are united. No one can deceive them as they truly want representative democracy and [effective] parliament."

He condemned the killing of Biswajit Das by the BCL activists during Sunday's road blockade enforced by the BNP-led 18 party alliance.

The eminent jurist said the killers of the innocent young man and those ordered the killing have committed serious crimes.

About the ongoing war crimes trial, the Gano Forum chief said there is no scope for a debate over the issue, and underscored the need for speedy completion of the trial.

Communist Party of Bangladesh President Mujahidul Islam Selim, eminent jurist Dr Shahdeen Malik and former state minister for information Prof Abu Sayeed, among others, spoke at the event with Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna in the chair.

# Anti-liberation forces have no right to live in country Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-liberation forces have no right to live in Bangladesh because they worked with the external force during the country's Liberation War in 1971, said Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir at a discussion yesterday.

"If they (anti-liberation force) do not show respect and obedience to Bangladesh, they have no right to live in this country," he said.

Marking Martyred Intellectuals Day, the discussion was organised by the National Museum in its Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium.

The minister urged all to unite against those who are trying to foil war crimes trial through anarchy in the country. Alamgir also strongly criticised the BNP chairperson's remarks about constructing two bridges over the Padma river if voted to power.

"Uttering such words is similar to living in the heaven of foolishness," he said.

Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, vice president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, demanded ban on politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir.

## Obituary

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Eskander Ali Sardar, former public prosecutor and father of Mahabub Hossain Samrat, staff reporter of private television channel ntv, died of cardiac arrest at Gopalganj General Hospital yesterday. He was 75.

He left behind six sons and four daughters.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 41st death anniversary of Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury (Eshika), a martyred intellectual.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at Aminbagh Mosque in the capital.

On this day in 1971, Razakars, collaborators of the Pakistan occupation army, picked Rafiqul Haider up from his 921, Shahidbagh residence and took him away blindfolded. Later, they killed him.

# ROAD BLOCKADE, HARTAL Govt to compensate 2 injured drivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will compensate two drivers of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and a pick-up van who sustained burn injuries during the recent road blockade and countrywide hartal enforced by the BNP-led 18 party alliance.

The government will provide them with new auto-rickshaw and pick-up van; and bear treatment expenses, Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir told journalists while visiting the victims at Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Picketers set fire on the auto-rickshaw of Shahadat Hossain at Hemayatpur in Savar, and the pick-up van of Khokon at Nayabazar in the capital on Sunday and Monday night respectively.

The government will not spare the instigators of the subversive activities, the home minister said.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku and Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khander were also present during the visit.

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