

**DONATIONS FROM ANTI-LIBERATION FORCES
JS body asks cops to refuse**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on the home ministry yesterday asked police not to take any donations from organisations affiliated with the anti-liberation forces, including Jamaat-e-Islami, and from individuals with war crimes records.

The committee came up with the suggestion in an effort to strengthen the call to boycott the business and cultural organisations run by the anti-liberation forces and individuals, meeting sources said.

Police stations usually take donations like vehicles and other things from different organisations.

A policy on receiving donations, which was placed at the meeting, says police could accept donations if anyone wants to assist the force to ensure security of society, said a press release of the parliament secretariat.

The committee however asked police to keep the parliamentary body informed about the donations.

At the meeting, chief of the committee Sayadul Haque said he got information that the detained war crimes suspects were maintaining communications with party leaders through SMSs and asked the prison authorities to strengthen the monitoring system, said meeting sources.

The committee also asked the home ministry to ensure adequate security to bloggers involved with the ongoing Shahbagh mass movement, tighten security around Shahbagh, and take exemplary penal action against the killers of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider, said the press release.



Bangladeshi teachers and PhD students at Pittsburgh University, USA, gather on the campus expressing solidarity with the Shahbagh movement demanding death penalty for war criminals.

**SAGAR-RUNI MURDER
Security guard Enam sent to jail**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Enam Ahmed alias Humayun Kabir was sent to jail yesterday on completion of his eight-day remand in journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman passed the order as the case's investigation officer (IO) did not seek further remand.

The court also fixed February 25 for the hearing on a bail petition filed by the accused.

IO Mohammad Zafar Ullah, a senior assistant superintendent of Rab, in his forwarding report to the court said he extracted important information from the accused which is being verified.

So, the accused needs to be detained in jail until completion of the investigation, he said.

Earlier on February 10, Enam was placed on the remand following his arrest by the Rab from Brahmanbaria.

He was a security guard of the building where the killing of journalist couple Sagar Sarwar and Meherun Runi took place on February 11 last year.

Police have so far arrested six more suspects in connection with the incident. The arrestees are Rafiqul Islam, Bakul Miah, Masum Mintu, Sayeed, another security guard of the couple's residence Palash Rudra Paul, and the couple's "family friend" Tanvir Rahman.

Of the suspects, the first four are now in jail in connection with the murder of physician Nitai, while Palash and Tanvir are in Rab custody.

**Jamaat's Rajshahi chief held with explosives
Hartal called in Rajshahi division**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested Rajshahi city unit Ameer (chief) of Jamaat-e-Islami Aatur Rahman and seized 20 handmade bombs from his possession in the capital yesterday.

Protesting the arrest, Jamaat called a dawn to dusk hartal in Rajshahi division today.

Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan, director of intelligence wing of Rab, said they arrested Aatur on his arrival in the capital's Kalyanpur from Rajshahi by a bus around 5:15pm.

The Jamaat leader was also carrying 12 books on jihad written by different leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, he claimed.

They originally went there to arrest him for his alleged involvement in Monday's attack on a local Awami League (AL) office in Rajshahi city, he added.

On Monday night, activists of Jamaat-Shibir attacked the AL Office at Binodpur, leaving at least five AL men injured.

Our Rajshahi correspondent reports, Aatur Rahman is accused of some 22 cases of murder, violence, arms and explosives related incidents with different stations of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said a RMP official.

**PARAG ABDUCTION CASE
3 accused sent to jail on surrender before court**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court sent three accused in schoolboy Parag Mondol abduction case to jail two hours after they surrendered before the court seeking bail yesterday.

They are Jubo League leader Aminul Haque alias Jewel Mollah, Alfaz Hossain and Abul Kashem.

The court also issued an arrest warrant against Mamun Miah as he was not present at the court during the hearing on the bail petition even though he surrendered before the court along with the three.

Another accused Rizvi Ahmed Anik could not appear before the court yesterday as he is now in custody in another abduction case filed with Keranigonj Police Station.

They surrendered before the court a day after the High Court directed law enforcers to arrest the five accused in the case within 24 hours.

On Monday, the HC passed the arrest order after Judge Md Abdul Majid of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court on Sunday cancelled their bail following petitions submitted by District Public Prosecutor Khondaker Abdul Mannan.

Earlier, Judge Abdul Majid granted bail to the five accused on different dates in January and February.

Six-year-old Parag Mondol, a student of KG-I of Heed International School, was abducted from Shuvadda Paschim Para in Keraniganj on November 11, last year. He was found three days later in Atibazar area of Keraniganj.

UK education fair in Dhaka, Ctg soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 15th Education UK Exhibition will begin in Dhaka and Chittagong on February 28 and March 3 respectively.

Representative delegates from 52 renowned higher education institutions of UK will give information about degree courses and scholarship opportunities to visitors at the exhibition, said British Council, Bangladesh Country Director Rosemary Amott at a press conference at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

British Council is organising the exhibition.

A UK Border Agency representative will be available at the British Council stall to answer queries related to UK visa application process.

The exhibition will be held at Winter Garden of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel on February 28 from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm and March 1 from 11:00am to 6:00pm.

In Chittagong, the exhibition will be held at Zinnia Hall of Peninsula Hotel on March 3 from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm.

Entry fee to the exhibition is Tk 50. Visitors can avail free entry by pre-registering for it at the British Council, Bangladesh website.

**CIRCULATING REPORT ON RAJIB'S BLOGPOSTS AMONG JUDGES
Justice Mizanur's removal sought**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing resentment at Justice Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan, a High Court judge, for distributing a news item on the alleged blogposts of Ahmed Rajib Haider among other judges, people of different professions yesterday demanded his removal and punishment through the Supreme Judicial Council.

Mizanur on Monday distributed clippings of a February 17 news report of the daily Inqilab among judges, including Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, through two Supreme Court employees. The news report mentions Rajib as a murtad (non-believer).

A blogger and activist of the Shahbagh movement, Rajib was killed near his house in the capital's Pallabi Friday night.

In a written statement, Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee described the judge as loyal to Jamaat-e-Islami and an anti-liberation man.

Mizanur was appointed an HC additional judge on July 29, 2002 and his job was confirmed on July 29, 2004 during the previous rule of BNP-Jamaat.

"Such malafide, political and intentional action of a Supreme Court judge (Mizanur) has not only damaged the dignity of the judges of the higher judiciary, but it is also linked with the tremendous audacity of 71's attacker and war criminal organisation Jamaat-e-Islami against the Shahbagh heroes," the committee said.

Nirmul Committee acting president Shahriar Kabir, vice presidents Prof Muntasir Mamun, Shahidjaya Shyamali Nasrin Chowdhury, Bhaskar Ferdousi Priyabhashini, filmmaker Shamim Akhter, and Dr Syed Shafiqul Alam, and general secretary Kazi Mukul signed the statement.

The pro-Awami League lawyers yesterday demanded that the chief justice does not allow Justice Mizanur to perform any judicial function until the Supreme Judicial Council takes a decision about him.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam demanded the judge's resignation, saying, "If you (Mizanur) quit, you will be saved from multiple disputes, and the judiciary will be saved too."

He said there were some judges at the HC, including Mizanur, who were involved in Jamaat-e-Islami in the past.

"Justice Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan has committed a gross misconduct showing loyalty to the politics of Jamaat-Shibir by his action," said AFM Mesbahuddin, a former president of Supreme Court Bar Association.

Anisul Huq, principal state counsel for the Bangabandhu murder case, said Mizanur lost his eligibility to hold the post of a judge, as he insulted the nation through his action.

JS passes bill on contempt of court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed a bill on contempt of court with provisions for protection of on-duty government officials from the charge.

The president is expected sign the bill into law.

Placed on June 14, 2011, the bill gives a definition of contempt of court to dispel confusions. It defines two types of contempt of court—civil and criminal.

The bill was proposed by Law Minister Shafique Ahmed.

It says as cases of contempt of court are filed against individuals, the accused government officials have to personally bear all expenses for fighting the cases, including lawyers' fees and court fees.

Neutral and objective reporting on judicial proceedings and publishing comments on the merits of a case after its final disposal will not be considered contempt of court, it adds.

11 held with fake passports, visas at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested 11 people including two Rohingyas when they were trying to leave the country with fake visas and passports at Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

They also arrested a broker for helping them to fly to Egypt and Kuwait with fake documents, said a press release.

Of the arrestees, two Rohingyas are Rajob Ali and Shahidul Alam; and the others are Md Aatur, Titu Mian, Humayun, Abdullah Azad, Rubel, Md Rony, Saiful Islam, Nazmul and broker Tajul Islam.

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