

# Threatening to Kill Imam Court frames charges against Farabi

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Shafiqur Rahman Farabi in connection with a case filed for threatening to kill an imam who had led blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider's namaz-e-janaza. On February 24, Farabi, a fourth-year student of physics at Chittagong University, was detained from near the second gate of the university for his alleged involvement in giving the death threat. The court fixed July 16 for starting the trial of the case. On March 13, Detective Branch Inspector Mainul Islam and also the investigation officer of the case submitted the probe report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka saying that Farabi had made the death threat in a blogpost. Rajib, an architect and activist of the Shahbagh gonojagoron movement, was murdered near his house in the capital's Mirpur area on February 15. His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Shahbagh the next day. Farabi, now in custody, pleaded not guilty. He was indicted under the Information and Communications Technology Act, 2006 which stipulates 14 years of rigorous imprisonment and fine of Tk 1 crore for such crimes.

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দীন মোহাম্মদ খান, প্রধান শিক্ষক ও সম্পাদক  
কাকিলি উচ্চ বিদ্যালয়।



The three-storey residential building, which leaned on an adjoining six-storey building at Purba Hajinagar in Demra of Dhaka early Monday, being demolished yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Tilted Demra building being demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owner of the three-storey residential building, that tilted early Monday in Demra on the outskirts of the capital, started demolishing it yesterday. The building on Madrasah Road at Purba Hajinagar leaned on an adjoining six-storey building at midnight prompting Narayanganj district administration to evacuate immediately six families residing in the building. A team of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha visited the building Monday and ordered its demolition within a week. Afsar Uddin, Rajuk authorised officer, yesterday said the owner Mohammad Ali started demolishing the building in the morning. The district administration also evacuated and sealed off the six-storey building following tilt of the other building, said Afsar. He said Rajuk was going to serve a notice on the owner of the six-storey building about its approval status. The building that tilted was non-engineered and made without Rajuk approval, lacked architectural and structural designs and soil tests, he said.

## Political parties should be made to disclose funding under RTI act

Says Information Commissioner Sadeka Halim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the sake of democracy and transparency, political parties should be made answerable under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2009, said Information Commissioner Sadeka Halim yesterday. "Our political parties must also disclose where they get the fund to organise meetings, processions and rallies and how much is spent behind such programmes," she added at a training session on the RTI Act 2009 for officials of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) at Brac Centre Inn in the capital. Dr Halim made the comment when a recent rule issued by the Central Information Commission of India required six political parties to disclose their sources of fund, was brought under her notice. The Indian commission held that six political parties of India fulfil the criteria of being public authorities under the RTI act as they receive indirect substantial financing by the government, perform public duty and constitutional and legal provisions vest them with rights and liabilities. Even in the UK the RTI act is used by the law enforcement agencies to find out the sources of funds of many political parties and investigate any instances of illicit donations, she informed. Participants of the training session discussed different provisions of the law including the exemption enjoyed by the eight intelligence agencies of Bangladesh.

## Suspension of Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan withdrawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday withdrew the suspension order of Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, four months after the former bridges division secretary was released on bail in February in a Padma bridge graft case. Expressing happiness over the order, Mosharraf told The Daily Star last night that he will join the public administration ministry as an Officer on Special Duty (OSD). He was arrested and sent to jail on last December 26. Prior to his arrest, he was the executive chairman of Economic Zone Authority at the Prime Minister's Office. The Anti-Corruption Commission is investigating the case against Mosharraf and the others.

## Tarique no more a political personality

### Says Dipu Moni

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has informed the UK government and the Interpol that an arrest warrant has been issued against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and termed him a "fugitive". "He did not appear in court in a case under trial and the court issued an arrest warrant against him. It has been related to the UK and the Interpol that he is a fugitive," said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni. Replying to a question at a press conference at the foreign ministry, she said Tarique Rahman is not a "political personality" as he said he "would not do politics" before leaving for London in September 2008. Dipu Moni, also a joint secretary of Awami League, said, "The man no longer holds the post as he "undertook" to resign from his position. So, he is no longer a 'political personality'." On May 26, a Dhaka court cleared the way for the Anti-Corruption Commission to ask for Interpol's help in arresting Tarique in connection with a money laundering case.

## PM 'enjoying' more power than Mughal emperors

Says Dr Akbar Ali Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The power the prime minister of Bangladesh is enjoying is perhaps more than that of the Soviet Tsars and the Mughal emperors, said former adviser to a caretaker government Dr Akbar Ali Khan yesterday. Akbar was speaking at a discussion marking the first anniversary of the socio-political organisation, Nagorik Oikya, at the Jatiya Press Club. He said the country's political system separated the role of the central and the local government in a way that caused problems. "Decentralisation of the state power system is essential," said Akbar. Mahmudur Rahman Manna, convener of Nagarik Oikya, said a mass movement was required to bring about a change. "For doing this, it is not essential to form a political party." General Secretary of Socialist Party of Bangladesh Comrade Khalequzzaman said, "All the governments have so far given scope for whitening [black/undisclosed] money, and the two leading parties are not enthusiastic about preventing this."

### MOURNING MESSAGE

Mr. Md. Abul Bashar, Father: Late Haji Nur Ahmed, Mother: Late Altaj Khanam, Village: Barama, Post Office: Barama, Police Station: Chandanaish, District: Chittagong, has expired at 09:30 AM at LabAid Hospital, Dhanmondi on 03/06/2013 (Inna Lillahi... Rajoun). During his service career, he was deployed in different government positions. He was the Former Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur, Former Additional Commissioner, Rajshahi, Former Executive Officer for Chittagong City Corporation. He has left his wife, two daughters (one is a Solicitor at London, and the other is a Physician in Bangladesh) one son (Engineer), two sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law and numerous well wishers. He has been buried on 04/06/2013 at his family graveyard located at Chandanaish of Chittagong after his Namaj-e-Janaza. We request all to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

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