

Rony challenges denial of bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Golam Maula Rony yesterday challenged the legality of his bail rejection order that was passed by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka in an attempted murder case.

The court on July 25 rejected the bail petition and sent him to jail in the case filed for beating up Independent TV reporter Imtiaz Momin and cameraperson Mohsin Mukul at his Topkhana Road office on July 20.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday fixed August 13 for hearing on the bail petition after Rony's lawyer submitted it against the rejection order.

Rony obtained an interim bail on July 21 and it was cancelled on July 24 following an appeal by Yusuf Ali, assistant manager of the TV channel. He was arrested on July 24.



President Abdul Hamid, fourth from left, flanked by this year's The Daily Star Spelling Bee Competition Champion Sunjack Jesun on his left and second runner-up Arshian Alam and first runner-up Sakib Aleem on his right at Bangabhaban yesterday. From the right are Russell T Ahmed, CEO of Champs21.com, the competition's organiser; Shykh Seraj, head of news of Channel i; and Sunjack's mother. On the far left is Sunjack's father.

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Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nature

Marium Begum, wife of Mozaffar Uddin, died of a cardiac arrest at Natore Sadar Hospital on Saturday. She was 65.

She left behind a son and three daughters to mourn her death.

She was buried at their family graveyard in Bangabaria village of Natore Sadar upazila yesterday following her namaz-e-janaza.

Death anniversary



Today is the 42nd death anniversary of martyred Prof Rafiqul Islam.

On this day in 1971, the Pakistani occupation forces picked up Rafiqul, a teacher of the Bengali department of Darshana College, from his residence in Kushtia and he never returned. His body was not found.

All relatives and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul of the martyred intellectual.

Mohammad Ruhul Amin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the seventh death anniversary of Principal Mohammad Ruhul Amin.

Ruhul had established several educational institutions in Khulna region, says a press release.

A Qurankhwani, a doa mahfil and an iftar party have been arranged at mosques and different educational institutions in Khulna and Paikgachha on the occasion.

Ruhul Amin's students, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes.

PM defends son's remarks on polls

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday defended her son Sajeb Wazed Joy's comment that Awami League will come to power again.

"Joy said one thing; he said that on the basis of a survey and a poll," she said while distributing financial aid cheques to 158 journalists at her office from the Journalists' Assistance Fund.

Recently, Joy in an Iftar party said he had information that Awami League will win in the next general election and will form the government again.

Hasina said a survey showed that Awami League is leading in the "opinion poll" and people still have their faith and confidence in the party. "As per the survey, Awami League will secure good result in the next (general) election and will be in power next."

She said when Joy commented that as per the survey and the poll, he got the picture that Awami League will do good in the next election and will come to power again, some vested quarters tampered with his statement.

"The vested quarter is now saying that Awami League is hatching conspiracy to come to power again."

The prime minister also wondered about the people smelling conspiracy behind Joy's remarks. "From whom we are hearing about the conspiracy. These people are habituated to hatching conspiracy and that's why they are telling about the conspiracy," she said.

She alleged that these people are used to vote rigging, vote engineering, stuffing of ballot boxes, capturing polling booths by hooligans, and using law enforcement agencies' people and members of the armed forces, administration and media.

Hasina said, "Those who are used to hatching conspiracies will see conspiracies everywhere. They will think at their level; they can not think any better than that. This is the ground reality." In this regard, she mentioned that she had the fourth survey report in her hand that was conducted by herself.

"This is not the intelligence survey reports, I also have those, DGFI and NSI also do survey, but what I have is totally different. We conducted the survey to figure out the condition of the party and it is normal," she said.

IO claims to be unaware about absence of magistrate's sign

CONFESION IN CTG ARMS HAUL CASES

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The fifth investigation officer (IO) of the Chittagong arms haul cases yesterday said he was not aware that pages 4 to 19 of a confessional statement, taken from an accused former NSI director, were not signed by a magistrate.

The statement was taken from former National Security Intelligence (NSI) director Wing Commander Shahab Uddin in a court on June 15, 2009, said Advocate Hamdur Rahman, defence lawyer of Shahab Uddin.

The IO, Moniruzzaman Chowdhury, an additional superintendent of police of Criminal Investigation Department, was being cross examined by Hamdur before Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1. Moniruzzaman also denied submitting the charge sheet under the influence of higher authorities. Kamrul Islam Sajjad, defence lawyer of former DGFI director Brig Gen (retd) Rezzakul Haider Chowdhury, also cross examined the IO.

Jamaat requests EC to withdraw decision

WAR CRIME CONVICTS' VOTING RIGHTS REVOCATION

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday requested the Election Commission (EC) to withdraw its decision to exclude from the national voter list names of persons convicted by the International Crimes Tribunals.

A four-member Jamaat delegation placed the demand at a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad at the EC Secretariat.

"This initiative is against the constitution and basic human rights," Jamaat Central Working Committee member Syed Abdullah Taher told journalists after the meeting.

"If any law is required in this regard, the parliament will formulate and pass the law," he said, adding that if the EC proactively steps in to formulate the law, it will prove that the EC is acting as per instruction of a particular quarter.

It will make the next general election uncertain and a situation may arrive which may halt holding of a fair election, he observed.

Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz informed journalists on Wednesday that persons convicted by the International Crimes Tribunals or found guilty under Bangladesh Collaborators Order, 1972 would be excluded.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) 1 and 2, dealing with war crimes cases, so far delivered verdicts in six cases. ICT-1 sentenced former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam to 90 years while leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee was given death penalty.

ICT-2 awarded Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and expelled leader Abul Kalam Azad death sentence and another Assistant Secretary General Abdul Quader Mollah life sentence.

Criticising another move of the EC to amend the electoral code of conduct, Taher also said the EC included some provisions that serve the purpose of the government.

As per a provision of the draft amendment, if the general election is held under a partisan government, the ruling party chief and its 20 leaders (picked by the party chief) would enjoy the privilege to lead electioneering across the country.

Talking to reporters separately, the CEC said, "We asked them (Jamaat) to specify and explain the laws and their demands elaborately." Over the allegations, he said, "Our aim is to create a level-playing field for all, not to keep any party out of the election."

PICKED UP BY BSF Two schoolboys freed in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday afternoon freed two Bangladeshi schoolboys it picked up from near the border in Kushtia in the morning.

The BSF men from Krishan camp of Nadia district in West Bengal picked them up around 11:30am when the duo went to see their paddy fields along Pakuria border under Daulatpur upazila of Kushtia district.

The two, aged 15, are Azam Ali and Mamun Ali of Pakuria village. Azam is a student of class X and Mamun a student of class X.

After a flag meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) of Mohishkundi camp and the BSF members of Krishan camp, the BSF men released the boys around 6:30pm, said Jahir Uddin, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station.

In another incident, the BSF men from Putkhali camp of Nadia picked up a Bangladeshi cattle trader around 7:30am from Benipur border under Jibannagar upazila of Chuadanga district, said Lt Col Gazi Asaduzzaman, commander of BGB-6 Battalion.



A family is looking around at Bashundhara City Shopping Complex in the capital yesterday to shop for Eid. With Eid approaching near, the number of customers is increasing in the city markets daily.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMAD



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over a cheque to a person while giving out financial aid to families of journalists who were killed and financially insolvent, ailing and accident-injured journalists at the Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday.

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Four remanded in Aloy murder case in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayangaj court yesterday granted remands for four persons in a case filed over killing college boy Aloy in the district.

Zakia Islam Tania was put on a two-day remand while the others - Maktadir Hossain, Sajjad Sarkar Siam and Lakkhan Karmakar on a three-day.

Narayanganj Chief Judicial Magistrate Jadib Hossain passed the order after police produced them before the court seeking a seven-day remand each.

The victim's father Nazrul Islam, in his case statement, said Aloy was strangled after Tania and her friends took him out of the home over an affair.

Police recovered the body of Rakibul Islam Aloy, a second year student of Notre Dame College, from the Shitalakkhya river on Friday after he had gone missing on Wednesday.

DOA MEHFIL

Our mother, Syeda Farida Ahmed (Director, aamra companies), wife of Late Sahebzada Syed Fariduddin Ahmed (Grand Son of Gausul Azam Hazrat Shah Sufi Moulana Syed Gulamur Rahman 'Baba Bhandari' and the Eldest son of Hazrat Shah Sufi Moulana Syed Abul Bashar), has passed away peacefully on July 24th, 2013 in Singapore at 11:40 am Bangladesh time (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilahe Rajeun). May Allah bless her kind soul with eternal peace in Jannah.

She is the eldest daughter of Late Mr. O. R Nizam of Chittagong and is survived by two sons and one daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

A Doa Mehfil will be held Today, 29th July 2013, after Asr Prayer, at **Masjid-e-Gausul Azam Complex, Mohakhali (near BRAC Center), Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

We kindly request everyone to attend the Doa Mehfil and pray for her departed soul.

Syed Faruque Ahmed Syed Farhad Ahmed Syeda Amina Ahmed

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