

# Blogger Asif denied bail extension

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday denied an extension of bail for blogger Asif Mohiuddin and sent him to jail in a case for making "derogatory comments about Islam and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)" in social media.

Judge (in-charge) Md Akharuzzaman of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Asif seeking extension of his one-month bail which expired on Saturday.

Earlier, he was granted bail on June 27 on health grounds. "But there was no new ground to extend his bail," said the judge.

The bail was also cancelled as he violated the terms and conditions of the court order by not seeking bail within Thursday and not submitting any document in support of his treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital yesterday, said the judge.

The judge further said Asif was assaulted by the fanatics and he had been under treatment in the hospital since his arrest.

Asif, 28, an ex-student of a private university, was arrested on April 3 for his online posts deemed insulting to Islam. Three other bloggers, arrested on same charges on April 2, are now on bail.

The three are Subrata Adhikari Shuvo, 24, a master's student of Dhaka University; Russel Parvez, 36, an English medium school teacher; Mashhur Rahman Biplob, 42.

On April 17, the Detective Branch of police submitted probe reports against the four, accusing them of hurting religious sentiments via social media.

Hearing on charge framing against the four bloggers will be held on August 25.



One of the residents of Tankir Pahar in Chittagong city leaves his home with his belongings during an evacuation Chittagong District Administration was carrying out on risky hill slopes yesterday

PHOTO: STAR

# ALLEGED ASSAULT ON MOJAAHEED'S LAWYER ICT asks for probe report by Sep 5

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday directed Dhaka's chief metropolitan magistrate to submit a probe report within September 5 on an allegation that a lawyer of war crimes convict Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was assaulted by a prosecution witness on May 26.

The defence in Mojaheed's case submitted a petition on May 28 stating that, apart from the assault, Jahir Uddin Jalal had earlier also hurled abuses at another counsel of Mojaheed outside the courtroom.

That day, the court asked Jalal to reply in writing why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against him for allegedly assaulting Munshi Ahsan Kabir.

In his explanation on June 30, Jalal denied the allegation, stating that it "could be a strategic plan to discredit him in some way" and that he was ready to face any enquiry or investigation.

On July 21, Jalal's lawyer Mohammad Mohsen Rashid prayed to the court to dispose of the petition and issue a warning to Jalal concerning the abuse. The court disposed of the petition and issued the warning.

That day, Jalal, in a petition, sought review of the order and court permission to change his counsel who, he said, did not take his consent for the prayer.

Yesterday, Jalal's lawyer Quamrul Islam Siddiqui said the incident might have happened but his client was not involved.

Munshi Ahsan Kabir's counsel Abdur Razzaq had stated that they had no confidence on the inquiry and sought action against Jalal based on newspaper and medical reports the defence provided.

# Photo exhibit on Liberation War evokes emotions

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

For those who did not witness the Liberation War, the 41 photos displayed at a photo exhibition of Gonojagoron Mancha was a lesson in history, while those who lived through the war relived the times when the country fought for independence.

The five-day exhibition titled "Portray of History" was launched on July 26 in front of Bangladesh National Museum at Shabbagh in the capital to remember the contributions of millions of people who sacrificed their lives for freedom as well as to recall the atrocities committed by Pakistani forces in 1971.

The exhibition, which is open 24 hours for all, ends today.

The photos, like the one depicting about a hundred homeless people in rags queuing up at a refugee camp to receive their rations, are harrowing and heart wrenching.

They are also thought-provoking, making viewers rethink the significance of the struggle for independence.

"I brought my three children to see the exhibition so that they do not learn a distorted history of their country," said Md Shahid, a businessman from Old Dhaka.

He had to explain the meaning and significance of each photograph to his children -- the role of collaborators and Pakistani occupational forces and the sufferings people underwent during the Liberation War.

Hundreds of others like him and his children visit the exhibition every day.

Gonojagoron Mancha in association with Bangladesh National Museum and Drik organised the photo exhibition.

# 8 jailed for selling formalin-tainted milk in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) mobile court yesterday sentenced eight people to different jail terms and fined them Tk 50,000, in default to serve one month's imprisonment, for selling formalin-tainted milk at two milk storages in Old Dhaka's Nawabpur.

Chemical tests found 0.1 percent formalin in the milk, supplied to most sweet shops in the capital, said Rab Executive Magistrate Anwar Pasha, leading the court.

The arrestees told journalists that the formalin, provided by the locals at Tk 600 per litre, kept the milk fresh for nearly 12 hours. Formalin may cause kidney and other complications, said Anwar.

Among the arrestees, Vasani Mia was given six months while Sattar, Sumon, Rupchand, Dilu, Mosharraf, Zahurul and Rezaul were given one month each.

# LANDSLIDE IN CTG CITY 12 families evacuated from risky hills

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

The district administration yesterday evacuated 12 most vulnerable families from the risky slopes and foothills of Tankir Pahar in Chittagong city where a woman and her daughter were killed in a landslide the previous day.

Most of these families were relocated to two shelter centres at Lalkhan Bazar Primary School and Tiger Pass Primary School and the others to relatives' homes or elsewhere, said Additional Deputy Commissioner AHM Humayun Kabir.

The authorities also cut off electricity, gas and water supply lines to Akhber Colony in Tankir Pahar area where around 40 families, each averaging 5-6 members, reside.

Executive Magistrate Abdullah Arif Mohammad led the two-hour evacuation drive at the colony with the help of police. Talking to The Daily Star, he said they forced the families to relocate as they refused to leave despite incessant downpours.

Asked why they do not want to shift to other places, Ferdous Begum, a domestic help living in the colony, said, "We are poor and don't have the ability to rent better houses elsewhere."

# Biman employee held for stealing

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An employee of Biman Bangladesh Airlines was arrested yesterday with a container of raw materials of Somatec Pharmaceuticals worth around Tk 1 crore.

Airport Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested Jonayet Hossain, 42, a flash cart driver.

"The pharmaceutical company imported Azithromycin from China but one of their containers carrying 29kg of the material went missing at the airport," said Alamgir Hosain Shimul, senior assistant superintendent of APBn, adding that they found the container in Jonayet's cart.

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