

HC summons Biman chairman over possible contempt of court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the chairman of the board of directors of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd, Jamaluddin Ahmed, on September 17 over a contempt of court charge.

It also issued a rule upon Jamaluddin and two others concerned to explain in two weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them for not honouring two HC judges.

Court sources said Justice Md Ashfaque Islam and Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque were returning to Dhaka from Kolkata on economy class of a Biman flight (BG 092) on July 1.

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Rahmat Ali, who happened to be there alongside Jamaluddin, requested the crew and captain to provide the judges business class seats since some were vacant.

As per an earlier HC judgement and warrant of precedence, judges flying in economy class seats must be provided business class seats, if any is vacant.

But, the crew and captain did not respond while Jamaluddin, who witnessed the incident, did not take any step to honour the judges, the sources said.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain issued the rule on a suo moto move against Jamaluddin, Biman's managing director and the captain to explain their conducts over the incident.

Three Hizb-ut Tahrir men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel arrested three alleged operatives of banned Islamist outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir in Dhanmondi of the capital early yesterday.

The arrestees are students of different universities including Dhaka University, said Md Aslam Shahjada, a senior assistant superintendent of police and acting operation officer of Rab-2.

A large number of leaflets and books on the organisation, seven cellphones and a laptop were seized from their possession, the Rab official added.

The arrestees were planning to establish the rule of Khalifat in the country, said a press release of Rab.

The detainees are Tarek Ahsan, 19, a student of soil science department at Dhaka University; Rashedul Alam, 19, a student of an electrical and electronics engineering department at United International University; and Md Saifullah, 22, a computer science student at State University.

A team of Rab-2 personnel led by Maj Himadri Shekhar, commander of Dhanmondi Rab camp, raided two houses at Road No 27 and 8/A areas around 1:00am and arrested the trio, Md Aslam Shahjada said.

The arrest was made on secret information, the ASP added.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF SQ CHY Defence counsel talks about himself instead of placing arguments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Instead of placing arguments for war crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, defence counsel Ahsanul Huq Hena yesterday spent most of his time narrating his own life's story at the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

At one stage, Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim, a tribunal member, quipped that they would form a session someday to hear Ahsanul's "history and background".

In June, while giving his testimony as the first defence witness, Salauddin did the same, criticising people, narrating his life's story and sharing observations about society. The prosecution ended their argument on Wednesday.

Right before the one-and-a-quarter-hour-long argument from 11:00am yesterday, the tribunal rejected Ahsanul's adjournment prayer.

Ahsanul first gave a synopsis of his arguments in the coming days. He then said Salauddin was a "mere boy" of 21 during the 1971 Liberation War whereas the prosecution, in the formal charge, termed him a self-proclaimed brigadier.

He argued that the Pakistani army was the best in the world and therefore there was no need for it to seek Salauddin's assistance. Ahsanul then wandered into another topic.

Many of the 23 war crimes charges against Salauddin accuse him of leading the Pakistani army into committing genocides in Chittagong during the Liberation War.

Referring to statements the prosecution was making before the media on the war crimes cases, Ahsanul said some unscrupulous lawyers and media had damaged the judiciary system.

"I have seen many bar-at-laws who do not have any practical knowledge," he said, adding that people used to throng lower courts to hear him place arguments.

Ahsanul said the prosecution's arguments were "trash" and "full with fallacy" and that he doubted whether the prosecution ever saw a library as big as his, which he claimed was "the country's richest".

The tribunal adjourned the hearing till Sunday.

ACC sues 7 for swindling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued former manager Akhteruzzaman of Sonali Bank's Gulshan branch and six others for swindling Tk 2.3 crore from the bank.

ACC Deputy Assistant Director Mohammad Wahiduzzaman lodged the case with Gulshan Police Station, an ACC official said, adding that the swindle took place between January 2011 and February 2012.

The other accused are the bank's Assistant General Manager Gopal Chandra Das, Principal Officer Shantus Chandra Devnath, Senior Officer AHM Khairuzzaman, Officer Abul Kashem, and Assistant Officer Shahidul Islam; and Fahim Attire Limited owner Masudur Rahman Mazed, he added.

He said Akhteruzzaman prepared a fake inspection report on Fahim Attire, a non-existent garment factory in the capital, for sanctioning a loan of Tk 2.3 crore.

EXTORTION CASE Mamun denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Giasuddin Al Mamun, a close friend and business partner of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman, in a case filed for extorting Tk 1.32 crore from a construction firm.

Judge Md Zahirul Islam of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Mamun's lawyer submitted the petition challenging a lower court rejection of a previous bail petition and seeking the bail.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on June 20 had rejected Mamun's bail petition.

Khan Mohammad Aftab Uddin, managing director of Reza Construction Ltd, filed the extortion case against Mamun and six others with Gulshan police on March 27, 2007.

The six are BNP leader Khairul Kabir Khokon, Obaidul Karim alias Sohel, Mamun's assistant personal secretary Kamruzzaman, Mahbub, Hablu and Mota Tariq.

Tarique was made an accused on April 23, 2007 after Mamun gave a confessional statement involving Tarique and others with the extortion on April 5 the same year.

Tarique, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, attained bail in the case.

DISCONTENT OVER NEW CTG COMMITTEE Nine JCD men injured in factional clash

DWAIPAYAN BARIUA, Ctg

At least nine leaders and activists were injured as members of two factions of the newly formed committee of Chittagong city unit Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal clashed Wednesday night, centring distribution of top leadership positions.

With stabs and bruises, the injured, including newly made JCD city unit General Secretary Belayet Hossain Bulu, are being treated in Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The JCD central committee declared the new 11-member city unit committee, which was eight years overdue, on July 21 with Bulu as general secretary and Gazi Siraj as president. Insiders say both of them are loyal to BNP city general secretary Shahadat Hossain.

This infuriated the rival faction, blessed by BNP city president Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and BNP vice chairman Abdullah Al Noman, which demanded cancellation of the committee, claiming that they had been deprived.

According to the JCD constitution, this 11-member committee is to form a full-fledged city unit committee comprising 151 members.

On Wednesday night, a quarrel broke out between Bulu and Jatiyatabadi Shwechhasebak Dal city president SK Khoda Totan, a close aide of BNP leader Noman, when the latter asked Bulu to put some of his followers on the full-fledged committee, said police and sources.

And shortly after iftar period, two men arrived at Bulu's residence in West Khulshi and ransacked it, leading to the clash. Bulu was stabbed in the hand and suffered head wounds.

Former JCD president Mosharrar Hossain Dipti blamed Totan for the clash, while BNP leader Shahadat yesterday held a protest rally in front of the BNP office at Nasim Bhaban terming it an "attack".

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Time extension of EOI

Ref: Published EOI on 23 August 2013

Package: "Link Up: Better Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) for Young People Affected by HIV"

Time Extension: Due to unavoidable circumstances, revised date of EOI submission will be 9am to 4pm on **14 August 2013 (Wednesday)** instead of 7 August 2013.

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