



Disappearance of Mamun marks seven years today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven years have elapsed since Enamul Haque Md Al Mamun, a government official, went missing from the capital, and his family members are still in the dark about his whereabouts.

Mamun, the then head assistant of BTTB (now BTCL) at Mohakhali wireless transmission region, had walked out of his Indira Road residence at Farmgate on this day in 2006 for a morning walk and did not return home.

Eldest son of late Lt AM Ataul Haque, a freedom fighter of Bangladesh Navy, Mamun was 52 years old when he went missing.

After his mysterious disappearance, his family members had filed general diaries with Tejgaon Police Station more than once, but they did not get the desired cooperation from police, alleged the family.

Rather, the remarks and attitudes of police have given birth to many mysterious questions about the disappearance of the government official, they added.

The family even sought cooperation from Rapid Action Battalion but to no avail.

The authorities of T&T where Mamun was serving did not come up with help to find him, they added.

The family members, who are still eagerly waiting for his return, have earnestly requested people to contact the family on 01711177609 if they know the whereabouts of Mamun.

College graduates, who recently got their HSC examination results, demonstrate before the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday to press home their 5-point demand including re-evaluation of answer sheets, time extension for the re-evaluation, and postponement of university admission tests. The demonstrators claimed that they did not get their desired results as their answer sheets were not examined properly.

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Moudud likens govt's billboard use to land grabbing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed yesterday blasted the government for using billboards to spread information about its works and said that the government had started the "politics of grabbing billboards like someone grabs land".

Demanding punishment for those involved in this campaigning, he asked the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to locate the source of the campaign fund. He, however, noted that the ACC could not unearth the source of the money as it had become biased towards the government.

Moudud made the remarks at a discussion of the Democratic Movement, a pro-BNP organisation, at the capital's Jatiya Press Club on "Public sufferings, information terrorism of the government and citizens' thoughts".

He claimed that the billboards had no relation with the masses and had indicated the last sign of the fall of the government. "You [government] may set up thousands of billboards but you can't win the heart of the people because it is tough to remove people's anger," Moudud said.

He again threatened the government with tougher agitation of the opposition if it did not restore the caretaker government system.

Road crashes kill seven, injure 33

CITY DESK

Seven people were killed and 33 others injured in separate road accidents across the country yesterday and Monday.

Our staff correspondent reports, 20 bus people were injured when a Munshiganj-bound bus carrying them collided head-on with a truck on Dhaka-Mawa highway near Rajendrapur in South Keraniganj yesterday.

The injured, including the bus driver, received treatment at local hospitals.

Our Bogra correspondent adds, two persons were killed and eight others injured when a bus collided head-on with a truck at Dankundi in Sherpur upazila yesterday.

The dead Shariful Islam, 35, and Anowara Khatun, 16, daughter of Javed Ali, of Shibganj upazila, were on the truck. Injured bus passengers only needed first-aid.

A Comilla correspondent reports, a motorbike carrying three people yesterday hit a passer-by and then fell into a road-side ditch at Natergaon in Daudkandi upazila, leaving two of them dead and two others injured.

Deceased Lutfa Begum, 55, of the upazila, was crossing the road and Jisan Ahmed Jisan, 17, son of Motiur Rahman of Chandpur, was riding the motorbike. The injured riders were admitted to Motlob Hospital.

Our Chittagong correspondent adds, a person was killed and three others injured when a city bus ramed the CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) area yesterday.

The deceased was Afia Begum, 20, was a factory worker in the CEPZ. The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, Md Fazlul Karim, 60, of Lakshimpur Sadar upazila died after a bus hit him at BRTC intersection in Chittagong city yesterday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports, Afsar Uddin, 30, a police constable, died after a pick-up van ramed his motorbike at Biharipur in Bahubal upazila on Tuesday evening.

Dan Mozena greets Bangladeshis on Eid

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena yesterday greeted Bangladeshis on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In a message, he said this is a special time for the people of Bangladesh and throughout the global community as families and friends come together to reflect upon the spirit of the holy month of Ramadan and Eid, peace and sacrifice.

In separate messages, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Foreign Secretary William Hague and Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi also greeted the Muslims in the UK and overseas on Eid.

David said after a month long fasting, praying and putting aside many of the essential things, Muslims will come together with friends and family to celebrate the occasion.

Blogger Asif gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted one-month bail to blogger Asif Mohiuddin in a case for making "derogatory comments about Islam and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)" in social media.

Asif, who has been undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital since his arrest on April 3, got the bail on health grounds.

The court granted the bail after his lawyer submitted a bail petition yesterday.

Earlier on July 29, acting judge of the same court sent Asif, 28, an ex-student of a private university, to jail after cancelling his bail saying that he violated the terms and conditions of the court order.

He was first granted bail for June 27 to July 25 on health grounds.

Hearing on charge framing against Asif will be held on August 25.

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

Teletalk 3G Services 13 base stations launched in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Teletalk launched 13 3G base stations in Sylhet city yesterday, bringing 90 percent of the city under the 3G network.

The stations are in Subidbazar, Pashchim Pir Mohalla, Kazitola, Akhalia-Noyapara, Shibganj, Tero Roton, Shahjalal Uposhahar's H block, Tilagar-Rajpara, Jatarpur, Subidbazar, Bagbari, Ghashitola and Mirapara.

Teletalk Assistant Manager (transmission) Muntasirur Rahman Rumman said 12 stations were already functioning in the city since August 1 and another four at Chouhatta, Kumarpara, Kolapara and Sheikhghat areas would be launched after Eid-ul-Fitr. The first base stations were scheduled to be launched in March but was delayed mainly due to late installation of equipment, he said.

Notice

Time extension of EOI

Ref: Published EOI on 23 July 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 **17 August 2013 (Saturday)** instead of 14 August 2013.

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UNAIDS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

UNAIDS, the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, brings together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations to the global AIDS response. UNAIDS Bangladesh Country Office invites application from the eligible candidates for the following position:

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Location : Dhaka (UNAIDS Country Office and duty travel)

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d) Support in tracking and reporting of Gender Assessment.

Qualification and Competencies

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- Good knowledge and understanding on issues around HIV/AIDS, Gender Based Violence, Human Rights, Women Empowerment and Leadership.
- Previous experience of working with vulnerable groups will be an added advantage.
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- Computer literacy.

Please send your detail CV along with two recent passport size photographs to the following address:
UNAIDS Bangladesh
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Mahmudur's release demanded before Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of two factions of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday threatened to wage a one-point anti-government movement if Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman was not freed before Eid.

"If the government does not free Mahmudur Rahman and withdraw the ban on the printing of daily Amar Desh and transmission of Diganta Television and Islamic Television before Eid, we will be compelled to launch the movement," said President of one BFUJ faction Ruhul Amin Gazi.

Addressing a views-exchange meeting with leaders of Dhaka Bar Association in the capital's Jatiya Press Club, he also declared to hold a rally of journalists in Dhaka on September 14 protesting the government's "intolerance of media and its staff".

Gazi said the government was making a mockery of press freedom by claiming that the media was enjoying freedom while keeping some media houses, including Amar Desh, closed.

Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Syed Abdal Ahmed read out a written statement describing the alleged torture and injustice perpetrated on Mahmudur during remand.

"Mahmudur Rahman is now suffering inhuman torture and languishing in jail for writing against the government's corruption and injustice," he claimed.

He also alleged that the government intentionally kept the daily's press closed and influenced the judiciary from giving any directive in this regard.

Former Dhaka Bar Association president Sanaullah Miah urged the government to refrain from influencing the judiciary, stating that only then will people like Mahmudur get bail.

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government to explain in two weeks why its action to obstruct printing and publishing of the daily from an "alternative press" should not be declared illegal.

Dhaka Bar Association General Secretary Khorshed Alam spoke at the meeting.

2 workers found dead in factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two workers were found dead in a toy-making factory in Chhoto Katra area of Chawkbazar in old Dhaka early yesterday.

Police around 5:00am recovered the bodies of Mohammad Rubel, 21, and Mohammad Akkas, 25, from the factory of Abdul Kader Jilani.

As the workers did not respond from inside, factory manager Sirajul Islam informed police of the matter.

Police later broke open the door of the factory room and found them dead on the floor, said Habibur Rahman, sub-inspector of Chawkbazar Police Station.

The law enforcers brought an electrician who checked the machine they were using and found that the entire machine was alive with electricity.

Police suspect that the victims got electrocuted by the machine while handling it.

Two other workers--Faruk and Kamal--said they worked with Rubel and Akkas until 4:00am.

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World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) invites Proposal from interested and well qualified Individual to lead Mid-Term Evaluation of CBAS-SRF Project.

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