

NUR KHAN'S ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION ASK demands proper probe

Writes letters to home ministry, IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) has sent letters to the home ministry, the inspector general of police and the chairman of National Human Rights Commission seeking proper investigation of the attempted abduction of Nur Khan, director of its investigation unit.

It sought necessary measures, in line with the law, against those involved in the incident, said an ASK statement yesterday. The statement, signed by its Executive Director Sultana Kamal, said ASK had requested measures for the sake of personal and collective security of rights activists.

Nur Khan had narrowly escaped an abduction attempt near his Lalmatia office in the capital last Thursday. A group of six to seven people in a white microbus tried to abduct him while he was returning home on a rickshaw with a colleague, he said. Following the incident, he lodged a general diary with Mohammadpur police. He alleged that a group of people had been following him since last month. A person even went to the ASK office on April 6 to get information about his daily activities. He said he investigates incidents of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, so agencies responsible for the crimes might have been holding grudges against him.



Devi Prasad Dahal, project manager of Swisscontact, speaking at a discussion on "Skills for the marginalised: sharing lessons from mainstreaming gender and differently abled people in skills training" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Story on B1.

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NEWS IN brief

AL man shot dead in factional clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An Awami League man was allegedly hacked and shot dead by members of a rival group over establishing supremacy in Banskhali upazila of Chittagong Saturday night.

Police said 10-15 people of Mintu group of the party killed Shamsul Alam, 35, of Purbo Puichhari area, who was a member of Putu group.

Youth hacked to death in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A youth was allegedly hacked to death by his rivals following a long-lasting feud to control drug trading in Tongi Ershad Nagar area of Gazipur city Saturday night.

Police said Faisal, 25, of the area, was caught and hacked after he was chased, with his fellows of Kajal-group, by Billal-group.

Shahidul Haque new envoy to Libya

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint Maj Gen Shahidul Haque as the new Bangladeshi ambassador to Libya.

He had served successfully in various capacities in Bangladesh Army and also participated in the UN peace keeping missions in Ivory Coast, Cambodia and Rwanda. He served the Embassy of Bangladesh in Myanmar as the defence adviser, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

One held with foreign currencies at Shahjalal airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs intelligence officials arrested a man with foreign currencies worth around Tk 24.67 lakh at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, the officials detained Samir Hossain, 36, who was about to fly to Malaysia, at the immigration and seized the currencies from his luggage and trouser's pockets.

The currencies include Saudi riyal 1,00,000, United Arab Emirates dirham 20,000, Qatari riyal 2,000 and few Singaporean dollars and Malaysian ringgit. A case was filed.

Discussion on Gitanjali held at The Daily Star Centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A literary discussion on Gitanjali, the Nobel Prize winning masterpiece of Rabindranath Tagore, attempted to shed light between the Bangla and English versions of the famous composition yesterday.

The event, organised by Ghashphul, was held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital. Eminent writer Hayat Mamud, noted academician Prof Anisuzzaman, and Executive Editor of The Daily Star Syed Badrul Hsan also spoke.

N'GANJ 7 MURDERS NHRC to take steps after assessing home report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) would take steps regarding seven murders in Narayanganj after assessing probe report of the home ministry, said its Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

"Immediately after the incident, we asked the ministry to conduct a proper investigation into the matter and submit the probe report to us," he told journalists at its seminar on "National Women Development Policy 2011" in the capital.

About the NHRC power, the rights boss said NHRC lacked the executive power to take actions in incidents like the seven murders.

"According to the National Human Rights Commission Act, 2009, we can only make recommendations. NHRC cannot even conduct any investigation on its own," he added.

Lawmaker Shirin Aktar and professors of Dhaka University MM Akash, Mahfuza Khanam and Kaberi Gayen also spoke at the event.

Ctg jeweller missing for eight days

Family says he might have been abducted; jewellers' association to meet today with demand for rescue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong jeweller has been missing since May 12, while family claims he might have been abducted.

The missing jeweller is Palash Dhar, 37, a resident of Chawkbazar in Chittagong city and owner of New SN Jewellers in the area.

Nipa Dhar, wife of Palash, said her husband had left for Sonapur in Noakhali around 5:00pm on May 12 to collect medicine for their daughter, who was suffering from skin disease.

Palash made a phone call from an unknown number around 10:00pm saying that his mobile phone had been snatched, Nipa said.

He phoned her again around 11:30pm saying that he was staying in Noakhali's Begumganj and that he was in danger, she said, adding that she could not contact Palash since then.

Bangladesh Jewellers' Association, Chittagong, organised a press conference at Chittagong Press Club in the city around 11:30am yesterday, claiming that Palash might have been abducted.

In the conference, Nipa said, "I just want my husband back unhurt for the sake of my two little kids."

Mrinal Kanti Dhar, senior vice-president of the jewellers' association, said, "Chawkbazar police said since Palash reached Noakhali, the case should be filed with the police station concerned in the district. But when we went to file the case with Begumganj Police Station, officials there said the case should be filed with Chawkbazar Police Station."

He said they would hold a protest meeting at the city's Muslim Institute today, demanding immediate rescue of Palash.

Contacted, Atik Ahmed Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station, told The Daily Star that Palash had gone missing after reaching Noakhali, so the case must be filed there.

He added that they had recorded a general diary in this regard.

Terming the whole incident "mysterious", he said Noakhali, Feni and Chawkbazar police had been working together to unveil the mystery.

RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE Compensation, justice sought

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Several hundred victims of Rana Plaza rallied at its collapse site in Savar of Dhaka yesterday demanding adequate compensation and justice.

Under the banner of "Rana Plaza Garments Workers Union", they were observing the union's first founding anniversary.

The injured and the families of the deceased have been in severe distress since the disaster, they said, adding that the persons behind the collapse must be punished.

They alleged that the government was procrastinating to try the culprits to save them.

Housing five garment factories and some other offices and a market, the nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed on April 24 last year, killing more than 1,100 and injuring hundreds.

Prof Anupam Sen honoured for winning Ekushey Padak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chantga Bhasha Parishad, a research organisation, yesterday honoured social scientist and Vice Chancellor of Premier University in Chittagong Prof Anupam Sen for winning the Ekushey Padak 2014.

Pro-Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof Iftekher Uddin Chowdhury, and journalist Nasir Uddin Haider were present at the event on the CU campus.

BNP's Salahuddin sent to jail on surrender

He has eight cases against him

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former BNP lawmaker of Dhaka-4 constituency Salahuddin Ahmed was sent to jail yesterday on his surrender in connection with eight cases filed with different police stations in the capital.

The cases were filed for killing, torching vehicles, assaulting police, and obstructing them from performing their duties during hartals and road blockades enforced by 18-party alliance (now 19-party) in November and December last year.

Three metropolitan magistrates passed the order after Salauddin along with his lawyer appeared before the courts and sought bail in the cases. Earlier on February 11, the BNP leader got anticipatory bail for eight weeks.

DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE, POVERTY ALLEVIATION Bangladesh role model

Says visiting regional high official of UNDP

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has become a role model for the United Nations to be showcased for its excellent development performance and success in poverty alleviation, a senior UN official said yesterday.

Haoliang Xu, Assistant Administrator and Director for the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), made the remark when he paid a courtesy visit to foreign ministry.

"Bangladesh always considers UNDP as a long-standing and trusted partner in realising its national development aspirations," said Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali.

He thanked UNDP for its continued development assistance in the areas of poverty alleviation, gender mainstreaming,

access to justice, capacity building, the rule of law and human rights.

The UNDP Assistant Administrator is on a three-day visit to Bangladesh. Earlier on yesterday, he also called on Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque.

At a separate programme in a city hotel yesterday, Haoliang called for expanding investments and opening more economic opportunities to improve the lives of the urban poor in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Various dimensions of urban poverty, including economic empowerment, improving living standards and land tenure security have to be addressed, he said, while addressing the inauguration of an exhibition "WE TELL", which displayed photographs by women and girls from Bangladesh's slums. Earlier in the day, he visited the country's largest Korail slum in Gulshan.

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UNDP, JSF project is working with the Justice Sector of Bangladesh. Among other key areas, the project is also working to educate and train the end users of the key justice institution on Information Technology [IT] both at national and district level. In this respect, UNDP, JSF is requesting for the submission of proposal from reputed IT training organizations capable of conducting top quality training programs for the officials from different justice agencies including officials from Law and Justice Division of Ministry of Law. The organization must ensure high-standards in every aspect including facilities and overall organization.

Interested companies/vendors are requested to see the detail ToR from the link <http://jsf-undp.org/procurement/> and send their price quotation in a sealed envelope to the National Project Director, JSF Project, UNDP, Bangladesh, House # 10, Road # 62, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212 on or before **June 03, 2014 by 17:00 hours**. Quotation received after the stipulated date and time will be invalidated.

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Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide, well experienced & Technically sound Architectural / Engineering Firms for External / Internal Decoration & Renovation Works of Uttara Bank Limited, Katghar Branch, Chittagong and Khatungonj Branch, Chittagong.

Intending any individual Firm having prerequisite qualification & at least 10(ten) years' practical experience may apply on or before **29.05.2014** during office hours on their letter head pad alongwith the attested copies of requisite work completion certificates, up to date IT clearance certificate, VAT Registration Certificate, valid Trade Licence and academic certificates of the Architects under their regular service for purchasing Tender Documents. Tender Documents will be available from the office of the General Manager, Engineering Department on cash payment of **Tk.1,500/-** (Non refundable) per set on or before **01.06.2014** during office hours. Firms having no working experience for the same nature of External/Internal Decoration & Renovation Works valued not less than **Tk. 35.00 lac** in a single work order for a single Branch/Office in any Govt. Bank or Private Bank within the **last 2 years** and not having at least **1 (one) Graduate Architect** with minimum **7 years' practical experience** or at least one **Diploma Architect** with minimum **10 years' practical experience** in their regular service need not submit any application.

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Tenders for both the Branches will be received upto **2-30 P.M. on 02.06.2014** in the Tender Box placed at the Engineering Department (Mezzanine Floor) & the Tenders will be opened on the same day at **03-00 P.M. for Katghar Branch, Chittagong & at 04-00 P.M. for Khatungonj Branch, Chittagong** in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. Other details will be available in the Tender Document. For any further details anybody may contact the General Manager, Engineering Department during office hours.

The Uttara Bank Limited reserves the right not to accept the lowest Tender and to reject any Tender or part thereof or all Tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Chairman Tender Committee

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable
The Center for Development and Competitive Strategies will hold a roundtable on agriculture and agribusiness; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:30pm.

Scholarship giving
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Listed Companies including Bank, Financial Services Institutions, Insurance, Manufacturing, Communication & IT and Agriculture Sector, NGOs and Public Sector entities are requested to submit their Annual Reports 2013, **latest by 30 June 2014** to the Secretary-ICAB, CA Bhaban, 100, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

The detailed Evaluation Criteria may be obtained from the ICAB Secretariat on request and is also available in the ICAB Website: www.icab.org.bd. The time for submission of the Annual Reports will not be extended in any case.

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Secretary-ICAB

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