

Yet another 'imam' held with smuggled gold at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man claiming to be an imam of a mosque was arrested for smuggling gold through Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday, just over three weeks after another imam was arrested for a similar crime.

Jamal Uddin, 45, who claimed to be an imam at a mosque in Dubai, was arrested with 36 gold bars worth Tk 2.5 crore and weighing around 4.2kg.

Customs officials found the bars inside a bicycle frame in Jamal's luggage, said Shamprity Pramanik, assistant commissioner of customs. Jamal said another Bangladeshi, Kabir, had given him the bicycle frame in Dubai and asked him to give it to a relative in Chittagong. On July 19, Aslam Sheikh, 32, imam of Shahjalal Airport Civil Aviation Tower Mosque, was arrested for smuggling in around 1.8kg gold and US\$18,240.

2011 ARSON IN SYLHET 38 BNP men indicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police yesterday submitted a charge sheet against 38 leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Swechhasebok Dal and BNP in a case filed for setting a bus afire that left a man dead in 2011.

The charge sheet includes district BNP joint convener Shamsuzzaman Zaman, also central vice-president of the Jatiyatabadi Swechhasebok Dal; city BNP joint secretary Azmal Bakht Sadek, Dakshin Surma upazila BNP former president ATM Foyez, and district JCD assistant general secretary Shakil Morshed.

On December 18, 2011, police filed the case. Most of the panicked passengers managed to get down, but one failed and was burnt to death. A few days later, film actress Shabnur in a petition with the police claimed that the deceased was her father, Kazi Nasir, 70.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid hands over a certificate to a graduate at the third convocation of the State University of Bangladesh in the capital yesterday, while Chairman of University Grants Commission AK Azad Chowdhury, right, and President of the Board of Trustees of the university Dr AM Shamim, left, look on.

One in 7 households

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with past or present land conflict have experienced a physical assault.

"On the whole, the findings are indicative that land conflict is a serious issue in Bangladesh, and a considerable portion of the population is suffering from such phenomena," said Ashiqur Rahman, senior economist of PRI, and the lead researcher, while presenting the findings at a seminar in Brac Inn in the capital yesterday.

Receiving a former legal assistance costs the households most. Lawyers' fee accounts for about 60 percent of the total costs for resolving a dispute.

The total cost to see through a land dispute is 45 percent of a household's annual income, said Rahman, who had a PhD from the London School of Economics.

More than 18 percent of households with pending or resolved disputes paid, on average, Tk 22,270 as bribe to police, and Tk 5,483 to local arbitrators.

Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of PRI, said the root cause for the anarchy in the land sector lay in registration, as the process was complicated and was not transparent.

"Please, make life simple. The old registration system became outdated many years ago," said the economist.

Mohammad Shafiu Alam, senior secretary at the land ministry, said, "The sector is scarred with so many problems that my heart bleeds when I think about it."

He said the civil courts were not functioning properly in adjudicating the cases because of a lack of capacity.

The secretary, however, said the government was piloting land digitisation in Jamalpur, Rajshahi and Patuakhali. "If we get satisfactory results, the model will be replicated in other districts. Things would change once the land digitisation is completed."

Mashiur Rahman, economic affairs adviser to the prime minister, said the current situation had been created because "all of us are trying to get a share of the decreasing asset".

Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairperson of Power and Participation Resource Centre, said a serious political push would be needed to ride out the crisis.

Two held for forging

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Later, the team arrested Mahmuda in their Moghbazar house and recovered the fake goods worth around Tk 1 crore, they added.

Justice Abu Sayeed remembered for role during Liberation War

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury played a leading diplomatic role to build support among the international communities the country's Liberation War, speakers said at a programme yesterday.

The commemoration programme was organised by Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury Smrity Sangsad at Liberation War Museum in the capital, marking his 26th death anniversary.

Addressing as the chief guest, Human Rights Commission Chairman Mizanur Rahman said Justice Sayeed was one of the unsung heroes of the Liberation War.

Bangla Academy Director General Shamsuzzaman Khan said Sayeed deserved Shadhinota Padak for his contributions. It is a matter of great regret that he



was not even nominated for the award, he said.

Prof Syed Anwar Husain, former state minister for information Prof Abu Sayeed, prominent dramatist Mamunur Rashid, poet Asad Chowdhury and general secretary of the sangsad Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder also spoke.

The speakers unveiled a book of essays written by Abu Sayeed titled "Sadhinotar Protirutee o Onnanno" (Promise of the liberation and other essays) on the occasion.

Justice Abu Sayeed was one of the presidents of Bangladesh and also served as the vice-chancellor of Dhaka University during the Liberation War. Son of Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, former Speaker of EP Provincial Assembly, Justice Sayeed died on August 2, 1987 in London.

'We just want

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Begum Shamsun Nahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training, said they had already asked the Bangladesh mission there to give them a report on the migrants soon.

"We will take necessary action to resolve the issue and to punish the recruiting agency on receiving the report, if necessary," she added.

Dismembered

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woman was poisoned or raped. A case was filed with Turag police station.

RMG workers strike

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demonstrated on Sunday as well for their salary, and that is why 25 of her co-workers were sacked.

The demonstrators said until the factory rehires the sacked workers and pay their salary, they will continue their demonstration.

Md Mostafizur Rahman, director of Ashulia Industrial Police, said the employers have assured payment by today.

Contacted, Md Saidur Rahman, administration officer of the factory, said they did not sack any workers, but just suspended them as they had demonstrated for salary before Eid as well.

Our Gazipur correspondent reports, garment worker Mehedi Hasan went missing

after he left the factory premises on Saturday.

The demonstrators believe one Nazim Uddin, a worker who was sacked the previous week, might be behind Mehedi's disappearance.

They suspect Nazim might have been killed on roof of the factory after finding blood stains there on Sunday.

However, factory authorities claimed the red stains on the roof were made by wet sand.

The workers yesterday hurled brick chips at the factory and broke its windowpanes and doors.

The situation was brought under control after police charged baton and dispersed the demonstrators.

Govt treating Adivasis

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International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples to refrain from using the word "Adivasi" as there is no Adivasi in Bangladesh as per the constitution.

Fazle Hossain Badsha, chief of the parliamentary caucus on indigenous affairs, urged a revision of the constitution, and said, "I will keep trying to press the government to amend the constitution."

Sadeka Halim, a professor at Dhaka University, said the indigenous people had little achievement in the last two decades.

Appreciating the lawmakers who joined the discussion, she said when a legislator addressed them as "Adivasi", it became much more acceptable.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Cultural Forum Sanjeeb Drong said, "We all are humans, and despite this we face discriminations and injustice."

Lawmakers RAM Obaidul Mukhtar Chowdhury and Pir Fazlur Rahman Misbah attended the discussion, among others.

Govt must take responsibilities

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accident need financial assistance to continue their treatment.

"We demand two signal bars be installed at every crossing and the guards be responsible enough," he added.

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Jubo Union leader Pinak Roy Pintu said it is shameful that Bangladesh Railway did not take any major step after the July 31 accident.

Tribunal rebukes

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said, "Why, are you prompting him after every word?"

"Don't do it again; otherwise, we will send you outside," said Justice Hassan. "If you have anything to say, come before [the podium]."

When Sobhan stood up to tell something, Justice Hassan stopped him, and Shahjahan was seen standing before the court with hands folded.

Meanwhile, Shahjahan yesterday placed arguments on third, fourth, fifth and sixth charges and tried to discredit the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses showing "contradictions and discrepancies" and prove the innocence of Qaisar.

The tribunal adjourned the proceeding until today, and asked the defence to complete their arguments within today.

Qaisar, the alleged founder of anti-liberation Qaisar Bahini, faces 16 charges of crimes, including genocide, in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria in 1971. He, however, pleaded not guilty.

Fakhrul gets bail in case

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to the BNP leaders and activists after they appeared before it and sought bail.

Another BNP leader, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee, was absent from the court yesterday, while eight others have been absconding since the case was filed against them.

The court also fixed October 30 for hearing on charge framing against the accused. On May 22, detectives pressed charges against 29 BNP men in the case. Police filed the case against 29 BNP men and 1,200 unknown persons accusing them of preventing police from discharging their duties and attempting to kill policemen in Shantinagar and Malibagh areas of the capital on March 2, 2013.

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