

MAHMUDUR'S GRAFT CASE  
HC clears way for lower court to continue trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower court to continue trial proceedings of a corruption case against Mahmudur Rahman, detained acting editor of the daily *Amar Desh*.

The HC summarily rejected a revision petition filed by Mahmudur challenging the lower court order leading to his indictment.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Gulshan police on June 13, 2010, for not submitting his wealth statement to the commission within seven days.

Earlier on April 13, 2010, the ACC issued a notice to Mahmudur, asking him to submit the wealth statement to the commission within seven days.

A Dhaka court on April 28 this year framed charges against Mahmudur in that case.

ACC's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the lower court is set to start recording statements of the prosecution witnesses against Mahmudur following the HC order.

## Three sued for 'maligning' Hasina, ICT

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A lawyer of Dhaka Judge's Court yesterday filed a case against the editor, publisher and a reporter of *nordicbarta.com*, a Sweden based Bangla online news portal, on the charge of making derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and International Crimes Tribunal.

The names of the editor and publisher were not mentioned in the case while another accused, Shibir Ahmed, is an expatriate reporter of the portal.

Advocate Mostafizur Rahman Sujan filed the case with the Cyber Tribunal of Dhaka against them for their alleged involvement in running the defamatory remarks.

After the hearing, the court asked the complainant to submit full addresses of the accused along with soft and hard copies of the news item published in the news portal on September 8 this year.

## BNP, allies vow to continue protest

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In his speech, BNP Dhaka city convener Mirza Abbas described the bill as an attempt of the ruling Awami League to grab hold of the total judiciary.

Bangladesh Kalyan Party Chairman Syed Mohammad Ibrahim said it was not possible to wage tough movement sitting in AC

rooms. He asked the alliance leaders and activists to remember this.

BNP standing committee members Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia and Abdul Moyeen Khan, Jamaat-e-Islami publicity secretary Tasnim Alam, and Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Abdul Latif Nejami also spoke.

## Destruction to be disastrous

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The housing minister is taking such decisions one after another in a clear disregard of the prime minister's directives to save rivers, said Bapa member secretary Iqbal Habib.

Bela chief executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan called upon the prime minister to look into why a minister was resorting to

such an illegal move that would cause a disaster for the capital. "Otherwise, the government has to face the political consequence of the failure."

In a statement sent to the press conference, Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, who led the technical committee on DAP, deeply regretted the alteration to the plan.

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A man stepping over a puddle of sewage in the middle of the road near Malibagh intersection in the capital yesterday. This crater taking up almost half the lane has been there for several months despite repairs two weeks ago, and has caused several accidents, injuring rickshaw-pullers and riders. It always remains filled with water from the overflowing drainage line, which has been clogged by construction materials at nearby Moghbazar flyover site.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

### MOGHBAZAR-MALIBAGH ROAD

## Injurious to health

HELEMUL ALAM

Reshma Akhtar has stopped riding rickshaws. She now walks, to Siddheshwari Girls' College, where she is a twelfth grader, and to the coaching institution where she is tutored.

She has decided this not out of health concern or anything else but out of fear. She is not sure fatality would not occur if she rides one on the road, which is full of so many jagged-craters hidden underwater.

A few days ago, she saw a rickshaw carrying one of her relatives flipped onto its side after hitting a pothole on the Moghbazar-Malibagh road, which she uses to commute between her home at Razarbagh and her college on Bailey Road and the coaching centre at Mouchak in the capital.

"It's distressing to go to college now; I have to walk the potholed road. When it rains, things become very bad since most roads on my way and

Malibagh crossing go under knee-deep water," she told The Daily Star recently. "Just because of this, I missed classes at my coaching centre and college in two of the last 10 days."

Reshma would ride a rickshaw on the same road around two weeks ago, when she witnessed her relative meet with the accident and suffer injuries. She was scared, and immediately decided to avoid riding rickshaws there.

"I'm now giving an extra effort to make up for the missed lessons at the coaching centre and college," said Reshma.

She said the recent repair work did not change much the condition of the road, as Malibagh crossing still remained under ankle-deep water.

The fear has gripped other people, too, who remain cautious while riding or driving a vehicle between Mouchak and Malibagh.

Though the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) repaired the road less than two weeks

back, the condition of Malibagh crossing remains as bad as ever.

The vehicles especially motorised ones have to cross the intersection one by one in a single queue in the direction of Mouchak from Shantinagar to avoid the potholes.

"It's still very risky because the craters are full of water at Malibagh crossing," said Md Jahangir, a rickshaw-puller who survived an accident at the very spot a few days ago.

Abdul Aziz, driver of Gazipur Paribahan, a bus service on Motijheel-Gazipur route, said that though the road was repaired only a few days back, the condition did not improve. "It still takes around one hour to reach Satrasta from Malibagh during peak hours," he said.

Nazmul Alam, project director of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover, said they had already repaired the road but it was difficult to do the work at Malibagh crossing due to waterlogging.

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## 3 cops sued for extortion in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Five persons, including an assistant commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police and two other police officials, were sued yesterday on the charge of attempting to extort money from a businessman on August 3.

The accused are: Mahmud Khanam, assistant commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, sub-inspectors Md Khaled Uddin and Hafizul Islam of Chandgaon Police Station, and Jalal Uddin Sagar and Ibrahim Masud.

Mahbub Morshed, a businessman, filed the case with the court of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Obidus Sobhan alleging the five tried to extort Tk 1 lakh from him.

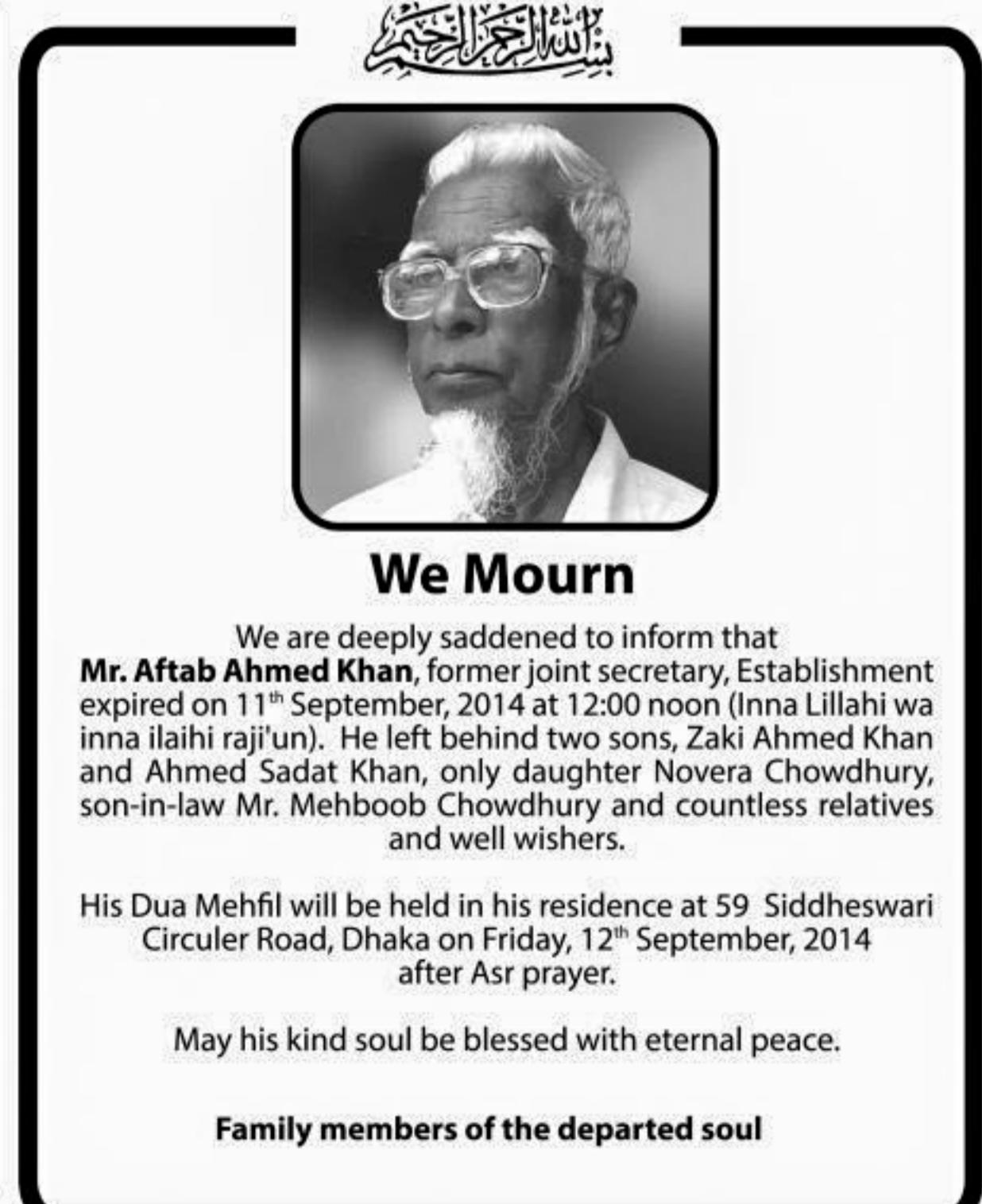
Taking the charges into cognisance, the court directed the detective branch of CMP to investigate the matter.

According to the case statement, police in collusion with Sagar and Masud picked up Mahbub on August 3 in connection with a case filed against him by his wife under the woman and children repression prevention act. The five verbally and physically abused Mahbub and picked him and his three children up from their residence and took them to Chandgaon Police Station.

The accused kept Mahbub and his children confined to the police station overnight, and demanded Tk 1 lakh from Mahbub for their release, alleged the complainant.



Schoolchildren taking a look at a project of green housing at the daylong science fair organised by Biam Laboratory School on its premises in the capital yesterday.



#### We Mourn

We are deeply saddened to inform that Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan, former joint secretary, Establishment expired on 11th September, 2014 at 12:00 noon (Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raij'un). He left behind two sons, Zaki Ahmed Khan and Ahmed Sadar Khan, only daughter Novera Chowdhury, son-in-law Mr. Mehboob Chowdhury and countless relatives and well wishers.

His Dua Mehfil will be held in his residence at 59 Siddheshwari Circular Road, Dhaka on Friday, 12th September, 2014 after Asr prayer.

May his kind soul be blessed with eternal peace.

Family members of the departed soul

### Illegal CNG-run

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crackdown against those was under way.

The battery-run and CNG-run easy bikes now total over 1,700.

Electric easy bikes started operation in the city alongside the recently banned battery-rickshaws in 2012. As no action was taken initially, the illegal battery-run rickshaws increased from 500 to a whopping 60,000 within only two years.

After a High Court ban in July, the authorities decided on August 25 to clear the port city of the battery-run rickshaws, and now none of them is on the street.

Chowdhury Hasan Mahmud Hasni, panel mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, said that at a meeting on September 8, he asked police to take action against the illegal easy bikes.

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