

JHALAKATHI MAYOR SC adjourns hearing on appeal against suspension stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday adjourned till October 19 hearing on a government appeal against the High Court order that stayed suspension of Jhalakathi municipality mayor Md Afzal Hossain.

The LGRD and cooperatives ministry on October 1 suspended Afzal from his post for abusing power including issuing licence for plying battery-run rickshaws without approval from the authorities concerned.

Following a writ petition, the HC on October 5 stayed the government decision to suspend Afzal for six months.

On October 8, the government filed an appeal with the SC seeking stay on the HC order.

Afzal's lawyer Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that his client could discharge functions as mayor of Jhalakathi municipality, since the SC did not stay the HC order.

First hajj flight returns

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The maiden return hajj flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines reached Dhaka yesterday with four hours delay due to pilgrims' 'late arrival' at Jeddah International Airport in Saudi Arabia.

The flight, scheduled to arrive at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:30am, landed at 2:35pm, Khan Mosharraf Hossain, general manager for public relations at Biman, told The Daily Star.

"As many hajj pilgrims went out for shopping, they couldn't reach the airport within the scheduled time. But there was no problem from the Biman authorities for the delay," he claimed.

Replying to a query about future flight disruption, Mosharraf, however, said it was difficult to make any comment as the return flights had just started.

Biman carried 416 hajj pilgrims in its first return flight BG-2012.

The national flag carrier operated three other flights with hajj pilgrims yesterday, said Biman sources. It would operate 134 flights to bring back half of the pilgrims until November 8, they added.

Meanwhile, the religious affairs ministry said 54 pilgrims, including 46 men and eight women, died during hajj this year.



Outgoing French Ambassador to Bangladesh Michelle Trinquier calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PID

ATTEMPTED MATRICIDE 3 brothers, wives indicted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday indicted three brothers and their wives on the charge of attempting to murder the former's octogenarian mother following a dispute over property.

The accused are Nur Islam, 40, and his wife Shamima Akhter, 33; Nur Alam, 38, and his wife Parvin Akhter, 30; and Nur Hossain, 25, and his wife Beauty Akhter, 20.

On January 24, they beat Rawshan Ara Begum and tried to strangle her at her Halihsahar residence after she had disagreed to distribute her properties among the children, according to the prosecution.

No info from India

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The state minister said, "The government is working to check militancy, and a taskforce committee is working to find out the sources of terror financing."

Asaduzzaman said Bangladesh will never allow its territory to be used by terrorists or militant outfits.

Over the reported deaths of two Bangladeshis in an explosion at a house in Burdwan town of West Bengal on October 2 "while making bombs", he said the Indian government is yet to inform Bangladesh officially in this regard.

"We'll take necessary action after getting official response from India," the minister added.

Civil admin sees

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Trust; and Mohammad Iqbal, director general of the National Institute for Population Research and Training, has been made BCIC chairman.

Shama Pada Dey, additional secretary OSD, has been made director general of Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council; and Power Division Additional Secretary Taposh Kumar Roy has been made chairman of Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority. Expatriate Welfare Ministry Additional Secretary Mohammad Alamgir has been made director general of Primary Education Directorate; and Khandaker Akhtaruzzaman, member of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, has been made chairman of National Housing Authority.

Early winter vegetables

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A truck can carry up to 5,000 of long gourds. On an average some 80,000 of gourds are being sent to different parts of the country, he added.

Abul Kalam Azad, deputy director of DAE, Rajshahi, told the news agency that vegetables were grown in all the upazilas of Rajshahi district but Paba, Durgapur, Charghat, Bagha, Mohanpur and Bagmara upazilas had fertile land where yields were much higher.

Needlework makes rural women

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venture generating employment for about 350 poor families in Badarganj upazila of Rangpur through creating expert embroidery and ornamental stitching artisans.

He supplies simple sarees, spangles, anti-pipe, dhania puthi, tire puthi, pet-pipe, phooljori, laljori, sadajori, dhole spangle, stitching inputs, yarns and threads to the women to make those attractive through ornamental stitching, embroidery and needlework.

"After finishing needlework, each of the saree is being sold in markets of Dhaka at Tk 9,000 to Tk 30,000 while the saree made by more skillful persons is sold at higher price of up to Tk 42,000 in the aristocrat markets in the capital city," he said.

As the venture continues expanding, most of the women of all ages in the village have turned into craftspeople to decorate sarees with ornamental stitching and embroidery to earn minimum Tk 800 to Tk 1,000 weekly.

Successful craftswomen Mollika, 32, and Shameema, 28, said women of the village now earned between Tk 3,000 and Tk 4,500 monthly with double incomes before the Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja festivities.

Similarly, over 1,000 women of all ages have changed fortune through embroidery, ornamental stitching, 'jari', 'puthi' and spangling works on sarees, three-pieces, scarf and other female clothes in different villages under Sadar upazila of Thakurgaon.

Shirin elected Commonwealth

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Evolving with the Commonwealth, in 1948, the association adopted its present name, changed its rules to enable all the member branches to participate in its management, and established a separate secretariat to manage its affairs.

SC stays bail to land

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Mohammad Ali of amassing a huge amount of money through illegal means, and it is now investigating this allegation.

Mohammad Ali was earlier sacked from his service on charge of misappropriating a huge amount of money through forging signature of the then DCC mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, according to a report published in the daily Kaler Kantha.

Citing the allegation received by the ACC, the report said Mohammad Ali, who was serving at the land properties section of DCC (north) before he was sent to jail, has constructed several houses in Dhaka and Noakhali and run several business establishments in the names of his parents.

He (Mohammad) bought a five-storey building at Shyamoli in Dhaka in the name of his wife, the report said, adding that he changed his political identity after the change of the government.

The HC on October 1 granted bail to Mohammad Ali in this case after hearing a bail petition filed by him.

Yesterday, chamber judge of the SC Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana stayed the HC order on the bail following an appeal filed by the ACC seeking stay on the HC order.

SC refuses to vacate

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However, the court rejected the plea and sent him to jail.

Later, he was also shown arrested in a case filed in connection with bribery money amounting to Tk 21 crore involving the murder of Bashundhara Group director Humayun Kabir Sabbir.

On August 18, the HC granted six months' bail to Apu in the extortion case following a bail petition filed by the accused.

Justice Md Imman Ali, the then chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, on August 19 stayed for four weeks the HC order of bail.

Apu on September 29 filed a petition with the SC praying to it to vacate its chamber judge's stay order.

Yesterday, chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana fixed October 23 for hearing his petition, but did not cancel Justice Imman Ali's August 19 order.

Acid warehouse gutted in Old Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A warehouse of acid, a tailoring shop and a beauty parlour were gutted in a fire at Old Dhaka's Tantibazary yesterday.

The fire might have originated from an electric short circuit around 7:34pm in any of the structures made of tin, fire service sources said.

Four firefighting units doused the blaze around 8:50pm. No casualty was reported as the stores were closed on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, said Abdul Halim, deputy assistant director of fire service.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Quamrun Nessa Begum, former professor of the physics department of Dhaka University and wife of late Prof Shamsul Islam, died on Monday.

A doa mahfil will be held at Cassa Carnival, House no- 85, Block-B, Road-4, Banani, in the capital at 4:30pm today. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the programme.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Mahmudun Nabi Tareq, brother of The Daily Financial Times Editor Anwarul Kabir Shahjada.

On this occasion, a doa and a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at their ancestral mosque in Nijpanua village of Feni's Chhagalnaiya upazila and at Masjid-E-Raiyan of M o m e n b a g h a n d Gulbagh Jame Mosque in the capital.

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed organization for the "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Speed Boat for Dewangonj Model Thana, Jamalpur". Details specification, General terms & Conditions have been mentioned in the Tender Schedule.

Tender documents will be issued on free of cost on all working days during office hours from 12.10.2014 to 23.10.2014. No tender documents will be issued after 23.10.2014.

Tender Security (BDT 38,000/=) in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft in favor of "Police Reform Programme" from any scheduled Bank must be submitted along with the Tender documents (without tender security the Tender shall be rejected outright)

Tender Publication Date : October 10, 2014
 Tender Floating Date : October 12, 2014
 Pre-bid Meeting : October 19, 2014 Time: 10.30 AM at PRP conference room.
 Tender Last Distribution Date : October 23, 2014
 Tender Submission Date and Time : October 26, 2014
 Tender Opening Date and Time : October 26, 2014

Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 11: 30 hours on 26.10.2014 and will be opened on the same day at 12:00 hours (12.00 PM) in presence of Bidders who may like to be present. No Tender shall be received after the above mentioned date and time.

Special Instructions: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

In case of any unavoidable circumstances, the schedule distribution day, dropping day and opening day will be bodily shifted at the following working day(s).

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Prime Minister's Office

Invitation for Tenders For Procurement of 700 (seven hundred) Nos. Power Bank

03.803.002.00.00.010.2013-1058, Date: 08 October 2014

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.
2	Agency	Access to Information Programme.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Goods.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	03.803.002.00.00.010.2013-1058
8	Date	08 October 2014.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Dev).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14	Tender package No.	
15	Tender package name	Procurement of 700 (seven hundred) Nos. Power Bank.
16	Tender publication date	08/10/2014
17	Tender last selling date	25/10/2014 up to office hour.
18	Tender closing date and time	26/10/2014 11:00am
19	Tender opening date and time	26/10/2014 11:30am
20	Name and address of the office(s)	Address

- Selling tender document (Principal)
 Office of the Project Director
 Access to Information Programme
 Room # 240, ICC Bhaban, Prime Minister's Office, Old Sangsad Bhaban Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.
 For document please contact
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 Not applicable.

- Selling tender document (others)
 No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

- Receiving tender document
 Office of the Project Director
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 Room # 240, ICC Bhaban, Prime Minister's Office, Old Sangsad Bhaban Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.
 For dropping tender please contact
 Mr. Sankar Kumar (contact information mentioned above)

- Opening tender document
 Office of the Room # 237 (Training Room), ICC Bhaban Prime Minister's Office Old Sangsad Bhaban Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.
 If tenderer wishes to attend at the opening, please contact:
 Mr. Sankar Kumar (contact information mentioned above).

21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time
		None	None

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	Mentioned in the tender document.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	700 (seven hundred) Nos. Power Bank Brand: Any internationally renowned brand Battery capacity- 6600 mAh Output: 2 USB output Battery: Level Indicator Warranty: 1 year Digital print A2I logo		
24	Brief description of related services	None.		
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	None.		
26	Item No: Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
28	1	700 (seven hundred) Nos. Power Bank	Prime Minister's Office Tk. 30,000.00 (Taka thirty thousand)	(02) (two) weeks from the date of contract signing

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

30	Name of official inviting tender	Kabir Bin Anwar.
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
32	Address of official inviting tender	Access to Information Programme Prime Minister's Office, Old Sangsad Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	880-2-9144848 880-2-9112276 a2i@pmo.gov.bd
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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