

MONEY LAUNDERING SC stays case against BNP MP Hafiz Ibrahim, wife

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for four weeks the proceedings of a money laundering case against former BNP lawmaker Hafiz Ibrahim and his wife Mafruz Sultana.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Gulshan Police Station on August 16, 2011 against Hafiz and his wife for laundering US \$1.75 lakh to Singapore.

According to the case statement, the money was paid allegedly by Siemens Bangladesh Ltd to the duo's account to help the company win a deal of supplying core telecommunications equipment to Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTCL).

The amount was sent to an account at a branch of Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore between 2005

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AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK Kajol appointed special public prosecutor for cases

The government has appointed Mosharraf Hossain Kajol, a lawyer of the Anti-Corruption Commission, as the special public prosecutor for August 21 grenade attack cases.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Kajol, acting chief public prosecutor of the ACC, said, "The law ministry informed me last night of the appointment."

Kajol will assist Chief Public Prosecutor Syed Rezaur Rahman for quick disposal of the cases, said

PIASH KARIM'S WAKE DU denies family access to Shaheed Minar

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday denied Piash Karim's family permission to take his body to the Central Shaheed Minar premises tomorrow for a wake.

"We already gave permission to another organisation to use the area on Thursday (today) and Friday (tomorrow)," DU acting proctor Prof Amzad Ali told The Daily Star.

He said Muktiyoddha Sangsad Santan Command on Sunday had provided the DU authorities their application seeking the permission whereas Piash's family on Tuesday night handed over a letter

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Police try to arrest Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists who had brought out a procession on way to a protest rally organised at BNP's central office in Chittagong city's Nur Ahmed Road yesterday. The rally was organised protesting the murder of Adil Mahmud Chowdhury, 35, convener of Chittagong's Mirsarai upazila unit of JCD, who was hacked by unidentified miscreants at a shop at Bhorer Bazar in the upazila on the night of October 9.

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Women farmers lost in shadow of men

Says Zaheda Begum of Barisal on International Day of Rural Women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"I preserve seeds, sow them, water the fields and take care of the plants yet I have no right to proceeds of the crop sale," said Zaheda Begum, hailing from Barisal.

"The crop field is owned by my father-in-law and the money to buy the seeds is sent by my husband who lives with his second wife in Chittagong so the sale proceeds go to them and I am left at their mercy," continued the woman farmer.

Zaheda shared such daily challenges faced by women farmers of Bangladesh in pursuing their livelihoods at a discussion organised by Oxfam in the

capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday marking International Day of Rural Women.

Proposed in the United Nation's Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, the day is being celebrated worldwide since 1997 in over 100 countries to raise awareness about women's contributions to agriculture and farming.

With no access to agricultural loan or government-issued farmer's card, which helps access agricultural inputs, Zaheda was forced to depend on her husband's money for her agricultural venture. "When I asked

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ENSURING FOOD SECURITY IN BANGLADESH Agriculture friendly public policy must

Say experts at inauguration of 3-day Asian Society for Agricultural Economists conference in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

To increase production and ensure food security, an agriculture friendly public policy should be adopted in Bangladesh, said experts at an international conference in Savar outside the capital yesterday.

Prof Joachim von Braun of the University of Bonn in Germany said about 80 percent of the world's 570 million small farmers lived in Asia. They are related to local resources but affected by global economic change, he said.

The small farmers in Asia particularly in Bangladesh are facing a big challenge because of rapid change in economical structure, global economical change, migration and so on, said the speakers.

In the country, the small farmers are migrating to the urban areas to get jobs while the size of farms is decreasing

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SARADHA FUND SCANDAL

India's external affairs ministry seeks CBI findings

CBI sources claim no such instance, but say probe ongoing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has sought from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) details of its probe into the Saradha chit fund scam after news reports surfaced of the scam money being allegedly pumped into Bangladesh for terror activities.

High officials quoted unnamed top brass as saying that the CBI has been asked to submit a report on whether any such issue has cropped up during its probe to date.

The CBI sources, however, clarified that so far they encountered no instance of funds being transferred to terror groups or Jamaat-e-Islami but with the probe still on, nothing conclusive could be said as of now. They said the MEA could be interested in the issue because of the news reports in India and Bangladesh.

"We are not aware of all this international terror linkages. No such indication has surfaced in our probe so far. We have not looked into that aspect. We will inform MEA about it,"

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'DEFAMING JUSTICE MANIK'

Accused expatriate denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of a Bangladeshi expatriate lawyer, Barrister Ashraf Islam, centring a defamation case and sent him to jail.

Mahbubul Alam, a Supreme Court lawyer, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court in Dhaka on August 12, 2012 against Ashraf and five others.

The case statement says the six made derogatory comments about Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, a judge of the SC's Appellate Division, and the judiciary on a television talkshow in London on June 7, 2012.

Ashraf had stated that Mohiuddin, the president of Awami League's UK unit, had once sat for the Bangladesh Bar Council exam to be a High Court advocate when the said SC judge came from a different board, snatched his papers and verbally abused him, says the statement.

Ashraf also demanded that the SC judge's phone records be tracked, it added. Mahbubul's lawyer AH Imrul Qausar told The Daily Star that the allegations of the six were false and derogatory and the plaintiff has documents in this regard.

He said police, based on a warrant, arrested Ashraf on October 13 when he arrived at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka Atiqur Rahman rejected the bail petition. Meanwhile, Ashraf's wife Masura Aktar, at a press conference on the Supreme Court Bar Association premises, demanded Ashraf's immediate release, saying he was arrested without a warrant in a false and fabricated case.

To Know is to Prevent

Pain in the leg? Not anymore!

Even after his retirement from his teaching job from a government high school in Mirpur, Dhaka at sixty, Mr. Azizul Hakim used to have an active life style. At seventy two his days are low-key now; spent putting around the house. He started to notice recurrent pain shooting down the back side of his right leg while walking approximately five hundred meters. Eventually, the pain became so intense that even simple tasks like walking to the grocery store were unbearable; he even had difficulty sleeping at night. "I couldn't do everyday chores around the house or things that I enjoy because my legs always tightened up," he says, "the pain was pretty intense and it never went away". Hakim first thought it might be a pulled muscle or something similar; he tried a few home remedies like drug store creams, ointments, he stretched and massaged his leg a lot, but nothing worked. Hakim lived with the pain for more than two years, brushing it off as a sign of aging and something not to be taken seriously.

Upon advice from a local community doctor, Hakim consulted an Orthopaedic Surgeon in an International Standard Multi-specialty hospital in the city. A simple, non-invasive test called the Color Doppler Ultrasound diagnosed with PAD or peripheral arterial disease in Hakim's legs.

PAD develops when leg arteries become clogged with plaque or fatty deposits that cause poor blood flow to legs. Just like clogged arteries in the heart, clogged arteries in the legs increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Like Hakim, people who experience signs or symptoms of PAD may have pain when walking or climbing stairs, which may be relieved after resting. This pain is called intermittent claudication. There are few risk factors for peripheral arterial disease such as increased blood lipids (fats and cholesterol), smoking, hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, lack of physical exercise, being overweight etc. These risk factors increase the normal aging process of the arteries, which can be problematic even at a young age.

Unlike many other big hospitals in the city, this hospital had an Interventional Radiologist; to whom the Orthopedic Surgeon referred Hakim. The Interventional Radiologist explained Hakim his condition by drawing picture of blood supply of legs and showing multiple areas of blockage which he was having because of PAD; unless treated these could lead to gangrene of toes and legs when the affected body parts would need to be amputated.

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NEWSIN brief

Schedule conflict postpones 3rd

Bangladesh-US dialogue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The two-day third Bangladesh-US Partnership Dialogue, scheduled to have begun in the US capital Washington DC on October 21, has been postponed due to both sides having conflicting schedules.

Diplomatic sources, however, said both are working for a new date.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque was due to lead a 10-member Bangladesh delegation at the discussion with his counterpart Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs of the US Wendy R Sherman, focusing on the expansion of security, trade and development ties.

Govt appoints M Fazlul Karim as new envoy of Bangladesh to China

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint M Fazlul Karim, now Bangladesh Ambassador to Mexico, as the new Ambassador of Bangladesh to China, said a press release yesterday.

A BCS cadre (Foreign Affairs) of 1984 batch, he served Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, Bangladesh Embassy in Jakarta and Washington DC, Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad and Bangladesh Consulate General in Hong Kong.

He also served as Bangladesh Ambassador to Italy, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.



49th convocation of Dhaka University on January 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 49th convocation of Dhaka University will be held on January 13 next year, says a press release.

At the convocation, the university will confer honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Francis Gurry, director general of The World Intellectual Property Organisation.

He will be present as the speaker of the convocation. DU syndicate approved the decision in its recently held meeting.

Laundry worker killed in roof collapse in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A laundry worker was killed instantly and eight of his co-workers were injured when the tin-roof of the establishment caved in under the weight of chunks of bricks falling from the fourth floor of an adjoining mosque in the capital's Fakirapool last evening.

The deceased, Abdus Salam, 45, used to work at Sun Light Oporup Washing.

The others were admitted to local clinics.



The Interventional Radiology Consultant told Hakim about Angioplasty procedure which would clear the symptomatic blockage in his artery with less risk and less recovery time compared to conventional surgery. The procedure would be performed by threading a catheter which has a tiny uninflated balloon on the tip, through the groin and into the leg artery to the point of the blockage. The balloon would be inflated to push the fatty deposits against the inside of the artery walls to make the channel wider. Once the artery was widened, the balloon would be deflated and removed. There would be no cutting involved, just a needle puncture through the skin. In some cases, however, stents maybe placed as the primary means for holding the vessel open. Hakim had the Angioplasty procedure performed on his legs in that hospital. Since the Angioplasty procedure, he has not experienced any pain in his legs or toes.

Hakim now enjoys an active life, gardening with his wife and playing with four grandchildren. Do talk to doctors in an International Standard Super-specialty hospital if your near and dear ones experience leg pain, instead of assuming "old age" is the culprit.



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