

Happy if Rab men are tried

Says innocent Limon as false cases against him dropped, finally

STAR REPORT

Limon Hossain, shot and maimed by a Rab team in 2011, could not rejoice at seeing the last case against him dropped yesterday.

His wait for justice was not over as those who left him crippled for life were yet to be tried.

"I will be happy when the Rab personnel responsible for the shooting are brought to justice," he told our district correspondent after Jhalakathi Chief Judicial Magistrate Abu Shamim Azad relieved him of the charges.

After shooting Limon, the Rapid Action Battalion filed two cases against him -- one for obstructing law enforcers from discharging duties and another for possessing firearms.

He got rid of the arms case on July 29 last year, a month after the government decided not to proceed with the cases.

The 19-year-old yesterday said the Rab wanted to frame him as a criminal. "But they failed and the truth came out finally. The court order proves that I am innocent."

His mother Henoara filed a case with Rajapur Police Station on April 10, 2011, accusing six Rab personnel of attempted murder and maiming his son.

Police secretly submitted the final report on the case to a court on August 14, 2012, saying they found no evidence and witness against the Rab personnel.

Henoara filed a "no-confidence" petition against the final report on August 30, 2012. A Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court rejected the report on February 13, 2013.

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Limon and his mother walk along the corridor at a court in Jhalakathi yesterday. He does not have any cases against him now.

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THE ORDEAL

2011

March 23: Rab shoots and maims Limon; files two cases against the teen.

March 27: Limon's left leg amputated.

April 6: NHRC takes up Limon's case on suo moto basis and asks the home ministry to submit a probe report.

April 10: Limon's mother Henoara Begum sues six Rab personnel.

April 11: Rab DG admits Limon is a victim of shoot-out.

April 24: Police submit charge sheet in arms case against Limon.

May 5: Limon obtains High Court bail.


August 29: Limon gets an artificial leg.

2012


July 1: Police press charges against Limon in a second case.

August 16: Police find Rab innocent of shooting Limon.


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"We call for bringing the perpetrators to justice in due process. Exemplary punishment should be meted out to them so that no further violation of this type takes place in the future particularly by members of law enforcement agencies whose job is to protect people's rights rather than violating them."

"This is a big relief for all of us, not only because Limon has been freed of false charges, but also because it will help restore faith in our justice system."

"The unnecessary delay in the withdrawal of Limon's cases tarnishes the image of the administration and the judiciary."

CRIMES BY LAW ENFORCERS

State's costly silence

TAMANNA KHAN and WASIM BIN HABIB

Tired from searching for the family calf, Limon was sitting on the railing of a culvert. Little did the boy know his sitting there would be just the beginning of his lifelong suffering.

Only moments later, a very powerful state apparatus pounced on the teen, maiming him and snatching away his youthful and most formative years of his life for no

fault of his own.

But now that his three-year ordeal of running from courtroom to courtroom has ended with the dropping of the two false cases against him, is he feeling any better? "No," is Limon's answer.

He said justice would only be served when the state punished those who not only shot him but did everything in their power to bully him for three years.

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EBOLA SCREENING

Thermal scanners for int'l airports

Decides inter-ministerial meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of precautions against the Ebola threat, the government plans to set up archway thermal scanners at all three international airports in the country to record temperatures of arriving passengers.

"We will soon buy several thermal scanners. They will be used to measure temperatures of all passengers arriving at the airports," Health Minister Mohammed Nasim said at a media briefing after an inter-ministerial meeting at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport last night.

Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and officials of the ministries concerned attended the meeting chaired by Nasim, a health ministry official told The Daily Star.

It was decided that three archway thermal scanners would be set up at Shahjalal International Airport and several others at Sylhet and Chittagong airports, said another official who was present at the meeting.

At the briefing, Nasim said the government has already sought assistance from the World Health Organisation and the World Bank in this regard.

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Dhaka needs more climate fund, support

PM tells ASEM summit

AGENCIES, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Milan yesterday said Bangladesh needs additional climate fund and support, as its 30 million people might have to move elsewhere as "climate migrants".

"Despite being a low-income country, Bangladesh has allocated 385 million US dollars from its own resources for the adaptation and mitigation of climate change,"

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'Mugger' killed in 'gunfight' with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An alleged mugger was killed in a so-called gunfight with police in Terokhada upazila on Wednesday night.

The dead is Babul Mollah, 35, of Philphanagor village of the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam of Terokhada Police Station said a gang of 15-20 miscreants mugged Tk 15.65 lakh from two betel leaf traders at Pakhimara on Wednesday night. When the victims screamed for help, locals chased the

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