

Khoka's graft case trial starts

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Trial of a graft case began at a Dhaka court yesterday with the accused, BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka, in absentia.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah recorded statements of the plaintiff, Anti-Corruption Commission Assistant Director Shamsul Alam, and fixed May 20 for the next hearing.

Earlier, a dozen of cases, including a sedition case, was filed against Khoka who is now abroad for treatment.

The court framed the charge against Khoka in his absence on October 30 last year. Earlier on October 21, the same court issued an arrest warrant against him.

The ACC filed the case on April 2, 2008 against Khoka, his wife Ishmat Ara, son Ishrak Hossain and daughter Sarika Sadeque for allegedly accumulating wealth worth over Tk 17.57 crore, which does not match his actual income, and concealing the information about his wealth.

The anti-graft body pressed charges against Khoka on July 2, 2008. But the investigation officer dropped the names of Khoka's son and daughter from the charge sheet as their involvement was not proven in the investigation.

The ACC could not press the charge against Khoka's wife as the High Court stayed the investigation against her after she filed a writ petition with it.

Following the charge sheet, Khoka challenged its legality with the HC. The HC then stayed the trial proceedings for a long time. But on May 20, 2012, the HC vacated the stay order and ordered the lower court to continue the trial.



Due to poor drainage system in the area, the road from Ahamedbagh to Mayakanon in Sabujbagh of the capital is usually submerged by sewage, the situation worsening during the rainy season causing immense sufferings to residents and pedestrians. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Rizvi denied bail again in arson cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected bail of BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed in three arson cases.

Meanwhile, the HC yesterday stayed for a month a Dhaka court order that allowed police to send Rizvi on a three-day remand in another arson case filed with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station on January 18.

The three cases were filed on January 16 and 23 with Mohammadpur and Jatrabari police stations in connection with arson attacks on buses.

The court passed the order after Rizvi's lawyer submitted three appeals against the lower court rejection order on different dates.

The same court fixed April 9 for hearing on bail petitions of three other cases filed with Mohammadpur and Mirpur police stations on different dates. The BNP leader was arrested in Baridhara on January 31 and was shown arrested in a dozen of cases and remanded for 27 days.

Following a writ petition, the HC also issued a rule upon the government to explain in two weeks why remand order against Rizvi should not be declared illegal.

Rizvi's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star that a metropolitan magistrate court in Dhaka on March 31 passed the remand order in an arson case.

The police have not taken him on remand in this case yet, he said, adding that police cannot take him on remand following the High Court order.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna



Abdul Mazid, a district correspondent of daily Naya Diganta

and UNB, died of a brain stroke at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Saturday. He was 52.

A member of Pabna Press Club executive committee, he was buried at Arifpur graveyard yesterday.

NBR to ensure deposit of house rent in banks

UNB, Dhaka

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has decided to gear up its drive to motivate house owners to collect rents from their tenants through bank accounts.

The NBR has also decided to hold seminars, meetings and rallies in different parts of the country to remove the house owners' phobia about it.

"We'll launch our drive to create awareness among people", an NBR official told the news agency seeking anonymity.

The government has made it mandatory from July 1 last year to collect house rents if it goes above Tk 25,000 through banks, aiming to bring both the landlords and the tenants under the tax net.

According to the rule, anyone having the ownership of any property used for commercial or residential purposes has to collect the monthly rent, if over Tk 25,000, through a bank account in any scheduled bank. "But the response to the order has so far been very low," said the NBR official.

According to him, the government can collect thousands of crores of taka as tax from over 150,000 building owners in the country's nine city corporations. "That's why the board has also decided to tighten the monitoring system," he said.

According to the rule, the NBR will penalise house owners at the rate of 50 percent of taxes payable on incomes derived from the house property or Tk 5,000, whichever is higher, for not transacting the house rent through banks, according to the Finance Bill 2014.

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schedule. I have not pasted any poster after announcement of the schedule."

Moreover, finding proof of the code's violation, CCC RO Abdul Baten, in separate statements, warned of punitive measures if AL-backed mayoral aspirant AJM Nasir Uddin and JP-backed Solaiman Alam repeated the offence.

Construction of Khan Jahan Ali Airport to resume soon

UNB, Khulna

The construction work of the much-awaited Khan Jahan Ali Airport, which remained stalled since 1996, will resume soon involving Tk 544.75 crore.

Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Jahangir Alam said the work will begin soon after the release of funds.

Director (Planning and Training) of Civil Aviation Authority M Ziaul Kabir said "We are expecting that the work will begin in July and be completed by the next three years."

The work was stopped after land acquisition and earth filling despite having much

importance for overall development of the Southwestern region.

The Bagerhat district administration handed over 97.55 acres of land, at Fayla in Rampal upazila near Khulna-Mongla highway, to Civil Aviation Authority in 1996. Later, earth filling work was done spending Tk 11 crore.

On January 27, 1996, the then Prime Minister Khaleda Zia laid the foundation stone of the airport but there has been no progress since then.

In 2001, again earth filling work began during BNP-Jamaat government's reign which was later stopped for lack of fund allocation.

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