

Riddle over

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the south side of Raju Bhashkarja roundabout.
Liton alleged that the perpetrators groped many women for over an hour from 5:00pm. The worst of the assault was made on the south side of the Raju Bhashkarja roundabout.

He had one of his hands broken while trying to protect several women.
An analysis of the DMP-camera list reveals 17 of the cameras were either watching towards the north side of the Raju Bhashkarja or were set up far away from the place of assault.

From the DMP list, Liton had singled out camera-16, which apparently covered the area where the worst part of the assault took place. Camera-16 was placed on an electric pole right to the Suhrawardy Udyan's entrance, facing southward.

"The discovery that police concealed information regarding CCTV camera proves they are trying to cover up the incident," said Liton.

Police released the footage of nine cameras on April 17.
A source in the DMP claimed they had the footage from 21 cameras out of 22, as one camera stopped feeding after Asar prayer (afternoon prayer).

"It was never fixed," the source added.
The latest findings pertaining to the number of cameras were reconfirmed by sources in the ICT department, detective police and DMP's media wing.

The Daily Star grabbed 50 screenshots of women being sexually assaulted from the hour-long footage from camera-5.

The camera-5 covered only a part of the area around the roundabout, particularly its north side.

Contacted, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Miah on April 20 said, "Talk to the media department of police." He did not give the reporter a chance to ask questions.

The reporter was not given an audience at the DMP boss' office yesterday. Messages sent to his mobile phone went unanswered.

DMP Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam yesterday said he knew that the DMP had had footage from 21 cameras, and that one of the cameras went down on April 14.

Earlier on April 17, Monirul admitted for the first time that women were sexually assaulted during the celebrations.

Asaduzzaman Miah on April 18 said it is normal that a woman could be touched or pushed in an area filled with thousands of people.

The next day, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said he found no evidence of sexual assault on women in the footage.

Abbas' bail

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Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha was yet to assign any new bench for the final hearing and disposal of the petitions, since he was not in the Supreme Court office yesterday afternoon, Kabir said.

The secretary could not say when the chief justice would refer the bail petitions of the BNP-blessed mayoral candidate to an HC bench for their final hearing and disposal.

On April 15, Justice Quamrul granted three weeks' anticipatory bail to Abbas in two vandalism and arson cases, while Justice Gobinda rejected the bail petitions and ordered the accused BNP leader to surrender before the lower court concerned immediately.

One of the cases was filed with Paltan police on December 29 last year and another with Motijheel police on January 4 on charges of vandalising and setting fire to vehicles.

On April 21, another HC bench of Justice Md Moinal Islam Chowdhury and Justice JBM Hassan fixed April 27 for hearing the BNP leader's another bail plea in a corruption case.

Abbas, BNP's Dhaka city convener, currently stands accused in at least 60 cases. He is also facing an arrest warrant issued in connection with a graft case lodged by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

7-day ban

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April 25 to 12midnight on May 1 and the decision was taken for the sake of law and order ahead of city corporation polls, said a circular issued by the ministry.

The members of law enforcement agencies and the security personnel of different government, semi-government and non-government offices, and those of banks and financial institutions will remain outside the purview of the order, added the circular.

Govt cancels 30-year

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capital -- was still locked till yesterday evening with the BBA authorities reportedly declining to hand over the keys before Sunday.

An official of the road transport and bridges ministry said the decision to hand over the charge of the 400-acre luxury resort to the army was taken last month.

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has already approved a proposal to this end," said the official, who had access to the proposal, preferring anonymity.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, "The resort resort might be given to one of the armed forces."

Asked whether it was the army, he said: "It's not just the army. It could be the Navy as well. The decision that the prime minister takes will be absolute."

A new cantonment for Bangladesh Army was inaugurated near the resort site in January.

On March 16, the BBA issued a notice asking the JRL to explain why the lease would not be cancelled for "not implementing some projects and paying the dues," ANM Shahjahan, general manager of the JRL, told The Daily Star.

They replied to the notice on March 23, and the BBA sent another letter on April 1 saying that the lease had been cancelled as "the reply was not satisfactory", according to another JRL high-up.

Then the resort operators moved before a Dhaka court which on April 2 stayed the lease cancellation notice and directed the BBA to maintain a status quo on the resort's possession until further order.

The same court on Wednesday removed the status quo following a government appeal and the same day the BBA conducted the eviction drive.

The JRL yesterday moved before the High Court which stayed the April 22 order of the Dhaka court and allowed the consortium to run its business for the next three months, JRL's counsel AKM Ehsanur Rahman told The Daily Star.

The HC bench of Justice Nazrul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Amir Hossain asked the government to explain why the April 22 order should not be overruled, he added.

JRL Director Tafsir Awal, also a son of Minto, questioned the motive of the government move. "Definitely there is a bad intention behind this ... It's a political harass-

ment."

Asked if he thinks his brother's mayoral bid with BNP's support had anything to do with it, Tafsir said: "Definitely it has."

Due procedures were not followed in the cancellation process, he said adding: "It was done all so hurriedly".

Both Tafsir and Shahjahan said they had heard that the army was going to get the resort's operational control.

The JRL is a consortium of 10 companies -- including Minto's Pragati Insurance, Pragati Life Insurance, Nepal's Chowdhury Group, KDS Group of Chittagong and WW Grains -- among others.

India's Zinc Hospitality Ltd has been given the operational work of the resort.

The JRL took the Jamuna Resort on lease in November 1999 for 30 years but the BBA handed over its possession in 2005, according to Shahjahan, GM of the JRL.

He also alleged that valuables were looted from the resort during Wednesday's eviction drive.

Subir Kumar Banerjee, general manager (operations) of the resort, told The Daily Star that the BBA authorities displayed an "inhumane behaviour" during the eviction.

"They came along with police and magistrate to evict us immediately. They were hurling abusive words at us," said the Indian national.

"I couldn't leave immediately since I live here with my family. I requested them to give me at least 24 hours so that I can prepare myself to vacate the house. But they wouldn't do it. Finally, when I telephoned the DC (deputy commissioner of Tangail), he granted me the time," he said.

"I also have informed the Indian High Commission in Dhaka of the matter," he added.

To talk on these, Minister Obaidul Quader suggested this correspondent to talk to the BBA secretary.

Contacted, Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam said: "The BBA director (admin) can speak on this better than me. Please, talk to him."

Director Sobir Ahmmed then said the BBA secretary knew it better than him. "You should talk to him," he told The Daily Star.

An official of the road transport and bridges ministry said if the decision is implemented, the government will have to pay the JRL Tk 70-80 crore in compensation.

Blame game

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make an arrest in connection with the Monday's incident.

The case statement of Qaiyum said 40 to 50 AL cadres wielding firearms, sticks and rods swooped on Khaleda's motorcade in an attempt to kill her when it stopped at Bangla Motor traffic signal at 5:20pm Wednesday.

They also vandalised the vehicles of motorcade and damaged their windshields, including the BNP chief's SUV. The attack left many people, including members of her personal security force, wounded.

Qaiyum, a former inspector general of police, also said the members of law enforcement agencies had played a silent role during the attack.

They also learnt that the attackers were cadres of the AL, Jubo League, BCL and Sramik League, he said.

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In his case statement, Babu said he along with others was heading towards Bangla Motor after electioneering for AL-backed mayoral candidate Sayeed Khokon.

When they reached near the Bangla Motor branch of Mutual Trust Bank around 5:15pm, BNP chairperson's motorcade hit them, leaving three of them, including him, injured, he said.

As they protested the incident, around 20-25 people, including the CSF members, came out of the vehicles at the behest of senior BNP leaders.

Equipped with shotguns and sticks, they started beating them (Babu's men) indiscriminately and threatened to open fire and kill them.

They tore leaflets of Sayeed Khokon and threatened to kill them (Babu's men) if they continued their electioneering for him, said the statement.

Credible polls

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ment for campaigning," said Stéphane Dujarric, spokesman for the UN chief.

He was addressing the daily press briefing at the UN headquarters in New York on Wednesday.

Responding to a query about reported attacks on BNP chief Khaleda Zia's motorcade, Dujarric said, "We are aware that the responsible authorities are investigating the incidents."

In a statement on April 4, the UN secretary-general called upon the authorities in all relevant institutions to ensure that the elections to Dhaka and Chittagong city corporations will be transparent, inclusive and credible.

situation after the BNP chief started campaigning and received a huge response from voters," the leader added.

In a press conference at the party's Nayapaltn central office yesterday, BNP International Affairs Secretary Asaduzzaman Ripon claimed that the ruling party high-ups lost their minds seeing the overwhelming supports for the BNP-backed candidates.

"The ruling party men are carrying out attacks constantly on madam's [Khaleda's] motorcade to force the BNP to back out of the city polls," Khaleda's adviser Khandker Mahbub Hossain told The Daily Star.

With her damaged car still being repaired, Khaleda yesterday skipped electioneering for her party-backed mayoral candidates in Dhaka North and Dhaka South, sources said.

"A window of her SUV was badly damaged in yesterday's [Wednesday] attack. It was being replaced. Besides, other damaged parts of the car are being repaired as well," an adviser to the BNP chief told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We have advised her not to go for electioneering in the city today [yesterday]. She is likely to resume her campaigning from tomorrow [today]," the adviser said wishing anonymity.

At least nine of the BNP chief's 21 security personnel got injured during the attacks carried out in the last three days, said Sayrul Kabir Khan, a staff of Khaleda's media wing.

Forming human chains and showing black flags to the BNP chief were also planned.

But some leaders and activists of the ruling party and its front organizations lost focus and carried out attacks on her motorcade this week, making the AL high-ups worried, according to sources in AL.

"We had a plan to show black flags to Khaleda Zia during her campaign. But now the party men are using sticks. I don't know who will stop them," an AL central committee member told this newspaper wishing anonymity.

Sayeed Khokon, the AL-backed

mayor hopeful in Dhaka South City Corporation, yesterday said such attacks on the BNP chairperson's motorcade would cause panic among the voters.

"We all want a peaceful election," he said while campaigning in Old Dhaka.

On the attacks on Khaleda's motorcade, Anisul Huq, the AL-blessed mayor aspirant in Dhaka North City Corporation, said he doesn't support such acts.

"It's a condemnable act and whoever had carried out the attacks should be identified," he added.

A 'new generation city'

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said he had done groundwork on it, and mentioned everything in his election manifesto.

"I want to see Dhaka as a new generation city that would ensure security for all. It is also important to transform it into a dynamic city. The new generation deserves a world-class city."

In his election manifesto, Mahi pledged to resolve the city's problems through a "SMART" approach. Here "S" stands for specific, "M" for measurable, "A" for achievable, "R" for realistic and "T" for time-bound.

"It means we will have to identify the problems, and measure those for finding solutions," he said.

Mahi, son of ex-president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, said if elected, he would address the city's major problems such as insecurity among city residents, food adulteration, traffic jam, illegal drug trade, water logging and the lack of good bus services.

He claimed his rivals in the city polls didn't do any homework while preparing their election manifestos.

Asked why he is running in the mayoral race, Mahi said, he had always been into politics, as he came from the family of a politician.

"However, it is certainly not the only reason for me to run for mayor-alty. I want to bring a change to the existing political culture of confrontation and muscle power. I want to do something good for people."

He said the major obstacles to improving services for city dwellers are a lack of proper political leadership and good governance. "Legal reforms and empowerment of the mayor are also needed to this end."

"The concept of city government must be applied to ensure better services for city residents." Proper political leadership can definitely make a difference.

Mahi said if he was elected mayor, he would do everything within his jurisdiction to implement his pledge to voters.

Asked why people should vote for him, Mahi said they would cast ballots for him because the new generation wanted politics of unity, not division.

"The new generation wants only peaceful programmes. They will choose me because they want to get out of the current political situation. They also want a leader who is honest and has a close political relationship with common people."

Restaurant grows food

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growing on-site," said Erik Oberholtzer, co-founder of the California-based fast food chain. "But all of our restaurants are in high-density urban areas, so aside from a few planter boxes we thought there was nothing beyond decorative that we could ever do."

But when Erik and the other founders started researching vertical gardens, they came across the concept of aeroponic towers from Green City Farms. These towers are basically plant-filled poles that can easily blend in, pretty much anywhere. So they decided to get some for their Hollywood location.

"They're perfect for our patios because there's not much energy need and the water usage is miniscule," Erik explained. "We can grow 44 plants per tower. In Hollywood we have 24 towers, and they're just popping with all kinds of fruits and vegetables." The produce is harvested once a week, and used to prepare a daily special.

Understandably, the food grown in the towers cannot be used to prepare every single dish, given the high vol-

ume of diners. And the poles cannot be used indoors yet, because of the large amount of energy required for lighting. Which is why Tender Greens only has outdoor poles on the patio.

But the concept is a great example of companies shifting to more eco-friendly and efficient means of farming, especially as California's drought worsens. Reports suggest that hydroponic farming needs as low as 10 percent of the water required to grow food in a traditional field.

Although they aren't able to grow all the food they need, the restaurant's founders hope to source as much 60 percent of their produce from aeroponic or hydroponic systems. In fact, Erik himself has installed a new aeroponic system at Scarborough Farms outside LA, which supplies most of the company's vegetables. He also hopes to work with startups that use hydroponics indoors.

"We're all in on controlled environment agriculture," said Erik. "This sets the occasion for us to have a conversation with our guests around the future of farming and the role that we intend to play in that."

EU leaders

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out on a red carpet in a tent outside the morgue at the Mater Dei hospital in Valletta and then carried away by Maltese soldiers for private burials.

Survivors, meanwhile, laid bare the full horror of last weekend's catastrophic shipwreck near Libya.

In Brussels, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini was, according to the draft statement, "invited to immediately begin preparations for a possible security and defence policy operation to this effect, in accordance with international law".

But even before the summit opened, the proposals drew criticism.

A "woefully inadequate and shameful response to the crisis", said Amnesty International while the UN rights and refugees high commissioners described them as a "minimalist" response.

European leaders have been accused of callous disregard for the lives of migrants after 800 were feared dead in Sunday's boat sinking, the worst disaster of its kind in the Mediterranean.

As preparations for the summit gathered pace, dozens of migrants in Brussels staged a protest near the venue, attaching pieces of paper with the names of people who had died onto barbed wire put up as a security measure.

"Esther Down, 9 months old, Nigeria, drowned," read one of the signs.

A diplomatic source said EU leaders were ready to approve the draft, reflecting a readiness to take more decisive action against smugglers, who pack rickety boats to overflowing with people fleeing conflict and misery in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

BNP won't back out

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A number of senior BNP leaders believe that the ruling Awami League was trying to incite the BNP into having its endorsed candidates withdraw themselves from the polls.

"But we won't fall into that trap or instigation of the government. Our party leaders will remain in the election battle until the end," BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed told The Daily Star.

Another standing committee member Hannan Shah said fearing defeat of their party-backed mayoral candidates in Dhaka South, Dhaka North and Chittagong city corporations, the government was now plotting to get the BNP out of the race.

The BNP leaders said they would try to draw the attention of the international community to the ongoing political situation and keep registering their protest with the Election Commission.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, a number of BNP policymakers claimed that the government at first had thought the 20-party alliance would not take part in the city corporation polls suspending its anti-government movement.

"The government had planned to have a one-sided race to ensure victory of their candidates keeping the BNP at bay. But we did not make the same mistake like the one of January 5 [2014] which frustrated the ruling party," another BNP standing committee member said, wishing anonymity.

"We think the government high-ups are in an unpleasant

It benefits BNP camp

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member Kazi Zafarullah said Khaleda Zia gained public sympathy over the attacks and the voters will have a negative impression of the government.

He, however, claimed that no AL activist was involved in the attacks.

Party insiders said the AL had a plan to embarrass Khaleda over the violence and killing during the recent agitation by the BNP-led alliance.

It thought of distributing leaflets and pictures at Khaleda's rally venues, depicting the violent agitation by the 20-party combine.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	এজেন্সী	ঃ	চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর।
৩.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	ঃ	মহাপরিচালক, চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।
৪.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা	ঃ	ঢাকা।
৫.	দরপত্র আহবানের বিষয়	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন আকর্ষণ সিরিজের দুইটি পুস্তক মুদ্রণ।
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৭.	তারিখ	ঃ	২২/০৪/২০১৫।

মূল তথ্য

৮.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।
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৯.	বাজেট ও টাকার উৎস	ঃ	রাজস্ব।
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বিস্তারিত তথ্য

১০.	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের সংখ্যা	ঃ	২ (দুই)টি।
১১.	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	ঃ	(১) 'বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন আকর্ষণ চিত্রমালা বিভাগ' শীর্ষক পুস্তক মুদ্রণ। (২) 'বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন আকর্ষণ সিলেট বিভাগ' শীর্ষক পুস্তক মুদ্রণ।
১২.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	ঃ	২৫/৪/২০১৫
১৩.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ (এসটিডি)	ঃ	১৭/৫/২০১৫ তারিখ, অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১৪.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	সর্বশেষ ১৮/৫/২০১৫ তারিখ, বেলা ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। (দরপত্র সরাসরি বা কুরিয়ার/রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকযোগে পৌঁছানো যাবে)।
১৫.	দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৮/৫/২০১৫ তারিখ, বেলা ১১.৩৫ ঘটিকায়।

১৬.	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান	ঃ	হিসাব শাখা, চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।
১৭.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের দপ্তর	ঃ	উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর।
১৮.	দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার স্থান	ঃ	উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর।

১৯.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে প্রথম শ্রেণীর অফসেট মুদ্রণালয় হিসেবে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রেরণের তালিকাভুক্ত হতে হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের গ্রাফিক্স ডিজাইন করার উপযোগী কমপক্ষে ৩টি কম্পিউটার, কালার সেজার প্রিন্টার, সেজার প্রিন্টার, ১টি বাইকালার এবং ২টি সিলেক্ট কালার অথবা ২টি বাইকালার অফসেট প্রিন্টিং মেশিন, পেস্টিং সেকশন, প্লেট তৈরির সেকশন, ১টি ডাবল ডিমাই কাটিং মেশিন, স্বয়ংক্রিয় ভাঁজ ও জুজ সেলাই মেশিন এবং অটো গুইং মেশিনসহ কমপ্লিট বাইন্ডিং শাখার সরঞ্জামাদি ও জনবল থাকতে হবে। আন্তর্জাতিকমানের ৫ (পাঁচ)টি পুস্তক মুদ্রণের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং স্যাল্যুপ জমা দিতে হবে। মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের অফিস ও প্রেস অবশ্যই ঢাকায় অবস্থিত হতে হবে। প্রেস সরঞ্জামের পরিদর্শনে যদি কোন ব্যতিক্রম দেখা যায় তবে দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
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ক্রম নং	কাজের বিবরণ	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (ফেরতযোগ্য নয়)	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়
(১)	(১) 'বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন আকর্ষণ চিত্রমালা বিভাগ' শীর্ষক সচিত্র রঙ্গিন পুস্তক মুদ্রণ। (ডাবল ডিমাই (১২"x৯"), ২৫ ফর্ম্যা (কম/বেশি হতে পারে), ৪,০০০ কপি মুদ্রণ।	১,০০০.০০ টাকা	৫০,০০০.০০ টাকা	কার্যদেয় প্রাপ্তির ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে
	(২) 'বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন আকর্ষণ সিলেট বিভাগ' শীর্ষক সচিত্র রঙ্গিন পুস্তক মুদ্রণ। (ডাবল ডিমাই (১২"x৯"), ১২ ফর্ম্যা (কম/বেশি হতে পারে), ৪,০০০ কপি মুদ্রণ।	১,০০০.০০ টাকা	৩০,০০০.০০ টাকা	কার্যদেয় প্রাপ্তির ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে

২১.	একটি দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান যে কোন একটি দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবে এবং সিডিউলের সকল শর্ত পূরণ করতে হবে।
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২২.	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংগ্রহকারী সত্তা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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