

Cops allowed to quiz Rizvi at jail gate

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent back BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed to jail after rejecting both his remand and bail petitions in two arson cases filed with Motijheel Police Station in January.

But the court allowed the investigators to interrogate the BNP leader at the jail gate within two work-days. Police had sought a 20-day remand.

Rizvi was shown arrested on July 25 after police found his involvement in torching vehicles before BASIC Bank Bhaban on Toyenbi Circular Road and Wapda auditorium on January 8 and 19, even though he was not a FIR-named accused.

CASE AGAINST FAKHRUL Another Dhaka court yesterday adjourned till August 26 hearing on charge framing against BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and 25 others in an arson case filed with Paltan Police Station on March 2, 2013.

The order came after lawyers for Fakhrul and 16 other accused submitted separate petitions seeking adjournment.

Two of the accused -- Abdullah Al Noman and Hamidur Rahman -- were present while seven including Azizul Bari Helal are absconding.

CASE AGAINST KHALEDA Another Dhaka court yesterday again asked officer-in-charge of Shabbagh Police Station to submit by August 27 a report of a case filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for calling the ruling Awami League "a party of atheists."

The order came after police failed to submit any report on the issue yesterday.



Garbage swept into the flooded areas around an overflowing Aminbazar Landfill, outside the capital, due to heavy rains, spreads stench along Dhaka-Savar highway. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

BULLET-HIT NEWBORN AT DMCH Physicians worried over its low weight

Medical board formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of Dhaka Medical College Hospital have formed an eight-member medical board to properly treat the newborn who received bullet injuries while still in her mother's womb.

"The condition of the baby is stable, but we are worried about her low weight," Dr Khawja Abdul Gofur, assistant director (admin) of Dhaka Medical College, told The Daily Star.

The medical board comprises specialised doctors of the hospital headed by Dr Asraf Ul Huq, head of the paediatric surgery department, said Gofur. The board began treating the baby yesterday.

The newborn received bullet injuries when her eight-month pregnant mother, Nazma Khatun, was shot in the abdomen during an attack by a Magura Jubo League faction on the extended family of another rival faction Thursday afternoon.

Both the baby and the mother survived the two-hour caesarean operation at Magura General Hospital.

Rainfall leaves 162km Ctg city road battered

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Over 162km of road in Chittagong city have been damaged by the incessant rain and consequent waterlogging.

According to the city corporation, out of a total of 800km road network in the city, over 162km stretch of road is now in a terrible condition. The roads are riddled with potholes that make it difficult for vehicles to ply on them.

Around Tk 111.21 crore is needed for repair works, said sources in the city corporation.

Airport Road, CDA Avenue road, Nawab Siraj-ud-daulah Road, Mehediabag Road, Zakir Hossain Road, KC Dey Road, Surson Road, Port Connecting Road, Agrabad Access Road, Kataganj Road and OR Nizam Road are battered and full of potholes.

Salamat Ullah, who commutes regularly from Chawkbazar to Andarkilla, said the ride is very bumpy.

Nur Mohammad, a service holder, echoed Salamat's sentiments.

Drivers of vehicles have expressed their frustration at the difficulty of driving vehicles on battered roads.

Md Harunur Rashid, general secretary of Chattagram Auto-Rickshaw Auto-Tempo Sramik Union, said drivers are complaining about the sorry state of the roads.

Moreover, the potholes on the streets have increased the risk of accidents, he added.

He urged the authorities concerned to repair the roads as soon as possible.

Yakub Nobi, superintendent engineer of Chittagong City Corporation, said they have not been able to successfully conduct repair works due to the incessant rainfall.

He said once the rain stops, repair works would begin in full swing, adding that it would take about a month to complete the works.

NEWSIN brief

Indian high commission opens condolence book on APJA Kalam

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The High Commission of India (HCI) will open a condolence book for today and tomorrow in memory of former Indian president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

The book will remain open from 10:00am to 5:00pm at house no-2, road no-142, Gulshan-1, Dhaka, said a press release.

Dr Kalam died on Monday and his funeral will be held in Rameshwaram today, said the HCI.

Seven days of state mourning is being observed in India and by Indian embassies/high commissions abroad from July 27 to August 2.

Korea to help develop nursing education in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) will provide a budget of US \$13.75 million to implement a project to establish the National Institute of Advanced Practice Nurses in Bangladesh.

To this effect, it will construct the nursing institute, develop the MSc nursing curriculums and provide various capacity building programmes.

This was disclosed yesterday during a seminar on the MSc nursing education jointly hosted by Directorate of Nursing Services (DNS) and Koica at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

House help's body found in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The hanging body of an adolescent house help was recovered in the capital's Uttara on Monday night.

The deceased Nasrin Aktar, 13, worked at businessman Nahid Hasan's house on the second floor of a five-storey building at Sector-13.

Police said after Nahid returned home with his wife from outside they found Nasrin's body in the living room.

She might have committed suicide over her parents' separation, police added.

However, Nasrin's maternal uncle claimed it to be a murder.

HarvestPlus opens micronutrient testing lab in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HarvestPlus on Monday inaugurated its X-Ray fluorescence (XRF) laboratory centre, first of its kind in Bangladesh, with two-day training at its Bogra regional office, said a press release yesterday.

At present, HarvestPlus facility is open only for its partner organisations to measure micronutrients -- such as zinc and iron in rice and wheat products -- for free.

Khairul Bashar, HarvestPlus country manager, was present at the inaugural ceremony.

Govt to ensure punishment of terrorists: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will prove that it can punish terrorists and fundamentalists involved in brutal murders and cyber terrorism, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

He was addressing a discussion titled "Cyber Terrorism by Terrorists and Fundamentalists: Duty of Government and Civilians" organised by Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee in the capital.

The minister said the public would see a new Evidence Act early next year.

Tureen Afroz, prosecutor of the International Crime Tribunals, pointed out some weaknesses of the draft of Cyber Security Act, 2015. She suggested including the provision of compensation to the victims of cyber crimes. State Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak also spoke.

Govt to build outposts

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and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman Fizar, yesterday alleged that there were irregularities in the recruitment of teachers at non-government educational institutions.

They suggested that they should be involved in the recruitment process.

The officials alleged that many teachers in rural areas told students answers of multiple-choice questions in examination halls during public tests and recommended strong action against them.

The DCs demanded building educational institutions and distributing study materials in the enclaves.

MEETING WITH MUHITH While meeting Finance Minister AMA Muhith, the DCs proposed that they could find one lakh new

tax payers every year if the National Board of Revenue (NBR) cooperated with them.

Muhith told reporters that it was decided that from now on the NBR would conduct surveys jointly with the DC in each district to find new tax payers.

He said the DCs would be informed of the target Bangladesh Bank fixed for disbursing agriculture loans every year.

MEETING WITH MOSHARRAF At a meeting with the DCs, Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain said they took a project to ensure that all public servants got a flat or house after retirement.

The DCs proposed construction of more Circuit Houses at the district level, said meeting sources.



Eight suspects of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), who were arrested by the Detective Branch of police in the capital's Uttara on Monday, at the DB office on Minto Road yesterday. They had planned to snatch to two militant kingpins in custody, claimed detectives.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Three women ride a scooter in Kakrail of the capital Monday. Female motorcyclists are being seen increasingly in Dhaka city, suggesting that women are gradually breaking the shackles the society put on them to restrict their mobility.

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took training before joining the Liberation War, said Bakar.

He learned that Razakars abducted his friend Dabir, who was also friends with Taher and Nani, and took him to the district rest house, a torture camp, before killing him on the night of October 4.

Bakar said when he returned home after the war, his uncle Badir Uddin said Razakars also abducted him and took him to the rest house where he saw Dabir.

His uncle, who was a night guard at Netrakona Girls School, told him that Taher and Nani tortured him and they shot Dabir dead at night, said Bakar.

His uncle was released later with the help of then headmistress of the school, he added.

Bakar said they learned in late November that Razakars killed 27 people including Kamini Babu, near Trimohoni Bridge in Netrakona. He, however, did not mention the killers' names.

Defence counsel Abdus Sobhan Tarafder completed his cross-examination before the three-member tribunal led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim adjourned the proceedings until August 30.

Taher and Nani face six charges but they pleaded not guilty.

HC okays ACC power

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The Daily Star that nobody's fundamental rights have been curtailed due to the sections of the law and there is no illegality or unconstitutional element in those.

Under the sections, many people were convicted and sentenced to three or 10 years' imprisonments and a number of accused got acquittal from the charges.

Afroza Islam, Rabiul Islam, Zamir Ahmed and Nasima Akhtar, the four accused of separate corruption cases, filed the writ petitions with the HC in 2011.

They said in the petitions that they are not involved in any corruption and they pay income taxes to the government regularly under the income tax law, and there is no necessity of the sections of the ACC law, Khurshid added.

War crimes accused Latif dies

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prosecutor of the case, told The Daily Star that they would formally inform the tribunal about Latif's death today.

The court usually declares a case closed if the accused dies during trial, he said.

But in this case, Latif was one of the three accused and the International Crimes Tribunal-1 kept the verdict waiting after completion of all proceedings, he said.

"So the status of the case is different and now the tribunal will decide in this regard," he added.

Latif's lawyer Sarwar Hossain said the case would be closed after his client's death.

On June 11, 2014, police arrested the 68-year-old Latif in his home after the tribunal issued an arrest warrant against him and

Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master and Khan Akram Hossain over crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

On November 5, 2014, ICT-1 indicted the three on seven charges of which four were brought against Sirajul alone, two against all of them for killing 47 people and one against Akram and Latif for killing a person. The accused, however, pleaded "not guilty" to the wartime offences.

Latif, son of Zender Ali Talukder of Solarkola village in Bagerhat's Kachua upazila, was elected a member of Raripara Union Council in the upazila in 1985 and was a local Jatiya Party leader, the indictment order says.

In 1990, he joined Awami League and since then he had been an AL activist, it mentions.

Health secy, DG face contempt

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The officials have not complied with the HC directive even after he (Eunus) requested them to execute the HC order for several times, but they did not response which is contemptuous, he said.

some questions which did not have correct answer choices, Eunus said, adding that some experts also found the mistakes later.



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