

BFUJ, DUJ factions want journo Probir's release

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee also condemns arrest
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Leaders of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and a faction of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday demanded immediate release of journalist Probir Sikder.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of the faction of BFUJ, Abdul Jalil Bhuyian, its secretary general, and Altaf Mahmud, president of the DUJ faction, and Kuddus Afrad, its general secretary, in a joint statement also condemned Probir's arrest and remand.

Probir, editor of Bangla daily Bangla 71 and online news portal u71news.com, was picked up by detectives on Sunday evening from his office in the capital.

Son of a Liberation War martyr, Probir wrote a series of reports titled "Sei Razakar" in Bangla daily Janakantha in 2001 against some alleged war criminals, including a controversial businessman from Faridpur.

Following his write-ups, Probir was attacked in April 2001. In the attack, he lost a leg and strength and mobility in one hand.

The statement yesterday said Probir was at risk again as he uncovered the mask of alleged war criminal Musa Bin Shamsher.

He tried to file a general diary with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station and was aggrieved when police allegedly refused to record the GD, added the statement.

Meanwhile, Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee in a separate statement also condemned Probir's arrest and demanded his immediate release.

In the statement, the committee said Probir was arrested for criticising a controversial minister of Sheikh Hasina's cabinet, and this aggrieved people nurturing the Liberation War spirit.

The misuse of the ICT act would raise questions about the achievement of the government in this sector, they said.

Probir Sikder was arrested and remanded in connection with a case filed under Information and Communication Technology Act for "tarnishing the image" of LGRD Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain.



PHOTO: STAR

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad aboard a truck addresses a gathering blocking Tophkhana Road in the capital that made a good number of vehicles standstill yesterday.

Ershad decries lack of rule of law blocking Dhaka thoroughfare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said the government has completely failed to ensure people's safety as there is no rule of law in the country.

"There is neither democracy nor good governance in the country," said Ershad, also a special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He was addressing a human chain organised by Jatiya Party in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

While going to the venue from his Baridhara residence, Ershad was seen moving through the city in a mini-truck and exchanging views with his supporters.

At the human chain, Ershad said the government should take responsibility for the recent incidents of abuse and murders of children and women in different parts of the country.

"The government has failed to ensure security of women and children in the country. Criminals are committing crimes freely as a culture of impunity is prevailing. That is why we have come to the streets; there is no politics behind our move," he said.

Trials being hampered

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it would be possible to adjudicate 50 percent cases within a short time.

As there is no political instability in the country now, the chief justice said, the pending cases should be disposed of quickly.

Chaired by Natore Bar Association President Ruhul Amin Talukdar, the programme was attended, among others, by Natore Deputy Commissioner Moshir Rahman, and District and Sessions Judge Lutfa Begum.

Why collecting info about under-18s not illegal

HC seeks explanation from CEC, EC secretary in 10 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the chief election commissioner and secretary to explain in 10 days why the collection of information of people below 18 years of age should not be declared illegal.

Responding to a writ petition, the HC bench of Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashrafal Kamal issued a rule on the legality over

the violation of the constitution, Voter List Act 2009 and Voter-list Rules 2012.

Updating the electoral roll from July 24, the EC appointed enumerators to go door-to-door and for the first time start collecting information of people aged 15 years and above.

Bangladeshis aged 18 years and above are eligible to vote and the EC said information of those below 18 and above 15 was being collected in

advance to prepare their national identity cards.

The petition was filed by Supreme Court lawyer ZI Khan Panna.

His lawyer Shahdeen Malik argued that updating the voter list means including the information of those who became 18 in previous years and the constitution and act limits the EC into adding those only.

Shahdeen said the EC was concerned with only voters and the

annual update could not be done in advance incorporating information of minors.

Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu opposed the petition, saying under-18s were not being made voters and the EC was doing a preparatory work as a part of updating the voter list.

He told The Daily Star that there was no legal bar on the collection for the HC had not passed any stay order.

Ecneec okays 6 dev projects

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The planning minister said that 21 dredgers in three different sizes - 650 mm diameter, 500 mm diameter and 250 mm diameters - would be procured under the project.

The meeting also approved the 1st revision of the 'Kalukhali-Bhatiapara section rehabilitation and Kashiani-Gopalganj-Tungipara new railway track construction' project at a cost of Tk 2023.72 crore, to be implemented by December 2017.

Through this project, new rail tracks will be laid on the Kashiani-Gopalganj-

Tungipara route, linking the rail network with Kalukhali-Bhatiapara and Kashiani-Gopalganj-Tungipara section. The planning minister said the project would help set up a rail link through the under-construction Padma bridge project. The other projects approved were to create physical facilities for transfer of technology and innovation of BCSIR at a cost of Tk 36.63 crore, and for expansion of the BCS administration academy building and extension of its training facilities costing Tk 44.60 crore.

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5. Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6. Invitation for	:	Safari Mini Bus 2 Nos.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	:	28-3/15/754 Date: 17/08/15.
8. Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
9. Source of funds	:	GOB.
10. Development partners (if applicable)	:	N/A.
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12. Project/programme name (if applicable)	:	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park, Gazipur.
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14. Tender publication date	:	17/08/2015.
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