

Cops identify

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him," he said adding the man was a fundamentalist. He, however, did not disclose the name.

Asked about the man's connection with extremists or militant outfits, the IGP said, "We are investigating it."

The SMS Prof Anisuzzaman received reads: "Why do you support and uphold the rude bloggers? Do you like to die with a blow of Chapati [machete]...?"

For his contribution to education and Bangla literature, Prof Anisuzzaman has received numerous accolades including Banga Academy Award, Ekushey Padak, Independence Award and Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award.

Contacted, Anisuzzaman told The Daily Star, "Police did not inform me anything about it but I came to know it from television reports."

Meanwhile, Rajshahi University teachers and students yesterday protested the death threat to fiction writer Hasan Azizul Haque.

An unknown caller threatened Hasan with death over the phone on Sunday.

Rajshahi police said they were providing Hasan with security and investigating the matter to identify the caller.

JRC meeting

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Mahmud when he met Bharti at state-owned Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi where she hosted a high tea for him yesterday.

Emerging from the meeting, Mahmud told reporters that he invited Bharti to Dhaka for the JRC meeting "very soon", which she accepted.

Replying to a question when the meeting would be held, he said it would be set through diplomatic channels.

Bharti, talking to reporters separately a short while later, said she had accepted Mahmud's invitation, and the mutually convenient date would be finalised.

In 2010, the last meeting of ministerial-level JRC was held in Delhi.

Mahmud said he took up the issue of sharing of waters of the Teesta and other common rivers.

Mahmud said Bharti had assured him that India would not do anything that would be detrimental to the interests of Bangladesh.

Asked about the Teesta water-sharing deal, Bharti said India has a cooperative federal structure and talks are on with the concerned state (West Bengal) for evolving a consensus on the issue.

Answering another question, she said she would hold talks with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the Teesta issue before attending the JRC meeting in Dhaka.

Where stay

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This correspondent talked to the authorities of at least 12 halls of the university's 20 dormitories and found that the annual charge at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, Sir Salimullah Hall, Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall, Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall, Kabi Jasimuddin Hall, Muktijoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall, Begum Rokeya Hall and Sir AF Rahman Hall is Tk 360.

The Jagannath Hall charges Tk 800, including Tk 250 for Saraswati Puja, while Shamsunnahar Hall collects Tk 560, including Tk 200 for religious programmes and medical services, Fazlul Haque Hall Tk 900 and Shahidullah Hall Tk 1,200. The two latter dormitories hiked the charges.

Prof Shafiu said the annual fees at Bijoy Ekattor Hall was higher than many others halls because running the newly built dormitory is costly. "We have to pay many of our staff from the hall fund."

PROTESTS

Pragatishil Chhatra Jote, an alliance of seven left-leaning student organisations, brought out a procession on the DU campus last evening, demanding that the authorities cut the charge immediately.

Earlier in the day, leaders of the platform at a press conference at Modhur Canteen issued a seven-day ultimatum to the hall authorities to reduce the charge. They warned of waging a tougher movement if their demand was not met within this period.

Chhatra Jote leaders said they would submit a memorandum to

DU Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique today in this regard.

Talking to this newspaper, the DU VC said, "As the establishment fee and other maintenance costs of the newly built hall are higher than those in other dormitories, students will have to pay more to stay here. The annual fee of the hall is affordable."

About the process of fixing the annual charge, he said the hall authorities initially propose an amount which is later finalised by the university authorities.

"The facilities at the hall are not better than those in other dormitories of the university. But I have to pay about 10 times more than my friends," said a student of Bijoy Ekattor Hall on condition of anonymity.

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the government should understand that their countries want to help Bangladesh to achieve its socio-economic development goals and become a middle-income country.

"We don't see anything to gain from pressing the Bangladesh government to accept the existence of IS in Bangladesh. I don't believe that any friend or development partner of Bangladesh wants to create a situation like the ones in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Libya, as claimed by the prime minister," said a senior diplomat of a Western country.

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SC hears

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In the petition submitted to the HC on November 2, she also challenged the legality of the appointments of the first three judges to the International Crimes Tribunal 1 which dealt with her husband's war crimes case.

Farhat prayed to the HC to declare the appointments of the three judges illegal. She claimed that the provision of the 15th constitutional amendment, which allows trial of individuals for committing crimes against humanity, conflicts with a provision of the original constitution which stipulated that the accused will be put on trial as a group of individuals.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Halkim and Justice Farid Ahmed Shibli dropped the petition from its hearing list, saying that the issues mentioned in the prayer have already been settled by the HC.

The Appellate Division has already delivered a judgment on the appeal of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in the war crimes case, the bench said, adding that time will be wasted if the writ petition is entertained at this stage.

The court told petitioner's counsel Mohsen Rashid that he could move the writ petition before another HC bench.

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mojahed and BNP's Salauddin on October 14 submitted the review petitions to the SC, seeking acquittal on all the charges levelled against them.

In the petitions, the two sought reconsideration of the SC judgments on the ground that they were sentenced for "offences committed by others".

The SC upheld the capital punishment of the two politicians in June and July after hearing their appeals against the verdicts of two war crimes tribunals.

The International Crimes Tribunal issued death warrants for the two on October 1, a day after the SC released its full verdicts.

Town pays

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and will have health benefits.

The Italian Federation Friends of the Bicycle (FIAB), which helped to develop the idea, says it hopes that other towns will now follow Massarosa's lead.

A similar scheme was introduced in France in 2014, with mixed results. While a six-month trial found that paying people to cycle to work did increase the numbers doing so, the majority had been using public transport, rather than private vehicles. Of those making the move from cars to bicycles, most had already been carpooling.

IS in Raqqqa was also the target of

Star to salute ICT heroes

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"We want to present Bangladesh to the world as an ICT hub," said Shameem Ahsan, president of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services.

The Daily Star ICT Awards can play an important role in achieving the target, he said.

Many top global ICT brands such as NewsCred, REVE Systems and Tiger IT have connections to Bangladesh but it is never reflected in the media, he said.

NewsCred, a leading content marketing platform globally, was founded in 2008 by three Bangladeshis.

REVE Systems, which provides software solutions for the telephony and IP telephony industry worldwide among others, was founded by a Bangladeshi national, M Rezaul Hassan, in 2003 with six employees in the capital's Khilgaon.

The company is now headquartered in Singapore.

Founded in 2000 by a Buet graduate, Tiger IT is a star in the field of biometrics and identity management solutions. The company is particularly known for its automated fingerprint identification system.

In 2013, BASIS has set its sights to hit \$1 billion in exports by 2018 and it has already registered \$300 million, Ahsan added.

Sonia Bashir Kabir, managing director of Microsoft Bangladesh, said the initiative would provide an opportunity to the young people in the ICT sector to present their success stories.

From the onset, Brac Bank had designs to present the ICT sector as a mainstream one, said its Managing Director Selim RF Hussain.

"That's why we are supporting this initiative," he said, adding that small and medium enterprises in the ICT sector also need attention.

"Without the power of ICT no business can function properly. And for this, we have become a part of the event," said Ashwani Nayak, general manager of Le Méridien Dhaka.

The award ceremony will recognise winners in six categories: e-business, ICT start-up, ICT person, ICT product, and ICT solution providers in the local and international arenas.

Nomination criteria and forms are available on www.thedailystar.net/ICT.

For the "ICT Person of the Year" award, those who have made more than 15 years of contribution to the ICT sector can apply.

Any local software and information technology-enabled service provider (including business process outsourcing companies) can apply for the local "ICT Solution Provider of the Year" award, said Sami Ahmed, executive director of BASIS.

The main criterion for selecting the winner in this category will be the last three years' revenue.

The "ICT Product of the Year" award will be given for innovation in the field of software and mobile application. The number of users and value addition will be the adjudicating criteria.

Any .com initiative including e-commerce, education sites, online newspapers, and job sites will be eligible for the "e-Business of the Year" award. The award criteria will be the number of users, value addition and the last three years' revenue.

Any ICT company that is between one and three years old and has a fully functional product/service can apply for the "ICT Start-up of the Year" award.

Software and ITES solution provider that has been exporting its services for the past three years can apply in the 'ICT Solution Provider of the Year (International Market Focus)' category.

Those who have been providing customised software/ITES solutions for the local market can vie for "ICT Solution Provider of the Year (Local Market Focus)" award.

The companies have to be registered in Bangladesh, and in case of a joint venture, minimum 50 percent local ownership is required.

Candidates can apply for multiple award categories, and the last day for submitting nominations, which will be adjudicated by a panel of eminent jury members, is December 15.

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home game against Bangladesh 5-0 in September and are currently placed second in Group B behind Jordan. Bangladesh, on the other hand, are languishing at the bottom with a single point from six games.

Dhaka wants

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enjoying a very cordial relationship. I hope we will be able to bring back all the criminals through discussions," he added.

Sources said the Indians assured Bangladesh of handing over the top Bangladeshi criminals hiding in India following examination of legal matters.

They thanked Bangladesh for deporting Chetia and asked for other Indian criminals in Bangladesh.

It was only on November 11 when Bangladesh deported Ulfa leader Anup Chetia, and a day after that India handed over prime accused in the sensational seven-murder case of Narayanganj Nur Hossain.

According to law enforcement agencies, around 40 top criminals are either in Indian jails or hiding in that country.

He said with the signing of Land Boundary Agreement and its implementation both Bangladesh and India have been enjoying the warmest ever relationship.

Meanwhile, the Indian delegation led by Rajiv Mehrishi paid a courtesy call on Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and invited him on behalf of Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh to visit India, sources said.

The home minister accepted the invitation, the sources added.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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