

Nur Hossain produced before court in extortion case
Sent back to jail
OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Nur Hossain, prime accused of Narayanganj seven-murder case, was sent to jail after being produced before a court yesterday in an extortion case.

The court sent him to Kasimpur jail after hearing the case filed by Akram Hossain, owner of a packaging company at Adamjee EPZ, allegedly for demanding extortion of Tk 5 lakh from him on May 25, 2013.

The investigation officer later submitted a charge-sheet against Nur and seven others for extortion.

On April 27, Narayanganj City Corporation Councillor Nazrul Islam, his three aides and driver and senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar and his driver were abducted from a Narayanganj road. Later, their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya. Nur was shown arrested in 13 cases. On November 12, he was brought back from India.

Bangladesh safest for foreigners
Says Raushan
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Leader and Jatiya Party presidium member Raushan Ershad last night told parliament that Bangladesh was the world's safest country for foreigners for they were respected and provided security.

Pointing at related killings in Bangladesh, she said, "People are killed in the USA like birds, but people do not feel insecure there...no red alert is issued...why did they feel insecure in our country?"

Lauding her, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Raushan pointed out many important issues which would help many ministers be cautious in discharging duties.

HC questions 34th BCS exam results

Asks for explanation in four weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why the final results of the 34th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examination, published on August 29, should not be declared illegal.

Irregularities, nepotism and bribery took place in selecting the candidates through the exam, the bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam said in the rule after hearing a writ petition.

Petitioners' counsel Noor Us Sadik told The Daily Star that the Public Service Commission had violated the relevant rules because it did not publish the results based on the merit list, paving way for nepotism and irregularities. Unlike previous years, the results were published in order of the registration numbers, he said.

Chairman, members, secretary and exam controller of PSC, and secretaries to the ministries of education, finance, law and public administration were asked to respond to the rule.

Chowdhury Md Zafar Sharif and Al Masum Rifat, who passed the preliminary and written tests, but failed the viva voce, filed the writ petition with the HC seeking its order on the respondents to rerun the viva voce.

4 qualify in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four persons qualified at the Sylhet round of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016, Bangladesh's biggest culinary competition at Pallabi Community Center in the city yesterday.

Jonathon Oscar Gomes, Md Rumon Ahmed, Avhirup and Ripna Begum were adjudged winners from among 18 participants who were selected from a written test and provided Tk 500 and an hour to shop for ingredients and cook a dish in half an hour.

Didarul Islam, one of the contestants who became a sous chef after starting off his career washing dishes, commented, "The exam was not very easy."

The question paper comprised of questions that are very useful and essential for anyone interested about or is in the culinary field in Bangladesh," he said.

The judges were the contest's past season

winners Dr Umme Kulsum Chy and Jebun Nessa Khan.

Jebun Nessa Khan said, "There has always been fear and tension at this competition."

"For me, it was first the pressure as a contestant, of being judged by the experts. Now that I am a judge myself, it is now the tension of judging!" she commented.

Dr Umme Kulsum Chy said she had expected a lot more from the contestants and although some of them did very well, a lot of them prepared dishes that were rather common.

"Innovation is a key factor that is essential in the Super Chef kitchen," she said.

The regional winners will battle each other in a series of rounds and training sessions to take the title of champion who will be awarded Tk 10 lakh. The first and second runners-up will receive Tk 5 lakh and Tk 2 lakh respectively.



The four contestants who qualified, centre, and the two judges of yesterday's Sylhet round of the Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016, Bangladesh's biggest culinary competition, at Pallabi Community Center in the city yesterday.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director

Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra
16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000
Web: www.dgfood.gov.bd

Date: 19-11-2015

No-13.01.0000.357.07.42.15-196

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry	Ministry of Food.				
2	Agency	Directorate General of Food.				
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra, Room No. 510-511 (5th Floor), Food Building, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.				
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.				
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.				
6	Invitation for	Works.				
7	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No-13.01.0000.357.07.42.15-196				
8	Date	19-11-2015				
9	Procurement method	Limited tendering method (LTM).				
10	Budget and source of funds	GoB.				
11	Development partners	Not applicable.				
12	Project code	6047				
13	Program name	Construction of Internal Road, Truck Yard and Drain of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar during the year 2015-16.				
14	LTM Tender Notice No.					
15	Tender package name	As per list.				
16	LTM tender publication date	Within 25.11.2015.				
17	Last selling date & time	Up to 03.12.2015.				
18	Closing date and time	07.12.2015 up to 1:00pm.				
19	Opening date and time	07.12.2015 at 2:00pm.				
20	Name & address of the office(s):					
	Selling tender document	Office of the Project Director, Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra, Room No-510-511, Food Building, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.				
	Receiving LTM tender document	Office of the Project Director, Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra, Room No-510-511, Food Building, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.				
	Opening LTM tender document	Office of the Project Director, Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra, Room No-510-511, Food Building, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.				
21	Eligibility of tenderers	As stated in the tender data sheet.				
22	Tender security amount (Tk)	2.5% of estimated cost.				
23	Brief description of works	As per lot list.				
24	Lot list:					
	Lot No. (Package No.)	Identification of lot (package)	Location	Estimated cost (Tk)	Price of tender document (Tk)	Completion time
L-1	Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra.	Multistoried Warehouse, Santahar, Bogra	145,04,831.49	3,000.00	120 (one hundred twenty) days	
L-2	Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra.	Multistoried Warehouse, Santahar, Bogra	199,60,283.62	3,000.00	120 (one hundred twenty) days	
L-3	Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra.	Multistoried Warehouse, Santahar, Bogra	125,55,786.44	3,000.00	120 (one hundred twenty) days	
25	Annual turnover: Not required.					
26	Experience: "A" category enlisted contractors of Roads and Highways Department.					
27	Financial capabilities: As stated in the tender data sheet.					
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md Golam Mostafa.				
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director (Joint Secretary).				
30	Address of official inviting tender	Construction of Multistoried Warehouse at Santahar Grain Silo Premises, Bogra, Room No. 510-511, Food Building, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.				
31	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 88-02-9588070 (Office).				
32	a) All other terms and conditions as stated in the Public Procurement Rules-2008 & PPA 2006 & their amendments will remain valid. b) The tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. c) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.					
		Md. Golam Mostafa Project Director (Joint Secretary) Phone: 02-9588070				

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Cabinet okays

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of the convention up to the union level.

The cabinet also approved the National Standards (Goods and Services) Policy 2015 aiming to upgrade the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) and Bangladesh Accreditation Board to international standards.

There are detailed guidelines in the policy for setting the standards of goods and services to be exported in accordance with the suggestions of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In addition, professionals like accountants, doctors, and engineers, who are going abroad will have to go through the accreditation process as per the policy, said the cabinet secretary.

The draft policy also aims to ensure the quality of digital products like hardware and software meant for export. The European Union and NORAD provided technical assistance for framing this policy, the secretary said.

The cabinet also approved the Bangabandhu National Agriculture Award Fund Act 2015, and Bangabandhu Science and Technology Fellowship Trust Act 2015.

Both DUJs demand

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urged the journalists to uphold the dignity of the profession through forging a greater unity among them.

The union leaders also demanded announcement of Baisakh (Pahela Baisakh) festival allowance for journalists and formulation of acceptable online and broadcast policies.

NEWS IN brief

\$185m deal signed for improving secondary education

CITY DESK

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Bangladesh government yesterday signed a loan agreement for \$185 million for improving secondary education system and building the foundation for developing a skilled labour force.

The assistance is the second tranche of the \$500 million Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) approved by ADB in 2013.

Saifuddin Ahmed, joint secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), and Kazuhiko Higuchi, country director, Bangladesh Resident Mission of ADB, signed the agreement at ERD in the capital.

Ashulia RMG factory closes sine die amid workers' demonstrations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Fashion Craft Knitwear Ltd was closed yesterday for an indefinite period at Ashulia, outside the capital, amid its workers' demonstration for a yearly increment of 15 percent and payment of monthly salary in first seven working days of every month.

The workers have been observing work abstention for last two days for their demands including earn leave benefits, maternity leave, and reemployment of the workers who were sacked on Sunday on different allegations.

Additional police have been deployed in Zamgora area. Officials of the management could not be contacted for comments.

Foreign minister leads delegation to C'wealth meeting in Malta

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi delegation led by Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday left for Malta to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) on November 27-29.

Mahmood will attend the Pre-CHOGM Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting and other events tomorrow and Thursday, said a foreign ministry press release.

Foreign Ministers from 52 member-states will discuss global political and economic developments and issues such as implementation of SDGs, migration, climate change etc.

Five DU students get Ataus Samad Memorial Scholarship

DU CORRESPONDENT

Five students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University have received "Ataus Samad Memorial Scholarship" for their excellent results in BSS examination of 2015.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique on Sunday handed over the prizes to Md Shafiqul Islam, Anando Kumar Shil, Farzana Akter, Fahima Ahmed Kachi and Dulal Samadder at DU.

Journalist Tawab Khan was awarded "Ataus Samad Memorial Trust Lifetime Achievement Award" for his role in developing journalism profession. Ataus Samad was the advisory editor of Amar Desh, chief executive officer of NTV and a part-time teacher of the department.

Asif Chowdhury elected World Federation of Consuls member

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Asif A Chowdhury, honorary consul of Chile in Bangladesh, was elected as a member of World Federation of Consuls (FICAC)-Board of Directors for the next three years after securing the highest number of votes among Saarc candidates.

The voting took place at the 11th World Congress of Consuls organised in Istanbul, Turkey during November 18-22 by FICAC, said a press release. Asif, also president of Consular Corps in Bangladesh, held the post of chairman of FICAC, South Asia region from 2014.

MBA programme offered at IIM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad has offered international students, including students from Bangladesh, the opportunity to pursue MBA under the institute's flagship post graduate programme.

It has decided to offer 43 seats to international students, said a press release of the High Commission of India. Details are available at www.global.iimahd.ernet.in.



Commercial, wooden beehives being prepared for the bloom in mustard fields in Kalihati in Tangail recently. The cultivators say the harvest of honey comes in five seasons a year: from mustard flowers from December to January, from fields of oilseeds Guji Til and Kalijira from January to March, from litchee gardens in March, from the Sundarbans from March to April and from fields of another oilseed Sada Til from April to June.