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Terror suspects off the hook

Accused in 5 anti-terrorism cases walk out of jail for flawed case filing; 44 other cases await same fate

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER with SHARIFUL ISLAM

Two alleged Hizb-ut Tahrir operatives, Syed Imdadul Haque Shaikat and Shahidul Islam Hasan, were arrested in the capital's Motijheel area on July 29, 2011, while distributing leaflets of the outlawed militant outfit.

Seventeen days into filing a case under the Anti-Terrorism Act 2009, police pressed charges against them for working for a banned organisation, distributing its leaflet

and inciting anti-government activities.

If found guilty, the accused could face up to 14 years in prison. But they were released seven months into their arrests.

A Dhaka court on April 4, 2012, ordered their release as the investigating officer (IO) of the case had not taken approval from the district magistrate and the government before beginning the investigation or submitting the charge sheets, a must for terror cases.

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Officials at Tangail Election Office prepare election materials for sending those to polling centres in the district, as 234 municipalities across the country go to polls tomorrow. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

BNP desperate, AL cautious

2 parties prepare for battle of ballots in 234 municipalities tomorrow

RASHIDUL HASAN and PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The BNP has instructed its mayoral candidates and their polling agents not to leave the election centres "under any circumstances" during the casting of ballots, and that they stay there till the announcement of election results.

The party thinks it has a strong possibility of clinching victory in more than 150 of the 234 municipalities that are going to polls tomorrow, said party insiders.

Of the incumbent mayors, 55 are contesting under BNP's banner, and the party is confident of their re-election.

Meanwhile, the ruling Awami League has asked its local leaders to refrain from flexing their muscles and not to ruin the election atmosphere, as it would benefit the BNP, according to AL sources.

The AL also instructed its grassroots leaders and activists to "assist" the local

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015

Investigation officers knowingly or unknowingly ignoring mandatory



I'm not aware of it

HOME MINISTER ASADUZZAMAN KHAN



We will investigate why the accused were released

ELECTION COMMISSIONER ASADUZZAMAN MIA

JMB finds new explosive guru

'Boma Shakil' steps in shoes of 'Boma Mizan'

SHARIFUL ISLAM

"Boma" Shakil is the man Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) found as the most talented explosive expert after "Boma" Mizan.

A diploma holder in electrical engineering, Shakil sincerely performed his task of manufacturing grenades and other explo-

sives, and training fellow operatives in bomb-making in the last two and a half years. He took charge after a long gap since Boma Mizan was arrested in May 2009.

Fellow militants freed Mizan and two other top militants in an armed ambush on February 23 last year. Police suspect he has

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TOP QUOTE

"As it is a political election, we urge political parties and candidates to keep their followers and supporters in check to ensure voting in a disciplined manner."

CEC KAZI RAKIBUDDIN AHMAD AT THE EC SECRETARIAT YESTERDAY.

EMERGENCY NOTICE

This is for general information as some of the Airlines defying the directives of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh are not paying commission on Fuel Surcharge (YQ/YR) to Travel Agents, ATAB on its protest has taken a decision in its Executive Committee Meeting and an Emergency Meeting held on 5th December, 2015 and 14th December, 2015 respectively to stop ticket booking, issue, re-issue, date change including all reservation activities of EMIRATES AIRLINES (EK) and MALAYSIA AIRLINES (MH) initially from 1st January, 2016 for an indefinite time.



President/Secretary General Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) Sattara Center (15th floor), 30/A, Naya Paltan, Dhaka-1000.



No outdoor celebrations

Police ask New Year revellers to stay indoors after dark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has imposed a ban on all outdoor programmes and gatherings from New Years Eve dusk to dawn the next day "on security grounds".

The deputy commissioners (DC) of districts and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) have been conveyed the government decision and people were advised to stay home that night.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also advised people to ask law enforcers before organising any celebratory party that night.

The issue was discussed at yesterday's cabinet meeting where the prime minister told the authorities concerned not

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BNP won't quit polls

Says Khaleda; Ashraf doubts her party's commitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP decided to stay in the battle of municipality polls until the last moment tomorrow, party chief Khaleda Zia said, reiterating her demand for army deployment for the sake of free and fair polls.

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