

KUNIO HOSHI MURDER

Seven more testify at Rangpur court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Seven more witnesses, including four forensic doctors of Rangpur Medical College Hospital, gave their testimonies at a Rangpur court yesterday in a case filed over the murder of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi.

They are the physicians -- Forendra Goswami, Robi Sanker Mondal, Narayhan Chandra Saha and Rafiqul Islam -- and the other three Jamshed Ali, Monju Mia and Motiar Rahman.

A total of 40 out of 57 witnesses testified in the case till yesterday, said Public Prosecutor Rothish Chandra Bhowmik.

Kunio Hoshi was shot dead at Aluvari village in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur on October 3, 2015.

3 customs officials suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong customs authorities yesterday suspended three officials for taking kickbacks from clearing and forwarding (C&F) agents.

The suspended are Assistant Revenue Officer Monir Ahammad, ARO Uttam Kumar, and Sipahi Md Nuruzamal.

It also issued a show cause notice to Revenue Officer Md Abdul Hakim Hawladar asking him to explain why he did not take any action against those involved in the underhand dealings even though he was present at the spot.

The step was taken a day after a three-member team of Anti-Corruption Commission led by its Commissioner AFM Aminul Islam during a visit to Chittagong Customs House on Monday ordered the customs authorities to suspend the corrupt officers.

Commissioner AFM Abdullah Khan of Chittagong Customs House yesterday told The Daily Star that a day after the news was telecast, they formed a 3-member probe body on January 27, which submitted its report on Monday.



Stone crushers are seen in a haphazard condition. A team of government officials led by Goainghat upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) conducted raids in Jafflong Pathor Koari and Guchhogram villages, demolishing stone crushers, as part of a drive named "Operation Clean Jafflong." Fifteen stone crushers and two water pumps were also set on fire. Inset, smoke billowing out from a burned object.



PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Salahuddin to seek

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eastern Indian state of Meghalaya, on May 12, 2015.

It still remains a mystery how and when Salahuddin, then joint secretary general of the BNP, landed in Shillong after he was allegedly picked up by plainclothes law enforcers from a house in Dhaka's Uttara area on March 10, 2015.

Salahuddin told our Kolkata correspondent that he was admitted to a specialised clinic "Shillong Super Care" thrice in January.

Doctors in Shillong advised him to receive better treatment either at New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences or Medanta Hospital, or Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore soon, Salahuddin quoted doctors as saying.

A doctor of the hospital wishing anonymity said Salahuddin has no alternative but to undergo surgery for kidney disease.

Earlier, Salahuddin underwent surgery on his neck at New Delhi's Medanta Hospital.

He said if the court grants him permission, he will undergo operation to diagnose his kidney disease in February.

Salahuddin's brother Giasuddin yesterday told The Daily Star that Salahuddin's wife Hasina Ahmed had left Dhaka for India to take care of her husband.

Earlier Salahuddin's lawyer applied the court to allow him to receive treatment at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. The court, however, rejected his plea. Instead, he was ordered to take treatment at the NEIGRIHMS in Meghalaya.

Meanwhile, case proceedings against Salahuddin will resume at a Shillong court in early February after a two-month break for winter vacation, prosecutor IC Jha told The Daily Star.

SP Mohanto, lawyer of Salahuddin, said, "We hope the court will deliver its verdict very soon after end of the case proceedings."

Road crashes kill 7

Two Bangladeshis die in UAE road accident

CITY DESK

Seven people were killed and seven others injured in road accidents in five districts yesterday and on Monday.

In Barisal, three people were killed as a car hit a roadside tree near Kamini Petrol Pump at Rahampur on Barisal Dhaka highway yesterday.

Two of the deceased were Samir Mali Mihir of Kalashkathi and Monir Hossain of Sagardi in Barisal city. They died on the spot.

Another victim, whose identity could not be known immediately, died at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital later.

In Kurigram Sadar, two people were killed as a bus hit their motorcycle on Rangpur-Kurigram highway in Muktarum village of Belgachha on Monday night.

The deceased were Sumon Kumar Dash, 28, of Dashpara village and Utpal Chandra Dash, 22, of Majhipara village. Utpal was a first-year honours-student of chemistry in Kurigram Government College.

Utpal died on the spot while Sumon died at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday morning.

In Kishoreganj, a college student was killed as a pick-up van rammed his motorcycle on Bhairab-Kishoreganj road in Kathmohal area of Katiadi upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Sajjadul Islam Sajid, 17, of Katiadi municipal area. He was an HSC-student of Katiadi Degree College.

In Dinajpur, Ibrahim Ali, 30, of Chandpara village was killed as a truck hit his bicycle on Dinajpur-Bogra highway near Raniganj area of Ghoraghat upazila yesterday.

In Jamalpur, seven people were injured when a human-hauler carrying them plunged into a roadside ditch and turned turtle after it collided head-on with a goods-laden truck in front of PDB office in Sarishabari upazila yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, our staff correspondent reports, two Bangladeshi migrant workers were killed and three others injured in a road accident in the United Arab Emirates (the UAE) yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Abdur Rahim, 42, and Alamgir, 45. Both hailed from Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong.

AKM Mizanur Rahman, first secretary (labour) at Bangladesh embassy in Dhaka, said the accident occurred around 7:30am (UAE local time) at Ras Al Khaimah area when the driver lost his control over the vehicle and knocked with an electricity pole.

Of the injured, Azim from Hathajari of Chittagong is undergoing treatment at Al Sakar Hospital in Dubai while the two others took first aid.

All of them were going to their workplaces.

Urs venue not being shifted from Farmgate despite DNCC notice

Kutub Bag Darbar Sharif Committee leader tells The Daily Star

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kutub Bag Darbar Sharif Committee has decided not to shift the venue of its annual Urs Sharif (religious congregation) from Anwara Park of the capital's Farmgate next year, defying an official notice from the city corporation.

Shafiqul Alam, publicity secretary of the committee, said, "Dhaka North City Corporation authorities placed an objection to us for holding this Urs. We have told them that we will consider shifting the venue next year. But we didn't take any final decision yet to shift our programme from Anwara Park," he said.

While informed of the DNCC's letter and a public notice hung at the park, Shafiqul said they might hold the Urs at any place inside or outside of the city next year.

Talking to The Daily Star on Sunday, he also said they had paid Tk 65,000 to the government to hold this year's Urs on January 26-27. The organisers of the Urs virtually took over the public spaces in the beginning of January to erect enormous marquees, five grand arch gates and a regal stage to deliver sermons to devotees, who turned up in thousands from across the country.

Thousands of devotees stayed overnight in the marquees. The marquee set up on Anwara Park was meant for women devotees.

Shahsufi Hazrat Jakir Shah, the pir (a spiritual guru) of Kutub Bag Darbar Sharif, held the Urs caring little for children's access to the ground and putting people in difficulty for a month. The Darbar Sharif has been holding similar congregations at the T&T playground and Rajdhani High School ground in Farmgate and Indira Road area since 2008.

However, SM Ajior Rahman, zonal executive officer of DNCC, told this correspondent that the Darbar committee submitted a written letter on January 22 and informed them that they would shift the venue from the park next year.

Muhith for tax on junk food

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday in parliament said he is mulling over imposing a 14.5 percent "fat tax" on junk food in the upcoming budget for fiscal 2017-18.

Junk food is gaining a lot of response from people as it is cheaper; but these foods are unhealthy, he said, while replying to a call attention notice of ruling Awami League lawmaker Nurjahan Begum. "It's a good idea. I never had this idea of imposing tax on junk food. I will look into the matter while preparing next fiscal years' budget."

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JS caucus

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who gave the directives to commit the heinous incident, must also be punished."

Because of the eviction, lives of around 2,500 to 3,000 Santals have been affected, said Mesbah, while reading out a written statement.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) lawmaker Nazmul Haque Prodhan, also member of the caucus, urged all to establish equal rights of all irrespective of religion, race and caste.

Another caucus member and Workers Party of Bangladesh lawmaker Tipu Sultan said Santals children are so panicked that they do not want to go to schools fearing further attack.

Another caucus member Sanjeeb Drong, also general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, claimed that the state was not acting properly to protect the rights of indigenous people.

Charge sheet

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while entering from Shahabagh, Nilkhet and Doyel Chattar, said the DMP chief.

There will be a special foot and bike patrol team at the venue to avert unwanted incidents including stalking, mugging and snatching, said the DMP chief, adding that the visitors have to use separate entry and exit gates for the fair so that female visitors do not face any harassment.

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1	Invitation for	Pre-qualification of Bidders
2	Procurement Method	Single Stage Two Envelopes
3	Budget and Source of Funds	Bank's Own Fund
4	Project Name	Construction of "EXIM Tower" Project
5	Proposed Tender Name	Construction work of 13 (thirteen) storied building with 3 (three) Basements for "EXIM Tower"
6	Pre-qualification Document Last Selling Date and Time	22/02/2017, until 03:00 PM
7	Application Submission Closing Date and Time	23/02/2017, 03:30 PM
8	Application Opening Date and Time	23/02/2017, 03:30 PM
9	Name & Address of the office for selling, submitting and opening of pre-qualification documents	Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Limited Head Office, General Services Division, Symphony Plot # SE(F) 9, Road # 142, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212
10	Date / Time and Place of pre-qualification Meeting	Pre pre-qualification meeting will be held subject to applicants' request. Date & time of the meeting will be communicated later, if required.
11	Qualification of Applicant	The Applicant must meet following qualification criteria: (1) 20 years general construction and 10 years multi-storied building construction experience (2) satisfactory completion of construction of a not less than 10 storied building with at least 2 basements of contract value not less than BDT 500 (five hundred) million under single contract during the last 10 (ten) years (3) required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than BDT 400 (four hundred) million over the last 5 (five) years; (4) minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Applicant shall be BDT 100 (one hundred) million on a date after publication of IFP, etc. other qualification criteria specified in Pre-qualification Document.
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