

Court asks IO to probe into case against Iqbal Sobhan

Nizam Hazari urges Speaker to summon Iqbal to JS

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday directed officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station to probe into the case filed by an Awami League lawmaker against Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, editor of The Daily Observer, for publishing a report on January 23. After scrutinising relevant documents, Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sarafuzzaman Ansari took cognisance of the charges against Iqbal, also the media adviser to the prime minister.

According to the complaint filed by Enamul Haque, the lawmaker from Rajshahi-4, on January 31, Iqbal Sobhan, being jealous of Enamul's fame published a report headlined "Police await PM's order to crack down on drug lords" which tarnished his reputation. The daily mentioned several lawmakers' names, including Enamul, and published their photographs only to "defame them", the complainant said.

Several other cases were also filed against Sobhan in different districts for publishing the report. CALL TO SUMMON Meanwhile, ruling Awami League lawmaker Nizam Uddin Hazari in Jatiya Sangsad called upon the Speaker to summon Iqbal Sobhan to prove the news against four lawmakers over "drug dealing".

Nizam also said he would quit his job as an MP and walk out from parliament wearing garland of shoes if Iqbal can prove the news. He was speaking on the thanksgiving motion of the president's speech.

Nizam, on January 30, filed a Tk 10 crore defamation case against Iqbal with a Feni court.



Outgoing non-resident High Commissioner of Singapore to Bangladesh Chan Heng Wing calls on President Abdul Hamid at the latter's office in the capital yesterday.

CASE AGAINST 14 BAGERHAT MEN ICT wants submission of charges March 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit charges on March 28 in the case filed against 14 Bagerhat men for allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The tribunal set the date after Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman Badal said they have received the investigation report and other documents in the case on January 22 and need three months' time to prepare the charges.

The accused are Khan Ashraf Ali, 65, Khan Akram Hossain, 60, Sultan Ali Khan, 68, Rustam Ali Mollah, 70, Edris Ali Mollah, 64, Moksed Ali Didar, 83, Sheikh Mohammad Ukil Uddin, 62, Sheikh Edris Ali, 61, Rafiqul Islam alias Babul, 64, Moniruzzaman Hawlader, 69, Hashem Ali Sheikh, 79, Azhar Ali Sikder, 64, Mokbul Mollah, 79, and Abdul Ali Mollah, 65.

Of the 14, Akram, Edris, Ukil, Mokbul and Abdul Ali are in custody while the rest are absconding.

Tribunal's investigation agency on January 22 completed investigation in the case and said to have found evidence against the 14 over their alleged involvement in wartime crimes.

They were "involved" in at least seven incidents of crimes, the agency said. The charges are killing of 10 people, injuring two others and looting of 40 to 50 houses in Capri and Teligati villages; killing of four people in Hajrakhal and Boikhali villages; killing of two unarmed freedom fighters in Dhuligati village; killing of four people of Bilkul and Bichat villages; killing of a man of Bilkul village; and rape of four women for over a month.

Lavish flats for secretaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is building 114 grand-sized luxurious apartments, at a cost of Tk 274 crore, for its secretaries and officials with similar ranks in the heart of the capital.

The lavish 3,500-square-foot flats will be constructed on about seven bighas land in Eskaton area.

According to a press release of the ministry of housing and public works, the flats will be housed in three 20-storey buildings with each building having amenities such as swimming pool, tennis court, badminton court, fitness centre, walkway and car park.

In another project in Malibagh area, the ministry will spend Tk 195 crore to build 456

more flats for other government officials.

This project will have a total of four buildings, with 114 flats in each.

Unveiling foundation stones for both the projects yesterday, Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain said there are more than 1.5 lakh public servants in Dhaka and only eight percent of them are provided with residential facilities.

The government has planned to raise the figure to 40 percent, he added.

The government is building residential flats for public servants in Malibagh after the piece of land was recovered from land grabbers, the minister said hoping that both the projects would be completed soon.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Rizia Begum, 76, mother of Nature Press Club's President Rezaul Karim Reza, died of old-age complications at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday.

She left behind two more sons and three daughters.

She was buried at Sarabari central graveyard in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj after Asr prayers.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 20th death anniversary of Khairul Kabir, a journalist and a banker, said a press release.

He was the founder editor of the daily Sangbad.

Kabir was the major shareholder, vice chairman and chief executive officer of Union Bank Ltd, formerly known as the Bank of Tripura Assam and Bengal, one of the oldest banks in India. Kabir, who was the first chairman and managing director of Janata Bank, was a fellow of the American Bankers Association.

A milad mehfil will be held at his home in Choralal.

EU keen to support new EC

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union is keen provide necessary support once the upcoming Election Commission is formed.

EU envoy in Dhaka Pierre Mayaudon told this to reporters yesterday. "Of course we will contribute if they (EC) express interest and make specific request."

The envoy was briefing diplomatic correspondents on the new "EU Development Cooperation Multiannual Indicative Programme", under which Bangladesh would receive \$700 million in grants as development assistance till 2020 to support an equitable and sustainable growth, socio-economic development and improved democratic governance.

The EU traditionally helped Bangladesh EC in its different capacity building projects, but currently the EU does not have any project

aiming to strengthen the EC in Bangladesh.

The EU declined to observe the Jan 5 national elections in 2014 as the main opposition BNP and its allies boycotted over allegations of massive irregularities in upazila elections and city corporation polls. The EU subsequently stopped funding in projects to strengthen the EC.

"We have to let them sit down and discuss within themselves if they express interest towards the international community, donor partners and the EU given our longstanding partnership," Pierre said.

In reply to a question on Rohingya relocation plan, the EU envoy said their understanding is that the initiative is still at the initial stage and they are very eager to learn more about the modalities, ways and means of the shifting plan.

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SAHR concerned at visa denial

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She said she might have been denied visa as she was vocal in the campaign against the under-construction Rampal power plant, a Bangladesh-India joint venture.

"Indian High Commission in Dhaka always invites me on India's Republic Day on January 26, but this year it has not also invited me on that occasion," Sultana Kamal told The Daily Star yesterday.

She said she visited India many times; so the denial this time was surprising. "If I am to face such visa denial for speaking about my national interest, where is my sovereignty then?" she asked.

SAHR, headquartered in Sri Lanka, said many other prominent civil society persons faced similar circumstances due to their commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights of the South Asian people.

SAHR has highlighted its concerns to the Saarc secretary general and the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and

Association.

Due to visa restrictions, civil society has limited congregational space to conduct collaborative regional activities, according to the statement signed by SAHR Chairperson Hina Jilani and Co-Chairperson Nimalka Fernando.

South Asia continues to be a "disconnected" region with people still unable to travel with comfort and ease, it said.

"Visas to visit South Asian countries are a long and arduous task for its people and an almost impossible task for Afghans and options for direct travel to capitals remain minimal," it said.

Even though regional connectivity was the overall theme of the 18th official Saarc Summit held in 2014, so far outcomes have not been substantial in achieving visa liberalisation.

"This situation is aggravated by the state centric national security protocols," SAHR said, urging the states to achieve visa liberalisation as the stepping-stone to strengthen solidarity among the people of South Asia.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) COMPANY MATTER NO. 36 OF 2017

IN THE MATTER OF :
Zakaria Hossain ChowdhuryPETITIONER.
-VERSUS-
Dulichand Omraolal Oil Mills Limited and othersRESPONDENTS.

AND

Notice is hereby given that an application has been presented to the Company Bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh under section 233 of the Companies Act 1994 for an order for the protection of the interest of the Petitioner, who is a Director, Managing Director and Shareholder of Dulichand Omraolal Oil Mills Ltd. and Dhaka Aluminum Works Limited. Upon hearing the Petitioner, the said application has been admitted on 22.01.2017 by Mr. Justice Md. Rezaul Hasan, the Honbl'e Company Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. The Honbl'e Court further ordered the said application to be posted in the daily cause list on 15.02.2017.

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National leader

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conveyed sympathy for the bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the cabinet yesterday adopted a condolence reference for the deaths of Zahanara and seasoned Awami League politician Suranjit Sengupta.

Liton said his mother was taken to Dhaka a month ago to her youngest son AHM Ehsanuzzaman Swapan's house for her medical check-up at Birdem hospital as she was suffering from diabetes and old-age complications.

She is survived by two sons and four daughters. Her body will be flown to Rajshahi today for burial at their family graveyard.

Local lawmakers including Fazle Hossain Badsha, political leaders, and socio-cultural organisations mourned the death.

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