

UK disappointed over article by Bangladeshi diplomat

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The UK government has expressed disappointment over an article by the UK's ambassador to Bangladesh, the UK Commission in London published in a Dhaka daily.

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office summoned High Commissioner Nazmul Hossain and expressed the British government's displeasure on Tuesday, said a diplomatic source.

The article titled "A labour win on the cards" on the British elections by Nadeem Qadri was published by Dhaka Tribune on Monday. The newspaper withdrew the article later. Foreign ministry officials, however, did not comment on the issue.

The UK elections will be held on Thursday.

Nadeem, a journalist, was appointed as the press minister in 2014 for two years. His job was later extended.

Victim support

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police to escort her back home as it was becoming very late at night, but they refused.

Aggrieved by the GD, the same four youths on the following day [March 4] allegedly raped the woman at an abandoned house in Korail bost (slum). The support centre is currently handling the investigation," said the deputy commissioner, adding that another accused Naiti Ali is absconding.

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Official statement issued by them.

They also called for a united effort to resist the communal force rising in Bangladesh.

"This group is misleading the general public through misrepresentation of the truth and engaging in conspiracies to destabilise Bangladesh," it added.

"It will not be possible to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War, if [we] do not stand firm against one another. The communal forces and oppression by such fundamentalist groups that misuse the religion," the statement said.

Signatories of the statement include Rasheda K Choudhury, Farhana Hossain, Prof Seriat Islam Chowdhury, Selina Hossain, Modifudul Hakeem, Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Aromat Dutta, Khushi Karim, Salma Ali and Sara Hossain.

From a rally in front of the Baitul Muqarrar mosque in the capital on Friday, Hafiz leaders issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the government to arrest Sultanat or else send her into exile.

Rights activists said the threat was in violation of the constitution and right to freedom of speech.

Hafiz's threat came after a recent television talk show, now available on YouTube.

Sultana Kamal, Hafiz leader and co-founder of Hossain's group, Imamoghar Hossain former Spokesperson Inger Harker and former Awami League lawmaker Apu Ukil took part in the programme hosted by Dhaka University teacher Robert Ferdous.

In the show, Shalika Hossain, referring to the statue of Lady Justice on the Supreme Court premises, said there should be no religious structures on court premises. Sultana told The Daily Star on Friday.

"I said, yes, I agree with you. There should be no religious structures inside court premises. Not even mosques," she said.

Man killed

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Mohammad Mohiuddin told The Daily Star that the group fired shots at a police team in a bid to free an arrestee and police fired 18 shots in self-defence.

The police team was returning to Kasha Police Station after arresting Ibrahim's wife Renara Begum on disclosing six kilograms of cannabis in their home around 10.00pm.

Ibrahim died on the spot and his associates fled, said the OC, adding that the body was sent to the forensic department for a post-mortem capital morgue for an autopsy.

There was a gapping wound on the deceased's chest.

3 Bangladesh-origin women

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one as Friends Party nominee and 4 as independent contestants.

But unlike others, the "three daughters" -- Tulip, Sheikh Rehman's daughter and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's niece, Rupa and Rupa -- are in an advantageous position since they are elected members of British Parliament.

The elections gave them an extra edge as they are competing from the constituencies which elected them to parliament only two years ago.

Of the rests two are women -- Marina Ahmed and Raushan Ara -- both candidates of Labour Party which also nominated Bangladesh's British Anwar Babul Miath, Foyso Chowdhury



Tulip Rushanara Rupa

and Abdullah Rumeel Khan in the polls. Saja Miath is standing as a Liberal Democrats candidate, while Afzal Choudhury is competing from the Friends Party.

Anwar Babul Miath, Omar Rahman, Abu Nowsheed and Mirza Zillur are contesting as independent candidates.

Tulip is fighting to retain her seat in crucial Hampstead and Kilburn constituency in London having Liberal Democrat Kishu Allan, Conservative Claire-Louise Leyland, Green Party's John Mansook and independent candidates Hugh Easterbrook and Rainbow George Weiss as her rivals.

Rushanara is contesting from Bangladesh-dominated Bethnal Green

and Bow constituency. Other candidates fighting for the seat are Charlotte Corbett (Conservative), William Dye (Liberal Democrat), Alistair Polson (Green Party), Ian de Wulverton (UKIP) and Ajmal Masroor (independent).

Rupa is vying to retain her Ealing Central and Acton seat, one of the most hotly contested seats in today's polls. Two other candidates fighting for the seat are Joy Morrissey (Conservative) and John Ball (Liberal Democrat).

The UK last went to polls on May 7, 2015, when the conservatives came to power by winning the majority of 331 seats out of the 650 available in the parliament.

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Rajuk evicts Moudud

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parked outside the residence. Two trucks were also there to carry furniture from the house.

According to the highest court's verdict, we are evacuating the house and taking control of it," said Waliur Rahman, zonal director of Rajuk.

The eviction drive came three days after the apex court dismissed three petitions seeking review of its verdict that scrapped a High Court judgment ordering the authorities to do mutation of the Gulshan land and residence in the name of Moudud's brother Monjur Alam.

Police assisted Rajuk officials in the drive, said SM Mustaque Ahmed, deputy commissioner of (Gulshan Division) Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

"We are demolishing the trucks and goods. No family member of Moudud, BNP's standing committee member, was seen there at the time.

When the drive began, Moudud was in the house. He reached the house at 3:00pm.

Infuriated, Moudud told Rajuk officials, "It is a sign that there is no rule of law in the country."

Terming the drive "unlawful and unethical", Moudud told The Daily Star that Rajuk conducted the drive without any prior notice.

This is not a government property. Still, the government is desperate to evict me from the house.

"It is an example of vengeance. The court did not say anything about eviction and Rajuk also did not serve any notice to me to leave the house. I was in 1972, after the revolution, I was evicted... If I were a ruling party man, situation would have been different."

Asked where he would live now, the BNP leader said he had no other option but stay on the street.

However, Moudud's associate barrister Ehsanur Rahman said the furniture was moved to Moudud's flat at Gulshan-2 and some items would be left in the house belonging to one of his relatives.

Asked why no notice was served to leave the house, Rajuk official Walir Rahman told journalists, "This is our property. The court gave the verdict. So,

why should serve a notice."

Around 4:00pm, BNP standing committee member Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain went to the residence. He told journalists, "We don't know about the legal aspect. We know that he was there and he was evicted from there."

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said a title suit (property related case) was filed by Moudud's brother Monjur Ahmed with a Dhaka court in 1993 seeking mutation of the property in his name. The court in 2001 dismissed the suit and delivered a verdict against Monjur who claimed the ownership of the house.

Monjur then filed an appeal with the High Court against the lower court verdict. In 2005, the HC ordered the government to register the property in Monjur's name.

The government then appealed to the Supreme Court against the HC verdict. In the meantime, the property was enlisted as abandoned property. Moudud filed a writ petition with the HC challenging the government declaration.

The HC in response to the writ petition passed another order in favour of Monjur. Rajuk then filed an appeal with the apex court.

Meanwhile, the Anti-Corruption Commission in December 2013 lodged a case with Gulshan Police Station against Moudud and his brother Monjur on charges of grabbing the "abandoned public land."

According to the case statement, Moudud and his brother grabbed the land between 1978 and 2006.

The land was enlisted as abandoned land in 1972 after the revolution. Pakistani couple Mohammad Ehsan and Inge Maria Flatz -- left the country, according to the ACC.

Ehsan received the possession of the land in 1963 from now-defunct DFI (now Rajuk). The land was transferred to Flatz in 1965.

Moudud falsely showed that Flatz issued a power of attorney in favour of him in August 1973, said the anti-graft lawyer who was evicted from his home.

Moudud grabbed the land and its establishment, and started living there, identifying him as a tenant of Flatz. But an ACC investigation found no record

of the top of the most 10 contested seats in London's Labour Party.

After the election, Tulip was inducted into the shadow cabinet of Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and joined Shadow Minister of Education Angela Rayner's team of four as the Shadow Minister of Early Years education.

She, however, resigned as the shadow minister following Jeremy Corbyn's decision to impose a three-line whip on Labour MPs to vote in favour of triggering Article 50.

Born in Mitham, London in 1982, Tulip completed two Master's degrees -- one in English literature and another in Politics, Policy and Government -- from King's College London. She was a former member in Regent's Park and Cabinet Minister for Culture and Communities in Camden Council.

Tulip, who became the first Bengali woman councillor in Camden Council in May 2010, first contested the parliamentary seat in 2015.

Rushanara retained her seat in 2015 from East London's Bethnal Green and Bow constituency with a majority of 24,317 votes. She secured 32,387 votes, while her nearest rival Conservative candidate Mathew Smith bagged 8,070 votes.

Hailing from Biswanath in Sylhet, Rushanara was appointed UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy for Bangladesh after the 2015 elections.

Rupa was elected in the last UK general elections from Ealing Central and Acton constituency by bagging 22,002 votes. Her nearest rival Conservative Party-backed Angy Bray obtained 21,728 votes.

British Prime Minister Theresa May on April 18 called for an early election in less than two months, clearly anxious that her thin majority in parliament would weaken her hand in complicated negotiations on the British exit from the European Union.

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Jewellers call indefinite

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Hossain said the transparency regarding the gold worth Tk 274.35 crore and diamonds worth around Tk 10 crore. CIID officials said.

According to police and customs officials, the jewellery business in Bangladesh has been going on for decades with smuggled gold.

The raids at Apur's outlets on May 14 and 15 were the first of its kind and had created concern and panic among owners of Apur Jewellers.

After the raids, the association called a strike for an indefinite period on May 18, but hours later they backed-tracked after a meeting with CIID officials.

Yesterday, association leaders also decided to submit a memorandum to the ministries of finance and commerce on June 12 and to hold a rally in the capital on June 15 to press home their demands.

Enamul claimed that a vested quarter was trying to destroy the jewellery business.

He condemned the CIID raids at Apur Jewellers, claiming that the CIID officials sealed Apur's five outlets without serving any prior notice, which left its employees in danger and uncertainty.

Local administrations in different districts are harassing the jewellery shop owners and employees, he also alleged.

Enamul claimed that jewellers could not pay their employees as they could not run their business smoothly.

The CIID officials last month went for a crackdown amid allegation that

Banani double rape prime accused Ahmed Shafat, son of one of the owners of Apur Jewellers, bragged about being a gold smuggler.

Shafat also boasted about their wealth and said police would not touch them when the two girls warned them they would go to the law enforcers, according to the testimony of one of the victims.

Invited to Shafat's birthday party on March 28, the girls went to the Raintree hotel in Banani around 9:00pm. After the party, the girls were taken to a room where Ashraf alias Halim raped them in two rooms, alleged one of the girls who filed the case.

Shafat and Nayem confessed to raping the girls, while three others accused -- Shafat's driver Bilal Hossain, bodyguard Rahmat and victims' friend Shadman Sakif -- admitted their involvement in the incident.

Inked about the 48-hour ultimatum of returning the gold, Dildar Ahmed Selim, father of Shafat and one of the owners of Apur Jewellers, said it was the statement of association leaders.

He respects the law, he added. Meanwhile, the CIID yesterday asked customers who earlier ordered the Apur Jewellers ornaments, to apply to the CIID's Kairali office for their ornaments by June 13 from today.

About 29kg out of 367kg of the confiscated ornaments were handed over to customers at the five outlets. A five-member committee was formed on Tuesday to look into whether the ordered gold ornaments are returnable as per the law.

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Iamdani weavers busy

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blends and styles including cotton, silk, cotton silk, soft silk, half silk, mriti silk, dhoti silk, katan, koda, khador, banarshi, dhanisri, ekari, phatbor and more. Indeed, individual weavers commonly produce more than one quality and style.

"Bangali weavers inately offer something new each Eid," says sari trader Ratan Basak. "They have introduced new colours and designs this year too." He notes the distinctive embroidery that is often added to saris through hand-stitching in traditional Bangladesh alpina designs. "Bold, festive colours predominate," he says, "including magenta, ash, red, yellow,

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Pak close to win amid rain

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