



Pay Tareque Masud's family Tk 4.61cr

HC orders bus owners, driver, insurer to pay compensation to family of the filmmaker for his death in 2011 road accident in Manikganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered paying Tk 4.61 crore in compensation to the family of eminent filmmaker Tareque Masud for his death in a road accident six years ago.

It is a landmark verdict in the sense that this is the first compensation trial held directly in the HC, instead of a lower court, in the country.

The HC bench of Justice Zinat Ara and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo pronounced the verdict in the case filed under Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1983.



Tareque Masud

Of the compensation, bus driver Jamir Hossain will have to pay Tk 30 lakh, its insurer Reliance Insurance Tk 80,000 and the three bus owners Tk 4.30 crore.

In the lawsuit, the family of Tareque, renowned globally for his films such as Muktir Gaan and Matir Moyna, sought Tk 9.94 crore in compensation.

In her reaction, Catherine Masud, the filmmaker's widow and one of the plaintiffs, said the verdict was a consolation for her although she would never get her husband back.

"I got consolation for my seven-year-old son, for his [Tareque's] mother and for thousands of people who are losing their near and dear ones in road accidents.

"It has been legally recognised that accidents are not merely an accident. The drivers, bus companies and even the insurance companies have the

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World treats Bangladesh with respect

Says PM at dinner in Phnom Penh

UNB, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said her government's stance and continued efforts to build the Padma Bridge with its own fund have changed the world's attitude towards Bangladesh and all now treat it with respect.

"They [the global community] now show due respect while talking about Bangladesh. We want to move ahead in the global arena with due honour as a victorious nation..." she said while addressing a dinner programme at Hotel

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Amid a severe shortage of vehicles because of a strike enforced by a public transport owners' association, people in the port city suffered immensely yesterday. Commuters struggled to get on whatever mode of transport was available on the streets. Many had to walk long distances.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Sudden strike cripples the port city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Scores of commuters, including children, had to wait for hours on the streets due to a sudden transport strike in the port city yesterday.

The strike, announced by a group of transport owners on Wednesday, caught many city dwellers unawares yesterday morning.

Chittagong Metropolitan Gono Parishad, an association of transport owners, had called the strike with

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Ensure justice for litigants

President asks judges

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged judges to perform their duties neutrally without being influenced by any fondness or enmity.

"People's fundamental right is to get justice...so being a judge, it is your duty and responsibility to ensure justice for the litigants," he told judges, while addressing a pre-dinner function at the

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Pope defends his Myanmar strategy

Explains why he avoided the term 'Rohingya'

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Pope Francis on Saturday defended his strategy of avoiding the term "Rohingya" in Myanmar, saying he believed he got his message across to both the civilian and military leadership without shutting down dialogue.

Speaking to reporters aboard the plane returning to Rome from Bangladesh, the pontiff also indicated that he had been firm with Myanmar's military leaders in private meetings about the need for them to respect the rights of Rohingya refugees.

He also disclosed that he cried when he met a group of Rohingya refugees on Friday in Bangladesh, where he defended their rights by name in an



Pope Francis

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HOLEY ARTISAN ATTACK Charge sheet by this month

Says counter-terror unit chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police expect to complete the probe into last year's terror attack in a Gulshan café by December this year.

"The investigation is at the final stage. We will submit the charge sheet by this month," Monirul Islam, chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime, told reporters yesterday.

Counterterrorism officials claimed to have found involvement of 30-35 people in the country's worst-ever terrorist attack. Seven of the suspects have already been arrested and four are still on the run.

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