

5 more cases filed against Mahmudur

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He said such remarks by Mahmudur were "a threat to the country" and legal action should be taken against him.
In Gaibandha, a sedition case was filed against Mahmudur for making "indecent and insulting statements" on the Bangabandhu's family and the country.
Sarder Shahid Hasan Loton, president of Gaibandha Jubo League, filed the case with the Cognisance Court of Gaibandha.
The plaintiff in the case statement said the acting editor of the Bangla daily on December 1 took part in a seminar on restoration of democracy and the role of media, organised by Bangladesh Democratic Council at the Jatiya Press Club.
He said Mahmudur at the programme made "aggressive statements" on Bangabandhu, the prime minister and his granddaughter Tulip Siddiq. By terming Bangladesh "a colony of India", he "denied the country's independence and sovereignty", added Shahid.
According to the case statement,

Mahmudur further said Bangabandhu had "killed democracy" on January 25, 1975 by forming BAKSAL and "killed and buried" the country's media on June 16 that year.
The court accepted the case and issued a summons for Mahmudur to appear before it on January 30 next year, said plaintiff's lawyer Niranjan Kumar Ghosh.
In Sylhet, another case was filed against the journalist on charges of defamation and sedition.
Rahat Tarafdar, former president of Sylhet metropolitan Chhatra League, filed the case with Sylhet Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court accusing Mahmudur of showing disregard to the state and the Liberation War. The plaintiff also sought Tk 500 crore in damages.
The court ordered the Police Bureau of Investigation to probe the matter and submit a report to it in seven working days, said Mahfuzur Rahman, additional public prosecutor of the court.
In Jessore, a sedition case was filed against Mahmudur with the Judicial Magistrate's Court, said court sources.

Mashiur Rahman Sagor, an executive member of Jessore AL and also the chairman of Kashimpur Union Parishad in Jessore, filed the case.
The plaintiff accused Mahmudur of using abusive language at the premier and her family members during the December 1 programme in Dhaka.
Accepting the case, the court fixed Tuesday for passing an order.
In Khulna, Nazia Ahmed Borna, president of Khulna Metropolitan Jubo Mohila League, filed a case against the acting editor.
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Amirul Islam ordered the OC of Khulna Sadar Police Station to investigate the charges of defamation and sedition and take necessary action.
On Saturday, two sedition cases were filed against Mahmudur in Dinajpur and Kurigram.
An AL leader filed another case against the journalist in Natore on December 7 on the same charges.
Our correspondents in Manikganj, Gaibandha, Sylhet, Jessore and Khulna contributed to this report.

The yellow

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Rab officers in Chittagong said traffickers, when stopped by law enforcers, sometimes tried to pass the hauls as cattle-fattening medications.
They seized a large drugs haul including 1,000 yellow pills on October 20 in the city's Barisal Colony area. But no one was arrested.
Police officers said, a total of 35,000 yellow yaba pills were seized by Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB) and Rab on August 28 and September 16 in Akbar Shah and Sadarghat areas respectively. Two suspects arrested at Sadarghat are being interrogated.
BGB Director (operation) Lt Col Nasiruddin Ekram of South East Region said, "It is a new version of yaba. It is sold at higher prices than the older ones."
Squadron Leader Shafayat Jamil Fahim of Rab-7, who seized the haul in Sadarghat, said, "We have learnt that the yellow yaba are being smuggled to Bangladesh from India and we have confirmed that the pills contain methamphetamine."
"They have come up with this to dodge law enforcers. They pass these as cow-fattening tablets."
He added that the pills were trafficked through borders in Comilla and Shatkhira.
"Yaba used to be smuggled into Chittagong from Myanmar. But this time, we found that the consignments of yellow pills were brought here from Comilla."
Rab-7 Assistant Director (media) Mimitanur Rahman said, "After the seizure, our officers became a little puzzled when the suspects claimed that those were cow-fattening pills. But we found out the truth after examining the pills at our central lab in Dhaka."
After a case was filed with Sadarghat police station in this regard, police sent five pills to Criminal Investigation Department's lab for tests.
The test report, issued by Kaiser Rahman, chemical examiner at Chittagong CID, said there was methamphetamine in the pills each weighing 0.19 gram.
Officer-in-Charge Alamgir Hossen of Akbar Shah Police Station said, "After BGB's seizure, we also sent a few pills to the CID lab only to confirm what we already knew."
Shamim Ahmed, deputy director of Department of Narcotics Control in Chittagong (metro), said the yellow pills were not seen in the country before and they were trying to find out more about them.
Detectives also said they were investigating the source of the pills.

Final say stays with president

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the date of receiving the order.
If the IO cannot complete the probe in four months, he or she will inform it to the president through the SC in black and white mentioning the reasons.
Departmental case can be lodged against a lower court judge for misconduct, including corruption and involvement in acts subversive towards the state.
In the rules, corruption or involvement in graft means wealth or lifestyle of the official or his or her family members inconsistent with known income, and failure to produce a credible explanation for this.
The president will impose sentences including dismissal, suspension, forced leave, rebuke and suspension of promotion and annual increment of salary against the accused judicial officer if the allegation is proved.
If an allegation is brought against any lower court judge of committing criminal offence and any court concerned takes cognizance of the allegation for trial, the court will inform it to the president through the SC.
The president will issue necessary orders about suspending the accused judge on advice from the SC, the rules said, adding that if the judge is suspended, the suspension will continue until the court takes the final decision.
The ministry official said following the issuance of the gazette notification on the disciplinary rules, the Government Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1985, will not be applicable for the judicial officials.
There was no provision of consulting the SC in the rules of 1985, he said.
The government has so far taken time from the SC on 28 occasions since May 2015 for issuing the gazette notification.
During the hearing of Masdar Hossain case, also known as the judiciary separation case, the apex court on Sunday asked the government to submit the gazette notification to it on Wednesday (tomorrow).
Earlier, the then chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha wanted to see the rules curb the power of the president regarding the control of lower court judges.
He also expressed annoyance and dissatisfaction several times at the government's failure to issue the gazette notification while he was presiding over a bench of the apex court.
Yesterday, Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal told The Daily Star that the ministry has issued gazette notification on the disciplinary rules in line with article 116 of the constitution.
Article 116 of the constitution allows the president to control the posting, promotion and leave of the lower court judges in consultation with the SC.
"The control [including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave] and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the president and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court," says the article, in its current form.
After finalising the rules, the law ministry on November 30 sent those to the president through the prime minister for approval.
As President Abdul Hamid recently approved the rules, the law ministry yesterday issued the gazette notification to this effect.
Earlier, the SC had gone through the draft of the rules and sent it back to the ministry with its opinions.
On November 16 this year, Law Minister Anisul Huq met five judges of the Appellate Division of the SC and discussed the rules and then told The Daily Star that the problem regarding issuance of a gazette notification determining the discipline of lower court judges had been solved.
On November 5, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told reporters that Justice Sinha wanted to see that the rules curb the president's authority on the discipline of lower court judges. The government, therefore, was trying to resolve the issue through discussions with the SC and the law ministry, he added.
Article 116 of the original charter of 1972 had empowered the SC to decide on the posting, promotion and leave of lower court judges. The top court had also control over the magistrates' exercise of judicial powers and could

discipline the judicial service staffers when necessary.
Over the years, this article has been amended several times, curtailing the apex court's powers.
Currently, the powers to control and discipline subordinate courts are vested in the president, who exercises these powers in consultation with the SC.
On December 11 last year, the law ministry issued a notification, which said the president decided not to issue a separate gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for the lower court judges.
The following day, Justice Sinha said the president has been misinformed about issuance of gazette notification on the rules determining discipline of lower court judges.
Officials of the ministry would not have done this if they had the minimum knowledge, he said.
The lower judiciary was separated from the executive branch on November 1, 2007, following the SC directives in the Masdar Hossain case.

Kuwait ruler names son defence minister in new cabinet

AFP, Kuwait City
The Kuwaiti ruler swore in a new government yesterday, handing the defence ministry to his eldest son and appointing new oil and finance ministers.
The move comes weeks after the previous government, which had been formed a year ago, resigned following a dispute with members of parliament who filed a no-confidence motion against a senior minister.
Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah issued a decree naming the new line-up with Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Sabah, a senior member of the ruling family, staying on as prime minister.
Sheikh Nasser Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the emir's eldest son aged 69, was appointed as first deputy premier and defence minister.
This is the first ministerial job for Sheikh Nasser, who has been the head of the royal court since early 2006.
He is seen as the main driving force behind "Silk City," one of Kuwait's mega projects with investments estimated at more than \$100 billion.
The 16-member cabinet features nine newcomers, including changes at the oil and finance ministries.
Bakheet al-Rasheedi, a former top oil executive, replaces the outgoing oil minister Essam al-Marzouk.
Nayef al-Hajraf, former head of the Capital Markets Authority, will take over the finance ministry from Anas al-Saleh who was appointed as state minister for cabinet affairs.

Deal for capital dredging signed

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remarkable step forward in the development of the Payra port. We wish to see timely start and completion of the dredging work," Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan said at the signing ceremony in the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.
Commodore M Jahangir Alam, chairman of the PPA, and Jan Pieter De Nul, managing director of Belgium-based firm Jan De Nul, signed the deal on formation of a joint venture company for the task.
The PPA will have 51 percent share in the joint venture company and Jan De Nul the rest.
The firm will bear 20 percent of the cost of capital dredging from its equity and 80 percent of the funding will come from the Belgian government in the form of loans, Commodore Md Saidur Rahman, a member of the PPA, told The Daily Star.
The interest rate on the loans will be 0.85 percent and the money will have to be repaid in 12 years, he said.
The joint venture will be valid for 15 years and loans will be repaid through tolls collected from vessels berthing at the seaport.
According to PPA officials, the Bangladesh government has to give sovereign guarantee for the loans.
The Payra port, which sits on the west bank of Rabnabad channel at the confluence of Galachipa-Tetulia river, started operation in August last year

with ship-to-ship cargo transfer on a limited scale.
The two existing seaports in Chittagong and Mongla continue to face challenges in handling growing volume of containers and cargos due to rising exports and imports. The two handled about 20 lakh Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) of containers in 2015.
The number of containers is expected to rise to 1.26 crore TUES by 2045, the PPA chairman showed in a presentation at the programme.
The completion of dredging will speed up development of other components such as establishment of a bulk terminal to handle coal, a container terminal, and oil and LNG terminals, according to the PPA.
Five coal-based and one LNG-based power plants with a capacity of 9,000 megawatt of electricity will be built near the port. The five plants will require 20 million tonnes of coal a year.
Besides, an economic zone and an airport will be set up near the port.
The PPA hopes the seaport will help establish a new north-north economic corridor and transform the entire south-central zone of the country.
Speaking at the ceremony, Md Abul Kalam Azad, chief coordinator for Sustainable Development Goals at the Prime Minister's Office, said Payra is one of the 10 fast-track projects of the government.
He emphasised timely implementa-

tion of the dredging work.
Jan Pieter De Nul said, "This is a green-field project. The job is not easy, very challenging."
At the programme, Begian ambassador to India Jan Luykx, concurrently accredited to Bangladesh, stressed the need for having well-connected ports for boosting economic activities.
Talking to The Daily Star, SK Mahfuz Hamid, managing director of shipping line Gulf Orient Seaways Ltd, said development of Payra port is crucial as pressure on Chittagong and Mongla ports continue to rise because of increasing volume of seaborne trade.
At least 84 mother vessels were waiting at the outer anchorage of Chittagong Port and 25 at Mongla Port as of yesterday, he added.

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additional secretaries and 430 of joint secretaries.
So, it would not be possible to give new postings to the promoted public servants and they would remain in their present posts.
On April 23, 267 senior assistant secretaries were promoted to deputy secretaries.
A total of 536 officials were promoted to additional secretaries, joint secretaries and deputy secretaries on November 27 last year.

Plastic bins, this time

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Dhaka campaign installed around 7,000 bucket-like metal trashcans across the city for garbage that litter the streets and often clog roadside drains.
The initiative was honest, said ABM Badruzzaman, a professor of environmental engineering at Buet, but the authorities lacked the vision and effort to make it sustainable.
"While the authorities demonstrated a slack attitude and apathy towards implementation, management, and supervision of the facility, a section of city dwellers showed sheer lack of civic sense, and these together resulted in the failure of the initiative," he said.
The bins were not even cleaned and emptied regularly, he said, adding that those should have been made of plastic and not metal as metal has resale value that encouraged vagabonds and ragpickers to steal them.
There were five bins at the DIT Plot intersection in Gendaria but only one is now usable. Among the useless bins, two were hung upside down, one was damaged, and one was missing.
Many of the cans were in deplorable state on Satish Sarkar Road in Gendaria, Sharatgupta Road, and Distilari Road in Dolaikhal, and in front of Gendaria High School.
Alamgir Hossain, a local, said in many cases the selection of the spots for the bins was wrong, which discouraged people from using them.
Asked what their plan was to make the trashcan initiative successful, Commodore MA Razzak, chief waste management officer of DNCC, said, "I don't know what to say."
The DNCC a year ago found that 186 out of the 1,000 bins installed were either missing or unusable. They did not take any initiative to reinstall or fix those in poor state.
"We are designing a new twin-bin with a lock and plastic cover to prevent damage, theft and breakage and we are going to set up those on an experimental basis," said Razzak.
The design is being done by a local "small firm", he said, adding that it was the same firm that installed the current bins.
Additional Chief Waste Management Officer Khandakar Millatul Islam of the DSCC said they had installed the bins on the opinions of local ward councillors as an experiment without a formal study or involvement of urban experts.
They repair and replace the damaged and missing bins but find more and more to fix and reinstall, he said.
He said though bins were meant only for the light waste, like papers, packets of chocolate or biscuits, or water bottles, many dump household garbage and construction materials in them.
In January DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon said they had found 220 of the bins stolen and 197 damaged.
He said the metal bins were durable and that they would replace the missing and damaged bins.

Law minister

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If any complaint (about violation of human rights) is received, the authorities concerned take immediate actions against those responsible, both under the civil and criminal laws, he said, adding that a departmental probe is also conducted.
The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organised the two-day conference marking the Human Rights Day, which was observed on Sunday.
About issuing a gazette notification on the conduct of lower court judges, the minister said, "Much drama has taken place centering on its formation. Publication of the gazette was delayed as a person wanted to politicise it."
He claimed that there was no tension between the country's executive branch and the judiciary.
Speaking as the chief guest at the conference, Anisul said Bangladesh gave shelter to around seven lakh Rohingyas on humanitarian grounds, but it was not a permanent solution.
The global community should put pressure on the Myanmar government to solve the Rohingya crisis, he added.
NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said Bangladesh's image would be tarnished abroad due to enforced disappearances and human rights violations by the law enforcement agencies.
UNDP Bangladesh Country Director Sudipto Mukerjee, among others, spoke at the programme.

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Invitation for Tenders

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1	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Geological Survey of Bangladesh, GSB.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director (IRSM_BD), Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB).
4	Procuring entity code	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Giger counter.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	28.05.0000.004.10.472.17
8	Date	04/12/2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	OTM (Re-Tender).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5000
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	"Identification and Economic Assessment of the Valuable Minerals in the River Sands of Bangladesh (IRSM_BD)."
14	Tender package No.	GD-4/16
15	Tender package name	Giger counter.
Date		
16	Tender publication date	12/12/2017
17	Tender last selling date	26/12/2017
Date		
18	Tender closing date and time	27/12/2017 12.00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	27/12/2017 12.30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
- Selling tender document (principal)		Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB), Room # 112, Ground Floor.
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
21	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	As per schedule, Section-2.
22	Brief description of goods	Giger counter.
23	Brief description of related services	As per schedule, Section-7.
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	3,000/-
25	Lot No.	Identification of lot
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		Tender security amount (Tk)
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		120 days
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Nuruzzaman Sabuj.
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Assistant Director (Additional Charge Procurement).
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Court accepts

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Some of the accused named in the charge sheet include AL leader and former UP chairman Abul Hashem, sacked UP chairman Dewan Atikur Rahman Ankhi, former joint secretary of Nasiragar upazila AL Sheikh Abdul Ahad, local AL leaders Faruq Mia and Suruj Ali, BNP leaders Abdul Hannan, Jamal Mia, Amirul Hossain Chakdar, Nasiragar upazila complex mosque imam Mukhlesur Rahman and president of a religious organisation Zakir Hossain.
On October 30 last year, around 200 religious bigots attacked at least 15 temples in Nasiragar upazila town and vandalised seven to eight idols.
They also vandalised and looted about 100 Hindu houses in several localities of Nasiragar town over a Facebook post purportedly from the account of one Rasraj Das. The attackers also beat up over 100 people of the minority community.
Eight cases were filed in connection with those attacks, accusing some 2,000 people.
So far, 124 suspects, including prime suspect sacked UP chairman Ankhi, have been arrested.

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