

Tk 4,500CR LOAN SCAM
ACC okays
charges against
ex-DMD of
BASIC Bank
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday approved charge sheet in a case filed against dismissed deputy managing director (DMD) of BASIC Bank, A Monayem Khan.

State-owned BASIC Bank sacked Monayem over Tk 4,500-crore loan scam.

According to the charge sheet, the legal property of Monayem including his bank loan is Tk 1.41 crore.

On the other hand, ACC's Assistant Director and investigation officer Shafi Ullah found the accused invested Tk 2.11 crore in Malaysia.

So it is apparent that he earned Tk 70.5 lakh beyond the known source of income, reads the charge sheet.

Monayem was suspended from the bank in April 2014. On October 31, 2016,

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It's a punishable offence

Draft law suggests harsh actions against provoking mental patients

BSS, Dhaka

The cabinet yesterday approved the proposed National Mental Health Act-2017 to replace a 105-year-old lunacy act suggesting stern actions against those provoking mental patients to commit crimes, and running unlicensed facilities for such patients.

The cabinet with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair approved the proposed law in its weekly meeting.

"The new law will replace the 105-year old Lunacy Act 1912," said Cabinet Secretary Md Shafiu Alam in a media briefing after the meeting.

He said, according to the draft, anybody provoking a mental patient to commit any offence will be fined Tk 5 lakh or two years of jail or both for running a mental hospital without any licence.

"The draft said: A person suffering from mental disabilities ... or a drug addict not being able to run his or her normal livelihood, would be defined as mental patient," Alam said.

The draft said the government would constitute a directorate for carrying out mental health related activities.

Alam said guardians of the patients can also apply to the committee to get support for the treatment of their sons and daughters.

The law also has provisions for setting up and operating hospitals and institutes under private sector for treatment of the mental patients and ensuring quality services for them, the cabinet secretary said.



The ongoing work of laying water supply pipelines, inset, at Muradpur intersection in Chittagong city has turned surrounding areas muddy, causing immense sufferings to pedestrians. The photo was taken yesterday during morning rush hour around 10:00am.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Too little done for a freedom fighter

Roma Chowdhury being treated for fractured bone in clinic after staying on CMCH floor for over 3hrs

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

In 1971, when the war broke out, Roma refused to leave her motherland. And she paid a price for that -- the Pakistani occupation army tortured and raped her. She also lost two of her sons in two months' succession in the same year.

After independence, Roma

Chowdhury started living her life as a single mother with her two other sons. She valued self-respect and lived on her own. The only earning source she had was selling her books, walking barefoot on the street. Roma even declined to be enlisted as freedom fighter and take the allowance from the government



because she thought she was earning enough by selling books.

Finally, the ageing, frail body triumphed over her strong will. She started falling sick. Around six months back, her health condition began to deteriorate. The final blow came on December 24 when she fell down on the floor and broke her right femur.

At 77 now, Roma was immediately taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), but her attendants had to move her to a private clinic after CMCH authorities failed to shift her to a bed from the floor. Her condition was critical.

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A child looks amused to be able to see colourful wild birds right on the street. Little does she know that the man carrying the birds is committing a crime, as catching and selling of wild birds and animals are illegal in the country. Nevertheless, such illegal act has been going on unabated even in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday from Kochukhet Bazar area in the city.

PHOTO: STAR

Deadliest in decade

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The year 2017 was the deadliest for the workers, as at least 426 of them died at 321 workplace accidents across the country -- the highest in a single year compared to the number of deaths in the last 10 years, according to a report disclosed yesterday.

The second highest death toll was 388 in 2011. In 2016, it stood at 382, the report found.

In between 2008 and 2017, more than 3,611 workplace deaths were reported, except for the two fatal catastrophes -- Tazreen Fashions fire in 2012 and Rana Plaza collapse in 2013.

Including the 1,246 deaths in the two incidents, the total number has reached over 4,857 during the timeframe, the report added.

According to experts, the actual number of deaths was higher than the reported one, and the number could have been reduced if the authorities concerned had taken appropriate safety measures.

Safety and Rights Society (SRS), a non-government organisation that works on improving workplace safety, prepared the report through collecting reports of death incidents published in different news media in between January and December 2017.

WORKPLACE DEATHS IN LAST 10 YEARS



SOURCE: SAFETY AND RIGHTS SOCIETY (SRS)

SRS revealed the findings at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Of the deaths last year, 144 workers (34 percent of the total deaths) died in accidents in the construction sector, and 102 workers (24 percent) in the transport sector. Besides, at least 96 workers died in the service sector, 76 in different factories and eight in the farming sector.

The report said the highest number of workers, about 117, died in road accidents, while 88 died from electrocution, 57 by falling. In addition, 30 died due to boiler explosions and 19 by inhaling toxic gas in septic tanks.

Most of the dead workers are below 40, and about 30 percent of them are aged in between 21 and 30, the report added.

The highest number of deaths, 101, was reported in Dhaka and then in Chittagong, Gazipur, Sylhet and Narayanganj.

The report also mentioned that the families of the victims did not get adequate compensations according to the labour law in most of the cases, which resulted in a gradual deterioration of their financial condition.

Trial proceedings of around 121 compensation cases are going on in

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Narcotics dept deputy director arrested while taking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested a deputy director (DD) of the Department of Narcotics Control while taking bribe from a businessman at the latter's office in Jessore.

ACC later filed a case with Jessore Kotwali Police Station against the accused, Mohammad Nazmul Kabir, said Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, public relations officer of ACC.

According to the case statement, one Sheikh Mohabbat Ali operates a liquor shop in Jadappur.

To renew his licence for 2017-18 fiscal, he paid fees Tk 9,200 to Sonali Bank and applied to the DD on June 29, 2017.

But, Nazmul demanded Tk 3 lakh for renewing the licence.

A few days later, Ali once again approached Nazmul and this time the deputy director agreed to renew his

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Stone traders tried to cover up Jaflong landslide

Say police after recovering body secretly sent to village home; death toll now 5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Besides the four workers killed in a landslide while extracting stones illegally in Jaflong of Gowainghat upazila on Tuesday, another body of a worker, who suffered the same fate, was recovered by police early yesterday from his village home at Baniachang upazila in Habiganj.

According to police, the traders, who appointed the workers, tried to hide the bodies after the landslide took place. They were able to send one of the bodies to the family members the same day, police added.

The district administration confirmed that the death toll now stands at five.

On Tuesday, seven workers went to the Mandir Jum area to extract stones from a trench. Suddenly, around 4:45pm, a landslide hit the pit, leaving five of them dead on the spot. The other two were critically injured.

Bishwajit Kumar Paul, upazila nirbahi officer of Gowainghat, said the body of one of the workers was recovered by police early yesterday. After the landslide, police started their investigation and heard from the locals that the traders were trying to cover up the incident by hiding the bodies.

They managed to hide one, he said. The family was about to bury the body when police recovered it. The body was sent to a local hospital morgue for an autopsy.

"We have closed all the stone extraction activities in the area..." he said.

Meanwhile, a three-member probe body has been formed by the administration headed by Syed Mohammad Aminur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) of Sylhet, on Tuesday night.

Contacted, he said, "We are investigating the incident. Legal steps will be taken against the traders who appointed the workers to extract stones illegally."

The deceased, whose body the traders hid, is Sadek Miah, 40, said police.

The other four dead workers are Jahur Ali, 60 of Baniachang upazila in Habiganj, his son Majaheed Ali, 21, and daughter Sakirun Begum, 26; and Nur Miah, 40, of Osmaninagar upazila.

Jakirun Begum, another daughter of Jahur Ali, filed a case against 15 named and eight unnamed persons with Gowainghat Police Station yesterday.

Police arrested one of the accused, Shahab Uddin,

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The Daily Star

19th 'O' & 'A' Level
Awards Presentation Ceremony, 2016-2017

Announcement for 'O' & 'A' Level Private Candidates and Schools

Private Candidates

Private candidates who fulfill the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

Criteria for 'O' Level

Minimum 6 (six) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2016 to May/June 2017

Criteria for 'A' Level

Minimum 3 (three) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2016 to May/June 2017

Eligible candidates are requested to contact Mr. Sheikh Yasir Arafat (Mobile: 01786111100) The Daily Star at 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, (Level-5) Dhaka-1215, with their **original Results Certificates and a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size recent photographs** in person on 29/30 or 31 January, 2018, between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Schools

Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Mr. Sheikh Yasir Arafat (Mobile: 01786111100) at The Daily Star (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Level-5, Dhaka-1215), on the aforementioned dates and times or email him at o.alevel.tds@gmail.com by 28th January, 2018, with:

- The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative and a valid email address that is checked regularly.

The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.

No registration will be allowed or accepted after 5:00 pm of 28th January, 2018.

NOTE: If you know of any private candidate(s) or school(s) that may be unaware of this, please communicate the above information to them so that we may include them in this ceremony as well.