

Faruque jailed

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of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah also directed Qazi Faruque to handover the possession of Proshika chairman's office to its Chairman MA Wadud and to submit a report to it after complying with the order in 15 days.

The bench came up with the verdict after hearing a case filed by MA Wadud, who was nominated chairman of Proshika by its governing body in 2009.

Qazi Faruque's lawyer Attorney General Mahubbey Alam told The Daily Star that his client would appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC verdict.

If the apex court stayed the HC verdict, Qazi Faruque would not need to serve prison time, he said, adding that Qazi Faruque was now holding the office of Proshika chairman.

Wadud's lawyer Md Solaiman told The Daily Star that Qazi Faruque would have to serve his prison time at the civil prison in Dhaka Central Jail.

They 'sold secret docs

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18, Tk 50 thousand on December 25 and Tk 2 lakh on January 11 from Khaled's office. Motaleb got a portion of the Tk 3 lakh.

On information that the rest of the money will be handed over on Monday, a DB team took position near Khaled's office at House-39 on Road-13/15 of Block D in Banani.

They arrested Nasir soon after he came out of the office with Tk 1.3 lakh.

Though the case statement said Nasir was caught on Monday, the DMP News, portal of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, in a post on Sunday stated that the three were arrested at 8:30pm that day (Sunday).

Nasir admitted he received the money from Khaled as bribe, the DB team arrested the Lakehead owner from his office, according to the case statement.

Motaleb was arrested from Dhanmondi area Monday evening and he also admitted getting a portion of the bribe, the statement added.

It further read Khaled and his associate Asif re-opened Lakehead school

The expenditure of his stay there, including living cost and food, would be paid by plaintiff Wadud.

Faruque would have to go there and serve the time once the HC releases the full text of the verdict, he said.

Solaiman said the present governing body of Proshika on May 24, 2009, replaced Qazi Faruque with MA Wadud as the organisation's chairman in the face of employees' agitation against Faruque for "indulging in corruption and nepotism".

After being removed, Faruque filed a case with the first assistant judge's court on May 27, 2009, challenging the governing body's decision but the court rejected the petition on May 31 the same year. Faruque then filed an appeal with the district judge's court on June 1, 2009, which was also rejected on June 6 the same year. He finally filed a civil revision case with the HC.

Following his civil revision case, the HC on August 10, 2009, directed the

violating conditions of a court order and managed secret documents from the two education ministry staff.

According to family members, Motaleb was picked up by plainclothes men on Saturday afternoon from the capital's Basila while Nasir went missing from Banani on his way to his office on Thursday.

Khaled had been missing since he was allegedly taken away by unidentified men in front of the school's Gulshan branch on Saturday afternoon.

Until Sunday evening, law enforcers remained tight-lipped about the reason of their arrest, making the family members deeply worried.

Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) Police, yesterday said they did not know anything about their going missing.

"The arrestees might have gone into hiding after getting involved in the bribery. We have no idea about it," he said while briefing reports at the DMP Media Centre yesterday.

Baten also said there were some allegations of having militancy links against

parties to maintain status quo on possession of the office of Proshika.

It ruled that Proshika would be run as usual by the governing body led by MA Wadud. Faruque could enter the NGO's office alone, not as a group, and he could not cause any indiscipline on its premises.

Following the HC order, Proshika had been running with the MA Wadud in the chair.

On May 20, 2012, Qazi Faruque Ahmed along with some people entered the office of Proshika and took control in violation of the HC's August 2009 directive, Solaiman said.

In 2016, Wadud filed a petition with the HC against Qazi Faruque Ahmed bringing charges of violating its directive and committing contempt of court, he said.

After hearing the petition for 12 days, the HC yesterday delivered the verdict.

the school owner. If the allegations were found true, a separate case would be filed against Khaled, he added.

The school was co-founded in 2000 by Rizwan Haroon and Jenifer Ahmed, wife of alleged Hizb ut-Tahrir coordinator and Dhaka University teacher Syed Golam Mowla.

Khaled used to help his friend Rizwan Haroon in recruiting youths to militant organisation Jama'atul Muslimin, the case statement reads.

He bought the school in March last year.

On November 7, the district administration of Dhaka sealed off Dhanmondi and Gulshan branches of the school, closing all its activities on the allegations of patronising militancy, inspiring extremist views and helping militant outfits.

The Supreme Court later ordered reopening the school with a new board of directors including military officials and the Dhaka divisional commissioner in the chair. On January 13, the school reopened.

cut and edged it to the keeper.

Just as Jarvis was not ready to blame the pitch for his team's batting debacle in the post-match briefing, Bangladesh cannot point to the Mirpur surface if they want to maintain the intensity and momentum as per the desire of captain Mashrafe.

Chinese workers

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of traffic monitoring equipment. The construction took place at the Nanlong Railway Station in the city of Longyan according to Xinhua News Agency.

It began on January 19 and finished in the wee hours of January 20, said the report.

The project was finished so quickly because the workers had been arranged into seven units to tackle different tasks simultaneously, said Zhan Daosong, a deputy manager at China Tiesiju Civil Engineering Group, the country's main railroad builder.

The construction of the Nanlong Railway is ongoing and is expected to complete at the end of 2018.

Measuring 246 kilometres (152 miles) in length, the railway is due to be a main transport link between south-east China and central China, Xinhua reported.

The railway would be able to support trains which operate at a maximum speed of 200kmh (124 mph), according to reports.

Body of missing boy found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have recovered the body of a 13-year-old boy who went missing from Khilgaon in the capital four days ago.

The body of Zisan Hosen, a student of class-VII at Sipahibag International Ideal School and College, was found in a canal at Aftabnagar of Badda on Monday, Kazi Wazed Ali, officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Relatives of Zisan identified him at Dhaka Medical Collage morgue yesterday.

The boy went missing on January 19. Later, his father started receiving texts from his mobile number, asking Tk 15 lakh in ransom for his release, said Sohag Khan, victim's cousin.

The family filed a general diary with Khilgaon Police Station on January 20.

Police said they were trying to arrest the culprits.

Benapole tense after clash

2 groups of workers explode bombs, trade bullets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Several hundred goods-laden trucks were stranded at Benapole Land Port as unloading of goods remained suspended there following a clash between two groups of workers yesterday.

Shots were fired and crude bombs blasted during the clash that left two workers injured.

Port sources said there had been a longstanding conflict between the members of two Sramik unions over establishing dominance in the port area. The two groups were locked in a clash around 2:30pm yesterday.

The injured were admitted to Jessore General Hospital.

Apurbo Hasan, officer-in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station, said additional police personnel were deployed at the port to avert further untoward incidents.

Video

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arguing that the journalist had broken the law.

At one point, the police official was seen calling apparently his higher authorities over phone and was heard saying that the journalist was not showing any documents for the car and was behaving badly towards police.

The senior journalist then said he would not show any documents as police misbehaved with him.

"Sue me and take me to the police station," the senior journalist said.

The police official said he did not want to arrest him but would sue him.

The senior journalist then told him that he teaches at the Police Staff College, to which the police official said, "Then you should have the knowledge about the law."

During the row, the other journalist leader was also seen arguing with the police.

The senior journalist discovered that a person was filming and tried to grab the phone. He became angry and went after him.

After the video went viral, many social media users criticised the journalists for breaking traffic rules and applauded the police official for not allowing them to take the wrong side.

The Shape

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every one of us who brought our hearts to this film," Hawkins said in a statement retweeted by the movie's official Twitter account.

"I'm here because of the greatness of others. I stand on the shoulders of giants."

In second place was tense World War II movie "Dunkirk," with eight nods, while crime drama "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," generally thought to be the favourite in the best picture category, picked up seven nominations.

The 90th Academy Awards -- the climax of Hollywood's awards season, to be hosted by late night funnyman Jimmy Kimmel -- will be held on March 4.

In a departure from previous years, there are very few clear frontrunners, making the major categories a genuine sprint to the finish line rather than the perfunctory coronation sometimes inflicted on viewers.

The announcements were seen as an opportunity for the industry to support female filmmaking, with the #MeToo and Time's Up campaigns against sexual misconduct and gender inequality a mainstay of the 2018 awards circuit.

Female filmmakers were snubbed at the Golden Globes, but the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will be seen as having righted that wrong to some degree, with its nod for Greta Gerwig, the director of "Lady Bird."

Before yesterday, just four women had been nominated for best director since 1927.

There was also the first nod for a female cinematographer, Rachel Morrison, who shot Dee Rees's racial drama "Mudbound."

Hasina wants quick repatriation of Rohingyas

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for quick repatriation of Rohingya people from Bangladesh to their home country.

The PM said this when newly appointed UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh Mia Seppo met her at her parliament office in the evening.

After the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters.

Hasina said the process could be expedited once the repatriation of the Rohingyas starts.

She renewed her call to the international community, including the UN, to keep up the pressure on the government of Myanmar so that they take back their all the nationals to their homeland.

Stay period longer

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the January 17 court order on Monday afternoon and the commissioners discussed the matter among themselves unofficially.

Experts said article 125 of the constitution was a safeguard for the EC, which can appeal against the stay order.

According to the article, "A court shall not pass any order or direction, ad interim or otherwise, in relation to an election for which a schedule has been announced, unless the Election Commission has been given reasonable notice and an opportunity of being heard."

Ahmed claimed that the commission had not received the notice before the court passed the stay order.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the lawyer's certificate, which says the HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Zafar Ahmed stayed the election for six months.

Jahangir Alom, chairman of Beraid union parishad, and Ataur Rahman, chairman of Bhatara union parishad, filed the two writ petitions with the court on January 16 seeking the stay.

Jahangir is also the general secretary of

She also put emphasis on both bilateral and multi-lateral efforts to resolve the Rohingya crisis.

She extend her gratitude to the UN agencies and assemblies like the UNGA, UN Security Council, UN Human Rights Council for supporting Bangladesh and address the issue.

Hasina also thanked the development partners and other international communities for their emergency services to the Rohingya people who fled to Bangladesh.

About the impact of such huge Rohingya influx on Bangladesh, the PM said local people in Cox's Bazar are suffering as they cannot cultivate their land. More importantly, she added, the environment is being affected due to the stay of the refugees.

Badda Thana Awami League while Ataur is the treasurer of Dhaka North City BNP.

The HC also questioned the legality of the schedule of the DNCC mayoral by-polls and the elections to 18 new wards under the city corporation. Besides, it issued two rules asking the authorities concerned of the EC and the government to explain in four weeks why the schedule should not be declared illegal.

The court came up with the move as the petitioners did not receive the voters' list from the EC.

Meanwhile, election experts said there is little possibility of holding the DNCC polls before the next parliamentary polls as the EC would also have to organise five more city corporation elections during that time.

Brig Gen (ret'd) M Shakhawat Hossain, a former election commissioner, said, "It is almost impossible to hold the DNCC election before the next parliamentary election because there will be some city corporation elections, by-elections and Eid within or after six months [from now]. After that, preparations for the next general election will continue in full swing."

Facebook ban

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ministry, he added.

Asked whether Facebook would be closed from the beginning of the exams until the end, the minister said, "It will be [blocked] during a test for a limited time. Nobody will be harmed by this. It would just be for one to two hours."

He said they were considering shutting those technological facilities that were being used to leak questions. "We are very desperate and aggressive to prevent question leak."

Asked whether shutting down of Facebook for a few hours would help, he said analysing the trend of the last two to three years, researchers found that the questions had been leaked out in the early hours or in the morning before a test.

Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and its equivalent exams will begin on February 1.

The development came when allegation of leak of the question papers of all public exams like JSC, SSC and HSC, medical college and university admission tests and state-owned banks' recruitment exams was widespread over the last couple of years. In most cases, questions were leaked allegedly through Facebook.

The education ministry initially brushed aside those allegations and then took some measures to stop the leak, but the leaks continued.

In a recent report, the Anti-Corruption Commission has pointed the finger at officers in the education board, BG Press and other government officials for the incidents.

Bangladesh ahead

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progress and rising median living standards, says the report.

It says GDP growth is necessary but not sufficient condition for achievement of the broad-based progress in living standards by which most people judge countries' economic success.

This message is particularly relevant at a time when global economic growth is returning to a more robust level and policymakers can do more to future proof their economies and make them more equitable.

"Political and business leaders should not expect higher growth to be a panacea for the social frustrations, including those of younger generations who have shaken the politics of many countries in recent years."

The report says decades of prioritising economic growth over social equity has led to historically high levels of wealth and income inequality and caused governments to miss out on a virtuous circle in which growth is strengthened by being shared more widely and generated without unduly straining the environment or burdening future generations.

Excessive reliance by economists and policymakers on gross domestic product as the primary matrix of national economic performance is part of the problem, since GDP measures current production of goods and services rather than the extent to which it contributes to broad socio-economic progress as manifested in median

household income, employment opportunity, economic security and quality of life, according to the report.

The WEF urges the leaders to urgently move to a new model of inclusive growth and development, saying reliance on GDP as a measure of economic achievement is fuelling short-termism and inequality.

In a statement, Richard Samans, managing director and head of global agenda at the WEF, says economic growth as measured by GDP is best understood as a top-line measure of national economic performance. Broad, sustainable progress in living standards is the bottom-line result societies expect.

"Policymakers need a new dashboard focused more specifically on this purpose. It could help them to pay greater attention to structural and institutional aspects of economic policy that are important for diffusing prosperity and opportunity and making sure these are preserved for younger and future generations," he said.

The report says rich and poor countries alike are struggling to protect future generations.

The index's Intergenerational Equity and Sustainability pillar, which takes into account public debt; carbon intensity of GDP; dependency ratio and adjusted net savings, actually deteriorated in upper-, middle- and low-income economies since 2012 and improved only marginally in advanced economies.

Police refuse

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Recording it as a GD means police were attaching less importance to the incident, he said.

Niyajul Islam, who brandished a firearm during the incident, has been named in the GD as the main accused.

The other accused are Narayanganj city AL Joint Secretary Shah Nizam, Organising Secretary Zakirul Alam Helal, city Jubo League President Shahdat Hossain Sanju, Narayanganj city Swetchhaseabak League

President Jewel Hossain, city Jubo League President Shahadat Hossain Sajnu, district Chhatra League President Mojibur Rahman Sujon and AL leaders Nasir Uddin and Chanchal Mahmud.

IVY RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL Mayor Ivy was released from the capital's Labaid Hospital yesterday, five days after she had been admitted there.

"I never received so much love in my life. I don't need anything else," she told journalists at the hospital yesterday.

She returned to her Deovogh home in Narayanganj city around 2:00pm after offering prayers at her father's grave.

The mayor was admitted to the Coronary Care Unit of the hospital after her blood pressure had dropped in the afternoon of January 18.

The following day, one of her physicians said she suffered a brain haemorrhage.

JS passes Power Bill

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November 14 last year. The bill was passed by a voice vote.

A provision of the bill allows the government to introduce an independent system operator (ISO) to operate the country's power system in a coordinated way as well as to ensure a better load management.

According to another provision of the law, an accused will face a minimum seven years' jail for destroying or damaging power infrastructure and establishments like power stations, sub-stations, electricity lines, poles and equipment.

Under the new law, any employee concerned violating its rules like providing illegal electricity connection, doing any faulty works and supplying electricity outside the area of the authorities' jurisdiction will face a maximum one year's jail or a fine of Tk 1 lakh or both.

The punishment for pilferage of electricity by an individual will be a maximum three years' jail, or double of the price of the stolen electricity or Tk 50,000 or both.

For an industry, the punishment for the same offences will be a maximum three years' jail, or a fine double the price of the stolen electricity or a fine of Tk 5 lakh or both.

The punishment for wasting energy with an ulterior motive will

be a maximum three years' jail or a fine of Tk 5 lakh or both.

Besides, a maximum three years' imprisonment or a fine of Tk 5 lakh or both will be imposed on any person using any machine, device or artificial system to illegally connect to an electricity supply line.

The new law stipulates a maximum five years' jail along with a fine of maximum Tk 5 lakh for pilferage, removal and destruction of electrical equipment.

The new law will replace the Electricity Act of 1910 and bar the PDB, Desco and Desa from setting up new electricity lines or conducting any official work under their jurisdiction without informing the higher authorities concerned.

BSF member

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taking further legal action in this matter, added the release, issued by the South Bengal Frontier of the force yesterday.

The incident took place after the train left Kolkata Railway Station for Dhaka around 7:00am on Monday, according to a complaint lodged with India's Government Railway Police.

A BSF company of the 99 Battalion is deployed to provide security on the train from Kolkata to Gede and back.