

Tk 8 lakh snatched from ex-cop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A retired police officer fell prey to a criminal who made off with Tk 8 lakh from him in broad daylight yesterday in Rangpur city.

The incident took place in one of city's busiest areas, Payra Chattar, where retired OC Mohsin Ali and his wife Lovely Begum came to withdraw the amount from a bank.

After making the withdrawal around noon, Mohsin put the cash, wrapped in a piece of cloth, on the seat of his motorbike.

He noticed some bank notes lying under his bike. While his wife stood next to him, he bent over to pick up the notes.

A man appeared from nowhere and disappeared after snatching the bundles of cash from top of the bike.

Mohsin filed a general diary with Rangpur Sadar Police Station, said Md Moniruzzaman, in-charge of Nawabganj police outpost.



The Department of Fisheries yesterday seized and destroyed 1,000 pieces of illegal 'current' fishing nets from the Kaikartek Haat of Sonargaon Upazila in Narayanganj. Police personnel and Assistant Commissioner (Land) were present during the drive, conducted by the Upazila officer of the Department of Fisheries. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

CTG HEPATITIS-E OUTBREAK HC issues show cause order to authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the health ministry and authorities in Chittagong to show causes on their inaction to supply bacteria-free water to CCC residents, why they should not be directed to provide safe water to the residents, and to explain why they should not be directed to give compensation to jaundice-affected people in the port city.

It also ordered the health ministry to form a committee to examine whether there is Hepatitis-E virus in the Wasa water at the jaundice-affected areas of Chittagong, and to submit the test report to this court.

The health secretary has been asked to form the committee comprising two representatives from local administration of Chittagong and three experts within a month, and to submit the test report to the HC in 90 days.

The health secretary, director general of directorate of health services, chairman of Chittagong Wasa, civil surgeon of Chittagong, Chittagong city corporation mayor and its chief executive

officer have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC fixed October 18 for holding hearing on the rule, Deputy Attorney General Ekramul Haque told The Daily Star.

The bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal came up with the order and rule, following a writ petition filed by Barrister Mohiuddin Md Hanif, a Supreme Court lawyer, seeking necessary orders to this effect.

Hanif submitted the writ petition to the HC on July 2 based on reports published in different newspapers including The Daily Star, on the incident of people being affected by Hepatitis-E virus.

According to The Daily Star report published on June 26, an outbreak of Hepatitis-E virus in Chittagong city's Halishahar and Agrabad areas for the last three months has put the lives of the residents at high risk. According to sources in the area, at least three people died in one week from June 17.

Rohingya repatriation 'most urgent' Says Chinese ambassador

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China yesterday said it believes that starting the repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh is the "most urgent" issue right now.

"We have asked Myanmar both bilaterally and multilaterally on various occasions to resolve the crisis peacefully and start the process as soon as possible. We have also urged them to make their steps regarding Rohingya repatriation visible," said Chinese Ambassador Zhang Zuo.

The Chinese embassy organised the "China-Bangladesh workshop on Media Cooperation" where Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu was the chief guest.

The ambassador said, "China will try to promote the negotiation process... on basis of the Bangladesh-Myanmar agreement to find a common solution."

About trials of perpetrators who conducted atrocities against Rohingyas in Rakhine, the ambassador said both Bangladesh and Myanmar should resolve the situation in a comprehensive manner so that relations between the two neighbours would not be affected.

China wants to play a "constructive" role in resolving the crisis, he said, adding "Both the countries should make full use of their respective advantages to cooperate in the development of border areas and livelihood of locals."

CASES AGAINST KHALEDA High Court to hear four appeals today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) deferred till today hearing on the four appeals in Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman yesterday set 2:00pm today for starting the hearing on the appeals.

The deferment order was passed after Khaleda's lawyer Advocate AJ Mohammad Ali sought adjournment of the hearing.

The lawyer requested the adjournment as the apex court will today hear the petitions filed by Khaleda seeking review of its May 16 order that asked HC to hear and dispose of her appeal in Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case by July 31.

Of the four pleas, one was filed by the BNP chief seeking acquittal of the charges, a revision petition was filed by ACC seeking increase in Khaleda's jail term and two others were filed by convicts -- Qazi Saleemul Huq alias Qazi Kamal and Sharfuddin Ahmed -- seeking their acquittal of the charges in the case.

On February 8, the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka sentenced Khaleda to five years' imprisonment after finding her guilty in the graft case filed by the ACC.

The court also jailed Tarique Rahman, now the acting chairman of BNP, and four others to 10 years imprisonment and

Why is NDM not registered? HC asks EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the Election Commission (EC) to explain in two weeks why it should not be ordered to register National Democratic Movement (NDM), led by Bobby Hajaj, as a political party.

It also asked respondents to show causes why their decision to reject NDM's registration application should not be declared illegal.

The chief election commissioner, secretary to the EC and its deputy secretary concerned have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal issued the order, following a writ petition filed by Hajaj challenging the EC's rejection to register NDM as a political party.

Petitioner's lawyer Barrister Rashna Imam told The Daily Star that EC on June 11 rejected NDM's application, saying the party's constitution was not amended with due process.

However, the EC did not mention any guideline in its letter dated June 28, as of how it should be amended, she added.

Rashed shown arrested

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The same court also allowed the investigation officer in the ransacking case to remand Rashed for five days separately.

During yesterday's remand prayer, the investigator of the ICT case said Rashed gave vital clues, and he needs to be remanded again for gathering more information.

The ransacking case is being investigated by Fazlur Rahman, an assistant commissioner of DB.

Meanwhile, Rashed's lawyer advocate Saydur Rahman submitted two separate petitions seeking bail for his client and rejection of the remand prayers. He said Rashed was implicated in the cases as part of a conspiracy to harass him.

During yesterday's hearing, Rashed's parents, sister and wife were present at the court and broke down in tears when he appeared.

According to the first case, Rashed allegedly demeaned Sheikh Hasina on Facebook on June 27, an allegation of the quota reform leader denied.

Rashed was detained on July 1 when the government went offensive against the quota demonstrators. He was later shown arrested in the ICT case filed on that day with Shahbagh Police Station by a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

At that time, the ruling Awami League-affiliated student front also cracked down on the quota reform activists, beating them up mercilessly in Dhaka and elsewhere.

Since then, citizens, politicians and organisations have been on the street vocal against the "barbaric acts" of BCL and demanding unconditional release of Rashed.

Committee holds 1st meeting

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banner of "Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad", started a movement demanding reforms in the quota system.

Amid countrywide agitation, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on April 11 announced abolition of all types of quotas in public jobs.

But as no gazette notification was issued in this regard, the protesters began boycotting classes and examinations in all universities and colleges from May 14 for an indefinite period.

Probe refusal of treatment

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Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir issued the order following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

Petitioner's lawyer Advocate Manzill Murshid told the HC that duty doctor Abdullah Al Mamun and Nurse Chhaya Rani Chowdhury of the health complex allegedly refused to treat Mariam Begum and forced her to leave the health centre. Later, Mariam gave birth to a stillborn outside the health complex, the lawyer said, adding that the incident of refusing treatment to Mariam is a violation of her rights.

The HC asked Dr Mamun and Chhaya Rani Chowdhury to appear before the bench on July 25, when further a order on this issue will be passed. The health secretary has been asked to take necessary legal action against the duo during the investigation period.

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Mrs. Aziz left for her eternal abode on 9th July, 1985, in Brussels, Belgium. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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Deputy Managing Director (Finance)

Lucy Holt

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fighters and people during that time, serving at Fatema Hospital of Jessore and other places.

As a British citizen, she had to pay a hefty amount each year for the renewal of her visa. Her application seeking Bangladeshi citizenship was accepted on February 12 this year, and she received her citizenship certificate on March 31 from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Lucy Holt, thanking the prime minister and Bangladesh government for giving her long term multiple entry free-visas, said she wants to take her last breath in Barisal.

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