



Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik League holds a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday seeking implementation of their 12-point demand.

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Food grain carriers start 72-hr strike in Rajshahi, Rangpur divisions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Some 250 contractors, who transport food grains for 163 government warehouses in 16 districts under Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions, yesterday started a 72-hour strike to protest harassment by food officials.

The contractors alleged that they were forced to call the strike as unloading of over 100 truckloads of food grains were either refused or delayed in the last two months by the food officials on ground of substandard quality.

They only transport the grains, procured by the government, from one government warehouse to another, they said, adding that ensuring its quality cannot be their responsibility as the grain is procured by government officials.

Shah Alam, general secretary of the Food Grain Transport Contractors' Association in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions, said the food officials delayed or refused to unload trucks at 10 government warehouses during the period.

"How will we ensure the quality of the food grains? Some officials are procuring the low-quality food grains and other officials are not willing to bear their responsibilities," he added. Contacted, Mohammad Moniruzzaman, regional controller (RC) of food, said, "I spoke with the contractors and assured them of taking necessary steps."

In order to probe into the allegations, they yesterday formed a three-member committee headed by the district controller of food in Bogra, he said, adding that the committee has been given one week's time to submit its report.

The contractors said, the warehouses where most of the 100 trucks were refused to be unloaded were in Shantahar of Naogaon and Muladuli of Pabna districts.

The trucks were also refused in Shingra, Bonpara and Gurudaspur in Natore; Bogra Sadar; Talora in Sirajganj; Mohimaganj and Kandia in Gaibandha; and Thakurgaon Sadar.

Due to the refusal, the contractors had to incur losses as the trucks, hired for one day, were forced to overstay.

The general secretary of the association, Shah Alam, said food officials are supposed to declare the status of the grains before those are loaded onto a truck, but the officials often ignore the rules.

For each day of delay, they incur a loss of Tk 4,000, he said, adding that they were forced to start the 72-hour strike, but they would declare an indefinite strike if the authorities concerned do not take proper measures.

Deaths

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pills, and police will resist the conspiracy under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. "After assuming office three months back, I have handcuffed three policemen for their connection with drug peddling," he said, adding that they are showing zero tolerance about it.
With SM Shahab Uddin -- president of the Kotwali unit of community police -- in the chair, additional commissioner (crime and operation) Amena Begum, editor of local daily Dainik Azadi MA Malek and panel mayor HASAN Mahmud Hasni addressed the programme, among others.
A total of 10 alleged drug peddlers have been killed in 'shootouts' with law enforcers in Chittagong district, since the nationwide crackdown on narcotics began on May 4.

2 Indians among 5 sued for money laundering

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed two cases against five persons including two Indian citizens for their alleged involvement in laundering Tk 64.29 lakh abroad.
ACC's Deputy Assistant Director Muhammad Shihab Salam filed the cases with Kalabagan Police Station against Yogesh Kakar, and his wife Ruby Kakar, managing director and director of Regency Packaging Limited and Regency Trims Limited respectively.
The three others accused in the case are HSBC officials Ahmed Habib, Sohag Chakma and Tahmim Hasan of Overseas Payment and Investigation department.
According to the case statement, the couple sent an extra Tk 19.5 lakh to a US-based T-shirt company as commission without taking approval from Bangladesh Bank.
The three bank officials cleared the trans-

action although Yogesh and his wife could not produce supporting documents in this regard, the statement added.
Another case stated Yogesh directed the bank officials to draft an illegal credit agreement and sent Tk 44.79 lakh to one Amaron Overseas Pvt Ltd of India. The bank officials assisted in the transaction and also concealed the information.
A probe by ACC revealed Yogesh as the director of Amaron Overseas Pvt Ltd.
"Habib and Sohag gave clearance for the transaction, although Yogesh could not provide supportive documents in this regard," the FIR said.
Contacted, Talukdar Noman Anwar, head of marketing and communications of HSBC Bank said he is yet to know anything on the issue.
"However, we're respectful of the regulations of Bangladesh and will cooperate with the authorities concerned," he added.

Salam Murshedi declared MP of Khulna-4

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday announced Awami League-nominated candidate Abdus Salam Murshedi the lawmaker from Khulna-4 constituency.
He was declared the uncontested lawmaker as he did not withdraw his nomination and there were no other contenders against him, said Md Yunus Ali, returning officer of Khulna-4 constituency.
Murshedi submitted his nomination paper on August 26, which was announced legal after scrutiny on August 28.
Although two other candidates collected nomination forms, they did not submit the documents to the returning officer.

THREE-WHEELER BAN ON HIGHWAYS Villagers block Dhaka-Ctg highway, demand bus stop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Suffering from lack of transport amid the strict enforcement of banning three-wheelers on Dhaka-Chittagong highway, residents of 10 villages in Chouddogram yesterday blocked the highway for about an hour.
The villagers from Kalikapur union gathered on the highway in Noabazar area around 9:00am, demanding a bus stop there.
They said two bus services -- Jamuna and Madina -- ply the highway between Chouddogram and Feni. But those do not stop at Noabazar and there has been no transport since law enforcers imposed the ban on three-wheelers on the highway, protesters said.
The agitators cleared the road after about an hour following highway police's assurance of addressing the issue.
Mahbub Hossain, chairman of Kalikapur union parishad, said, "I understand the reasons behind this demand. In Noabazar, there's a branch of Sonali Bank, a government primary school, a village health care centre, the union parishad office and a number of factories. Thousands of residents of the 10 villages have been suffering due to the transport crisis."

No Laguna

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while city corporations would implement some works including setting up strong fences on the median strips and cleaning up the footbridges and underpasses.
DMP has designated 121 bus stops. Apart from these spots, no buses will be allowed to take or drop passengers and they have to keep their doors shut until arriving at the next stop.
City dwellers have been asked to use zebra crossings, footbridges and underpasses while bus drivers have been warned not to compete with each other for taking passengers.
The bus owners have been asked not to appoint drivers on contract basis, otherwise police will take steps to cancel route permits, the DMP commissioner said.

Defence claims

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As Shahjahan could not complete placing arguments on points of law in support of acquitting his client from the charges, Judge Shahed Nuruddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 in Dhaka adjourned the hearing till today.
Earlier on August 29, the defence of all 49 accused in the August 21 grenade attack case finally completed their closing arguments.
The prosecution and the defence took 113 working days to complete the arguments which started from October 23 last year.
A total of 225 prosecution witnesses and 20 defence witnesses testified during the proceedings.
On August 21, 2004, a grenade attack killed 24 leaders and activists of Awami League and its associate bodies and injured over 300 others.
Ivy Rahman, the then Mohila Awami League president, was among the deceased.
Sheikh Hasina narrowly escaped with an ear injury.
Two cases -- one for murder and another under the Explosive Substances Act -- were filed with Motijheel Police Station.
In March 2012, the tribunal framed charges against the accused in the two cases.
Of the 49 accused, eight, including three former inspector generals of police, are now on bail; 18, including BNP Senior Vice Chairman [currently acting chief] Tarique Rahman, are on the run; and 23, including Babar and Pintu, are in jail.



Construction work underway on the land, being carried out by Rural Electrification Board.

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Deception leads to tragedy

Elderly woman dies after losing part of ancestral land

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Ctg

On a January afternoon, 80-year-old Amrito Bala was at home alone. Some people arrived at her doorstep and identified themselves as census bureau officials.
They spoke to her for a while, inquired about her homestead and took her fingerprints on a paper.
They also handed her a packet, told her to "buy some sweets" and left in a hurry.
When her son, Ratan Barua, got home and opened the package he found Tk 8,500 inside it.
Not knowing what to do with the money or who to contact regarding it, they left it aside.
The incident took place at Barua Para of Raozan upazila in Chittagong.
What transpired next was beyond her comprehension.
Just after a few months, in June, she saw some labourers digging large holes for piling works, a few yards away from her home.
They also had "proper documents" with their fingerprints on them, giving them permission to install electricity tower on her homestead.
As Amrito Bala stood baffled, they continued digging.
Soon, she found out that those men who visited her back in January were

actually from Rural Electrification Board (REB).
Her sons tried everything to stop the work. They said they contacted all the high-ups of the power development board (PDB), but to no avail.
As a last resort, they also went to the court in June but lost the battle due to the fact that their mother's fingerprints were on the documents.
For the family, disaster did not end there. Tragedy struck again.
Amrito Bala suffered a massive cardiac arrest in August.
"After passing days regretting what happened, my mother passed away on August 18," said Ratan Barua.
"This 20-decimal land was all we had. This was our ancestral homestead."
"Now they [REB] want to grab it. Even after the death of my mother, they did not stop," the 45-year-old said.
"All we have left is the home now," he added.
"I also called REB office many times. They told me to remain satisfied with the money," he alleged.
He said this has happened to them before.
Misery has been stalking the family since 1985 when the first electricity tower was installed on their land, though there were empty lands available, he claimed.
"It's the same now. They could have

set up the tower on an open space. But they chose ours to evict us from our ancestral land," alleged Ratan, a technician.
On June 14, the family filed a writ petition with the High Court.
On June 28, the HC issued a stay order to stop the work for six months.
Jyotirmoy Barua, lawyer for the writ petitioner, said REB obtained permission from Amrito Bala through fraudulence.
As per existing law, an acquisition has to be done through the office of Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chittagong and REB would pay the compensation money to the DC.
Then the DC, following legal procedures, would pay compensation to the family.
He said REB has no authority to acquire any land on their own or pay compensation directly to anyone.
The lawyer also said as per "Dayabhaga" (Hindu inheritance law), a woman cannot be the owner of her husband's property. So, Amrito Bala had no legal authority to give consent anyway, he argued.
"The Appellate Division without considering these facts accepted REB's argument that they have paid Tk 20,000 to Amrito Bala and vacated its earlier stay order," he said.

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Apartment Sale at Gulshan
Exclusive and top of the line apartments (with GYM and swimming pool); to be completed soon, approximately 4000 square feet each, are available for sale at Road # 65, Plot # 24 in Gulshan-2 (near The Gulshan Park and The American Club). Qualified buyers can Contact at: 01915785533

Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
An Inter-Governmental Organization Promoting South-South Cooperation

Appointment of Auditors

PPD is an intergovernmental organization of 26 Developing Countries working in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development having its Headquarters in Dhaka. PPD invites the Expression of Interest (Eoi) from the audit firms based in Bangladesh having affiliation/membership with an internationally reputed audit firm for conducting its corporate audit.

The interested firms are requested to submit their Eoi with financial proposals to the Executive Director at the following address by **08th September 2018** with sealed envelope or partners@ppdsec.org

Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
Plot- 17/B & C, Block- F, Agargaon Administrative Zone, Sher-E- Bangla Nagar, Dhaka- 1207

For detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) please visit our website: <https://goo.gl/kswX4K>

Lawyer's notice

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the lawyer said, adding, that the stipulated time for holding elections ended in August.

But, the authorities have not taken any step for holding the polls, which has created grounds for a contempt of court case against them, Advocate Manzill said.

The last election took place on June 6, 1990.

Students have been demanding the polls for a long time.

Due to the absence of Ducus, which played a vital role in all democratic movements of the country, students are being deprived of their rights, they said.

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE UNDER SECTION 289 (1) OF THE SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO WIND UP MEMBERS VOLUNTARY

NOTICE

In the matter of "Jony Hatchery & Fisheries Ltd"

At an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the "Jony Hatchery & Fisheries Ltd" bearing Reg.No.C-52840/04, dated 20/05/2004 of 5/1 (Old), 181(New), Arambag, Motijheel, Dhaka duly convened and held at the registered office on the 30th day of August 2018. It has been resolved that "Jony Hatchery & Fisheries Ltd" put into members voluntary winding up and Mr. Md. Aminul Islam, Advocate has been appointed as Liquidator of the company for the purpose of winding up and distributing the net assets among the shareholders/members after completing all proceedings required under Companies Act, 1994,

(Md. Nuruzzaman Khan)
Managing Director
Jony Hatchery & Fisheries Ltd.
5/1 (Old), 181 (New), Arambag, Motijheel, Dhaka

SAARC Development Fund

Vacancy Announcement

Applications for the following position are invited from the Nationals of SAARC Member States (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) for appointment at the SAARC Development Fund, Thimphu, Bhutan:

•Assistant Director, Social Window

The Terms of Reference (TORs) and prescribed application Form for the above mentioned positions are available on SDF website www.sdfsec.org. Application Form, CV, copies of educational certificates and experience letters should be sent by email to ceo@sdfsec.org and admin@sdfsec.org latest by **September 20, 2018**.

Dr. Sunil Motiwal
Chief Executive Officer