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A case, many questions

Bedridden 82-year-old and BNP man who was abroad at the time sued by police over gathering for 'subversive acts'

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Luthful Haque was treated at Labaid hospital in the capital's Dhanmondi for seven days from August 4 for hypertension, diabetes and kidney complications.

His condition was so bad that he was taken to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependency Unit (HDU).

Though he returned home on release from hospital on August 11, family members say he is still ill and cannot move without the help of others. He is 82.

Yet police found him among a group of "miscreants from the BNP and its front organisations who gathered in Wari on September 3 as part of a plan to overthrow the government".

Luthful is one of the 96 who are accused in a case for "assembling" at Bangladesh Boys Club playground on RK Mission Road to carry out "subversive activities".

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, his son Rezaul Haque said, "My father cannot move alone. Since he came back from the hospital, he has

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi claps during a videoconference with his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina as they jointly inaugurate three power and railway projects yesterday.

PHOTO: PIB, INDIA

12 students produced in court, finally Placed on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 12 students picked up by detectives allegedly six days ago were finally produced before a Dhaka court yesterday.

Two cases were filed with Tejgaon Industrial Police Station against them, police said.

In one case, all 12 were accused of assaulting policemen on August 6, while one of them, Tarek Aziz, was made the lone accused in another case filed under Information and Communication Technology Act on a charge of spreading rumours during the student demonstrations for road safety in August.

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AL clamps down on 'errant' leaders

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

With the national polls over three months away, the ruling Awami League has launched a drive against its "errant" leaders to resolve intra-party disputes mainly over party nominations.

The AL has already sought explanation from four district level leaders and served show cause notices on 10 others, including an organising secretary, for breaching party discipline, said party insiders.

Intra-party conflicts over nominations have become a major concern for the AL high-ups, with a group of leaders in some parliamentary constituencies declaring the

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FORGING UNITY BNP to pledge reforms, checks and balances

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

For forging a greater unity, the BNP wants to negotiate with potential partners promising them that if voted to power, it would implement a set of reforms, including putting in place "realistic checks and balances".

The absence of effective checks and balances led to

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9,000MW power to be imported by 2041

Hasina, Modi jointly open electricity interconnection

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has planned to import 9000 MW electricity from neighbouring countries by 2041 to maintain the country's high economic growth.

She was addressing a ceremony marking the inauguration of 500 MW additional power supply from India to Bangladesh through Behrampur-Bheramara interconnection, reports UNB.

The Bangladesh PM, her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee jointly inaugurated the power supply via videoconferencing from Dhaka, New Delhi and Kolkata respectively.

The two prime ministers along with Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb also launched groundbreaking of Agartala-Akhaura rail link as well as groundbreaking for rehabilitation of Kulaura-Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways through videoconferencing. Biplab joined in through videoconferencing from Agartala.

Speaking at the Gono Bhaban, Hasina said

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Free Mozammel

The road safety campaigner's wife urges PM's intervention; move on to show him arrested in another case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While family members of road safety campaigner Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury sought the prime minister's intervention for his release in an extortion case, police yesterday moved to show him arrested in another case filed in February.

Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, a passenger welfare platform, also wants the PM to step in to have him freed.

Besides, it demanded a judicial inquiry into the "false" extortion case and punishment of those who "implicated"

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OMERA LPG CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST

On September 06, Omera Petroleum received "Best LPG company award 2018" from Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources Division, GoB.

The Award was handed over by Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the "National Power & Energy Week 2018" to Mr. Azam J. Chowdhury, Director, Omera Petroleum Limited.

Omera LPG's State-of-the-art Business Infrastructure, Customer Service Standards, Cylinder Quality, Corporate Governance, SHE Compliance and High Business Growth have contributed significantly to achieving this prestigious award for consecutive second time.

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