

## MP MANZURUL MURDER Shamsuzzoha denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday denied bail to AJM Shamsuzzoha, an accused in a case filed over the murder of Awami League lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton.

The HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice SM Mozibur Rahman dropped a petition filed by Shamsuzzoha, seeking bail.

The HC order means that Shamsuzzoha was denied bail in the case and, therefore, he will not get released from jail, Deputy Attorney General Dr Md Bashir Ullah told The Daily Star.

Gaibandha-1 lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton was killed after assailants opened fire on him inside his house in Sundarganj upazila on December 31, 2016.

Advocate Zainul Abedin appeared for Shamsuzzoha.

## Main duty is to win people's trust: police chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mohammad Javed Patwary yesterday said their main duty is to win the support and trust of people.

"We have to remove the fear of police from people's minds," the IGP said while addressing the 44th Raising Day programme of Dhaka Metropolitan Police at the Rajarbagh Police Lines.

"If we can gain people's trust, only then our hard work will have paid off," the police chief said.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, Public Security Division Secretary of Home

Ministry Mostafa Kamal Uddin and DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia also spoke at the event.

Earlier, officials of DMP brought out a Raising Day procession from DMP headquarters premises which ended at Rajarbagh Police Lines.

The home minister said they have been struggling to manage traffic in the city as construction work for metro rail, expressway and bus rapid transit projects are going on in full swing.

"The traffic problems will soon be over after the project works are implemented," he added.

## Man held over 'derogatory remark' on PM, army chief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested a man, allegedly for posting distorted photographs of eminent persons including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and chief of Army, and derogatory remarks about them on Facebook.

The arrestee is Nazrul Islam, 35, a trader and resident of Muladi upazila in Barishal, said Major Sajibul Islam Sajib, deputy commander of Rab-8.

On information that Nazrul posted distorted photos and derogatory remarks about eminent personalities on Facebook, a team of Rab arrested him from a shop, he added.

Filing of a case under the Digital Security Act was underway, the official said.

## HC order on removing electricity poles from roads today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed today for passing an order on a writ petition that sought its directive on the government to remove electricity poles from the roads and highways, which obstruct people's movement across the country.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil will pass the order after concluding hearing on the petition today, as it started the hearing yesterday, Deputy Attorney General Mokhlesur Rahman and writ petitioner Barrister Sayedul Haque Suman told The Daily Star.

Barrister Suman, a Supreme Court lawyer, yesterday filed the writ petition with the HC seeking its directive on the government to remove the poles.

## Eight injured

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Contacted, Chanchal said, "Razib had assaulted me earlier, and he always tried to create pressure on me regarding BCL activities. When I saw him on campus, I asked him to leave. His wife was trying to film the altercation. Later, Saddam, joint secretary of JU unit BCL, attacked my group at the

hall."

JU (acting) Proctor ASM Firoz said, "The situation is now under control. We will deploy law enforcers on the campus."

This correspondent could not reach BCL central president Rezwanul Haque Chowdhury Shovon for his comment.

## College student found

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arrived at the building around 3:30pm. He said he wanted to clean the flat as they would shift there soon. He even talked to Tabassum's mother around 5pm, she said.

The incident of Yougen's murder came to light when people living in the next flat saw the door open and informed Tabassum's mother, she said.

When her mother went to check, she found Yougen lying in a pool of blood with his hands tied, said Sub-inspector Md Kamruzzaman of Sabujbagh Police Station. Informed, police recovered the body and sent it for autopsy, he added.

Sohel Mahmud, head of the forensic medicine department at DMCH, said Yougen might have been killed with sharp weapons. The incident may have taken place between 9:30pm and 10pm.

Meanwhile, Yougen's family has no idea about his connection with Sabita or her family or the girl in burka seen in CCTV footage.

"My brother used to live with our cousin in Narinda. Why would he rent a house?" said his sister Cindy Gonsalves. She demanded immediate arrest of the killer(s).

Talking to reporters at DMCH, Yougen's brother-in-law Rumen Pinaru said Yougen went to his sister's house in Nadda on Friday. "He left the house on Tuesday morning to go to college," he said.

"We were anxious as he did not return till 10pm. His cell phone was found switched off. We were informed of his death around 11:45pm and identified the body at the flat," he said.

Rumen said they were unaware of his feud with anyone.

## Playground or fair

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the approval letter. The commerce ministry approved SMCCI's request on November 26, 2018 to hold a trade fair in the city in early 2019.

But the letter stipulates that if the organisation wanted to hold the fair on a field it would have to take permission from the authorities concerned.

When asked why the administration was allowing SMCCI to hold the fair on the field, the additional deputy commissioner said as per the ministry's approval, "we are bound to help the organisation in every way."

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not get in touch with officials of the commerce ministry.

So far, The Daily Star has published two reports over the issue -- "Fair playing foul" on November 11, 2017, and "Fair playing foul again" on October 22 last year. But it seems that repeated calls for protecting the field for sporting activities continue to fall on deaf ears.

Amatul Kibria Keya Chowdhury, former lawmaker from reserved seat for Sylhet-Habiganj and former member of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Youth and Sports, said, "It's a matter of disgrace that no sporting event was organised on the field since its opening."

"Maybe the local administration is more concerned about commercial activities..." she added.

Md Omar Faruque, joint secretary to the Ministry of Youth And Sports, said, "We have not developed the field for trade fairs. It was developed for sporting purposes. The local administration has been instructed to ensure that."

"The Ministry of Commerce gave permission for holding the fair, but not on the field. When the fair was being planned, the administration should have taken an initiative to shift the venue," he said.

**SMCCI SHOW-CAUSED**

A Sylhet court on February 7 served a seven-day show cause notice on SMCCI and all other respondents, asking why organising the fair on Sheikh Russel Mini Stadium should not be stopped.

Syed Yarob Ali Bappi, a resident of Khasdobir area, filed the petition as public interest litigation with Sylhet Senior Assistant District Judge (Sadar) on February 6.

Meanwhile, locals formed a human chain in front of the field on February 9 afternoon, protesting the move to hold a trade fair.

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He was at the same time a renowned social worker, a staunch patron of education and founder of numerous organizations.

The deceased has left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and countless admirers and well-wishers to grieve over his death.

We pray to the Almighty for the forgiveness for the departed soul and extend our deepest condolences towards the bereaved family.

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Asked, Abdul Jabbar Jalil, first vice-president of SMCCI, said, "We have taken permission from the commerce ministry to organise the fair. We have also taken prior permission from the administration to hold it on the field."

"We know that sporting activities are being hampered, but we have no other alternative. We have been requesting the administration to allot a field for fair purposes only," he said.

When asked why the city needs back-to-back trade fairs, he said, "We have been arranging the fair every year as per our schedule."

On January 27 this year, SMCCI started work for the trade fair on the field.

The UNO of Sylhet Sadar upazila was present on the occasion.

Since then, work has been continuing in full swing. During a recent visit, this correspondent saw that bamboo stalls were being set up around the field and other structures were being erected in the middle. In addition, structures and debris from the previous fair were still there.

This correspondent could not get in touch with the UNO as she is on leave.

Contacted, acting UNO Rojina Akhter, also the assistant commissioner (land) of Sylhet Sadar upazila, said, "As far as I know, the district administration is the custodian of the stadium and they gave SMCCI permission to hold the fair on the field."

Shandip Kumar Singha, additional deputy commissioner (general) of Sylhet, said the commerce ministry gave SMCCI permission to hold the fair.

This correspondent obtained a copy of

## Prof Vincent

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FROM MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT), ANOTHER PH.D IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCES FROM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM HARVARD, MBA FROM YALE, AND BS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY.

He was recognised for his success in higher education, finance, economics, and engineering in diverse environments, it added.

## Elevated

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project site at Kawla, adjacent to Dhaka airport.

Quader claimed that 50 percent work of the first phase is complete, while the overall progress of the project is 20 percent.

The 20km Dhaka Elevated Expressway has a budget of Tk 8,940.18 crore. It will start from Shahjalal airport and end at Kutubkhali via Kuril-Banani-Mohakhali-Tejgaon-Moghbar-Kamalapur-Sayedabad-Jatrabari.

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A USB, and two hard-bound copies of the submission, must arrive at the following address no later than 16:00 (Bangladesh time) on Tuesday the 12th of March 2019.

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