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# Submit list or face action

HC asks central bank for list of borrowers defaulting over Tk 1 cr loan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered Bangladesh Bank to submit by June 24 a list of names and addresses of borrowers who defaulted on their loans of over Tk 1 crore.

During hearing a writ petition, the court also asked the central bank governor to submit to it a report containing details about laundering money to different countries and the steps taken to recover the laundered money by the same date.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader said it would take necessary action against the BB if it did not file the list and report to the court in one week after its upcoming vacation, petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

The HC will go on an annual leave on May 24 and will reopen on June 16.

During the court proceedings, central bank's lawyer barrister M Moniruzzaman told the HC that the BB was barred from disclosing its confidential information, including the list of bank loan defaulters, under article 46 of the Bangladesh Bank Order 1972.

Opposing his arguments, advocate Manzill said the central bank tried to save the loan defaulters by referring to article 46 of the Bangladesh Bank Order 1972.

The HC had earlier ordered the BB to submit the list and report to this court. It passed the order under article 102 of the country's constitution, Manzill said, adding that the central bank cannot violate the HC orders.

The HC refused to accept the argument of the BB lawyer and asked the central bank to comply with its order or face action.

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## THE GOLDEN APPEAL

This short, thick-necked bird is commonly known as the Cattle Egret. True to their name, they forage at the feet of grazing cattle, head bobbing with each step, or ride on their backs to pick at ticks. What is most interesting about this stocky white heron is that only during breeding season, the plumes on its head and neck turn golden and are white again once the season has passed. This photo was taken in Amin Bazar area.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



## Saudi king invites Hasina to OIC meet

BSS, Dhaka

Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud has invited Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the 14th Islamic Summit of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to be held at Makkah at the end of Ramadan.

"To this end, acting Saudi ambassador in Dhaka Amer Omer Salem Omar handed over an invitation letter to the prime minister at the Gono Bhaban this [yesterday] morning," said PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim.

He said the PM accepted the invitation and assured the Saudi envoy of her presence in the summit.

The envoy told the PM that the Saudi king cordially invited her to the OIC summit and conveyed his Ramadan greetings. Hasina extended her sincere thanks to the Saudi king for his invitation.

Expressing satisfaction over the existing bilateral ties between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia, the PM said Bangladesh has a special relation with Saudi Arabia now. "We

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# 8 days in jail for crime he knew nothing about

Man implicated in false case over dowry; family fights to clear his name

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Suddenly one day, he came to know that he has a second wife. He was also told he even tortured that woman for her father's failure to pay him Tk 1 lakh in dowry.

Sazzadul Haque, executive director of Barishal-based Zam-Zam Nursing Institute, was in utter shock and disbelief when he was told these after Barishal Kotwali police arrested him on April 15 complying with an arrest warrant.

The next day, Sazzad was sent to jail where he languished for eight days for a crime he knew nothing about.

Sazzad's family collected the case copy and a marriage certificate submitted to the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-4 in Dhaka to reinforce the claims made in the case.

They soon realised that the marriage certificate was fake. This newspaper also found that the case was filed with fake supporting documents and perhaps by people pretending to be someone else.

"I am absolutely devastated. Despite being innocent, I had to be in jail for eight days. It is a huge humiliation," Sazzad said after getting out on bail.

The tribunal fixed May 23 for the next hearing.

"The damage done to me, my wife, and my six-year-old son cannot be undone," said Sazzad, a master's student of English literature at Brac University.

He pleaded that the authorities be more careful so that innocents like him do not land in jail this way.

Runa, 26, of Arshinagar in Dhaka's Keraniganj lodged the complaint with the tribunal on March 11 claiming that Sazzad married her in 2015, according to the case statement.

The complainant accused Sazzad of demanding Tk 1 lakh from her father as dowry and torturing her repeatedly for not getting the money. She also claimed that they have a one-year-old son.

The marriage certificate submitted to the court shows the marriage between Sazzad and Runa was registered on March 10, 2015. One Golam Kibria issued the certificate as the Kazi (marriage registrar) of capital's Lalmatia, Mohammadpur.

But no Golam Kibria served as the Kazi in the area in 2015, said Dipok Kumar Sarkar, the registrar of Dhaka district.



Sazzadul Haque

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## ARREARS AT JUTE MILLS Workers slam leaders over demo strategy

STAR REPORT

Workers of nine state-run jute mills in Khulna, who have been demonstrating for arrears and better pays since early this month, yesterday accused their leaders of failing to draw the attention of the higher authorities to their plights.

Talking to The Daily Star, they said the "go-slow" strategy would not help and they needed to go for a tougher movement.

"From the beginning, the leaders have failed to draw the attention of the policymakers," said Sariful Alam, 63, a permanent worker of Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills.

"Workers want a solution through peaceful demonstrations, but given the present situation, it won't work."

Around 35,000 workers have refrained from work since May 5 and holding street protests.

Salina Banu, a worker of Crescent Jute Mills, said, "My past experiences suggest that no government did anything for jute mills workers without a greater movement."

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## Jeff Koons' sculpture sells for \$91.1 m



AFP, New York

A sculpture by American artist Jeff Koons sold on Wednesday for \$91.1 million at an auction organised by Christie's in New York -- a record price for a living artist.

"Rabbit", a stainless steel casting of an inflatable rabbit, was the star of the auction house's spring sale and overtook the previous record set by British painter David Hockney's "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)", which sold last November at Christie's for \$90.3 million.

It was a return to the top for Koons, 64, whose "Balloon Dog (Orange)" for five years held the record for highest price reached at auction for a living artist after its 2013 sale for \$58.4 million.

The selling price of "Rabbit" was only \$80 million, but once commissions and fees were added, the final total rose to \$91.075 million.

In an unusual turn for an art auction at this price range, the buyer of "Rabbit" was actually in the room during the sale.

Wednesday's milestone came two years after Christie's in New York set the record for most expensive work of art known to have been sold with the sale of Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator

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## Imtiaz, Henry get interim bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court lawyer Imtiaz Mahmood and poet Henry Swapan were granted ad-interim bails in two cases yesterday.

A day after his arrest and detention in jail, Imtiaz got ad-interim bail in a case filed under the now-annulled section 57 of the ICT Act about two years ago over his Facebook posts.

Judge Ash Sams Joglul Hossain of the Dhaka Cyber Tribunal passed the order after Imtiaz's lawyer Asaduzzaman Rachi submitted a petition seeking his bail.

Police picked him up from his home in the capital's Banani area on Wednesday morning in response to a warrant issued by a Khagrachhari court on January 21.

The same day, a metropolitan magistrate rejected Imtiaz's bail and sent him to jail.

In July 2017, one Shafiqul Islam filed the case against Imtiaz with Khagrachhari Sadar Police Station on charges of hurting his sentiments and inciting communal violence in the

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Despite frequent accidents, people walk on rail lines and run across those even though an express train approaches at speed in Karwan Bazar area yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



## We Mourn

**Mr. Abul Kalam Azad**, Honorable Member of the Board of Trustees, Southeast University Trust, passed away on 15 May 2019 at 4:45 p.m. at a hospital in the capital (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajii'un).

The Southeast University family is deeply shocked at his death. We pray for the salvation of the departed soul and share empathy with the bereaved family.



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