

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven-year-old Nurul Islam Nayan, who was diagnosed with leukemia, has been undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in Dhaka for three years.

His father Mohammad Kabir Hossain from Barishal already spent Tk 13-14 lakh on Nayan's treatment. He has sold his only piece of land.

Doctors say Nayan's treatment should continue for at least one and a half more years.

Nayan's father is struggling to make ends meet and hopes to receive financial help from the well-off. They are currently staying at the shelter of ASHC Foundation at Banglamotor for treatment.

Kabi's bKash number is 01710886659.



IMPRISONMENT OF JAHA ALAM

TIB expresses concern over ACC officials' role

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday expressed concerns over Anti-Corruption Commission officials' admitted role in wrongly implicating jute mill worker Jaha Alam in graft cases.

An ACC probe report a few days ago admitted that its investigation officials wrongly implicated Jaha Alam, resulting in him languishing in jail for three years. He was freed on February 4 following intervention of the High Court.

TIB in its statement also urged to ensure proper compensation of Jaha Alam for his wrongful imprisonment, and bringing all responsible parties under exemplary accountability.

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman in the statement said ACC report on one hand is the reflection of people's expectations, and on the other, is a matter of deep concern.

In the report, negligence in duty of ACC officials and relevant agencies, their faulty steps, and nexus of a syndicate that had misappropriated money was identified. They should be brought under stern punishment, he said.

In 2012, ACC filed 33 cases against a number of individuals over misappropriation of Tk 18.5 crore from Sonali Bank. In 26 of the cases, businessman Abu Salek was an accused. ACC identified Jaha Alam as Salek; he was arrested in 2016 and sent to jail.

When the issue surfaced in the media, the HC intervened and ordered his release. He was released from Kashimpur Central Jail-2 in Gazipur on February 4 this year.

Witness deposition

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ceiling because of the ongoing torrential rain.

The rainwater damaged the "witness deposition networking system", he said.

"Although we could recover all data after five hours' attempt, we have to establish a new network system immediately," he added.

Maswood said they hoped to re-establish the network within tomorrow.

However, proceedings of the tribunal today will be held as "witness deposition networking system" will not be required, he said.

Recording of opening statement of the prosecution and testimony of first prosecution witness in the case against eight Mymensingh men, including former Jatiya Party lawmaker MA Hannan, for their alleged involvement in crimes committed during the Liberation War was set for yesterday.

But the tribunal adjourned the case until August 25 due to issues with the computer network and delay in producing the accused before the tribunal, Prosecutor Zead Al Malum said.

He said top officials of Public Works Department have already visited both the blocks and started the work.

"But it is already late," he added.

BYLC to train

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youth", in collaboration with IKEA Foundation and the Netherlands Embassy, said the organisers.

Addressing the press conference, BYLC President and Founder Ejaj Ahmad said as part of the project, they are going to launch a fund for youths to help them start their careers.

"We will provide 10,000 young men and women with skills training required to meet the challenges of the 21st century," he said.

For the 30 entrepreneurship projects, the organisation will initially provide Tk 8 lakh to each. If the initiatives take off, they can get up to Tk 20 lakh, Ejaj said while responding to a query.

As part of the project, BYLC will call for applications in December this year, he added.

Former managing director of Microsoft Bangladesh and Founder, Chairman and CEO of SBK Tech Ventures Sonia Bashir Kabir said, "Right now, Bangladesh has the demographic dividend and density dividend, while most countrymen speak one language."

"So with all of that, what we can do with the youths is arm them with soft skills and hard skills," Sonia Bashir said, expressing her excitement to be a part of the initiative.

Referring to Bangladesh's unemployment scenario, Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands said starting own business in a country with high unemployment is essential to create new jobs.

Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry Verweij also addressed the press conference.

Those who are interested in the initiative can visit BYLC's official website www.bylc.org for details.

CID sues

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elder son Sajjadul Islam Tanvir and his employee Zakir Hossain on Friday.

At the press briefing, Nazrul said Tajul embezzled money, assuring people of giving interest and profit against their deposits.

"But Tajul and Zakir transferred Tk 300 crore to the accounts of 12 different banks through 77 transactions. Those accounts belong to Tajul and three other organisations of Tajul's wife and their elder son."

Nazrul said his two sons are Canadian citizens and CID has found that Tajul also siphoned off around Tk 100 crore to them in Canada.

CID claimed that the organisation also built a shopping mall in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj with clients' money, which is a money laundering crime.

Aziz Co-operative Commerce and Finance Credit Society Limited started operations in 1984.

Tajul joined the organisation in 2005.

Nazrul said the organisation was illegally using the word "bank" to its name and running banking operations without any authorisation, under the guise of cooperatives.

According to the Bank Company Law and Cooperative Societies Act, a company cannot accept deposits or disbursements from public without a license from Bangladesh Bank, while cooperatives cannot have more than one branch.

Two Star journos at UK media summit

UNB, Dhaka

Three Bangladeshi promising young professionals -- two journalists and a communication officer -- have secured places at Future News Worldwide (FNW), a global forum for the next generation media.

The international media summit is being held at the Thompson Reuters Headquarters in London from July 15-17.

Aanila Tarannum and Azmin Azran, sub-editors of The Daily Star, and Nafisa Hasan, communication officer of Save the Children, Bangladesh, are three delegates chosen from Bangladesh for the conference.

Future News Worldwide is developed by the British Council in partnership with leading news and digital media organisations to identify, train and connect the next generation of top international journalists.

The three Bangladeshi youths were selected from a highly competitive field of more than 3,000 applicants, said the British Council yesterday.

THEFT ACCUSATION

Man 'takes own life', three held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A man died allegedly by suicide yesterday morning after being accused of stealing an auto-rickshaw in Savar.

Nirmal Pramanik, 42, a construction worker, was found hanging from the ceiling of a room in his house in Tenguri area, said Ram Krishna, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station.

Police arrested three persons on charges of instigating the incident, he said.

According to Nirmal's family members, Belayet -- a garage owner, Alamgir, Elias and some locals implicated Nirmal of stealing the vehicle, and on Saturday night arranged an arbitration at the garage over the issue.

At the arbitration, they beat up Nirmal and demanded Tk 50,000 from him. Later, they took Nirmal to his residence, confined him to a room and sent his wife to get the money from relatives.

"We could not manage the entire amount overnight," said Bikash Pramanik, Nirmal's brother. "In the morning, when we opened the door of the room, we found Nirmal hanging."

"During the arbitration, my brother kept on saying he did not steal the vehicle... he was crying... but Belayet and his accomplices went on beating and insulting him," he said, demanding justice.

The incident also created concerns in the area.

Karim Chistiry, a local union parishad member, said, "We told Belayet we would settle the matter in the morning, but they did not listen. They tortured Nirmal and demanded money from him, unbeknownst to us."

SI Krishna said on information, police recovered and sent the body to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital for autopsy. "We arrested Alamgir, his wife and Elias over the incident," he said, adding that they are looking for Belayet, who is on the run.

Five DU students get AF Mujibur Rahman medal

DU CORRESPONDENT

Five meritorious students of the mathematics department at Dhaka University have been awarded the AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation Gold Medal for their outstanding academic performances.

Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman handed over the medals and cheques for stipend to the recipients during a ceremony at the department yesterday.

The recipients are: Saiful Islam, Khokon Chandra, Md Joshem Uddin, Naimatul Naima Islam and DM Zunayed Kamal Nibir.

Two more students were also handed crests, for their outstanding performances at this year's National Mathematics Olympiad.

3 jailed for torturing underage house helps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three persons were sent to jail yesterday in a case filed for torturing two underage house helps, who tried to escape their employer's house in Dhanmondi.

The arrestees are: one Golam Kibria, his wife and daughter.

They were produced before a Dhaka court which sent them to jail, said Dhanmondi Police Station OC Abdul Latif.

Police detained them on Saturday after the two 11-year-old boys tried to escape through a ventilator of a sixth-floor apartment where Kibria lived. One of the boys, Sharif, fell in his attempt and broke his leg.

His father filed a case with Dhanmondi Police Station after the incident, said OC Abdul Latif.

Injured Sharif, undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, alleged that Kibria's family members kept them confined, and often beat them up over trivial matters.

JU BCS Officers Forum formed

CITY DESK

Jahangirnagar University (JU) BCS Officers Forum has been formed recently, says a press release.



MANOWAR AHMED

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A committee of the forum was constituted in a hotel on Friday during a reunion of the BCS cadres from JU, who are now working at different fields.

Manowar Ahmed, secretary of International Relations, was elected president while Md A Ahad, a superintendent of police, general secretary.

Jasmine lands in jail

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Mark Group Managing Director Tanvir Mahmud, was accused in charge sheets of all 11 cases filed on October 4 in 2012 by the ACC, over misappropriation of more than Tk 1,568 crore.

On July 17 last year, the HC directed jail authorities to submit a report on Jasmine's health condition before the same court, after her lawyer Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru submitted a bail prayer for Jasmine as she was physically weak due to illness.

On July 11, 2018, another Dhaka court sentenced Jasmine to three years of rigorous imprisonment in a case filed over failure to submit her wealth statement to the ACC within a specified time.

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Marking the 65th founding anniversary of Udayan Higher Secondary School, Dhaka University VC Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman -- also president of the school's governing body -- inaugurates a celebration programme along with the school teachers yesterday.

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RAPE, MURDER OF 6TH GRADER Two get life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A Barishal court has sentenced two men to life imprisonment and fined each Tk 1 lakh for raping and killing a sixth grader in 2012.

Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Shamim Azad passed the order after examining 26 witnesses and evidence in presence of convict, Manir Khan, 27. The other convict Rubel, 26, has been absconding.

Fayez ul Fayez, special public prosecutor of the tribunal, said the 11-year-old victim went her friend's home in Mehendiganj upazila on July 28, 2012 to watch TV and went missing. Her hanging body was recovered the next day. The victim's mother lodged an unnatural death case with Airport Police Station and police sent the corpse to morgue for autopsy.

The autopsy report found that the victim was raped and strangled to death, he added.

A murder and rape case was lodged against unknown miscreants by Sub-inspector Siddiqur Rahman on November 6, 2012.

CID Inspector Al Mamun Ul Islam submitted the charge sheet on September 24, 2014 against Manir and Rubel.

Most challenging part

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geo-technical investigation in the design phase and construction phase.

"The soil profiles assumed in the design were slightly different from those during construction," Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, chairman of the government's panel of experts on Padma Bridge, told The Daily Star in January this year.

"It was found that in some places the clay layer is located 62 metres above that assumed in the design. However, the matter for all the piers had been resolved," he had said.

Two major components of the project are the main bridge and river training.

Eighty-one percent work of the main bridge and 59 percent work of river training have been completed till June, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said recently.

Around 2,100 metre of the bridge is now visible as the 14th span (superstructure) was installed, he said. The first span of the bridge was installed on September 30, 2017.

Engineers involved with the bridge said works of 30 -- out of 42 -- piers have already been completed and the rest would be done within this year. Work to install span will go on concurrently, they said.

The bridge is expected to be opened to traffic within December next year, they added. Work of the main bridge was supposed to be completed by December last year.

The planning ministry extended the deadline to December 2019.

The project fell behind schedule after the World Bank withdrew its \$1.2 billion loan in 2012 over allegations of corruption. The government denied the allegations and moved to build the bridge using its own funds.

Once constructed, the bridge will directly connect the capital to 21 southern districts through road and railways.

Additional secretary

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professor of Food and Nutrition Science Institute, said if one wants to prove any research wrong, they have to do so through conducting another research.

"What is the necessity of publishing findings in a journal when public health is under threat? Human beings ... their health ... always comes first," said Zaher.

He alleged that multinational companies have created such an influence that one has to face threats like Faroque if they speak against them.

Some members of Ducus and hall unions also spoke at the programme.

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