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ALTERING FIR OF MURDER CASE

HC for judicial enquiry into OC's role

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Rajshahi chief judicial magistrate to conduct an enquiry into the alleged manipulation of the first information report (FIR) of a murder case by Puthia Police Station OC Shakil Uddin Ahamed.

In response to a writ petition, the court also asked the chief judicial magistrate to submit the probe report to it in 45 days.

The HC issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why the OC should not be suspended for manipulating the FIR of the case filed over the murder of workers' leader Nurul Islam on June 10.

The court asked the respondents to show cause why their inaction in taking action against the OC should not be declared illegal although the police official was accused in criminal cases and there were allegations that he was involved in corruption and other serious criminal activities in Puthia.

The home secretary, inspector general of police, chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, deputy IGP of Rajshahi range, superintendent and assistant superintendent (Puthia circle) of Rajshahi police, and OC Shakil have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Khairul Alam came up with the order and rule following a writ petition filed by Nigar Sultana, daughter of Nurul Islam, seeking the court's necessary order in this regard.

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Part of the Kalapara-Kuakata Bikalpa Sarak is being eroded by the Sonatola river in Patuakhali's Tegachhia Bazar area. About 50 metres of the boundary wall, put up to protect the road, collapsed recently. The Local Government Engineering Department had built the wall and repaired the road only a year ago. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN



Shampadak Parishad gets new executive committee

Mahfuz Anam
president, Naem Nizam GS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Shampadak Parishad (Editors' Council) has formed its new executive committee with The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam as its president and Bangladesh Protidin Editor Naem Nizam as general secretary.

The new committee, which will take charge next month and function till September 2021, was formed at a meeting at The Daily Star Centre on Sunday.

The committee includes five office-bearers and four executive members, said a Shampadak Parishad press release yesterday.

Tasmima Hossain, editor of Ittefaq, has been made vice president while Dewan Hanif Mahmud, editor and publisher of Bonik Barta, is assistant general secretary, and Mustafiz Shafi, acting editor of Samakal, is treasurer.

The four executive members are Matiur Rahman Chowdhury, editor of Manabzamin; Saiful Alam, acting editor of Jugantor; Shyamal Dutta, editor of Bhorer Kagoj; and MA Malek, editor of Dainik Azadi.

Mahfuz Anam was general secretary of the outgoing committee while Samakal editor Golam Sarwar, who died last year, was its president.

The parishad was founded in 2013 to play an active role in protecting

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Ex-Kashmir CM arrested

INDIA TIMES ONLINE

Farooq Abdullah, a three-term chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir and five-time parliamentarian, was arrested yesterday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) and his residence was declared a jail, officials said here.



Farooq Abdullah

Abdullah has been under detention since August 5, the day the Centre abrogated special status of the state, and the PSA was slapped against him hours before the Supreme Court heard a petition by MDMK leader Vaiko who claimed that Abdullah has been illegally detained in the state.

The National Conference chairman has been booked under the 'public order' provision of the PSA under which a person can be kept inside jail from three to six months without a trial, the officials said.

Abdullah was served the notice under the PSA at 1:00 am yesterday and his Gupkar road house declared a jail, the officials said.

The 81-year-old Abdullah, who became the first chief minister against whom the PSA has been invoked, has a heart pacemaker implanted and had undergone a kidney transplant a few years ago.

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A sanctuary for Bangladeshis in heart of Mali



MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA, back from Mali

The red and green flag fluttering by the side of one of the many dirt roads in Bamako is a welcoming sight to a visiting Bangladeshi.

Set in a remote part of Mali's capital city, the building is known among locals as Bangla House. This is where Bangladeshi peacekeepers of the UN stay briefly before being deployed to different areas of operation.

While staying here, they also keep in touch with the headquarters of forces in Bamako city.

The second floor offers a view of the River Niger, flowing through the city, and green fields along its banks.

"Welcome to Bangla House," greets Shanu, a cheerful man from a nearby neighbourhood who looks after the house.

Shanu has been working here for around six years and understands

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Don't publish news that may impact cases

Press council tells the media

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Press Council yesterday issued instructions regarding court reporting, urging the media not to publish any news or article that may influence under-trial cases.

During the court proceedings, the arguments between judges and lawyers are solely assets of the court and they are not something to be published in newspapers, said a handout of the press council.

Before the delivery of the final judgment, journalists should refrain from publishing any comment or opinion over under-trial cases or issues as these can defame judges or influence verdicts of cases, it said.

The actual picture of under-trial cases can be presented in reporting, the

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Angry bees delay Air India flight



AFP, New Delhi

An Air India flight was delayed by several hours after a swarm of bees landed on the cockpit window, attacking ground staff when they tried to remove them, officials said.

The insects landed on the window just before the plane was due to leave the eastern city of Kolkata on Sunday with 136 passengers, including Bangladesh's information minister.

Ground staff tried to shoo the insects off, angering them, and when attempts to use the windscreen wipers failed officials switched to 'plan b' and blasted them off with water.

"Fire tenders were deployed to spray water to dislodge the honey bees and they could be driven away after nearly an hour-long operation," airport official Kaushik Bhattacharya told AFP.

Senior pilots and airline officials said no aircraft is allowed to take off if it has a swarm of insects on the cockpit glass.

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'Robber' killed in 'gunfight' with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A suspected robber was killed in what police claimed was a gunfight between police and armed cohorts of the suspect in Rajbari's Sadar Upazila early yesterday.

Abdur Rahim, 35, was from Dhuldi Joypur village in the upazila, said Swapan Kumar, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, adding that he was accused in eight cases, including a murder case.

"A team of police arrested Rahim from Indronarayanpur village in the upazila on Sunday," the OC said.

During primary interrogation, Rahim told them the location of some hidden firearms.

According to his information, a team of police raided Kalibari area around 2:00am, taking Rahim with them.

Sensing presence of the law enforcers, cohorts of Rahim, who had taken position near the spot, opened fire on police.

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It's hard to believe that the Khilgaon-Basabo canal once ran through this place in the capital's Mughda Para area. Unabated dumping of waste and mindless grabbing have choked the waterbody to death. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

ATTACKS ON SAUDI OIL PLANTS

Trump hints at military action

US officials point finger at Iran citing intel; Russia, China urge restraint; oil prices surge

AGENCIES

Oil prices made their biggest jump since the Gulf War yesterday after President Donald Trump warned that the US was "locked and loaded" to respond to attacks on Saudi oil infrastructure that Washington blamed on Iran.

It is the first time the president has hinted at a potential American military response to the drone attacks, which slashed Saudi oil production by half and led both the kingdom and the United States to announce they may tap their strategic reserves.

"Saudi Arabia oil supply was attacked. There is reason to believe that we know the culprit, are locked and loaded depending on verification, but are waiting to hear from the Kingdom as to who they believe was the cause of this attack, and under what terms we would proceed!" Trump tweeted.

China yesterday urged the US and Iran to "exercise restraint... in the absence of a conclusive investigation or verdict".

The Kremlin warned against a hasty reaction to the drone strikes on the oil facilities.

US has issued satellite images and cited intelligence to back its allegation Iran was behind the attacks. Unnamed US officials speaking to US and international media said the direction and extent of the attacks cast doubt on Houthi involvement.

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