

GRAFT CASE

Barishal ex-mayor jailed for 7 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Former Barishal City Corporation mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal and four others were yesterday sentenced to seven years in prison in a corruption case filed over embezzlement of Tk 45 lakh.

Barishal Divisional Special Judge Mohsinul Haque handed down the verdict in presence of the accused.

The court also fined Kamal, former fisheries affairs secretary of BNP central committee, and one Zakir Hossain, a contractor, Tk 1 crore each.

The three other convicts are Md Ishahak, former executive engineer of Barishal municipality; Khan Nurul Islam, former assistant engineer of the municipality and current supervising engineer of the city corporation; and Abdus Sattar, former deputy assistant engineer of the municipality.

Abdul Baset, the then district officer of Anti-Corruption Corporation, filed the case against them with Kotwali Model Police Station on October 11, 2000.

He said the accused were in charge of Barisal municipality at the time of the incident. Kamal and others embezzled the money in name of repairing roads and recruiting fake contractors for the work, he said in the case statement.

On July 19, 2011, ACC assistant director MH Rahmatullah filed the charge sheet against the accused.

Yesterday, Advocate Masudul Haque Khan represented the state while Advocate Mannan Akon, Advocate Mujibur Rahman Nantu and Advocate Saeed Ahmed Madhu appeared for the accused. After the verdict, the accused were sent to Barishal Central Jail.

Meanwhile, a tense situation was created in the court area after the verdict. BNP-backed lawyers demonstrated on the premises, demanding Kamal's release.

Law enforcers eventually brought the situation under control.



Buyers queue up to buy groceries from a Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) truck in the capital's Motijheel. The open market sales come at a cheaper price than market rates, but every buyer can also get only a fixed maximum amount. This is why staffers carefully weigh items such as lentils for each purchase. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

A forgone

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Wishing anonymity, some officials said the current scenario is because of there being no target for sample collection. There is no monthly requirement for inspecting restaurants or hotels to check hygiene.

"We also can't perform our main work because we are often assigned to accompany mosquito drives or carry out other work," said a sanitary inspector of DSCC, wishing not to be named.

A sanitary inspector of DNCC told this correspondent, "Whenever we collect samples, we must pay for the products out of our pockets, and the authority doesn't want to reimburse us. Besides, we also must spend our own money while filing cases and for transport."

"Therefore, sanitary inspectors are not incentivised to collect samples," he added.

Experts concerned with food safety say sample collection is unsatisfactory, and authorities must seriously monitor this issue. With product volume increasing, testing should have ramped up as well.

Former Food Safety Authority Chairperson Mahfuzur Rahman said, "Sample collection is very low when the market and city's area is considered. At the same time, the inspectors need proper support to execute their duty."

When asked about sample collection or inspection targets, he said since the sanitary inspectors work based on receiving complaints, and city corporation areas often expand, authorities do not set strict targets.

Consumer Association of Bangladesh President Ghulam Rahman said, "All this shows employees' lack of responsibility and inadequate monitoring by authorities. If these issues were taken care of, the sanitary inspectors wouldn't be able to go on without properly executing their duties for three years."

"They should provide an explanation for this. If they can't, necessary action should be taken as per law," he added.

When approached for this matter, DSCC Chief Health Officer Brig Gen Md Sharif Ahmed refused to talk or meet the reporter.

DNCC Deputy Chief Health Officer Lt Col Md Golam Mostofa Sarwar said that a major reason for these issues is workforce crisis. "We have 10 zones and need two sanitary inspectors in each. In total, we need 20 officers but only have nine."

Talking about responsibilities of the officers, he said, "They are supposed to inspect the food market and restaurants, and send samples to the laboratory. However, that is not happening."

"Due to workforce shortage, whenever drives take place, like ones for mosquito control or billboard removal, they have to be present. If Rapid Action Battalion sends requisition for any drive, they have to be there too," he added.

"Since they are often preoccupied with other work, we directed them to send at least one sample to the laboratory monthly," the official said.

He however admitted that DNCC could not monitor the sector properly for the last few years due to being occupied with dengue-related work. Now, they are trying to bring everything under discipline, he added.

Regarding claims of sanitary inspectors paying for samples out of their pockets, Lt Col Sarwar denied it, saying the reimbursement may come late, but they do receive it.

"After buying samples, they can send vouchers to the respective zonal executive officer, and DNCC will reimburse them accordingly. Although they complain of getting late payments, this can't be an excuse," he added.

Travelling

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Besides offering interesting travel destinations, Wander Woman also designs unique plans for its members. There's a petty currency exchange programme, international sim-card exchange facilities, travel cost pre-installment payment options, and more, Mehrin told this correspondent.

"The basic idea is to make travel as easy and as convenient as possible," she said.

But then things hit a stumbling block after the coronavirus put a halt to all its initiatives for most of 2020. However, rather than being bogged down by this, the organisation heard the call of the time and focused on doing philanthropic work, like arranging donations for pandemic affected families. It also undertook another project where over 7,500 women were provided self-defense training for free.

After seven long months of closure, the company finally resumed operations in November. In the meantime, Mehrin won the highly acclaimed Diana Award, but she says she couldn't have done it without the country's people.

"After all, this is an initiative that originated in beautiful Bangladesh," she said.

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39pc migrant

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The speakers also suggested providing guarantee of migrant workers' rights by following a bilateral agreement.

Besides, there should be bilateral talks with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, so that those who have been forced to return to the country after Covid-19 can go abroad again and those who are still abroad are not sent back.

The online seminar was presided over by Karmojibi Nari President Dr Pratima Paul Majumder and moderated by Acting Executive Director Sunzida Sultana.

Lost

My original PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO (Italian Green Card-114835993), Codice Fiscale Card-Bd NMJN69D02249E), and CARTA DI IDENTITA'-CA47139CT) card have been lost on November 04, 2020. GD has been lodged with CMP Khulshi Police Station -- GD No. 233 (05/11/2020).

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Enayetullah Khan's death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 15th death anniversary of Enayetullah Khan, founding editor of daily New Age and editor-in-chief of weekly Holiday, says a press release.

On this day in 2005, he passed away in Toronto, Canada at the age of 66. He had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

Having begun his career as a cub reporter for the then Pakistan Observer in 1959, Enayetullah founded Holiday in August 1965, before taking over as editor in 1966. He founded New Age in June 2003. He was also the editor of the Bangladesh Times between 1975 and 1977. He was also awarded the Ekushey Padak.



M'singh road crash kills two brothers

Two dead, five injured in Tangail

STAR REPORT

Two brothers were killed in a road accident at the Seedstore area in Bhaluka upazila early yesterday.

The victims were identified as Md Moniruzzaman (33) and his younger brother Jubaidul Islam (30). They were sons of Noor Islam from Sherpur's Sadar upazila, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

Quoting locals, Sub-Inspector of Bhaluka Highway Police Md Mohsin said the brothers, both shoe traders, were going to Dhaka to buy shoes. They were traveling in a pick-up van taken from Sherpur.

However, suddenly around 3:30am, a truck hit their van from behind, critically injuring both.

They were taken to Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex where on-duty doctors declared them dead. Police have recovered the bodies and handed them over to the family.

Police have seized the pick-up van but its driver fled the scene. A case has been lodged in this regard.

In Tangail, two people were killed and five others were injured in a head-on collision between a passenger bus and a truck in Rasulpur area of Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Shah Alam Hossain Selim (40), of Mirzapur, and Mizanur Rahman Sheikh (28) of Morolganj in Bagerhat, reports our Tangail correspondent.

Quoting witnesses, Sub-Inspector Motiur Rahman of Elenga Highway Police Outpost said the accident took place on the Dhaka-Tangail highway around 7am. The force of the collision left the driver of the truck and supervisor of the bus dead on the spot.

Upon information, fire service and civil defence personnel rushed to the spot, rescued the injured people and sent them to Tangail General Hospital.

Police seized both the vehicles, the SI added.

A kilometres long tailback of several hundred vehicles was created for around one hour due to the accident, locals said.

Suman

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to explain why the publication of the gazette notification should not be declared illegal.

According to the petition, Jumman failed to secure pass marks in the Bangladesh Bar Council examination. But on October 31 last year, a gazette notification was issued allowing him to practise law for the HC.

On November 8, the HC bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Mohammad Ullah rejected the writ petition and upheld the Bar Council's gazette notification.

The HC said in the verdict that Jumman has foreign degree and has experience of practising law at foreign courts and therefore, he can practise at courts concerned in Bangladesh as per relevant law.

Ex-husband

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Days after their divorce, Ali beat up Rahima and took away her salary. She filed a general diary with Mirpur Police Station in this regard, Miraj added.

Mustafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station, said the victim's ex-husband was absconding and the process to arrest him was underway.

Noor

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autocracy movement.

In face of the movement, autocratic ruler HM Ershad had to step down on December 6, 1990.

To mark the day, different socio-cultural and professional organisations, have chalked out programmes.



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