

Expelled BCL leader now given post in Jubo League

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohiuddin Rana, who was expelled from Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Dhaka University over his involvement in leaking questions and digital fraud, is now a member of the newly formed central committee of Jubo League.

Almost a year after holding its 7th Congress, Jubo League, the youth wing of Awami League (AL), announced its 201-member central executive committee and 200-member central committee on Saturday.

Mohiuddin was 186th in the central committee list. Many former and present BCL leaders congratulated him for getting into the committee, as observed in his Facebook profile.

Mohiuddin was a student of physics department at Dhaka University (DU), and was arrested from Shahidullah Hall on October 19, 2017, the night before D-unit admission test.

Law enforcers found soft copies of question papers in his phone and equipment that was used in fraudulent activities, reported different newspapers the next day.

He was an assistant secretary of Central Chhatra League (Sohag-Zakir Committee), and was expelled from BCL the day after he

got arrested, said SM Zakir Hossain, then general secretary of BCL.

His expulsion had not even been withdrawn before he was given the Jubo League post, he said.

On January 30, 2018, DU syndicate expelled Mohiuddin and 14 other students for life. In that decision, the authority said Mohiuddin had provided digital devices to admission seekers.

Mohiuddin's name was also in a charge-sheet filed by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) against 125 people, including 87 DU students on June 23, 2019.

In this regard, Saifur Rahman Sohag, organising secretary of Jubo League -- who is also former central president of BCL, told The Daily Star, "We had expelled Mohiuddin, but I need to find out what happened next and how he has got the post now."

On October 20, 2019, Jubo League Chairperson Omar Faruk Chowdhury was relieved of his post amid allegations of corruption, and Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash was elected the new chairperson the next month.

Parash and Mainul Hossain Khan Nikhil, general secretary of Jubo League, had unveiled the full committee.



Non-regularised workers of government colleges continued a hunger strike in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, demanding regularisation of their jobs.

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Shafiu Alam's 11th death anniversary

CITY DESK

The 11th death anniversary of Shafiu Alam Khan, a retired employee of Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd in Chattogram, is going to be observed today.

On this day in 2009, Shafiu Alam died at a hospital in Dhaka.

On the occasion, a mild mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held today at his residence in Boalkhali of Chattogram.

Similar programmes will take place at Khurshid and Associates, the chamber of his elder son Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan, at 204 Bijoynagar in Dhaka.

Family members have requested all relatives, friends and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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The High Court yesterday gave one and a half months to the judicial inquiry committee formed by the court to complete probe into the police actions regarding the arrest of three men and their subsequent confessions to raping and killing a girl, who turned out to be alive later.

The fifth-grader was rescued 49 days after she was said to be abducted and murdered.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman granted the time after the chief judicial magistrate of Narayanganj sought time till December 17 for completing the inquiry into the matter, saying that the probe is yet to be finished.

The bench, however, asked the chief judicial magistrate to submit the

probe report to it by January 5 next year as the court will go on a two-week annual vacation from December 18, Mohammad Shishir Manir, a lawyer of the case, told The Daily Star.

On September 24 this year, the HC bench formed the judicial inquiry committee and fixed yesterday's date to hear and pass order on this issue.

The HC came up with the directives following a revision petition that challenged the police action of arresting the three accused, and the latter's confessional statements to a magistrate about the alleged rape and killing of the child who was rescued alive in Narayanganj.

During hearing on the revision petition on September 17, Shamim Al Mamun, the investigation officer of the case and Sub Inspector of Narayanganj Sadar Police Station,

and current IO of the case and SI Mostafizur Rahman appeared with case records before the HC bench as per its August 27 order. The court did not hear their statements.

SI Shamim's lawyer Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury told the HC bench that the police administration has already suspended his client and initiated departmental proceedings against him.

Five lawyers led by Mohammad Shishir Manir had submitted the revision petition on August 25. The petition stated that a fifth grader went missing on July 4 this year.

Her father Jahangir Hossain filed a case with Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station on August 6 on charge of abducting his daughter.

Police arrested three accused Abdullah, Belal, Rakib in connection with the case.

SELLING POLYTHENE

DoE seals off 4 warehouses, 3 businesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CITY

The Department of Environment (DoE) in Chattogram sealed off four warehouses and three shops for storing and selling illegal polythene at Riazuddin Bazar in Chattogram city yesterday.

A DoE team led by Nurullah Nuri, director of DoE Chattogram metropolitan, seized five tonnes of such polythene from there.

Nurullah Nuri told The Daily Star that on a tip off, they conducted the drive at the bazar.

"We also issued notice to three people to appear at DoE office for hearing," said the official.

BFUJ

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They said Naimul Abrar Rahat was electrocuted at a Kishor Alo event where Matiur Rahman was not present.

It was an unexpected and tragic incident. "We want justice through a fair and impartial investigation to determine whether there was any real negligence or irresponsibility in the accidental death. But after the incident, we saw statements and instructions from the higher ranks of the government which would affect the investigation and judicial process. They expressed their resentment against the newspaper [Prothom Alo]," said the statement.

BFUJ leaders demanded that the "harassment" of Prothom Alo editor and other journalists be ended immediately.

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the question-answer session.

"A second wave of the pandemic has already started in Europe and America," the premier said.

Noting that extensive preparations have been taken to deal with a possible second wave of the virus, the PM said the government has instructed the authorities concerned to implement "no mask, no service" policy to contain the spread of novel coronavirus during the winter.

"Screening continues at the country's entry points. A 14-day quarantine has been made mandatory for the returnees from abroad. Activities are being carried out according to the action plan adopted for preventing and checking Covid-19," she said.

WB expands \$100m help for Rohingya, host communities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday signed a \$100 million grant financing agreement with the World Bank. The fund will be used to scale up access to energy, water, sanitation services, and disaster-resilient infrastructures for the Rohingya and surrounding host communities.

"Since the very beginning of the crisis, the World Bank has been supporting Bangladesh to respond to the needs of Rohingya people as well as the host communities," said Mercy Miyang Tembon, World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan. The funds will be a continuation of this support, she added.

The additional financing to the ongoing Emergency Multi-Sector Rohingya Crisis Response Project will benefit about 780,800 people, including 140,800 local people, states a World Bank press release.

The project aims to achieve this by

installing mini-piped water supply schemes, point water sources, and rainwater harvesting systems, along with household and community toilets in the Cox's Bazar district, the press release added.

The additional fund will go to building 40 multi-purpose disaster shelters, accessible to 81,000 people, and climate resilient evacuation roads. It also be used to install around 4,000 solar streetlights and 975 lightning protection systems, the release added.

The financing is expected to help government agencies strengthen institutional systems and capacities for the planning, coordination, and response to crises and emergencies.

The agreement was signed by Additional Secretary of Economic Relations Division Md Shahabuddin Patwary and Mercy Tembon, on behalf of the government of Bangladesh and the World Bank, respectively.

Only one-third

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It was conducted through phone interviews from a pool of 886 female workers in September this year, 875 of whom indicated they were comfortable with answering the questions.

These workers are employed in factories spread across the five main industrial areas of Bangladesh -- Chittagong, Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, and Savar.

SANEM in collaboration with Microfinance Opportunities (MFO) has been conducting a series of surveys on the garment workers of Bangladesh. The surveys are part of a project titled "Garment Worker Diaries."

The Garment Worker Diaries collect regular, credible data on the work hours, income, expenses, and use of financial tools of workers in the global apparel and textile supply chain in producing countries.

The objective of the project is to encourage data-driven government policy decisions, collective bargaining, and factory and brand initiatives related to improving the lives of garment workers.

The project began in 2016 when Microfinance Opportunities, a global non-profit, in collaboration with local research firms in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia, collected data from 180 women in each country every week for a year.



Citizens of Sylhet city's ward-3 line up yesterday to collect water from a city corporation vehicle as their supply had been cut off for a little over two days. Electricity services resumed in all areas of Sylhet yesterday evening, around 55 hours after most parts of Sylhet and several parts of Sunamganj districts plunged into darkness due to a fire at the 132/33 KV substation in Sylhet's Kumargaon on Tuesday morning.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Every upazila

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He said an initiative was taken to set up Bangabandhu Fire Academy for better training personnel. Once set up, firefighters will be able to receive advance training.

Presently, fire service can douse fires and conduct rescue operations up to 19th floor of a building, he said, adding that the capacity will be raised to 21st floor, as vehicles with 68-metre ladders will be added next year.

There were only 63 ambulances under the service, which has increased to 185. Authorities will provide ambulances to each fire station in phases, he said.

Commenting that people consider fire service as a friend when in danger, Asaduzzaman said, "Wherever I have seen accidents on the road or in the river, firefighters have stood by people with their services."

"I think observance of Fire Service and Civil Defence Week will enhance professionalism of staffers and increase public engagement," he said.

Fire Service and Civil Defence Week-2020 started across the country from yesterday, aiming to raise nationwide awareness on the theme "Training, Plan and Preparation: Speed up Disaster Management".

The week will be celebrated till November 21 through various programmes conducted by the service.

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Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS)

Applications are invited from doctors (MBBS with permanent BMDC registration) for admission into the Certificate Course on Diabetology (CCD) for the session January to June-2021. This course was introduced by Diabetic Association of Bangladesh with experts on distance learning of Open University, UK. The standard of the course is set to create Specialist in Diabetes Mellitus. Due to COVID-19 pandemic some changes have been adopted for the course (for details see: <http://www.badas-dlp.org>).

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