

# FREEDOM FIGHTERS' ALLOWANCE System error leaves out 15,000 in metropolitans

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The promise of convenience that the new Electronic Finance Transfer (EFT) system brought for freedom fighters has turned sour within two months of its introduction. Due to an indexing issue, around 15,000 freedom fighters living in five metropolitan areas are yet to receive their allowances for the first month of the new year.

In the past, the allowances were manually distributed through the Deputy Commissioner's office. However, the new system was introduced under which allowances would be issued digitally and go straight into the recipient's account.

But as metropolitan areas are not categorised in the payroll software, 14,958 freedom fighters living in the five cities of Barishal, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Rangpur, and Mymensingh have been left out from getting their allowances for January, and look set to miss February's as well.

Contacted, authorities concerned could not confirm when this issue will be fixed.

"We have come to see that the table (in the payroll software) is set up on an upazila-based system, meaning that there's no mention of metropolitan areas. We have

notified those in charge of the software of this issue, and hopefully they will resolve it soon, but we don't know when," said Executive Magistrate Abdul Hai, Barishal Zila Muktijoddha Sangsad's in-charge for distributing the allowances.

In December under the manual system, 1,71,080 freedom fighters had received the payments, according to the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs' website. Under the new system, 1,56,122 Freedom Fighters have already received allowances for January.

Of the 14,958 who didn't get their allowances, 394 live in Barishal city.

Contacted, Barishal DC and Commander of District Muktijoddha Sangsad Jasimuddin Haider said they are working to fix it.

"We sent a list of freedom fighters eligible for the allowance through a Management Information System to the deputy commissioner's office on Feb 14. Whatever the issue is from their side now," said Hafizur Rahman, office assistant of the social service office in Barishal District.

Putul Ghosh, general secretary of Sector Commanders Forum, Barishal unit, said many freedom fighters do not even know why they're not getting the allowances, but are passing a miserable time because of it.



The footpath in front of Dhaka Shishu Hospital has never been empty of hawkers in recent memory. But the presence of large crowds outside a hospital largely hinders the ease of movement of patients, attendants and hospital staff, who are often faced with emergencies.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Youth held in Ctg over rape of college girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a 22-year old youth yesterday on charge of raping a college girl in Chattogram city's Panchlaila area.

Officer-in-Charge Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Panchlaila Police Station said police arrested Md Asman Azim Ayan (22) in a drive, after receiving complaint from the victim's father.

He raped her on Wednesday evening on a rooftop of a building; she was undergoing treatment at One-Stop Crisis Centre of Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH), police said.

"Ayan forcibly picked up the girl while she was going for tuition, raped and physically abused her," he added.

Police were trying to arrest two more accused in the case who assisted Ayan in this crime.

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BGB flags were hoisted at half-mast at all BGB installations, and all BGB members are wearing black badges to mark the day.

On February 25, 2009, several hundred Bangladesh Rifles (now BGB) men rose up in an armed revolt at the Darbar Hall of the force's Pikhana headquarters during the three-day "BDR Week".

The mutiny finally ended the following day with the surrender of firearms, ammunition and grenades through a negotiation between then government and BDR rebels.

## Retired cop

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constable retired from Rajarbagh Police Lines in 2012.

After retirement, he moved to his home town Barishal. He has a plot in Keraniganj, a 1,068-square-foot flat on Outer Circular Road in Dhaka in his wife's name, and 59 land deeds in Dhaka and Barishal.

"He tried his best to remove his wife's name from the case, but could not. So he, along with others, threatened and cornered me on that day," Al-Amin added.

Contacted yesterday, Dhali said, "I did not detain him [the ACC official]."

"I paid him Tk 3 lakh to remove my wife's name from the case and asked him to return it as he did not do so," he further alleged.

Asked about the corruption case, Dhali

said he had provided ACC with all the information regarding his wealth and assets.

"Now I don't remember everything," he said and hung up the phone.

Al-Amin, however, refuted the bribery allegation.

Debabrata Mandal, ACC deputy director, Barishal said, "Being informed, we rescued Al-Amin from the court premises at 2pm. We have informed the higher authorities for taking action against the accused."

About the bribery allegation, the deputy director of the anti-graft body told this newspaper, "Usually in corruption cases like this one, the accused often come up with such allegations."

## Railway to

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of their respective organisations.

Later, the minister inaugurated the programme.

Under the programme, WaterAid will renovate two public toilets at Kamalapur Railway Station and build a new public toilet in Airport Station in the capital.

Under the one-year pilot programme, a model would be developed through proper maintenance with money to be collected from toilets-users, officials said.

Besides, a guideline would be developed and good practices would be replicated in other public toilets of other railway stations, they added.

Railways Ministry Secretary Salim Reza said they would remodel and modernise 50 stations across the country within one year to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dhirendra Nath, Hasin Jahan, BR general manager (east) Jahangir Hossain, ministry's joint secretary Atiqur Rahaman and expert Santanu Lahiri spoke the programme.

## CORRUPTION CASE

# HC questions bail for Rozi Chishty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned a lower court order that granted bail to Rozi Chishty, wife of former chairman of Farmers Bank Audit Committee Mahabubul Haque Chisty in a corruption case.

The HC issued a rule asking the state, Anti-Corruption Commission and Rozi Chishty to explain in 10 days why the January 5 lower court order that granted her bail should not be scrapped.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Mohi Uddin Shamim came up with the rule following a petition filed by the ACC on February 18, seeking cancellation of the bail order.

The anti-corruption body said in the petition that there is specific allegation against Rozi Chishty of committing corruption and, therefore, she cannot be granted bail in the case.

Lawyer Khurshid Alam appeared for the ACC while Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik represented the state.

On December 15 in 2019, the ACC filed the case with its coordinated district office in Dhaka against Rozi and several others on charges of amassing illegal wealth worth Tk 37.38 crore.

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

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**NOTE:** No proposal will be considered after the declared deadline.

## Country's food

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Asaduzzaman suggested designing projects with a more holistic approach, with particular emphasis on economic, gender and Behavior Change Communication (BCC).

Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH Wing) of the Health Services Division, said the government is investing large sums in the country's nutrition sector with the aim to reduce stunting and wasting.

## Mobile banking scammer arrested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a bKash officer imposter in Rajpara of Rajshahi on Wednesday night, in a case filed for deceiving a man more than two years ago.

Selim Mia (26) was held at his home in Maharajpur in Baliakandi of Rajpara, confirmed Rajshahi Metropolitan Police spokesman Golam Ruhul Quddus.

One Salahuddin Biswas filed the case against him with Rajpara Police Station on October 10, 2018.

In the case, he said, introducing himself as an officer of the mobile financial service, Selim took his bKash PIN number and stole Tk 32,063 from his account.

A Rajshahi court sent the accused to jail when he was produced before it yesterday, the RMP spokesperson said.

## Dispose of

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acquitted. "Only some people, not all those who had direct involvement in the killings, have been brought to justice."

He said the local and international conspirators who planned the carnage remains behind the scenes. "Their identities are not clear to people. We urge the government to bring all those who plotted and planned the barbaric incident to justice."

The BNP leader alleged that the family of a Subedar major of then BDR, who was killed during the massacre for his efforts to protect the army officers, still did not get any support from the government. "I hope the government will immediately give attention to the matter."

Stating that families of the slain army officers are living in severe misery and grief, Hafiz hoped that the offenders of this brutal incident will be brought to justice soon to bring peace to their minds and the souls of martyrs.

He said their party wants good governance, democracy and the rule of law to be "restored" in the country in a very short time. Hafiz along with party leaders and ex-army officials went to the graveyard around 10:45am and placed wreaths at the monument and offered prayers, seeking eternal peace for the departed souls.

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