

Probe, arrest, try killers of journo Muzakkir

Demands family in press conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Family members of a journalist who was killed during a clash in Noakhali's Companyganj upazila on February 19 have demanded trial of the killers.

They came up with the demand at a press conference at the district Press Club auditorium yesterday.

"We demand impartial investigation into the incident, immediate arrest of the killers, and their trials," said the victim's elder brother Mawlana Nooruddin.

While reading a written statement, he also said, "Apart from journalism, my brother was involved with different social activities, but was never involved with any political party."

He achieved first class in graduation level and was continuing his post-graduation studies at Noakhali Government College, said Nooruddin.

The victim's parents and other family members were present at the press conference.

The clash on February 19 was between two factions of the ruling Awami League over establishing supremacy in Companyganj upazila.

One group was led by Abdul Quader Mirza, younger brother of AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader, while the other was led by Mizanur Rahman Badal, organising secretary of the upazila unit AL.

Both the groups used firearms in the clash and police also fired around 10 to 12

bullets to bring the situation under control.

A day later, journalist Borhan Uddin Muzakkir, 30, of online news portal Barta Bazar, who was hit by bullets while covering the incident, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Later on February 23, the victim's father Nurul Huda Master filed a murder case accusing unnamed persons with Companyganj Police Station.

But none could be arrested in connection with the killing till filing the report around 6:00pm yesterday.

Amid such a situation, the case was handed over to Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) on Wednesday.

Contacted, PBI Inspector Mustafizur Rahman, who is also investigation officer (IO) of the case, yesterday said, "We have continued investigation and hope to arrest those who were involved with the killing."

The killing sparked outrage among journalist communities across the country. Journalists staged demonstration and held human chain demanding trial of the killers in different areas.

In Rajshahi, journalists yesterday formed a protest rally and human chain demanding exemplary punishment of the killers of the journalist.

Rajshahi Union of Journalists (RUJ) organised the human chain at Saheb Bazar Zero Point in the city around 11:00am that lasted for around one hour.

Our Rajshahi University correspondent contributed to this report

Sadness all the way

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Family members alleged that two youths, who are known to them, entered their flat on the sixth floor of a seven-storey building in Wari's Narinda and killed Hasan by slitting his throat. They looted eight tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 85,000.

Police detained one of them, aged around 24, but did not disclose his identity.

"The killers are known to the family members. We are trying to arrest the other involved in the incident and also recover the valuables," Shah Ifekhar Ahmed, deputy commissioner (Wari division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Victim's uncle Abdus Sobhan said Hasan was the youngest of three siblings.

On Wednesday evening, Hasan's uncle-in-law Zaman Bhuiyan and his son Azizul Haque were outside. At that time, two youths named Sohail and Zahid, who are acquaintances of Hasan's another aunt, went to the flat. Hasan and his aunt Ayesha Begum were there, said Sobhan.

"The duo had snacks at the house. Ayesha told them that she had to go outside for shopping for the next day's trip to Cox's Bazar. Ayesha and the youths then left together."

"After 20 minutes, one of them called Ayesha and wanted to know when she would return," Sobhan told The Daily Star.

Ayesha's son Azizul returned home and found the door locked from the outside. He waited until his mother came back home around 9:30pm.

After breaking open the door, Ayesha found Hasan's body and the flat ransacked. The family then found that around eight to nine tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 85,000 were missing.

Police said they suspected that the two youths were involved in the incident. After raiding a house in Maniknagar, they held one of the suspects.

Hasan's body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy yesterday.

ROBBERY, BURGLARY RISE IN CITY
Recently, the number of robberies and burglaries rose in the capital, say police.

According to the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, at least 70 cases of robberies, attempted robberies, and burglaries have been filed with different police stations in the capital between December and January.

The DMP also conducted special operations as theft and robberies have increased. Police arrested 52 people in connection with the cases.

On February 7, burglars made away with around 500 tolas of gold ornaments of a jewellery shop and took around Tk 5 lakh from the shop and three others at Rapa Plaza in the capital's Dhanmondi area.

"Till now, there is no update in the case," Ekram Ali, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday when asked about the progress of investigation.

On December 30, robbers looted Tk 34 lakh and 45 tolas of gold ornaments from a house in Panthapath area.

But in the two incidents, police could not arrest anyone or recover the goods.

Wishing not to be named, a high official of DMP said the incidents of robbery and burglary rose after October last year.

He added that they did not trace criminals as they could not find any clue in many cases.

Confiscate PK Halder's land

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ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Salahuddin, also the investigation officer of the case, had submitted an application to it.

On December 29 last year, the same court had ordered the graft watchdog to confiscate two flats and six acres of land of PK Halder, former managing director of NRB Global Bank and Reliance Finance, in a money laundering case.

The flats are in the capital's Dhanmondi area and the properties are in Ruppaganj of Narayanganj.

On January 8 last year, the ACC filed a case against Halder on charges of illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 275 crore and laundering money.

According to Canadian media reports, Halder is now staying in Toronto. He is director of P&L Hal Holding Inc, a Canadian corporation.

In an investigation, Bangladesh Bank found that Tk 1,596 crore was transferred from International Leasing and Financial Services (ILFS) in violation of the rules through 48 accounts of various organisations related to the directors and shareholders of the firm.

Halder came to the limelight during the anti-casino drives in the country in 2019.

The ACC opened investigation into the alleged involvement of 43 people, including Halder, in the illegal casino business.

The government imposed a travel ban on him on October 3, 2019. But he managed to flee the country.

TWO BROTHERS

A court yesterday ordered Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police to confiscate the land and vehicles of Sajjad Hossain Barkat, former general secretary of Faridpur town unit Awami League and his brother Imtiaz Hasan Rubel, former president of Faridpur Press Club.

They are accused of laundering Tk 2,000 crore.

The court also ordered their 188 bank accounts to be frozen.

The properties are in Faridpur and the accounts are with banks in Dhaka and Faridpur, court sources said.

The CID has so far arrested 14 accused, including Barkat and Rubel.

According to a case filed by the CID on June 26, the brothers amassed wealth by manipulating tender processes for government work since 2010. They were allegedly involved in drug smuggling and land grabbing.

AL man beaten to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An Awami League (AL) leader was beaten to death at his in-law's place at Tayarpur village in Satkania upazila of Chattogram early yesterday.

The dead is Belal Uddin, 48, general secretary of Khagaria ward-4 unit AL, said police and local sources.

There was a longstanding feud between two groups of locals of two villages over establishing supremacy in the area, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Satkania

Police Station.

Belal went to his in-law's village at Tayarpur on Tuesday when the rival group found him alone and started beating him with sticks around 10.00pm, he added.

Critically injured, Belal was rescued by the locals and rushed to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 1.00am, said the OC.

Police were investigating the incident.

No case was filed as of 2.00pm yesterday, said the OC, adding, police detained one -- Jahid, 30 -- in connection with this incident.

CREC should talk

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Ltd, also known as CREC, issued a press statement alleging that it had not been paid for work done in the last seven months and this was slowing down project implementation.

The minister said the project director had informed him that the contractor had not issued any such press release. "We don't know whether anyone is doing something from behind," Sujon told reporters after a programme at the Rail Bhaban.

The PR agency of CREC told The Daily Star on Wednesday that they had received the statement, on CREC official pad, from their client and forwarded it to different news outlets.

The CREC, the contractor for the biggest project of Bangladesh Railway (BR), said the government owes it \$400 million and the payment delay rendered it unable to buy sufficient construction materials and pay subcontractors and suppliers timely.

"Project execution is naturally slowing down, and project costs are increasing day by day," CREC, said in the press release circulated through its PR agency.

"The government of Bangladesh has set a target of opening both rail and road on the Padma Bridge on the same day. However, the fund crisis seems to have emerged as an impediment to completing the construction process," read the release.

A contractor issuing such a press release is rare but the CREC had issued another

press release via the same PR agency on June 9 last year.

The first track project is being implemented to connect the capital with Jashore with a 169km rail line over the under-construction Padma bridge at a cost of Tk 39,246 crore.

When reporters sought his comments over the press statement, the railways minister said the PD told him that the CREC did not issue the statement.

He, however, said a contractor usually gets payment time to time on the basis of progress made. "If they submit bill, they will get payment. This is a continuous process."

"This is not a matter to tell the media. We, the authority, are there. They should first inform us if they found any deviation or faced any difficulties," he said.

Asked whether they would investigate the matter, the minister did not give a direct answer but claimed that the contractor had denied issuing such press release.

The CREC in the statement had alleged that it was concerned that BR had not asked it to start building 100 carriages to be used on the rail line. It said the carriages would take two years to build and the deadline passed in July 2020.

The minister said the project would end in 2024. There is no problem if the order is given even after six months. He questioned how the carriages would be used before the line is built.

France to extend lifetime of old nuclear power plants

AFP, Paris

French safety officials yesterday gave the green light to extend the lifetime of the country's oldest nuclear power plants as it seeks to boost the share of renewables in its power mix.

Nuclear energy currently provides nearly 70 percent of French electricity, more than in any other country.

France, hoping to reduce that share to 50 percent by 2035 -- a target pushed back from an earlier 2025 date -- with the help

of renewables, has been holding off from building new reactors.

The French nuclear safety authority (ASN) said the country's 32 plants with 900 Megawatt capacity, built mostly in the 1980s, would be allowed to operate for another decade, taking their potential lifespan to 50 years from the initially planned 40.

They will therefore not be decommissioned before the late 2020s or even late 2030s, depending on their initial launch date.



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Invitation for Tender

Invitation Reference No.	T-26/1863 Dated: 24/02/2021
e-Tender ID (from e-GP Portal) 546419	Name of the work Construction of connecting road to temporary structures of training institute & dormitory area at Mastul Mouza under Dhaka O&M Division-2 BWDB Dhaka during the FY 2020-21.
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Pay back loan or go

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have remained silent for two years. One the other hand, the depositors are moving on the street without having meals," said the bench.

The HC bench briefly heard statements of 45 of the loan defaulters who appeared before the court yesterday in line with its January 21 order.

The borrowers who have not appeared will be given another chance to provide explanation to the court by March 9. If they fail to do so, a directive will be passed to arrest them, Justice Khurshid Alam warned.

The total number of borrowers who defaulted on loans from PLFSL is 280.

Yesterday, some of the defaulters sought time from the court to return the money. A few of them said the loans were taken by their family members, who have either died or are too sick now. Besides, some said their businesses have shut down.

"You first start paying the due instalments and then discuss or bargain with the liquidator on how you will pay the remaining non-performing loans. Those failing to do so will be sent to jail," the court told the defaulters.

"You will pay back the money in the lawful way. No influence from any powerful person, even any minister, will act here, as the issue is now with this court," the HC bench told Arafin Shamsul Alamin, finance director of Shamsul Alamin Real Estate, which allegedly defaulted on loans of Tk 384 crore from PLFSL.

Arafin told the court that they have long been running businesses in a fair manner, without using any influence.

He said he had earlier been paying Tk 20 lakh in instalment every month to PLFSL, but for the last two years, the lender's office has not been in operation. That is why, he could not pay the instalments, he said.

Around Tk 160 crore was sanctioned as loan for him but the PLFSL is now claiming Tk 394 crore along with the interests from his organisation, he told the court.

The HC bench commented that many borrowers like Arafin run business in a fair manner and that they are not errant like Shami Huda, a former managing director of PLFSL.

The HC asked the defaulters to place their statements through swearing affidavits to it by March 9.

Justice Khurshid Alam said the court would send the affidavits to the liquidator of PLFSL to deal with the matter.

There are more than one lakh depositors of PLFSL, which is a listed company with the capital market, and more than 80 percent of them are common people. While around 1,000 borrowers, including the defaulters, have taken money from the NBFIL, the HC judge said.

He said the PLFSL is still alive in the eye of the law as the institution is now under the authority of a liquidator.

There are different directorates, departments and agencies in the state which are responsible for checking irregularities in institutions like PLFSL, the judge said.

Recovering NPLs is not the duty of this court. It has many other important and urgent issues to deal with, he said.


The HC bench made the observations during the hearing on the petition filed by Bangladesh Bank in 2019 seeking permission to liquidate PLFSL.

The liquidation process began after the board of PLFSL informed the central bank in April 2019 about its inability to pay back the depositors' money despite the maturity of the deposits.

On February 23, 51 defaulters had appeared before the bench in connection with the same issue.

The court yesterday fixed March 9 for further hearing on the matter.

Justice Khurshid Alam said he would discuss virtually with the Bangladesh Bank governor, the chairmen of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Security Exchange Commission on exploring ways to recover NPLs to save PLFSL.



Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department-1
(Equipment Section)
Head Office
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Invitation for Tenders

Bangladesh Bank Head Office, Dhaka

1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.
2	Agency	Not applicable.
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 58 Nos. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	CSD(EQUIPMENT)69(6)/2021-12
8	Date	24/02/2021

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Own source.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/program code (if applicable)	
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	
14	Tender package No.	
15	Tender package name	
16	Tender publication date	28/02/2021
17	Tender last selling date	Not applicable.
18	Tender closing date and time	14/03/2021 03:15pm
19	Tender opening date and time	14/03/2021 03:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Receiving tender document	BB website and Hard Copy Document.
	-Opening tender document	Common Services Department-1, 6th Floor, Annex-2 Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
21	Pre-tender meeting	

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Brief eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least two (2) contract(s) of similar nature successfully completed within the last three (3) years.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply & Activation of 58 Nos. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25	Lot Identification Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing	1 Tablet PC CSD-1 Tk. 40,000.00 8 weeks

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abul Kalam Azad.
27	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager.
28	Address of official inviting tender	Common Services Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
29	Contract details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9530148 Fax: 9530120 E-mail: ma.azad@bb.org.bd
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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No. CCS/eGP Notice/2021 Date: 25/02/2021

e-Tender Notice

Notice No. 07/2021

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chattogram for the Procurement of Goods as stated below:

SI No.	Tender/Proposal ID	Tender/Proposal Package No. and description	Procurement nature, type & method	Tender/Proposal closing date & time
1.	547421	EGP/P5/EB4/GAS/2021-2022 Procurement of different types of gases and related service under framework Contract Agreement-6 items	Goods NCT OTM	22-Mar-2021 15:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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