

SHARIATPUR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MURDER IN 2001 Six sentenced to death

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Police's investigation report of the case filed over the killing of Public Prosecutor Habibur Rahman and his brother in Shariatpur showed law enforcement's negligence and lack of professionalism, a judge said yesterday while delivering verdict in the case.

Judge Md Showkat Hossain of the Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court in Shariatpur made the observations while handing death sentence to six accused and life-term imprisonment to another four.

The investigation report was frustrating, the judge said, adding that investigating officers did not find the truth, allowing many culprits to skip the case. He said the double murder happened following a political riot on October 5-6, 2001, triggered by rumours.

The death-row convicts are Shahid Talukdar, Shahin Kotwal, Shahid Kotwal, Shafi Kotwal, Solaman Sardar and Mojibar Rahman Talukdar. They were also fined Tk 10,000 each. The court also sentenced Sarwar Hossain, Babul Talukdar, Babul

Khan, Dablu Talukdar and Tokai Rashid to life-term imprisonment and fined them Tk 10,000 each, in default of which they will be sentenced to six months more in jail.

Three other accused - Montu Talukdar, Aslam Sardar and Jakir Hossain Moju - were sentenced to two-year imprisonment.

The court acquitted 39 other accused. It also issued conviction and arrest warrants against five absconding accused.

Meanwhile, Shariatpur municipality mayor Parvej Rahman John, also son of victim Habibur Rahman, told The Daily Star they would challenge the judgement at the higher court.

Masudur Rahman, a defence lawyer, also said that they were dissatisfied with the verdict and would go to the High Court.

Shariatpur district court's Public Prosecutor Habibur Rahman, also joint general secretary of district unit Awami League, and his brother Monir Hossain were brutally shot to death at their house in Sadar upazila while campaigning for the 8th JS polls on October 5, 2001.

They have to

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To facilitate proper prison administration, every prisoner has to wear the prescribed attire as per prison rules, read the letter. It also asked all officials to take appropriate steps in this regard.

If the directives are not followed properly then stern legal action will be taken against everyone responsible, the letter further warned.

Asked about it, Brig Gen Mominur Rahman Mamun, inspector general of prisons, told The Daily Star yesterday that he has found irregularities during his visit to different jails in the country.

They have sent the letter to remind all the officials concerned about the rules. "Prison authorities need to make sure that inmates wear prescribed inmate attires," he said.

"Convicted prisoners have specific and selected attires to wear but inmates whose cases are still in trail phase have no such outfits. These clothes are given to separate the two. Everyone has to follow this in a disciplined manner," said the prison chief.

"We are collecting information of all the irregularities and improving the situation in phases," he added.

Talking to the correspondents, a jailer of a central jail said they are not getting proper supply of clothes for inmates. Due to the shortage, it gets difficult to ensure attires for all of them, said the official. "We at times asked for 50-set prison clothes but only got 10 sets," he said.

He further said if a convicted prisoner moved around in regular dress, it often creates obstacle in ensuring tougher surveillance. For this reason, inmates got a chance to escape, the official added.

Contacted, Amzad Hossain Don, jailer of Rangpur prison, said they have received the letter and already taken necessary steps. They have around 300 convicted inmates in the jail and all of them are wearing the assigned uniforms, he added.

According to prison sources, there are around 15,000 convicted inmates in the country's 68 jails now and some 68,000 inmates are waiting for their trials to end.

NGOs need

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the most remarkable changes at the field-level."

Speaking on Brac's role in achieving universal education in Bangladesh and its future strategy, Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury said, "It's as though Brac, Bangladesh and Abed Bhai [Brac founder Sir Fazle Hasan Abed] have become synonymous."

She said Brac was at the heart of non-formal education. Yet, Sir Fazle came up with the idea of forming Campe in the 1990s with the objective to "put pressure" on the government to focus on the development of the education sector.

"And it was a success. With the Campe's initiative, students going to NGO-run schools began to get government textbooks for free from 2009," she added.

Eminent researcher and senior journalist Afsan Chowdhury commended Brac for its collaboration with the government in implementing the national social development policies.

Brac is formulating its action strategies keeping in view the demands of the people of the country, he said.

In his remarks, Brac Chairperson Hossain Zillur Rahman focused on the organisation's strategy for poverty alleviation and better living standards.

"The greatest achievement of Brac and Abed Bhai is that they have consolidated the role and work of NGOs in Bangladesh, and by doing that, they inspired the grassroots people to become self-confident," he said.

"Focusing on the opinions of the marginalised people in formulating their action strategies and taking up own income generation initiatives instead of depending on donor assistance are the two other major achievements," he further said, adding that the latter idea is the genesis of social enterprises in the development sector.

Chittagonians

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To minimise risks, temperature must be taken of all guests before entry and hand washing stations and sanitiser should be arranged for them.

Apart from that, maintaining three feet physical distance, wearing masks and making separate entry and exit points to avoid crowding are also mentioned in the notice.

Meanwhile, Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Saleh Mohammad Tanvir in an awareness campaign of Bangladesh Police said police are raising awareness among people to maintain health safety guidelines and prevent the spread of coronavirus.

"First, we try to aware people of wearing masks and avoiding crowds. If they don't follow the order then legal action will be taken," he added.

According to the civil surgeon's office, 111 persons were tested positive for covid-19 in the last 24 hours in Chattogram, raising the total number of cases there to 37,551. So far, 383 people in Chattogram have died from Covid-19.

Court

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A man then stepped out of the SUV and verbally abused them and left the spot. When the vehicle stopped at a traffic light, officer Wasif knocked on its window and introduced himself. At that, the occupants of the vehicle stepped out and started hurling abuse and assaulting him, the complaint said.

When his wife tried to save him, they also assaulted her and left. Video of the incident caught by bystanders went viral on social media.

Erfan and his bodyguard Zahidul were sentenced to one year in prison the next day for illegally possessing walkie-talkies and foreign liquor, after Rab officials led by an executive magistrate raided Haji Salim's building in the capital's Chawkbazar.

Erfan was granted ad-interim bail in the cases in which he was sentenced.

On January 5, police submitted final reports in the arms and drugs cases to court, which said police did not find evidence to support allegations against Erfan in the two cases.

Erfan's bodyguard Md Zahidul Mollah was charged with possession of an illegal firearm and narcotics.

Meanwhile, two courts discharged Erfan from the arms and narcotics cases.

The HC on March 18 granted Erfan bail in the assault case.

Sultana Sarawatara Zaman's 1st death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of Professor Emeritus Sultana Sarawatara Zaman, a freedom fighter and social worker, said a press release. She passed away on this day in 2020, at age 87.

To mark the occasion, Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation, which she founded in 1984, has published a commemorative album, "A Vision Accomplished".

Prof Zaman taught developmental psychology at Dhaka University and established the first Shishu Bikash Clinic at Psychiatry Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

In 1984, she was awarded a doctoral degree from Emory University, Atlanta, US.

Prof Zaman received Rokeya Padak in 2008. She established an orphanage (Khela Ghar) for abandoned children found in the refugee camps in Kalyani, West Bengal, India near Jashore border.

She went on to establish an advanced dressing station for injured freedom fighters and civilians at Sonar Masjid, Chapainawabganj, a subsector within sector-7, which was commanded by her husband Lt Col Quazi Nooruzzaman Bir Uttam.

Prof Zaman has left behind two daughters - Prof Naila Khan and Lubna Marium - and son Quazi Nadeem Omar, a freedom fighter.



Police

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through proper probe of their role during and before the attack.

Even two days after the incident on March 19, when the team visited the village, the affected people were not sure whether they were safe at all, ASK added.

The attack left seven temples damaged and almost all the families in the area affected, it added.

ASK demanded to bring the attackers to book, ensure security to the community and compensate them.

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Readers on

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Salowar by Masuda Bhatti are among the new releases of Ananya publication.

This year Katha Prokash published 59 new books, including *Itihash Path-6* by Muntassir Mamoon, *1971 Osohojog Andolon o Protiradi* by Afsan Chowdhury and *Rabindra Kabbe Alok Bhabna* by Dr Siraj Saleki.

At stall 217-218, Daily Star Books has some comparatively newer releases (2020): *Have a Nice Day* by Dr Rubaiul Murshed, *The Transition* by Md Tajdin Hassan and Rafeed Elahi Chowdhury, and *One More Into the Past* by Fakrul Alam.

Meanwhile, Little Mag publishers and writers demanded Bangla Academy relocate their stalls to last year's location at the venue. Protesting the placement of their stalls at the current location (east side of the

fair), they kept the stalls closed yesterday.

Sohel Mazher, editor of Kashpata, said, "There are 135 stalls at Little Mag. Our purpose is not to sell, but to interact with readers. For this reason, the designated placement is not at all suitable."

"Before designating the location, the academy was supposed to talk with representatives of Little Mag, but they did not. We officially informed them but are yet to get a proper reply," he said, adding that they will continue protesting unless a proper solution is offered.

Contacted, Bangla Academy Director General Habibullah Serajee said, "During the allocation of stalls and pavilions, many stay unhappy. We always need to keep a balance among them. We'll let our decision be known tomorrow [today]."

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Memo No. T-21/1085 Date: 21-3-2021

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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Package No. & description	Location of the works/supply	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing & opening date & time
1	560548	NDR/BHL-1/20-21/W-10 Bathymetric, Topographic survey of Meghna River at different location and survey of embankment and khal under Bhola O&M Division-1 BWDB Bhola during the year 2020-21.	Bhola Sadar, Daulatkhan and Borhanuddin Upazila	07-04-2021 17:00 hours	07-04-2021 18:00 hours

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The investigation officer did not find the existence of these organisations.

On March 16, ACC arrested ILFSL's acting managing director Syed Abed Hasan, vice-president Nahida Runai and senior manager Rafsan Riyad Chowdhury from the capital's Motijheel in this connection.

The anti-graft watchdog has also given approval to the IOs to issue notice against 33 persons for submitting their wealth statements in connection with the cases.

Before joining now-defunct NRB Global Bank as managing director in 2015, Halder was managing director of Reliance Finance.

He took out huge amount of loans through fictitious companies from Reliance. To adjust the loan, he used similar tactics and took out money from ILFSL, FAS Finance and Peoples' Leasing and Financial Services Limited (PLFSL), ACC sources said.

"To make the laundering process smoother, he put his men at the helms of these NBFIs," the ACC deputy director said.

Charges

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Rab arrested Khalid from his Gulshan residence on September 18, 2019.

Police seized one shotgun, two pistols, 57 rounds of shotgun bullets, 53 rounds of pistol bullets and 585 pieces of yaba pills from his residence.

After his arrest, police raided his Motijheel office and seized 190 pieces of yaba pills.

Later, five cases including a money laundering case were filed against Khalid with Gulshan and Motijheel police stations.

Bangladesh Bank
Common Services Department-1
(Equipment Section)
Head Office
Dhaka-1000
Website: www.bb.org.bd

Invitation for Re-Tender
Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka

No.	Ministry/Division	Date
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	21/03/2021

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

No.	Date	Time
12	Tender publication date	21/03/2021
13	Tender last selling date	Not applicable.
14	Tender closing date and time	31/03/2021 03:15pm
15	Tender opening date and time	31/03/2021 03:30pm
16	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.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17	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.			
18	Brief description of goods or works	Supply & Activation of 58 Nos. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.			
19	Brief description of related services	N/A.			
20	Lot No.	Identification of lot	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

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

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