

DU student leader Akram remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Akram Hossain, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Adhikar Parishad's Dhaka University unit, on a two-day remand in a case filed for snatching away an arrestee who was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on March 25.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Dhiman Chandra Mondol passed the order, after SI Saiful Islam Khan of Shahbagh Police Station produced Akram before the court, with a seven-day remand prayer, court sources said.

Akram's lawyer meanwhile submitted a petition, seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayer. He said his client was not at the spot during the incident.

Save Chalan beel and its biodiversity: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Chalan beel has to be declared as an "environmentally critical area" and a separate and independent body has to be formed to take up planned development projects giving priority to the environmental issues, said speakers at a programme yesterday.

They said the character of Chalan beel that separated it from other plainland water reservoirs for centuries was its water flow. From its flowing current, its name was chosen.

Now, the beel which is still considered the country's largest water reservoir, has not only lost its flow, but also its capacity of holding water with its declining water level, they said.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), Rajshahi chapter and the Association for Land Reform and Development jointly organised the virtual discussion on "Steps to protect Chalan beel".

The speakers said the biodiversity is under threat due to mindless development projects blocking water flow, grabbing of beel lands, pollution

by factories and the recent spree of digging unplanned ponds.

Addressing as chief guest, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar, chairman of Environmental Science Institute of Rajshahi University, said the Chalan beel has a history of 700 years.

Stressing the need for protecting it, he said it is terrible that the beel -- which used to hold water round the year -- is now facing a declining groundwater.

SM Mizanur Rahman, member secretary of Chalan beel protection movement of Pabna's Chatmohor, said around 10 lakh submersible pumps are used to withdraw groundwater to cultivate Boro paddy in the beel.

Hundreds of ponds were dug in an unplanned way there for fish cultivation, turning a lot of land uncultivable, he said.

Presenting the keynote, Tanmay Kumar Sanyal, coordinator of Rajshahi chapter of BELA said, some 50 lakh people lived in the beel situated on 13 upazilas of four districts -- Natore, Pabna, Sirajganj and Naogaon.

The beel -- constituted of 150 small

beels, 23 rivers, 350 canals, 20,000 government and one lakh private ponds -- used to flow with river water channeled through Boral river, he said.

It was once home to 260 kinds of fishes, crocodiles, dolphins and hundreds of birds, said Tanmay Kumar, adding that now crocodiles and dolphins are history while the number of fish varieties has fallen to 160.

The land that was fertile enough to produce varieties of crops, nowadays produces nothing but paddy, garlic and mustard, he said.

The keynote identified seven causes of degrading the beel's environment -- including 50 unplanned sluiceways and water regulators, 2,005 culverts, 150 bridges, a rubber dam, 150 brick kilns, releasing untreated liquid from factories, and navigation crisis of rivers.

The participants demanded free flow of water of the rivers and canals of Chalan beel, stop to using the groundwater, and holding public hearing and assessing environmental issues before implementing any infrastructural development.

TCB products seized from dealer's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Directorate of Consumer Rights Protection in Rajshahi yesterday seized government essential products from the residence of one of the dealers of Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).

The seized products are -- 1520 litres of edible oil, 350 kilograms of sugar, 300 kg lentils and 200 kg chickpeas, said Hasan Al Maruf, assistant director of the Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection (DNCRP).

The TCB dealer Mostaque Ahmed, owner of Kajal Traders, was asked to explain within 15 days the reason behind storing the TCB products at his home instead of selling those on the trucks as per the rules.

Legal action would be taken after a hearing on his explanation, the DNCRP official said.

Acting on a tip off, a team of DNCRP assisted by the police raided the house of Mostaque Ahmed at the city's Resompatty area at around 5pm and found he stored the TCB products at his home.

A grocery shop was attached to Mostaque's house and the shop was run by his wife.

"We saw some of the TCB products stored at the grocery shop," the DNCRP official said.

TCB's Rajshahi regional office chief Rabiul Morshed said, Mostaque was a listed dealer and he was given the products over a week ago.

"If he sold the products as per the rules, the products should have been sold out in a few days," Morshed told reporters.

Make sure

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"Why the number of rape incidents is on the rise despite continuous protests and provision for death sentence for the crime?", it was found that case backlog in the trial process, various economic-political-social influence, and in some cases, lack of willingness of law enforcement agencies were responsible for it.

The research result shows in 25 rape cases filed in the country between 2012 and 2017, 25 accused were released on bail between 24 hours and 15 days of arrest.

At present, 20 of the accused are on bail, three are in prison while the rest two are walking free under the shelter of influential people. They were not even detained.

Moreover, most of the accused after being released on bail have been trying to influence the cases in different ways, the organisation said.

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Veteran teacher leader Quazi Faruque Ahmed stressed on determining the learning loss due to the pandemic.

Lawmaker Aroma Dutta said many sectors couldn't fully utilise their allocation for the outgoing fiscal year. A step can be taken to relocate this money to the education sector.

ActionAid Bangladesh country director Farah Kabir said there is a rural and urban divide in the education sector.

"Many students are suffering for lack of access; we should prepare a plan keeping that in mind," she said.

Several discussants said the government should ensure digital devices and uninterrupted internet service for students.

Secondary and Higher Education Division secretary Mahub Hossain said all should work together in advancing the education sector. Planning Minister MA Mannan also said some of the proposals including reopening schools in phases were good and they will discuss those.

Husband dies

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Ashiquzzaman, who hails from Mymensingh, completed his Computer Science and Engineering from Buet. He was looking for a job.

According to his maternal uncle Md Jashim, his body had been taken to his village home, where he'll be buried.

"Ashik's father, a former Saudi Arabia migrant, left no stone unturned to support his son. We were very optimistic that he would do great in life. He was well-known in his village for his talents," he added.

"We dreamt for a grand reception once he manages a job. But our dreams became nightmares, with the fire," said Jashim.

"We want everyone responsible for this fire held accountable and given exemplary

punishment."

Ashikuzzaman left behind his parents and younger brother.

Meanwhile, family members of Mona got released from DMCH yesterday.

Mona's maternal uncle Golam Kabir said, "They are currently at their elder daughter's home at Narayanganj. They have been going through a trauma since the death of their youngest daughter Sumaiya and son-in-law Ashik."

"Mona is also at the crossroads of life and death," he added.

According to Dr Sen, among the 23 injured people, Mona and another is undergoing treatment currently, while the rest have been released by Wednesday.

Three leaders

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Station on April 6 on charges of torching vehicles, vandalising shops and looting valuables in the Baitul Mukarram area on March 26.

Quasemi was arrested from Dhaka's Bhatara on April 28, while Habibi from Demra the same day.

Quasemi was one of the key organisers of "Rabetatul Waizin Bangladesh", a platform of Hefajat speakers which controls Waz Mahfils across the country, police officials said.

In another case, the same magistrate placed Khaled Saifullah Ayubi, former joint secretary general of Hefajat, on a five-day remand after IO Md Jahidul Islam, a sub-inspector of Paltan Police Station, produced him before the court in a case filed over the violence on the premises of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque on March 26.

Khaled was produced before the court on completion of his five-day remand in another case filed over the violence on March 26, protesting the visit of Indian

Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He was also shown arrested in two other cases over the 2013 mayhem in Dhaka. Khaled was arrested from Manikganj on April 22.

Meanwhile in Brahmanbaria, six more people were arrested for their involvement in last month's mayhem in the district, raising the total number of arrestees to 391.

The latest arrests were made from Wednesday morning to Thursday noon, said police.

Between March 26 and 28, hundreds of Hefajat men unleashed havoc by vandalising and torching many government, private establishments as well as trains and railway stations, protesting Modi's visit to Bangladesh.

A total of 56 cases were filed with different police stations in Brahmanbaria. Some 414 named and more than 39,000 unnamed people were made accused in these cases, said Md Roish Uddin, additional superintendent of police in Brahmanbaria.

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candidates of all units can download their admit card from July 10 until 30 minutes before the exam. All conditions and directions will remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, authorities of Bangladesh University Engineering and Technology (Buet) are yet to decide on changing the test date.

"Schedule for the test will be unchanged unless the ongoing lockdown is extended," Buet VC Prof Satya Prasad Majumder told The Daily Star on Saturday.

On April 26, the government extended the lockdown till May 5, but the date of Buet admission test has not changed.

Contacted, Prof Dr Shabbir Ahmed, chairman of admission test committee, said, "We are yet to take a decision on it yet. If necessary, it will be discussed in our academic council meeting."

The first shift of preliminary selection exams are supposed to be held on May 1, and second shifts will be on June 1 before holding the final exam.

Two months

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provided for the conservation of jatka and for compliance with the Fisheries Act.

Although they are gearing up to get back to fishing after the ban is lifted, the fishermen of the sanctuaries have been demanding a separate allocation for them for a long time, said Israel Pandit, president of the Barisal Divisional Small Fishermen's Association.

He said that this time the families of the fishermen are passing a hard time due to the eight-month ban on jatka fishing along with a two-month fishing ban at the sanctuaries. The promise to give them rice during the two-month ban was not fulfilled.

Fishermen in Lohalia and Rajguru villages under Babuganj Upazila on the banks of Arial Kha river in Barisal said that half of the fishermen had received the card, but not all received food aid.

Shah Alam, an elderly fisherman from Lohalia village, said that although there were about 400 fishermen in the village, only 55 got the cards. Meanwhile at Rajguru

village, only 200 out of 700 fishermen received the cards.

Babuganj Upazila Fisheries Officer Saiduzzaman said a total of 3,275 fishes have received the cards in his upazila.

"However, the registration process was closed for a long time. Now we have been instructed to update the list and there are over 600 applications already for the fisher cards."

Seventy-year-old Mamataj Begum of Lohalia village told this correspondent, "These ongoing bans along with the lockdown have ruined our lives."

Fisherman Shah Alam said, "During drives, they [the authorities] destroyed our nets and took away the fish. This is not just a punishment, this is destroying our livelihoods. There is no one to see how we cope with these bans and lockdowns."

Another villager, Kohinur Begum, said, "At least 300 children from these two villages (Lohalia and Rajguru) used to go to school regularly. Most of them are dropping out because we can't afford it anymore."

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প্রকল্প পরিচালক

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UN adopts

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Rabab Fatima said Bangladesh government recognises the urgency to have a resolution to generate greater political commitment to prevention of drowning.

"We have reduced child mortality rates globally, however, if we cannot bring death from drowning to 'zero', our success in primary healthcare, and therefore, achievement of SDG-3 will remain unaccomplished."

In view of the fact that 90 percent of drowning deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, with Asia carrying the highest burden, she said, "Drowning is not just an injury, it is an inequity."

Since drowning incidents affect mostly poor families, drowning prevention could also contribute to achieving several other SDGs, including elimination of poverty (SDG-1), Fatima remarked.

The resolution encourages the member states to appoint a national focal point for drowning prevention; develop national prevention plan and programmes; enact national laws; create awareness; support international cooperation and promote research and development.

Italy

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Italian Health Minister Roberto Speranza last Sunday announced a new ban on anyone entering Italy who has been in India in the past 14 days.

Italy had banned travelers from Bangladesh during peak coronavirus surge last year as well. Presently, there is no regular flight in operation from Bangladesh to Italy but special flights are arranged for the passengers.

Italy is home to some 148,000 registered Bangladeshis, while several thousand are undocumented.

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Bank in its 463rd Meeting held on **Thursday, the 29th April, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** has taken the following Price Sensitive decisions while considering/adopting the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on 31st December, 2020:

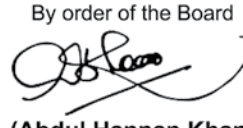
SI.	Particulars of the 26 th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
1.	Date & Time: Tuesday, the 6 th July, 2021 at 11:00 a.m
2.	Venue: Digital Platform
3.	Record Date: Tuesday, the 1 st June, 2021
4.	Recommendation of Dividend: 5% Cash & 5% Stock Dividend for the year-2020

The Board further disclosed the following information in compliance with the condition 6(2) of Notification No. BSEC/CMRRC/2006-158/208/Admin/81 dated June 20, 2018 of Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC) and Regulation 19(2) of Dhaka Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulation- 2015 and Chittagong Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulation- 2015:

SI.	Particulars	Solo (Bank only)		Consolidated	
		For the year 2020 (Tk.)	For the year 2019 (Tk.)	For the year 2020 (Tk.)	For the year 2019 (Tk.)
1.	Net Asset Value (NAV) (Fig. in. Crore)	1803.83	1727.13	1809.64	1731.21
2.	Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS)	19.23	18.41	19.29	18.46
3.	Earnings Per Share (EPS)	1.65	1.62	1.67	1.63
4.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	3.85	19.53	3.87	19.53

* Prior year indicators restated.
* Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) has increased compared to the previous year mainly due to increase of customer deposit.

- The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Member Register of the Company or in the Depository Register on the **'Record Date'** (i.e. on 1st June, 2021) will be entitled the **Cash & Stock Dividend** according to their holding on the Record Date and eligible to attend the meeting.
- Members are requested to update their Bank Account Numbers, Address, Cell Numbers & E-mail address through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the Record Date.
- In compliance with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Circular No. SEC/CMRRC/2009-193/154 dated 24th October, 2013 **"no Gift/Gift Coupon/Food Box shall be distributed at the time of the AGM."**

By order of the Board

(Abdul Hannan Khan)
SEVP & Company Secretary

Dated: April 29, 2021