

## Brother files murder case

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case with Gulshan Police Station the following day.

Yesterday, after recording the statement of the complainant, Metropolitan Magistrate Morshed Al Mamun Bhuiyan, ordered that all proceedings of the murder case be stayed until the probe report over abetting suicide is finalised.

According to the case filed by the victim's sister last Tuesday, the 42-year-old Anvir and the victim, who was 21 at the time of her death, were in a romantic relationship.

In the case filed yesterday, the victim's brother said Sharun used his sister to learn Anvir's business and personal secrets.

After a point, the victim, realising that Sharun was using her, stopped helping the accused.

That angered Sharun and so he sought revenge, the case statement said.

After entering her flat in Gulshan on April 26, Sharun brutally killed the victim with his associates and hung the body from a ceiling fan, the case statement added.

Ayub Ali, security guard of the flat, earlier told The Daily Star that none other than Anvir, the victim's sister and brother-in-law and one of her female friends used to visit the flat.

The victim's brother also mentioned in the case that his sister was just friends with Anvir, who had business enmity with Sharun.

Police investigators, however, said in the six diaries the police had seized from the flat, the victim had written about her extreme emotional distress and frustration because Anvir's family had become a barrier in their relationship.

According to the case statement, the victim was acquainted with Sharun and talked with him and met him at different times.

Asked about the case filed by her brother, the victim's sister -- who filed the case against Anvir over abetting suicide -- said it is common knowledge that there is a conflict between her elder brother and the two sisters over ancestral land.

"We have already filed a case against my brother," she said told journalists.

Both sisters filed a case with a Cumilla

court against their brother a couple of years ago over ancestral land, local sources said.

The sisters had no connection with the brother for the last three to four years, they added.

They also said the victim's body was not even taken to her ancestral home where the brother lives.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sharun Chowdhury on Wednesday said, "Anvir has personal enmity with me and Bashundhara Group is trying to divert the issue."

He made the remark when asked about a screenshot of his Facebook messenger conversation with the victim which spread on social media. He said the screenshot was fake.

### GD OVER THREATS

Meanwhile, the victim's sister filed a general diary with Cumilla Kotwali Police Station on Saturday after she received threats from various mobile numbers.

According to the general diary, after filing the case against Anvir over abetting suicide, some people in favour of the accused put pressure on the victim's sister and her family to withdraw the case or reach a settlement over the matter.

When she did not succumb to the pressure, some unknown persons called her several times from various mobile numbers from April 28 till the early hours of May 1 and threatened to kill the family members if they did not withdraw the case.

"I along with other family members have been living in utter insecurity. We fear that our lives and properties may be harmed," read the GD.

Anwarul Haque, officer-in-charge of the police station, told our Cumilla correspondent that they will investigate the matter and take security measures if necessary.

Meanwhile, protests continued demanding the immediate arrest of Bashundhara Group MD Sayem Sobhan Anvir and ensuring justice for the victim.

Cumilla City Lawyers Council and Cumilla Muktiyoddha Sangsad formed separate human chains in the town, demanding exemplary punishment of the Bashundhara Group MD.

## Vaccines will be

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She virtually inaugurated the disbursement of financial assistance for marginalised families from her official residence the Gono Bhaban.

Each family will directly receive Tk 2,500 as G2P (Government-to-Person) transaction through mobile financial services (MFS) -- Nagad, bKash, Rocket, and SureCash.

Stressing that the government will put its all-out efforts, Sheikh Hasina said, "We're procuring each dose of the vaccine spending money, but providing it free so that people can stay safe."

Hasina urged all to strictly follow health

guidelines for themselves and others, regardless of whether they have taken the vaccine or not.

Later, the prime minister spoke to various people, including beneficiaries of the cash support programme in Bhola, Joypurhat, and Chattogram districts.

An amount of over Tk 1,500 crore has been allocated to ease the sufferings of marginalised people during the second wave of Covid-19.

Soon after the second wave of the virus emerged, the prime minister directed the authorities to start the activities of humanitarian assistance.

# Seasonal fish drying seeing bright prospect in Netrakona

Fishermen demand govt soft loans to thrive

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Hundreds of families in Netrakona haor areas have been drying fishes in traditional way and there is a bright prospect of this produce if this business is supported and properly monitored by the government, said the fishermen.

It is an ancestral profession for many families for survival and this business is profitable one as the demand of dry fishes, especially of country varieties is ever increasing, said Md Mujibur Rahman, upazila fisheries officer in Khaliyaur of Netrakona.

The families involved with this business mainly belong to fishermen families and they both catch and buy fishes to dry up. Local Dingaputa Haor, Boali Haor, Chhayer Haor, Kirtankhola Haor; and the rivers- Dhanu, Moghra, Satmadhalai and Kongsha flowing through the haor areas are the sources of fishes.

The dry fishes are mainly prepared in Boali, Ziakhara, Khaliyaur Bazar, Lepsia Bazar and Ballabpur in Khaliyaur; in Borokashia, Gaglajur, Borantor in Mohanganj upazila, and Singdha and Alokdia of adjacent Barhatta, sources said.

In September, there are huge catches of indigenous varieties of fishes in the haor areas. The season is the peak hours for the fishermen to start drying up fishes. They also buy fishes to gear up their business. The season continues till February.

For drying up the fishes in traditional way, the fishermen set up bamboo platform in the open field adjacent to their houses and spread the fishes on the mats on the platforms.

The fishes on the platforms are covered with nets so that the birds, especially crows cannot eat up the dry fishes.

After drying the fishes, these are taken to local bazaars where buyers come from different

areas of the country including Mymensingh, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Kishoreganj and Dhaka come to buy the delicacy, said the farmers.

As the dry country fishes of different varieties are very tasty, they have a good demand in Mymensingh region and outer districts for decades, said Mohsin Mia, a journalist in Khaliyaur.

Fishermen sell the fishes between Tk 200 to Tk 400 per kg according to the variety but the fishes are sold in the markets at high prices, said the journalist.

As there is no way for the poor fishermen to manage the cost to transport the fishes to different districts, so the middlemen eat up the lion's share of their profit, the journalist said.

If the government helps the fishermen, they will get a fair price of their produce. They are involved in this profession for decades but there is no change in their lives due to the absence of a proper marketing system, said the fishermen.

Ashraful Kabir, senior fisheries officer in Netrakona's Mohanganj said the farmers are advised to produce quality dry fishes in hygienic atmosphere.

If the farmers could use dryer machines in tinshed house, they could be able to dry fishes in many folds, accelerating their business, said the official.

Around 300 metric tonnes of dry fishes of different species like puti, chingri, shol, boal, batashi, tengra, chanda and other species are produced in Khaliyaur, Mohanganj and a part of Barhatta every year, said the official.

Talking to this correspondent, Moti Barman of Gaglajur village said he has been involved with the profession since his boyhood.

"I have so far prepared 350 maund of chayapashutki this season. The demand is four times higher but I could not meet the rest of the

demand due to financial crisis", said a 55-year-old Moti.

Over the profit, the fishermen said the profit depends on the weather condition of the year. If the farmers can harvest a good boro production, the business sees a better way as dry fishes have also a good demand in Netrakona, said Moti.

Billal Hossain, 65, of Dewkhan village said though it was not his ancestral profession but he has been involved with this for 14 years.

Actually, the people involved with this profession are poor and have to depend on money from local middlemen and they enjoy the maximum profit, said Billal, a father of three children.

Many have to take loan from different non-government organizations (NGOs) to support the family and the business and it deprives them of a good profit, said a 55-year-old Banu Begum of Borantor.

If the government provides loan on soft interest and easy terms, the farmers can make a good profit every year, said the fishermen.

Hundreds of women are also involved in cutting and cleaning fishes and they earn Tk 40,000 to Tk 50,000 per season (six months), said the fishermen.

MD Shahjahan Kabir, senior assistant director of Department of Fisheries in Netrakona said over 1200 families are involved in making dry fish in Mohanganj, Khaliyaur, Kendua, Barhatta, Madan, Kalmakanda and Purbadhala in the district.

We are planning to support the fishermen with facilities of cold storage, dryer machines and sheds so that they can get benefited. Asked if they have any plan to give soft loans to the fishermen, the official said they are considering the matter seriously.

## 5 journos sued last month alone

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incidents of blocking and filtering online communications, 36 incidents of suppressing protesters by excessive force, and six instances of hate crime.

According to the report, about 16.32 percent of the attacks were physical where 11 people were grievously injured and 92 individuals suffered minor injuries.

Some 47 people were also threatened.

At least 71.95 percent of the victim journalists and human rights defenders were subjected to legal harassment, where they were implicated in various criminal cases for speaking out or expressing their views online. Of the cases, 11 were criminal defamation cases and 410 were against online expressions.

In four cases, the victims were subjected to contempt of court proceedings for being vocal on social media.

The organisation found that almost all the attacks against journalists were due to publication of news or while they were doing their jobs against corruption, irregularities of

government officials or local criminal groups.

Article 19 said as many as 1,600 journalists lost their jobs in 2020 due to closures and loss of income of media outlets during the pandemic. The journalists and the media industry are still trying to cope with the pandemic fallout.

"Article 19 expresses serious concerns about the rising numbers of cases against journalists and online communicators under the DSA and overall lack of security and protection of journalists and online activists and media workers," said Faruq Faisal, regional director of Article 19 Bangladesh and South.

Meanwhile, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) called for ensuring a conducive environment for free and professional media.

In a statement issued yesterday to mark the World Press Freedom Day 2021, the TIB said the risk of professional and economic crisis of mass media and journalists has intensified during the pandemic.

Even though the number of media outlets has increased, syndication of political people and businesses, and the DSA have become barriers to

professionalism, free flow of information, and the freedom of press, the statement said.

Executive Director of TIB Dr Iftekharuzzaman said article 39 of the constitution of Bangladesh has ensured the freedom of thinking and conscience as well as the freedom of speech and expression for all citizens. It also ensured the freedom of the press.

But due to direct and indirect pressure from different quarters, this constitutional right becomes a mere document, he said.

This failure to ensure freedom of the press and professional protection of journalists makes the democratic foundation of the country weaker and it also hampers the rights to free flow and non-partial information.

Businessmen own most of the media houses. "Media Capture" has become an institutionalised foundation due to direct and indirect political involvement of this business community, Iftekhar said.

For this reason in many cases professional journalists are also forced to hide news for their protection, he added.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police  
Central Police Hospital  
Rajarbag, Dhaka.

### Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the Suppliers/Local Agents Vehicles in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for the Project of "Modernization of Existing Police Hospital's" for the year 2020-21.

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.		
2.	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Bangladesh Police, Central Police Hospital, Dhaka.		
4.	Invitation for	Ambulance.		
5.	Invitation Ref No	MEPH/Tender-Vehicle/20-21/1460		
6.	Date	29/04/2021		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
7.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
8.	Budget and Source of Funds	ADP Budget		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
9.	Tender Publication Date	03/05/2021 & 04/05/2021.		
10.	Tender Last Selling Date	16/05/2021.		
11.	Tender Closing Date and Time	At 12.00 Noon on 17/05/21.		
12.	Tender Opening Date and Time	12.30 pm on 17/05/2021.		
<b>Name &amp; Address of the office(s)</b>				
Selling Tender Document		Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
Receiving Tender Document		Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
Opening Tender Document		Office of the Project Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Bidder must present for avoiding any future hassle of ensure quality Product).		Office of the Project Director	Date	Time
		Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka	09/05/2021	11.00
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	(1) Up-to-date Trade license (2) Up to date Income tax certificate (3) VAT Registration Certificate and (4) Other documents described in tender document.		
<b>Brief Description of Goods</b>				
16.	Sl. No	Name	Price of Tender Document	Tender Security in Taka
				Completion time in Days
		1. Ambulance	Tk. 1000.00	13,00,000/-
				90 Days Form the date of work order
<b>PROCUREMENT DETAILS</b>				
17.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Md. Emdadul Haque		
18.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintendent of Police & Deputy Project Director		
19.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka		
20.	Contract details of official inviting tender	Tel 88-02-8312075 Fax 88-02-9342297		
21.	Special Instructions-			
		a) No Tender will be received after the deadline for submission.		
		b) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.		
		c) Bangladesh police will establish framework agreement wish the successful tenderer for supply of goods.		

(Dr. Md. Emdadul Haque)

Superintendent of Police & Deputy Project Director  
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		<b>Bangladesh Bank</b>			
		Information Systems Development and Support Department Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 Website: <a href="http://www.bb.org.bd">www.bb.org.bd</a>		Date: 03 May 2021	
Proposal No. ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(89)/2021		<b>Invitation for Tenders</b>			
<b>GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH</b>					
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	The Procurement of Supply, Installation and Commissioning of UPS Module for Bangladesh Bank.			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(89)/2021			
8	Date	03 May 2021.			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and source of funds	Own source.			
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)				
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)				
14	Tender package No.	ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(89)/2021			
15	Tender package name	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of UPS Module for Bangladesh Bank.			
16	Tender publication date	Date	Time		
17	Tender last selling date	Date	Time		
18	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time		
19	Tender opening date and time	Date	Time		
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
<b>NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS</b>					
-Receiving tender document		BB e-Tender System ( <a href="http://etender.bb.org.bd">etender.bb.org.bd</a> ) and one hard copy document.			
-Opening tender document		Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.			
21	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time		
		Not applicable.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Tenderers having five (5) years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of delivery of goods of at least ONE contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of five (5) years. Evidence of Work Order, Work Completion Certificate mentioning amount, item list, date etc. are required.			
23	Brief description of goods	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of UPS Module for Bangladesh Bank.			
24	Brief description of related services	03 (three) years OEM provided warranty & support with local supplier support & maintenance.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Not applicable.			
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Information Technology items	ISDSD	1,50,000.00	12 weeks
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Amir Hossain Pathan.			
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Systems Manager.			
28	Address of official inviting tender	Information Systems Development and Support Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.			
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	9530101	9530481	<a href="mailto:amir.pathan@bb.org.bd">amir.pathan@bb.org.bd</a>	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				
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