

ACC sues 3 cops

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Office-2, filed the case yesterday accusing Mozammel Hossain, additional regional election officer of Cumilla; police inspectors SM Mizanur Rahman, 52, of Patuakhali Police Control Room, Ruhul Amin, 49, of Begumganj Police Station in Noakhali, and Pravash Chandra Dhar, 47, of Rangpur DIG Range Office; and Rohingya refugees Tayeb, Wases, Yahia, Rahim, Abdur Rahman, Abdus Sakur, Nur Habiba, Amatur Rahim, Asmaul Husna, Nur Hamida, Amatur Rahman, Osama and Hafez Nurul Alam.

According to the complaint lodged by Sharif, when SM Mizanur Rahman was an inspector of Special Branch in Cox's Bazar, he cleared six Rohingyas to get Bangladeshi passports.

Inspector Pravash forwarded the reports to the superintendent of police in the district without verification and the latter approved the reports. As a result, the Rohingya individuals, also accused in the case, got Bangladeshi passports.

The ACC has written to the authorities requesting cancellation of the passports issued to the Rohingya individuals.

Ruhul Amin, the other accused police officer, helped Tayeb and Amatur get Bangladeshi passports.

ACC officer Sharif said after receiving a complaint in 2018, the Election Commission asked Mozammel to look into whether certain Rohingyas had been given Bangladeshi national identity cards. Mozammel then submitted his report in favour of the Rohingyas, he added.

Sharif Uddin was transferred to Patuakhali hours after he filed a case accusing a director of EC headquarters over the issue on Wednesday. The ACC officials said the transfer was routine work.

First astronauts

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China's Gobi desert, and their craft docked at the Tiangong station around seven hours later, where they will spend the next three months.

State broadcaster CCTV showed a live feed from inside the spacecraft during the journey, with the three astronauts lifting their helmet visors after it reached orbit as one smiled and waved at the camera.

Another floated a pen just off his lap in zero-gravity as he browsed the flight manual.

Govt to take stock of them

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In March 2019, a committee, led by transport sector leader Shajahan Khan, made 111 recommendations for reducing crashes and bringing discipline in the sector.

Later, the government formed a taskforce headed by the home minister to implement the recommendations.

The taskforce, in its second meeting held on December 23 last year, asked the DMP and ARI to give recommendations after assessing the capacity of Dhaka city's roads and how many vehicles should be operated here.

ARI and DMP officials have decided to conduct the survey at 31 points in the city on 18 types of vehicles.

WHY IS THE SURVEY IMPORTANT?
There are some 3,000 km of roads, including 200 km of arterial ones, in

the capital. But there is no information on the capacity of the roads nor the number of vehicles operated here, Hadiuzzaman said.

A large number of vehicles hit the roads for the first time in Dhaka every day, he said, adding that "We are sure that the number of vehicles in Dhaka city is well over the capacity of its roads. That is what has been causing the traffic jams."

A total of 51,508 vehicles got registered in Dhaka city in the first five months of this year, meaning the daily average of new cars was 341, according to Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) documents.

Hadiuzzaman said, "Our authorities are more interested in constructing new roads and infrastructures. They never think about demand management. That's

why congestion persists.

"For demand management, you need a clear idea of the capacity of the roads," he added.

Citing examples of different countries, he said the authorities at major cities assess the capacity of their roads on a regular basis and give permission to new vehicles in line with their assessment.

He said traffic composition in Dhaka city is very complex due to the presence of motorised and non-motorised vehicles. This would make any assessment of the operational capacity of Dhaka roads very difficult.

The officials would refer to the information on cities with similar composition of traffic, pattern of land usage by the roads, and other issues.

"The authorities should make data-driven decisions," he added.

RMG factory owner linked to incident

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Monday arrested businessman and former president of Uttara Club Limited Nasir Uddin Mahmud and another businessman Tuhin Siddique Omi from a house in Uttara-1 after the actor filed a case against them and four others over attempting to rape and murder her.

Three women were also arrested during the raid. The DB team also recovered local and foreign alcohol and 1,000 yaba tablets.

Nasir and Omi are now being interrogated in remand in a case filed against them and the three women under the narcotics control act with the Airport Police Station by DB Sub-inspector Manik Kumar Shikder.

According to the case statement filed by Pori Moni, Nasir physically assaulted her, forced a liquor bottle to her mouth to make her drink and tried to rape her with the assistance of Omi and four unidentified persons.

After his arrest on Monday, Nasir -- also a presidium member of Jatiya Party -- claimed that he was framed.

THE 3 OTHER ARRESTEES
Shah Alam, the caretaker of the Uttara-1 building from which the arrests were made on Monday, said one of the accused in the narcotics case, 24-year-old Nazma Amin Brishiti, is Omi's wife.

Police, however, in the statement of the case filed with Airport Police Station following the arrests,

mentioned that Nazma is Omi's friend.

The two other women accused in the narcotics case and arrested during the raid are Lipi Akter, 18, and Sumi Akter, 19.

Jahangir Alam, caretaker of a six-storey building in Uttara-5, said Nasir, 65, rented a flat there three months ago, saying that the 18-year-old Lipi is his wife.

The caretaker said Lipi, who identified herself as a student, lived in the flat mostly alone.

"Every two-three weeks, Nasir sir used to visit the flat and stayed six to seven hours," Jahangir told The Daily Star.

Details of Sumi Akter, who also lived in Uttara area could not be known. A shopkeeper in the neighbourhood where she lived said yesterday that all her household belongings were shifted elsewhere after she was arrested.

In the narcotics case filed with Airport Police Station, it is mentioned that Omi and Nasir collected the drugs for consuming and selling while Nazma, Lipi and Sumi also consumed the drugs and assisted them in dealing them.

Meanwhile, Additional Commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police AKM Hafeez Akhter yesterday said action would be taken against Pori Moni if any specific allegation of vandalism at Gulshan All Community Club was made against

her. He made the remark replying to a query during a press briefing centring the arrest of some suspected robbers at DMP's Media Centre.

When a journalist asked whether the All Community Club incident would be taken into cognisance in the investigation of her attempted rape and murder case, Hafiz Akhtar said, "Since the case is ongoing, everything will come under the purview of interrogation..."

On Wednesday, KM Alamgir Iqbal, president of the Gulshan All Community Club, told journalists that Pori Moni and two others went to the club on June 7 with a member.

There she turned unruly and smashed glasses, ashtrays and plates, he said. Gulshan police went there following a call to 999 from the popular actor and later filed a GD with the police station.

In another development, Jatiya Party MP Golam Kibria Tipu yesterday in parliament demanded release and acquittal of Nasir Uddin Mahmud.

The JP presidium member made the demand while participating in the general discussion on the proposed budget for 2021-22 fiscal.

Golam Kibria Tipu said in his speech said, "I know Nasir Uddin for the last about 35 years. I know him since he was a student. He is an established businessman and pays taxes to the government."

Yahya requests Nixon

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claimed that UNHCR Chief Prince Aga Khan had expressed his satisfaction at the arrangement of receiving these refugees at the border.

It may be mentioned here that Aga Khan had categorically denied this claim at a press conference in New Delhi on June 17, 1971.

Yahya accused India of turning the refugee issue into political propaganda and said, "The Indian government should not use the problem of the displaced persons as an instrument of pressure on Pakistan to impose a political government of Indian choice in East Pakistan. No government could yield to such blackmail."

Referring to increasing concentration of Indian forces at the border, Yahya said, "We do not want a conflict with India. It remains our earnest hope that India will not resort to a conflict. The danger is that through constant repetition of threats, Indian leaders may succeed in creating an atmosphere and mood in their country which could inevitably lead to a conflict."

Yahya requested Nixon to use his influence with India to persuade her to desist from actions, "which could lead not only to a breach of peace but as a result of that, to unforeseen consequences which could affect the world community".

Yahya informed Nixon that he

would announce political plans for the country on June 28. "But unless India is restrained, my efforts would be seriously affected," he concluded.

WORLD BANK POSTPONES FINANCIAL AID FOR PAKISTAN
World Bank representative Peter Cargill recommended the indefinite postponement of the meeting of the Aid Pakistan Consortium which meant postponement of any consideration of financial aid programmes to Pakistan for an indefinite period. Cargill had visited West and East Pakistan in early June, 1971. He had found that the conditions in both the wings were not conducive to foreign investment because of political uncertainty and economic depression resulting from the widespread destructive Pakistan army action leading to stoppage of productive activities.

YAHYA AGAIN ASKS EVACUEES TO RETURN

President Yahya today made a fresh appeal to the Bangladeshi refugees to return home from India. In his appeal, directed especially at Hindu evacuees, he said they would be given "full protection and every facility as they were equal citizens of Pakistan and there was no question of any discriminatory treatment".

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'Fear's gone

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government."

Beside Anis, 23 more homeless families have been given homes in Teota under the government's Ashrayan-2 project.

A total of 53,340 homes are being given under the project to the homeless and landless families of 459 upazilas of the country, said additional secretary and project director of Ashrayan-2 Project Mahbub Hossain.

The Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will formally hand over the homes on June 20.

Meanwhile, PM's Principal Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus yesterday at a press conference in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that about one lakh more homes will be given by December as part of the government's move to rehabilitate the country's homeless people in the Mujib Year.

The government in January gave 69,904 houses to homeless people in January.

Visiting Manikganj on June 9, the correspondent found the homes ready for living.

Off-white and semi-pucca houses are standing in queues in the backyard of Teota Union Parishad office and a few meters away from abandoned antique buildings of lost zamindars.

Each house containing two rooms, toilet, kitchen and veranda are shedded with red colour tin.

Smiles were written all over the faces of people who have got new homes.

Out of excitement, Parul, in her 70s, was showing her new house to journalists enthusiastically.

"My husband died a long time ago...I worked at people's houses as a maid," said Parul, adding that she had been living in a shanty on government land.

"Now I got a permanent roof above my head. I'm very happy. I'll now die happily," she said.

The government has spent about Tk 2 lakh to build each house, said additional secretary and project director of Ashrayan-2 Project Mahbub Hossain.

The 2nd phase is financed by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and Ashrayan-2 project and is being coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office, he said.

In two phases the government has given 1,23,244 homes to homeless people, he said, adding that about Tk 2,300 crore was spent for the project.

The government allocated 64 homes in Kathaltola Bazar of Dumuria of Khulna where people have already started living.

Another 45 new homes have been built in the 2nd phase.

Visiting the spot, the correspondent found construction work was going on in full swing.

Residents who have already started living expressed their gratitude to the Prime Minister.

One of them van puller Kazi Shahidul Islam said he along with his wife used to live beside the Dumuria highway before getting allotment.

"I'm living peacefully here with my wife and sons," he said.

Locals however expressed concern over drinking water as only four tube-wells set up for 109 families of the project area.

Contacted UNO of Dumuria Abdul Wadud said they have already set up four deep tube-wells for the residents.

"We've given requisition for more tube-wells. Our aim is to provide tube-wells for each ten families," he said.


Inclusive Development
Saying that the Prime Minister continues rehabilitating the homeless and landless people even amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Kaikaus said, "It is the Sheikh Hasina's model for inclusive development."

The Principal Secretary said each family is getting the assets worth some Tk 2.6 lakh, if the value of two-decimal land is on average Tk 50,000. The construction cost of every house is nearly Tk 2 lakh, while the cost of utility connectivity (electricity and gas) is some Tk 10,000.

Mentioning that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had undertaken the Ashrayan project in 1997, Dr Kaikaus said a total of 373,562 houses have so far been given to homeless and landless families under Ashrayan project run by the PMO.

On Sunday next, the highest 12,436 houses will be given in Rangpur division, while 10,547 in Chattogram, 7,630 in Dhaka, 7,172 in Rajshahi, 37,153 in Barishal, 911 in Khulna, 2512 in Mymensingh and 1979 in Sylhet division.

According to the lists prepared under the Ashrayan project, the number of homeless and landless families (under class-K) is 293,361 in the country, while that of just-homeless families (under class-Kha) is 592,261.



Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

BSC Bhawan, Saltgola Road
Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh

Invitation for International Re-Tender for Supply of 620 Metric Ton Hot-Rolled Mild Steel Plate

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
4	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5	Invitation for	Supply of 620 M. Ton (+/-5%) Hot-Rolled Mild Steel Plate, C&F Chattogram, Bangladesh.
6	Invitation Ref No. and date	28.03.0000.041.01.013.19(HRS-02)(Re-Tender), 17th June, 2021.
7	Delivery schedule	Within 60 days from the date of L/C opening/signing contract.
8	Price	Price to be quoted in foreign currency (in US dollar C&F Chattogram basis) as mentioned in the tender document.
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10	Budget and source of funds	BPC Revenue Budget/GOB.
11	Tender package name	International tender for supply of 620 M. Ton (+/-5%) Hot-Rolled Mild Steel Plate.
12	Tender publication date	17-06-2021.
13	Tender last selling date	15-07-2021.
14	Tender closing date and time	18-07-2021, Time: 1200 Hours (BST).
15	Tender opening date and time	18-07-2021, Time: 1215 Hours (BST).
16	Offer validity time	10-08-2021, Time: 1700 Hours (BST).
Name and address of the office(s)		
17	Selling tender documents	i) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhawan, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chattogram, Bangladesh. ii) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, 10th Floor, BTMC Bhawan, 2, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka.
18	Name and address of the office receiving offers	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhawan, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chattogram, Bangladesh.
19	Name and address of the office opening offers	-Do- (in presence of the bidders or their authorized Agents who would wish to be present.)
20	Qualification of the suppliers	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.
21	Brief description of goods/items	Hot-Rolled Mild Steel Plate: Size (a) 6000 mm X 1800 mm X 5 mm=155 M. Tons (b) 6000 mm X 1800 mm X 6mm=110 M. Tons (c) 6000 mm X 1800 mm X 8mm=330 M. Tons and (d) 6000 mm X 1800 mm X 12mm=25 M. Tons
22	Tender documents price	Tk 3,000/= or US\$ 40.00 per set.
23	Bid bond/bank guarantee	All offers must be accompanied by a bid bond amounting to Taka 13.00 lac or US dollar 15,500.00 and must have validity of 60 (sixty) days from the date of tender opening.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
24	Official inviting tender	Mustafa Qudrat-I-Elahi.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (Com. & Ops).
26	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhawan, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chattogram, Bangladesh.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88031-716121, Mobile: 01755587628 E-mail: gm.com.bpc@gmail.com
28	Bidder(s) must submit the original money receipt for tender document purchased along with their offers.	
29	Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's tender document for supply of 620 M. Ton (+/-5%) Hot-Rolled Mild Steel Plate (28.03.0000.041.01.013.19 (HRS-02)(Re-Tender), 17th June, 2021). All bidders must specify the source of supply mentioning the name of country/countries. Any conditional offer will not be valid. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.	

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Delta variant caused

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The study is one of the largest prevalence surveys in Britain, with 109,000 volunteers tested in its latest round.

Riley added that Britain's high vaccination levels made it hard to predict how long that exponential growth would last, saying the rapid rollout of vaccine doses to younger age groups should slow it down.

According to Reuters, over half the adult population of Britain has received two vaccine doses, and more than three-quarters of adults have received at least one vaccine dose.

Although the Delta variant is shown to substantially reduce the effectiveness of one dose of vaccine against mild infection, two doses still provide good protection against severe disease, early evidence has shown.

The pandemic has killed at least 3,835,238 people worldwide since the virus first emerged in December 2019, according to an AFP compilation of official data yesterday.

PROBE SHOULD SHIFT TO US
Meanwhile, a senior Chinese expert said the United States should be the priority in the next phase of investigations into the origin of Covid-19 after a study showed the disease could have been circulating there as early as December 2019, state media said yesterday.

The study, published this week by the US National Institutes for Health (NIH), showed that at least seven people in five different US states were infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, weeks before the first official cases were reported.

Zeng Guang, chief epidemiologist with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, told state-owned tabloid the Global Times that attention should now shift to the United States, which was slow to test people in the early stages of the outbreak, and is also the home of many biological laboratories.

"All bio-weapons related subjects that the country has should be subject to scrutiny," he was quoted as saying.

Licences of two pro-AL

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in the district, police recommended cancellation of their firearms licence for illegal uses of the firearms.

Kabir Mahamud, deputy commissioner of Pabna, told the Daily Star, "According to police investigation report, we have cancelled licences of both Mamun and Lalu on Thursday."

Meanwhile, Pabna district unit AL issued show-cause notices to the pro-AL contractors and released them from their political posts in the party, sources said.

Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince, secretary of Pabna district unit AL, issued notices on Wednesday against Faruk and Mamun over the incident.

ACC for list of officials

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intelligence unit, chairman of Board of Revenue, and the deputy commissioner of Dhaka to submit the details, including names and addresses, of the people who launder money abroad, to the court by December 17.

Issuing an injunction to restrain people from laundering money abroad, the HC bench of Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Ahmed Sohail directed intelligence agencies to take appropriate steps to stop the laundering of money.

Prashanta Kumar Halder alias PK Halder, who along with others misappropriated at least Tk 10,200 crore from four non-banking financial institutions, bought properties and launched a business in Canada, ACC sources said.

Like him, many Bangladeshis have bought luxurious homes in "Begum Para", spending millions laundered out of Bangladesh.

Mainly, the wives and children of Bangladeshi millionaires live in these homes in an area in Toronto, hence the name Begum Para.

According to a report published in this newspaper on November 20, the "Begum Para" has come up in numerous political discussions in Bangladesh.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen recently raised eyebrows saying that government officials are forging ahead of politicians in the race to purchase luxurious homes in Begum Para.

The minister spoke to The Daily Star on this issue over the phone on November 19.

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