

Helena Jahangir gets bail

Can't walk out of jail as she's yet to get bail in 3 more cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Helena Jahangir, a businessperson turned politician, in a case filed with the Pallabi Police Station under the Telecommunication Act.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Sufian Md Noman passed the order upon a bond of Tk 2,000 with two guarantors after her lawyer moved a bail petition, court sources said.

Helena, however, cannot walk out of jail as she was yet to get bail in three other cases filed with Gulshan and Pallabi police stations under the Narcotics Control Act, the Penal Code and the Special Powers Act.

Sub-inspector Idris Ali of Rab-4 filed the case with Pallabi Police Station against her on August 30 on charge of operating "Joyjatra television" without government approval and license and running its office illegally in Dhaka's Mirpur.

The law enforcers arrested her during a raid at her Gulshan residence on July 29.

Later, Rab filed two cases with Gulshan Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act, Special Powers Act, Wildlife Conservation Act and Telecommunications Act.

After her arrest, Rab conducted raid at the IPTV station and sealed it off.

Another case was filed with Pallabi Police Station on August 5 for misappropriating Tk 54,000 from one Abdur Rahman for appointing him as a TV reporter of Bhola district.

She was placed on a 17-day remand in four cases filed with Gulshan and Pallabi police stations under different acts.



With an oxygen mask on her face, Samoli Akhter, a Covid-19 patient, was being taken to her bed on a stretcher at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. Earlier, her loved ones were moving from one place to another in search of available healthcare facilities, indicating a worrying state centring the pandemic.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No Taja processions for Ashura

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has banned all kinds of Taja processions, rally and other processions of the Shia Muslims centring the holy Ashura.

The government took the decision considering the current situation of Covid-19 infection. The Ashura will be observed on August 20.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs imposed the order, said a press release of the ministry yesterday.

However, all the necessary religious rituals will be observed following proper health rules and social distancing, according to the press release.

It said the restrictions imposed earlier on August 6 by the ministry at the religious institutions of all religions will remain in force considering the current Covid-10 situation.

Ashura is observed on Muharram 10.

On this day in the Hijri year of 61, Hazrat Imam (RA), grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), along with his family members and 72 followers had embraced martyrdom in the hands of Yazid's soldiers at the desert of Karbala.

'Reopen jute mills'

Demand workers at Khulna human chain

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KHULNA

The temporary workers of closed state-run jute mills in Khulna yesterday demanded resumption of all such factories on government initiative.

At a human chain formed in front of Khalishpur Jute Mill on the city's BIDD Road, the participants also sought their due arrears.

They wanted full bonuses of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha as per wage commission and 60-day payment following termination notice.

The committees of Daulatpur Jute Mill Factory and Khalishpur Jute Mill Factory jointly organised the programme, participated by workers, civil society members and different political party activists.

The workers said they had been passing through hard times following closure of the

jute mills.

They called upon all workers and civil society members to foil the "conspiracy to destroy Bangladesh's jute sector".

Moniruzzaman Monir, convener of Khalishpur Jute Mill Factory Committee, presided over the programme, conducted by Alamgir Kabir, general secretary of the committee.

In July 2020, the government closed down 25 state-run jute mills amid huge criticism.

More than 42,000 workers were left unemployed.

On top of that, 31,000 temporary and substitute workers are yet to receive their dues.

More than 32,000 substitute and temporary workers of the closed jute mills were denied compensation packages though many of them had worked at the mills for decades.



Temporary workers of closed state-run jute mills demonstrated in front of Khalishpur Jute Mill on Khulna city's BIDD Road yesterday, demanding resumption of all such mills under government initiative.

PHOTO: STAR

India hands over 31 ambulances

UNB, Dhaka

India has handed over 31 life support ambulances and other medical equipment to Bangladesh to help the country deal with the Covid-19 situation.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami handed them over to Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen at a programme at state guesthouse Padma.

The ambulances are part of an overall initiative of supplying 109 life support ambulances, as announced by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Bangladesh in March 2021.

The remaining units will be delivered shortly, said the High Commission.

The medical supplies provided in this ceremony included oxygen nasal cannula, oxygen face masks, oxygen flow meters, non-rebreather mask, among other supplies.

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the zoo last year. They gave birth to 25 peachicks this year, he said.

"I gifted some to people and now I have 12," he said. Khalilur Rahman, who works in the registrar's office in Narayanganj's Rugganj, bought a pair of deer last July. He kept them in his courtyard under a shed. "I bought those out of my interests; I don't have any other purpose," he said.

Meanwhile, zoologists are worried that such sales to general people can have negative impact on the wildlife.

Prof M Monirul H. Khan, Chairman of Zoology department at Jahangirnagar University, told The Daily Star, "If wildlife is sold to the public, it is difficult to ensure proper breeding and welfare of the animals. We have protested the sales on many occasions, but nobody has taken them into consideration."

"It's a contradiction to our wildlife conservation act," he added.

Wishing anonymity, a Dhaka University professor of zoology said the zoo authorities have no right to sell wildlife to the public. If they have a surplus, they can exchange the animals with other zoos at home and abroad, he added.

"Besides, there is no monitoring of the wildlife being sold. The authorities are supposed to maintain a logbook which is updated from time to time. When a cub is born, it's health should be monitored properly. Who is doing this monitoring?" he said.

Contacted, Md Sayedur Rahman, deputy conservator (Forests, Wildlife Management & Nature Conservation Circle, Dhaka) said only those who have the capability and space to take care of the animals get permission from them.

"After receiving the application, we inspect it and if all is okay, then we give them permission to purchase an animal. There is no political or any other issue involved here," he added.

Due to the baby boom, zoo director Abdul Latif said not just deer and peacock, but the number of emu, herons, hippopotamus, zebra, pythons, and other animals are also exceeding their capacity. As the zoo doesn't have permission to sell them, they are trying to strike exchange deals with other zoos, home or abroad.

Baby boom

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allows as several animals are still in the process of delivery or carrying their babies. A crowded environment may cause problems for them.

About reopening of the zoo, the director said they did not get any direction from the ministry concerned in this regard. But they are ready to reopen.

Spread over an area of 186.63 acres, the zoo currently has a total of 3,150 animals of 135 species.

People suffer

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the server rent, then it is normal that the service will be suspended. There is no incompetence here," he said.

Asked about the issue, Biman MD said they have never paid the server fee before and have cleared service-related bills on time.

"But all of a sudden, they [Travelshop] are asking for the money. If they have an issue with their host company, they should have resolved it first, rather than demanding money from us," he added.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

'Form separate rights commission for them'



DU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad yesterday demanded a separate human rights commission to prevent "oppression against indigenous women".

They placed the demand during a rally protesting the rape of a woman from Hajong community in Sunamganj on August 14. They also demanded exemplary punishment for the rapist.

They held the protest rally in front of the National Museum in Dhaka in the morning.

The rally also protested the "conspiracy"

by the forest department to cut down crops owned by the Garo community at Sherpur's Sreebordi and evict people from the Garo and Khasia communities from Moulvibazar's Sahebtila.

The programme was attended by some Dhaka University teachers who spoke to the attendance following the rally.

Prof Khairul Chowdhury of DU's sociology department said, "Incidents of torture, oppression against indigenous women are taking place all around the country. It's time to form an indigenous rights commission to solve their problems."

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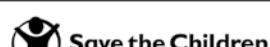
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