

DU authorities reopen Asif Nazrul's office

BCL locked it demanding his trial over Facebook post

DU CORRESPONDENT

After BCL members locked up Dhaka University law department chair Dr Asif Nazrul's office room on Wednesday, over a Facebook post made on Tuesday, DU authorities moved to open the office yesterday evening.

Dr Nazrul said some BCL leaders and activists padlocked his law faculty office room and put up several posters on the lobby wall, labelling him as a "traitor", "Taliban agent" and more. The saga began after he posted on his Facebook profile, "If a fair election took place [in Bangladesh], scenes similar to Kabul Airport's could transpire here too."

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said, "I'm a department chair. It's absolutely essential that I go to office, as final examinations are taking place online."

"[In the post] I only demanded a fair election," he said on a separate Facebook post on Wednesday. He said he did not support the situation in Afghanistan.

About locking his office, BCL president Al-Nahean Khan Joy said it was the right thing to do, as he propagated "anti-state sentiments". They also demanded his trial for treason.

DU Proctor Dr AKM Golam Rabbani said, "After getting an application from Dr Nazrul, we opened the lock and removed the posters." VC Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman said, "I asked the proctor to brief me about the whole matter."

They kept asking for more money

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Residential Area.

"I was first flown out of Bangladesh in March, 2019 and taken to Delhi. I was told that I would get a visa for Fiji from there," said Mollah. He travelled as part of a group of ten people.

Upon landing in Delhi, the first thing that the traffickers did was confiscate their passports. "I was in a hotel in Delhi for two months. From there we were taken to Mumbai and kept in a hotel for another month."

During this time, the traffickers

routinely took money from the trapped migrant workers -- even their family members were asked to send them money through various mobile money accounts. And just like that, Mollah racked up Tk 4.5 lakh in bills.

"They kept the people stranded in hotels, just to extort them. They were not going to take them anywhere during this pandemic," said additional superintendent of police Bina Rani Das, who led the raid team. "We have tracked as many as 72 people who were kept in India and Nepal this way

by the traffickers."

Das said a case was being filed against the traffickers with Uttara (East) Police Station. When Mollah's three-month tourist visa expired, he was threatened by the traffickers of being turned over to Indian police. That is when he decided to take matters into his own hands.

"They kept asking for more money by threatening me with arrest. So I thought, if I was going to get arrested anyway, I might as well cross back to Bangladesh illegally," he said.

No let-up in dengue

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Manzur said the government will have to make insecticides and spraying tools readily available to carry out anti-mosquito drives regularly.

"Monitoring this virus is important, but there is no such initiative in our country," he said, adding that in countries like the USA, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, they first identify the dengue virus and vulnerable locations, and then destroy adult Aedes mosquitoes in those particular areas through extensive drives.

"We are at a stage where we have to use adulticides [a type of insecticide used to kill adult mosquitoes] on a massive scale to control the spread of

dengue."

He said city corporations took their advice on different occasions, but did not follow through.

"It's very important to kill the mosquitoes now instead of conducting mobile court drives to fine people. The latter is making infected people hide their addresses," he said.

Manzur added that the actual number of dengue patients would be much higher than the number provided by DGHS, which only collects information from 41 hospitals in the capital.

Entomologist Tauhid Uddin said city corporations should appoint entomologists to top posts, as skilled

manpower is needed to design interventions to control mosquitoes.

City corporations will have to pay more attention to wiping out breeding spots, but unfortunately, they do not pay enough attention to the issue, he said.

An integrated vector management plan -- which includes environmental management, controlling Aedes mosquitoes through other insects, applying adulticide and larvicide, and involving general people in this work -- is needed to control Aedes mosquitoes.

"These four activities will have to be done round the year, but we do not see such implementation," said Bashir.

NEWS IN brief

Vaccine drive in chaos: GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairperson GM Quader yesterday said the country's Covid-19 vaccination programme is in a chaotic state, and demanded vaccines for all citizens.

The deputy leader of opposition made the remarks after inaugurating the academic building of Lohakuchi High School in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

In such a situation, it would not be right to impose a fresh lockdown, he opined.



PKSF accredited as Implementing Entity of Adaptation Fund

CITY DESK

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), in recognition of its workplan and efficiency in combating the adverse impacts of climate change, has been accredited as the National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, based in Washington, USA.

The Adaptation Fund Board concluded on this accreditation in its board meeting on August 3, 2021, said a press release.

PKSF is the 34th entity, and the only from Bangladesh, to receive the accreditation of the Adaptation Fund, created in 2007.

This will increase PKSF's access to international funds for facing climate change fallout.

DRUG CASE

Pori Moni remanded for third time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed film actress Pori Moni on a one-day remand in the third phase in a case filed with Banani Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Atiqul Islam passed the order after CID Inspector Kazi Golam Mostafa, investigation officer of the case, produced her before the court seeking five-day fresh remand for her.

Earlier in the day, Pori Moni was produced at the prison cell of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka at 8:30am.

On August 5, Pori Moni and her associate Ashraf Islam Dipu were shown arrested in the case.

The previous day, Rab detained them after raiding her house. They also seized a huge quantity of narcotics from there.

Meanwhile, the HC rejected a verbal prayer for directing the authorities not to place Pori Moni on remand further in any case.

Address challenges of climate

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representatives of civil society organisations and other stakeholders.

Water resource and climate expert Prof Ainun Nishat said salinity intrusion due to sea-level rise and river erosion are two major causes behind climate-induced migration and displacement in Bangladesh.

People facing such situation have to be provided with sufficient skills training for employment opportunities, he said.

Prof Ainun said the government's action plan on climate change related issues has to be scientific and suggested for undertaking "land reclamation" initiative in the coastal areas to support people's livelihood there.

In his keynote presentation, former foreign secretary and migration expert M Shahidul Haque said climate change is an "existential threat for Bangladesh" and "climate migration is a development crisis". Climate change displacement has redefined migration and mobility globally, he said, adding, due to climate-induced migration, the development ambition of Bangladesh will be challenged.

Saying people displaced forcibly due to frequent flooding are "climate-induced migrants", Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said another example in this regard is river erosion.

She said they have been advocating for long to formulate a "river erosion policy" in the country, adding the new poor has to be the targeted group if the country wants to live up to the goal "leave no one behind".

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Foundation, said Bangladesh needs to form a "climate commission" to negotiate climate change

related issues in global forums.

Affirming that river erosion is a main reason behind creation of poverty in the country, State Minister for Planning Shamsul Alam said the government is aware of the situation.

Various projects have been undertaken for the development of slum areas, said the state minister, addressing the event as chief guest.

Besides, the government is also trying to reduce the gap between rural and urban areas in terms of ensuring services, he added.

On labour migration, the state minister said, "The 8th Five-Year Plan will make a comprehensive push to expand overseas employment and remittance earnings through government-to-government negotiations by lowering the cost of migration."

BPCMD Chairperson Shameem Haider Patwary said creating partnership between government and non-government organisations was necessary to address the challenges of climate change.

Moderating the consultation, BPCMD Secretary General Mahjabeen Khaled stressed the need for working collectively to this end.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry; Suzanne Mueller, chargé d'affaires of Switzerland Embassy in Bangladesh; Rahnuma Salam Khan, national programme officer of International Labour Organisation; Syed Saiful Haque, chairman of WARBE; migration expert Asif Munier; parliamentarian Aroma Dutta; and Gerry Fox, team leader of British Council's Prokash project, among others, spoke at the event.

YABA TRADE

Piyasha confesses to magistrate

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Model and former TV presenter Faria Mahub Piyasha yesterday confessed to a magistrate that she had been running yaba business for a long time.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mainul Islam recorded her confessional statement after Criminal Investigation Department Inspector Iftekharul Alam, investigation officer of the case, brought her to his chamber, court courses said.

After recording her statement, the magistrate ordered to send her to jail.

She was produced before the court on completion of her three-day remand in the case filed with Khilkhet Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act.

In her statement, Piyasha said she, in connivance with two of her associates -- Sharful Hasan alias Mishu Hasan and Masudul Hasan alias Jisan -- ran the business.

Army chief

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said a press release of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate.

General SM Shafiquddin will discuss further strengthening the relations between the armies of the two countries and mutual cooperation. The army chief is expected to return home on August 26, the press release said.

Bangladesh-India flights

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Directorate General of Civil Aviation, seeking its approval for resumption on August 11, under an air-bubble agreement.

Air-bubble agreements are arrangements between two countries that allow carriers of both nations to fly passengers either way without restrictions.

"But we are yet to get any reply from our Indian counterpart about the letter. That's why it's hard for us to say right now whether flights will resume from tomorrow [today]," Group Captain Chy M Zia Ul Kabir, member (flight standard and regulations) of CAAB, told The Daily Star.

Biman on Wednesday formally announced plans to operate flights to Kolkata and Delhi from August 22, without mentioning anything about directions to do so.

Asked about the announcement, Biman Managing Director and CEO Dr Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal told this correspondent, "Like other airlines of the country, we have announced this as part of our preparation to operate flights."

He acknowledged that they are yet to get any direction from CAAB.

Kamrul Islam, general manager of public relations at US-Bangla Airlines, said although they are all set to resume flights with India, they are yet to get CAAB's direction.

He said if flights are resumed, a passenger will have to complete various formalities, including getting tested for Covid-19 within 72 hours of their flight.

Sources in India said it might consent to resume flights with Bangladesh from next week. Initially, flights will resume on Dhaka-Kolkata and Dhaka-Delhi routes.

CAAB in its letter to India had proposed 21 air-bubble flights per week for both countries. The letter also said which categories of passengers could fly.

Regarding capacity restrictions on flights, CAAB said a maximum of 140 passengers in a narrow-bodied (single aisle) aircraft and 200 passengers in wide-bodied (twin aisle) aircraft can be carried.

Apart from Biman, Novo Air and US Bangla, five Indian airlines used to operate flights from Bangladesh on various routes going to India during normal times. The airlines include Air India, Indigo, SpiceJet, Vistara and GoAir.

More than 3,500 Bangladeshis travel to India daily on average. Of them, over 10 percent used to travel for medical purposes.

More than 13.7 million foreigners, including 2.8 million Bangladeshis, took treatment in India between January 2018 and March 2019.

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4 GRAFT CASES

Wanderers Club GS Joy Gopal Sarkar gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to Joy Gopal Sarkar, general secretary of Dhaka Wanderers Club, in four money laundering cases.

He allegedly had links to illegal casino business.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice SM Mozibur Rahman granted the bail after hearing four bail petitions filed by Joy Gopal's lawyers.

"Joy Gopal cannot be released following the HC verdict, as he is still shown arrested in two other criminal cases," Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star.

The government will move an appeal challenging the HC verdict, Amin also said.

Joy Gopal was arrested on July 14 last year in connection with five money laundering cases.

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Project Name	Cloud Service/Infrastructure as a Service-Technology Division
Source of Fund	Strategic Partnership Agreement
Tender Package No.	BPD/2021/IFT-1759
Reference No. & Date	BPD/2021/IFT-1759 Date: 11-08-2021
Tender Name	Cloud Service
Time for Delivery	As per Tender Documents
Price of the Tender Documents	N/A
Tender Security	As per Tender Documents
Tender Documents Available	https://tender.brac.net/ (Go to live tender from the dashboard after entering the above URL and search for the Tender Package No.)
Date & Time for Documents Availability	From 20 August, 2021 till 05 September 2021, 2.30 pm
Tender Dropping Place, Date & Time	https://tender.brac.net/ Before 05 September 2021, 2.30 pm (The tender dropping procedure will be discussed during the Pre-bid meeting)
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	Online, 05 September 2021 at 03:00 PM Link: meet.google.com/udo-vhmi-jvy
Pre-bid meeting	On 24th August, Tuesday from 11 am till 12.30 pm through Google meet link: meet.google.com/mjs-qxyv-bcg

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EDCL invites International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Packing Material on C&F© Dhaka by Air and Chittagong by Sea Basis:-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/PM/SEM/09/2021-2022 dated 19/08/2021	Pharmaceutical Packing Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. 7.5 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20 mm Neck Finish 02. 10 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20 mm Neck Size 03. 15 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20 mm Neck Finish 04. 30 ml Tubular Glass Vial with 20 mm Neck Finish 05. 20 ml Amber Glass Vial (type-1) 06. 20 mm Rubber Stopper (Ready for Sterilization) 07. Flip off Alu. Seal Cap 20 mm	Tk. 2750.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 32.00 Non-refundable	Closing :09/09/2021 at 11.00 AM Opening :09/09/2021 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/PM/SEM/10/2021-2022 dated 19/08/2021	Pharmaceutical Packing Material: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. 100 ml White Glass Bottle 02. 32mm Rubber Stopper (Ready for Sterilization) 03. 32 mm Alu. Seal Cap(Green) 04. 32 mm Alu. Seal Cap (White)	Tk. 1950.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 23.00 Non-refundable	Closing :12/09/2021 at 11.00 AM Opening :12/09/2021 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft / Pay Order / Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

N.B: This Information is also available at our Website : www.edcl.gov.bd. The above Tender which was published earlier in The Daily Star on 10/08/2021 and The Samokal on 10/08/2021 will be treated as cancel.

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