

VACCINATION PROGRAMME AT 2 CCC CENTRES

Red Crescent withdraws volunteers over irregularity

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Allegations are rife over the mishandling of Covid vaccinations at some centres in the port city. The situation has become so convoluted in fact, that Bangladesh Red Crescent Society has withdrawn their volunteers from two vaccination centres run by Chattogram City Corporation (CCC), protesting irregularities in their vaccine programmes.

Sources said the organisation withdrew its members from CCC General Hospital on Wednesday and from Safa Motaleb Maternity Hospital at Mohara area on Thursday.

Contacted, Iftekher Hossain Imu, chief of Youth Red Crescent, Chattogram, said they withdrew their members after coming across irregularities by a section of CCC staffers in these centres. Imu said they have seen various staffers prioritise vaccine-seekers in exchange of Tk 500 to Tk 1,000 for each person.

The same situation prevailed in CCC General Hospital, said Imu. "It got so bad that vaccine-seekers

besieged the centre one day. All CCC staffers fled the centre, but our volunteers stayed and called 999. Police came in later and brought the situation under control."

"Here's the problem. The people might start associating our volunteers with the irregularities. Why will we take the liability of CCC staffers' misdeeds?" Imu asked.

"We do not have any problem with the centres run by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Our issues are with the two CCC-run centres," said Imu.

Contacted, Dr Sheikh Fazle Rabbi, civil surgeon of Chattogram, said, "As the two centres are run by CCC, I have passed it on to their health department, which will look into it."

Despite repeated attempts, CCC chief health officer Dr Selim Akter Chowdhury could not be reached for comments over the phone.

Contacted, CCC Mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said he was not aware of the issue.

"I have asked CCC health officials about the allegations on different

occasions. They said the allegations aren't true. It's possible that some people are spreading propaganda."

The mayor said, "I have already instructed our health department to not spare anyone if the allegations turn out to be true."

It is worth mentioning that CCC formed a probe body on August 10 to investigate into a prior incident of vaccine mishandling on August 9. Although the committee was asked to submit a report within two working days, it is yet to start investigation.

CCC executive magistrate Jahanara Ferdous, also a member of the probe committee, said the probe was delayed due to unavoidable reasons, but are hoping to launch it soon.

CCC did suspend Bishu Dey, health staffer at CCC Mostafa Hakim Maternity, after a case was filed against him over misappropriating vaccines from the centre and administering them outside in exchange for money.

Around 600 members of Youth Red Crescent are volunteering in the vaccination centres in the city and upazilas of the district.



PHOTO: RAJIB RAHMAN

Port city residents queue up since morning, waiting for the truck of Trading Corporation of Bangladesh to arrive. According to authorities, the truck has no fixed schedule, and so, residents have no way of knowing when they'll be able to buy their daily produce for cheap. On some days of the week, the truck is nowhere to be seen, and those in line have to return home distraught. This photo was taken yesterday from Andar Killa area.

Spend more

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"But in many cases, we see breach of the law. Money is spent on luxurious items including cars. University funds should be spent on research, not on luxury items," said the junior minister.

Deputy Water Resources Minister and Executive Member of APUB AKM Enamul Hoque Shameem urged the authorities to take action against private universities that are not following the law.

He, however, said, "But do not formulate any law and rule that can create obstacles to flourishing private universities as well as higher education."

APUB Chairman Sheikh Kabir Hossain presided over the discussion, moderated by APUB Secretary General Benajir Ahmed.

EMBEZZLING Tk 1,100Cr

E-orange CEO, two former owners on 5-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed three people, including two former owners of e-commerce platform E-orange, on a five-day remand in a case filed over embezzlement of around Tk 1,100 crore.

The accused are former owners of eorange -- Sonia Mehjabin and her husband Masukur Rahman -- and chief executive officer Md Amanullah Chowdhury.

Metropolitan Magistrate Morshed Al Mamun Bhuiyan passed the order after Aminul Islam, inspector of Gulshan Police Station and the case's investigation officer, produced them before the bench with a 10-day remand prayer for each.

In the remand prayer, the IO said the accused schemed and misappropriated around Tk 1,100 crore from customers. So the three need to be remanded to find out information on the other accused and to know where they transferred the money.

Defense, however, submitted petitions seeking bail along with the cancellation of the remand prayer, saying that they were implicated in the cases to harass them falsely.

Upon hearing both sides, the magistrate turned down their bail pleas and placed them on remand.

On August 17, Sonia and Masukur were sent to jail after the couple surrendered before a Dhaka court, seeking bail in the case while Amanullah was arrested on August 18 from the capital's Gulshan.

A customer filed the case against the five on August 16 over embezzlement of nearly Tk 1,100 crore, alleging that the platform did not deliver products he purchased on April 28, according to police.

In the case statements, the complainant said the products were supposed to be delivered within the agreed period but it did not happen.

Man, nephew killed as truck hits their bike in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man and his nephew were killed as a truck hit a motorcycle they were riding in Netrakona on Sunday night.

The accident occurred on Netrakona-Mohanganj road in Bori area under Barhatta upazila, said police.

The victims -- identified as Murtaz Ali (58), and his nephew Tanvir Ahmed (26) -- hailed from Mohanpur village in Barhatta.

The goods-laden truck hit the bike while the two were returning home from adjacent Mohanganj upazila, said Barhatta Police Station OC Md Mizanur Rahman.

They died on the spot around 8pm, said the OC.

Police handed over the bodies to the family. The law enforcers seized the truck but its driver managed to flee. A case was filed, the OC added.

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Station, said they suspect that the teenagers died from smoke inhalation. "We are investigating it," he said.

The bodies were sent to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Charges framed against 'Golden Monir' in arms case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Monir Hossain, widely known as "Golden Monir", in a case filed over possessing firearms.

Monir, now in jail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Special Tribunal-1 of Dhaka read out the charges to him.

The judge set September 8 for starting the case's trial. On January 26, Md Abdul Malek, an inspector of the Detective Branch of Police and the case's investigation officer, submitted two charge sheets -- one for possessing firearms and the other for possessing narcotics -- against him to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

Both the cases were filed with Badda Police Station.

MONEY LAUNDERING

SC stays bail of Wanderers Club GS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday stayed for six weeks a High Court verdict that granted bail to Joy Gopal Sarkar, general secretary of Dhaka Wanderers Club, in four separate money laundering cases. He allegedly had links to the illegal casino business.

Justice Obaidul Hassan, a judge of the SC's Appellate Division, passed the order following a petition filed by the state, seeking a stay on the HC verdict.

Additional Attorney General SK Md Morshed told The Daily Star that Joy Gopal's bail order was stayed as other accused of the cases made confessional statements, saying that he was the organiser of the casino business and was involved in money laundering.

Produce her before court on Sept 1

HC asks man who allegedly confined daughter to home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered a man to produce his 22-year-old daughter, whom he allegedly confined to his house in Dhaka's Uttara, before the court on September 1.

Towhidur Rahman Miah has allegedly confined Jeba Tasnia Towshi, a university student, forcibly to his residence since June 1.

The court asked the OC of Uttara Police Station to ensure Jeba's presence before it so that it can hear her statement.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman issued the order following a writ petition filed by Taha Taioba, a friend of Towshi.

Taioba's lawyer Aynunnah Siddiqua told the court that Towshi's father has illegally confined her since June 1. Towshi is an adult and she has the right to freedom of movement, the lawyer said.

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust is providing legal assistance to her.

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Editors Guild gets

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News Bangla Editor Swadesh Roy, and bdnews24.com Editor-in-Chief Toufique Imrose Khalidi.

Besides, Gazi Television Editor-in-Chief Syed Istiaque Reza and Desh TV Editor Sukanta Gupta have been made joint secretaries, Bangla Tribune Editor Zulfikar Russell organising secretary, and Asian Age Editorial Board Chairman Shoeb Chowdhury treasurer.

Moreover, Independent TV Editor-in-Chief M Shamsur Rahman, Energy and Power Editor Mollah M Amjad Hossain, ATN News Chief Executive Editor Munni Saha, Amader Noutun Shomoy Editor Nasima Khan Monti, Maasranga Television Chief of News Rejoanul Haq, Bangladesh

Post Chief Editor Sharif Shahab Uddin, and ATN Bangla Chief Executive Editor ZI Mamun have been made members of the executive committee.

The Editors Guild, Bangladesh started its journey in 2018. The organisation is comprised of editors and leaders from news publications and outlets across the media.

Its convening committee was formed on December 21 that year, with Toufique Imrose Khalidi as convener. Khalidi also served as the founding president of the guild since January 4, 2019.

Although Mozammel Babu was announced as the new president in March 2020, it was not possible to form a full-fledged committee back then amid the coronavirus pandemic.

But what about

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On May 9, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Association for Land Reforms and Development, Nijera Kori, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, Ain O Salish Kendra, and architect Mubasshir Hossain collectively filed the petition with the HC, seeking its directive on the government to stop any further tree felling at Suhrawardy Udyan.

In the petition, they prayed for an order that would tell the government to plant three times the number of trees felled in the name of implementing the project.

Want peace, stability

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"We believe the land of Afghanistan will not be allowed for operating terrorist activities against other countries. I believe the OIC countries will agree to this point," he said.

The ambassador said Bangladesh and Afghanistan have historic and deep cultural bonds, and Dhaka is keenly observing the political situation in Afghanistan.

The OIC adopted a joint statement calling for steps on establishing peace and stability in Afghanistan in coordination with all OIC members.

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