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official of CTTC unit, requesting

propaganda for the last four years.

The IOM has been spreading such

CTTC officials, however, failed

to provide any details on how

many people were converted and

subsequently became involved in

A CTTC high official, who has been

following the operations of Ansar Al

Islam for a long time, said the outfit

has two types of recruitment process

anonymity.

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from any further tree felling in Suhrawardy Udyan for commercial purposes. The bench said the petition is not maintainable (acceptable) as the petitioners have not challenged the plan approved for implementing the construction project in Suhrawardy Udyan, and the government has suspended the tree felling there.

Additional Attorney General SK Md Morshed told The Daily Star there is no bar for the government to implement its constitution project following the HC order.

Petitioners' counsel Syeda Rizwana Hasan told this correspondent that the HC did not say in the order that no tree can be felled in Suhrawardy Udyan. She said they are yet to decide whether an appeal will be moved before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

On May 9 this year, six rights organisations and an architect collectively filed the petition seeking HC directive on the government to refrain from any further tree felling in Suhrawardy Udvan for commercial purposes and/ or for purposes not directly related to the preservation of the memories of the national liberation and war of independence.

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misinformation. In the report, they said our establishments are illegal, though the Chittagong Development Authority says they are legal."

"The report states that there are 353 illegal structures at the court building premises. However, the DC office regularly collects rent from these establishments," said the lawyer.

Contacted yesterday, the DC office said after taking lease of the land in 1977, CDBA did not pay any land tax in the last 44 years. Apart from that, breaking the rules of land lease, CDBA has built several permanent establishments without taking any permission from the DC office. Moreover, CDBA has encroached one acre and 24 Shataks of land after taking the land on lease.

for new members -- open invitation them into militancy," said a high

and secret invitation. Recruiting members through IOM was an open process. For secret invitation, they mainly invite and recruit people through different secret sites and social media, the official told The Daily Star yesterday requesting anonymity.

The official also said IOM teaches Islam to new members of the outfit who lack knowledge of the religion. "Ansar al Islam doesn't only target

Christians but also transgender people. The outfit has even opened

some social media pages and sites, through which they are collecting funds for their operation," said the CTTC official.

As part of the recruitment process, they are also providing aid to needy people, setting up schools and madrasas, said the official, based on analysis of different encrypted sites and interrogation of previous arrestees.

[Kongkon Karmaker, our Dinajpur Correspondent, contributed to this report.]

When asked whether the party will

put pressure on the government to

release her, he said, "Whenever the

party will take that decision, we will

gave such reported instructions for

ascertained whether there was any

"At the same time, it has to be

what purpose, he added.

recruitment," he added.

do so.

#### Delwar Hossain passes away CITY DESK



Hawkers Bohumukhi Samabaya Samity Ltd, passed away on Saturday. He was 79. He left behind three daughters

and two sons to mourn his death, said a press release. He worked for the

development of the Samity and the newspaper industry since the inception of the association. The association prayed for the salvation of his departed soul and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

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of the country through his work, along with the pain that permeates from that experience.

AAA battery, an illegal money transaction in this anonymous collective, steps into a non-art format with "Attempts to prove one's innocence their conversational art by placing blame on subordinate officers from the higher echelons that offers a strong critic concerned are questionable and unacceptable," he further said. The of the existing political system. They refuse to play by the conventions of the TIB executive director further said traditionalist white cube irregularities, corruption and fraud in and its rules of display that the recruitment of law enforcement confines each artist to an

> Chakma focuses on the history of the Kaptai dam, the tales of displacement communities in the face of systematic oppression. The event also showcases works by Shamset Tabrejee, Razib Datta, Junaid Iqbal Ishmam, Shehzad Chowdhury, Oishik Jawad, and the Khyapa collective.

till September 23 from 3pm to 9pm.

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### Rozina's petition seeking return of passport rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a petition filed by journalist Rozina Islam seeking return of her passport, two mobile phones, and a PID card.

Rozina, a senior reporter of Prothom Alo, was sued by the health ministry on May 17 under the Official Secrets Act-1923 and the Penal Code on charges of stealing and taking photos of "highly sensitive" government documents.

She was arrested after being confined for more than five hours at the Secretariat earlier in the day.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Abu Bakar Siddique issued yesterday's order after Rozina and her lawyer appeared before it.

Rozina filed the petition on Wednesday.

On May 23, the court of Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka Mohammad Baki Billah granted ad-interim bail to Rozina on the condition that she surrender her passport.

### **Ex-DIG prisons Partha Gopal** sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent suspended deputy inspector general (DIG) of prisons Partha Gopal Banik to jail after he surrendered before it in a case filed over recovering Tk 80 lakh from his home in Dhaka.

Judge Shaikh Nazmul Alam of the Special Judge's Court-4 of Dhaka passed the order after Partha Gopal surrendered before the court.

On September 2, an HC bench delivered a short verdict scrapping an order of a Dhaka court that granted Partha bail, saying it was done in an "unusual manner".

## HC issues rule on saving Sutang river

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain why its failure to save Sutang River in Habiganj and its connected Shailajura canal from pollutions should not be declared illegal.

In the rule, it asked the authorities concerned to show causes as to why they should not be ordered to take steps to protect the waterbodies.

The HC also ordered the government to form an independent committee to ensure continuous operation of pollution prevention machines, suspend the environmental clearance certificate of the factories polluting the river, to examine water of the waterbodies and to submit compliance reports.

The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah issued the rule and order following a writ petition of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, moved by lawyer Syeda Rizwana Hasan.



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#### A conspiracy to snatch FROM PAGE 3 be completed soon as the Covid-19 situation has improved." Regarding

party leaders on September 21-23. Replying to a query, Fakhrul said, "Most of our committees' the release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, Fakhrul said, "The reorganising process has started. It will government is afraid of releasing her."

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So it is imperative that the culprits be brought to justice as soon as possible through a proper investigation and that the investigation report be made public.

The TIB executive director said according to media sources, there had been massive irregularities and forgery in verification of documents and police verifications in recruitment of constables in Narayanganj district quota in 2019 which came up in an investigation by the Police Headquarters in 2020.

According to the investigation report published in the media recently, evidence of recruiting at least 18 constables by submitting fake and forged documents has been found,

#### the release said.

However, the authority in charge of verification has completely avoided the matter or has given a positive report hiding the facts which is not possible without the direct involvement of the higher authorities, it said.

Referring to the inquiring officer's remarks that the then top district police officer directed them to give a positive report on human ground, Iftekharuzzaman said there is no moral and legal scope for recruitment in police service on human ground even after submitting fake and forged documents.

So, it needs to be addressed immediately through an impartial and independent investigation why the superintendent of police concerned

### Extradition of Sohel Rana

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crores of taka by not delivering customers' products.

On September 4, Sohel was detained by the BSF on the Changrabandha border in West Bengal's Cooch Behar on charges of trespassing. Following the arrest, Sohel was suspended from his position.

"I don't know what they will do... they must make a response. However, it's not compulsory. We will give a gentle reminder again," said the police official.

He added that if that does not work, Gulshan police may approach the foreign ministry to start the process.

Meanwhile, official sources in New Delhi said NCB-Dhaka has written to India's CBI, the Indian interface of Interpol, in this regard.

Since Sohel is in West Bengal police custody, CBI needs to tell Bengal police to help in this matter. If no businesses and wealth he accumulated charge sheet has been filed against him so far in Bengal court, extradition Apartment Sale | process will be easy. If a charge sheet is filed, then it will require court process will be easy. If a charge sheet

said bringing back Sohel from India won't be easy as there is a case filed against him there.

Meanwhile, investigators from several agencies are now looking into the wealth of Sohel and his family members, beyond the known sources of income, at home and abroad, after their involvement with E-orange came

out in the open. According to investigators, Sohel has several flats in Dhaka. He ran three business establishments and a number of dealerships of multinational companies. He also runs a business called T&G, with branches in Gulshan and Uttara

He also has investments in few other countries.

Hailing from Gopalganj, he has over several bighas of land. Besides, he is a member of a number of elite clubs Investigators said that these

in others' names. On August 16, a customer, on

filed a case against Sohel and nine others for their alleged involvement in misappropriating Tk 88.98 lakh from investors.

After receiving a court order, Gulshan police recorded it as a regular case on September 2. Later that day, Sohel fled the country.

From the beginning, Sohel has been denying allegations of his involvement with E-orange.

However, his name as the director can be seen in the TIN certificate used to open the company called Orange Bangladesh. E-orange and Orange Bangladesh were at the same location in Gulshan.

There are allegations against him that he has withdrawn Tk 2.5 crore from the company at different times. Aminul Islam, inspector Station, who is investigating the cases, told The Daily Star that when they asked Sohel's sister Sonia Mahjabin about it, she told the investigators

(investigation) of Gulshan Police that Sohel withdrew the money on

freelance journalist.

The author is a student of

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