

How are you collecting tax?

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came up with the directives after holding a hearing on three separate writ petitions that sought its directives for protecting the interest of consumers of e-commerce platforms including Evaly and Eorange and oversight of their activities.

The bench fixed November 8 for further hearing and passing orders on the petitions.

Lawyers Mohammad Shishir Manir, Mohammad Humayun Kabir Pallob and Md Anwarul Islam Badhon placed arguments for the writ petitioners while Deputy Attorney General Bepul Bagmar opposed the petitions at the hearing.

Manir recently filed a writ petition on behalf of 33 aggrieved consumers of Eorange to the HC challenging the failure and inaction of the authorities concerned to take necessary actions or preventive measures to protect their rights.

In the petition, they requested the HC to issue a rule asking the authorities to explain why their failure and inaction should not be declared illegal and why they should not be directed to take necessary steps to compensate the victims of the e-commerce platforms including the petitioners.

They also urged the HC to order the government to constitute a committee of experts to prepare specific proposals

for the protection of rights and interests of consumers of e-commerce platforms and submit a report before this court.

On September 20, Supreme Court lawyer Md Anwarul Islam Badhon submitted another writ petition as public interest litigation to the HC seeking its directive on the government to form an e-commerce regulatory authority to control the online commerce in the country.

In the petition, he said the National Digital Commerce Policy, 2018 has a mandate to establish an e-commerce regulatory authority, but the government is yet to comply with the mandate.

On September 22, SC lawyers Mohammad Humayun Kabir Pallob and Mohammad Kawser filed a writ petition with the HC to form a judicial committee to inquire into the alleged embezzlement of money, money laundering and fraudulence by problematic e-commerce platforms including Evaly, Alesha Mart, E-orange, Dhamaka, Qcom, Aladiner Propid and Dalal Plus.

They submitted the petition as public interest litigation to the HC requesting it to form the committee to ascertain the persons or the government authorities whose negligence or failure caused serious financial loss and damage to millions of customers.

Khaleda's bail in five cases

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a murder case filed in Cumilla in 2015.

The murder case was filed against the BNP chief and others after seven people died and 25-26 others were injured when a bus was torched in Cumilla's Choudhagram during an anti-government agitation by the BNP-led 20-party alliance on February 3, 2015.

Lawyers Kayser Kamal and AHM Kamruzzaman Mamun appeared for Khaleda.

Lawyer Kamruzzaman told The Daily Star that Khaleda stands accused in 36 criminal cases and she is now on bail in 34 cases.

The BNP chief has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 17 years, in total, in Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust corruption cases by the trial court and HC.

She was released from jail on March 25 last year following an executive order of the government suspending her jail sentences.

On December 21, 2015, Khaleda at a discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, raised questions about the actual number of Liberation War martyrs, saying, "There are controversies over how many were martyred in the Liberation War. There are also many books and documents on the controversies."

Reacting to Khaleda's remarks, a defamation case was filed in Narail and three others were lodged in Dhaka.

The BNP chief landed in jail after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case by a special court in Dhaka on February 8, 2018.

Women barred from teaching

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a near-invisible presence in the country.

After they reclaimed the capital, Kabul, in August, the Taliban's leadership claimed that it would not enforce such draconian conditions this time in power, reports CNN.

But those promises have not materialized. The absence any female representatives from their newly-formed interim government and an almost overnight disappearance of women from the country's streets has led to major worries about what will happen next for half of its population.

Meanwhile, The Taliban said yesterday they will temporarily adopt a 1964 constitution that granted women the right to vote but eliminate any elements they disagree with.

The Taliban's acting justice minister issued a statement saying the Islamists planned to introduce a constitution used during Afghanistan's short-lived golden age of democracy, but only briefly and with amendments.

"The Islamic Emirate will adopt the constitution of the former King Mohammad Zahir Shah's time for a temporary period," Mawlawi Abdul Hakim Shararee said.

But anything in the text found to conflict with Sharia law and the principles of the Islamic Emirate would be discarded, he added.

Nearly six decades ago, before the world's superpowers intervened in the country, Afghanistan enjoyed a brief period of constitutional monarchy during the reign of King Mohammad Zahir Shah, reports AFP.

The king ratified the constitution a year after coming to power in 1963, ushering in nearly a decade of parliamentary democracy before he was overthrown in 1973.

The 1964 constitution, which gave women the right to vote for the first time and opened the doors for their increased participation in politics, would appear an awkward fit with the Taliban's hardline views.

Russia, India call for urgent

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Pakistan, in keeping with the "wishes, the inalienable rights and lawful interests of its people".

A joint statement issued in Moscow today also made it clear that such a solution should ensure the speediest return of millions of refugees now in India to their homeland.

PEACE IS IN PERIL

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today said it was the world's responsibility to create without further delay conditions to enable the Bangladesh refugees to return to their homes in safety and dignity. "Unfortunately, there is no sign that this is being attempted," she regretted.

The Indian premier was addressing a student gathering at the Moscow University.

She further said, "When millions of people are pushed into another's territory, jeopardising its normal life... it is obvious that peace is in peril. We have shown the greatest forbearance, but it is essential that the basic cause of the crisis be immediately removed by a political solution acceptable to the people concerned."

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Mukti Bahini fired on a Pakistani patrol east of Bhomra killing two Pakistani troops and injuring three.

Mukti Bahini today raided Pakistani troops in Noapur of Noakhali district killing six enemy soldiers and injuring 15 of them. On the same day, Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops in Koteswar area and killed three enemy soldiers.

Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops in Anandapur of Cumilla district, killing four. In another operation Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops in Monoharpur area in the same district and killed four enemy soldiers.

Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops' position near Purbo Chagalnaiya of Noakhali district. They killed five enemy soldiers and wounded seven others, and they also destroyed three bunkers. On the same day, Mukti Bahini raided a mixed column of Pakistani troops and Razakars guarding a road bridge on Kaulaura-Barlekha road killing three and wounding one.

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Swiss court reopens probe into Iran opposition figure's killing

AFP, Geneva

A Swiss investigation into the 1990 killing of Iranian opposition figure Kazem Rajavi must reopen, after a court ordered genocide and crimes against humanity charges added to the probe.

Prosecutors in the Vaud canton had wanted to close the case on the April

24, 1990 killing of Radjavi outside Geneva, as it had passed the 30-year statute of limitations.

But "the killing in question may have been committed in relation to intended genocide or perpetration of crimes against humanity," the Federal Criminal Court said in a judgement issued on September 23 and seen by AFP late Monday.



US President Joe Biden holds up his sleeve to receive his coronavirus disease (Covid-19) booster vaccination in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building's South Court Auditorium at the White House in Washington, US on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Preacher held over controversial remarks

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When the DB team reached Ibrahim's residence early yesterday, he went live on Facebook and said some plainclothes men were knocking on his door to take him away.

He also claimed that Indian intelligence agency "RAW came to take him away" and a conspiracy was afoot to "turn the country into Hindustan".

Ibrahim recently drew the attention of people for delivering controversial speeches which went viral on social media. He came up with unscientific methods of Covid-19 medication

and spread propaganda about Covid vaccines.

"We will interrogate him about how he knew that a male will transform into a female if he gets a Covid vaccine and how a female will grow beards if she is vaccinated against Covid," Muhammad Harun Or Rashid, joint commissioner of the cyber and special crime unit of DB (north) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told journalists.

He said Ibrahim used digital platforms to spread misleading information about religion and his

speeches sparked controversies.

Harun said Ibrahim often said the country is "filled with Hindustanis and RAW agents".

"We will ask him who are those Hindustanis and RAW agents."

Police said Ibrahim was being interrogated about his anti-state remarks and legal actions would be taken against him if he failed to respond to questions properly.

A police officer said procedures were underway to file a case against Ibrahim under the Digital Security Act.

Unheard Lennon tape goes on sale

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Lennon's hair and his frustration with his image as part of the "Fab Four".

Lennon and Ono were famous for staging lie-ins and singing songs of peace as the Vietnam War raged.

"We went into the living room and saw John and Yoko sitting on the sofa, it was fantastic. We sat down with them and were quite close to each other," Karsten Hojen, one of the tape's owners, told AFP.

"I was sitting next to Yoko Ono and John Lennon was sitting next to Yoko and we talked, we had a good time," said Hojen, who is now 68.

"He stretched out his legs on the table with his woollen socks. It was just cosy," he added.

Lennon and his wife arrived in Denmark in December 1969 to sort out the future of Ono's five-year-old

daughter Kyoko, who was living with her father in northern Jutland.

By then, the Beatles had recorded their last album, Abbey Road, and even though it was not official, the group had parted ways.

Although Lennon and Ono spent their first week in Denmark incognito, the press found out and the singer organised a news conference that coincided with the first day of the school term.

Hojen and his friends convinced the headmaster to let them skip class to talk peace and music with the singer, a few months before the Beatles officially disbanded.

Hojen and his friends said they decided to part with the audio cassette because they could not imagine sharing it among their numerous children.

"We would be happy if a museum was interested, or why not Yoko Ono herself?" the cultural consultant said.

Labeled with the name "Skylum Bjerget", the hamlet where it was made, the recording is of decent quality.

"You have to sit back and take some time to listen to it and hope for the best," said Alexa Bruun Rasmussen, director of branding at Bruun Rasmussen Auction House which is handling the sale.

"They actually play 'Give Peace a Chance', but with different words," she said.

The recording also includes the unreleased song "Radio Peace", and is "heartfelt" and "unique", Bruun Rasmussen said, adding that the tape and photos could fetch up to 40,000 euros (\$46,000).

UN condemns 'xenophobia' against Venezuelan migrants in Chile

AFP, Santiago

The United Nations has condemned the violence and "xenophobia" targeting mainly Venezuelan undocumented migrants in Chile over the weekend, carried out by locals fed up with their presence in the country.

About 3,000 protesters took to the streets of the northern port city of Iquique on Saturday, some burning the belongings of rough-sleeping migrants who had been occupying a public square for months.

In a tweet, the UN mission in Chile on Monday urged the "authorities and the population to act within the framework of respect for human rights and international humanitarian rights."

The world body expressed its willingness to provide technical assistance and to "collaborate in the efforts of national and local

authorities."

The Iquique protesters waved Chilean flags and chanted slogans against the migrants, most of them fleeing dire economic conditions in Venezuela by crossing the Andes mountains and Atacama desert.

Eduardo Stein, the UN Refugee Agency and UN Migration Agency's representative for Venezuelan migrants, expressed his "sadness and dismay" at what he described as acts of hate and intolerance.

"Discrimination and xenophobia have no place in our countries and must be firmly condemned," he said.

Chile's President Sebastian Pinera also condemned the violence in a statement.

"We categorically condemn the brutal aggression that an uncontrolled mob committed against a group of undocumented migrants from

Venezuela," said Pinera, who was on a visit to Uruguay.

"We are doing everything necessary to ensure this crime does not go unpunished."

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro denounced the violence as "xenophobic" and "discriminatory" in a televised address.

"We are going to respond... for these compatriots who are in Iquique," he said.

The leftist leader indicated that he had activated the "Return to the Homeland" program -- launched in August 2018 to facilitate the voluntary return of migrants -- for those wishing to go home.

The demonstration took place a day after police evacuated a migrant camp that had existed for a year on the town square. Most of the migrants, poor and undocumented, are surviving on odd jobs and sleeping in tents.

She shows up

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decision.

They also arranged a bridegroom for her.

Finding no other recourse, the girl finally went to the authorities, the OC said, adding that she was also encouraged by the fact that police had recently helped avert another child marriage in the same area.

The OC said the girl herself came to the police station yesterday seeing no way out.

OC Mohsin said a team of police went to the girl's house and explained the matter to her parents, after which they changed their minds and agreed to continue supporting the girl's education.

The correspondent could not communicate with the parents or the girl.

Rebecca Sultana, the principal of Chuadanga Jhinuk Secondary Girls' School, told The Daily Star that she was proud of the courage shown by the girl. She said she did not know about the marriage arrangements and the girl did not tell the school authorities anything about it.

OC Pradeep killed

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family members to pay bribes for his release, but they did not agree.

"At last, I found my husband's body at the Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital morgue on July 17, 2019. The [then] OC killed my husband by staging a drama in the name of "crossfire" as we refused to pay bribes," said Chenwara, a witness in the Sinha murder case.

Judge Mohammad Ismail of Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court recorded her testimony, said court sources.

Later, another witnesses Mohammad Ham Jalal, a former member of Teknaf union parishad, testified in the court.

He said a police team, led by Pradeep, detained his younger brother Yusuf Jalal Bahadur and him in December 2018. Pradeep demanded Tk 6 lakh for releasing them.

As they refused to comply, Ham Jalal was implicated in a Yaba case and Yusuf was killed in the name of a "gunfight", the witness told the court.

The court recorded the statement of witnesses Ali Azgar, a resident of Teknaf's Nhila union. His testimony could not be completed as the court proceedings ended around 5:30pm.

The judge began recording witnesses' statements in the fourth phase yesterday and it will continue today.

All 15 accused in the case were present in the court yesterday. Among them are 12 police personnel, including Pradeep.

Sinha, 36, was killed in police firing at a checkpoint of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) in Teknaf's Shamlapur area on July 31 last year.

He had been in Cox's Bazar to make travel documentaries for a YouTube channel named "Just Go". The firing took place when he was returning to Cox's Bazar from Teknaf.

Investigators submitted the charge sheet to the court on December 13 last year. According to the charge sheet, 83 people are witnesses to the incident.

On June 27 this year, the court framed charges against the accused.

The court began the trial on August 23 through recording the statement of Sinha's elder sister Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous, also the complainant of the case.

Philippines approves Covid jabs for kids as young as 12

AFP, Manila

The Philippines has approved Covid-19 jabs for children as young as 12, an aide to President Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday, as the country battles surging infections fuelled by the hyper-contagious Delta variant.

Duterte's government has been skewered over the glacial rollout of vaccines, with just over a quarter of the adult population fully vaccinated nearly seven months after the first doses were delivered.

Our system goes

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but give descriptions in such a way that it becomes easy for interested groups to identify the victim, the judge said.

In addition, the court decided not to bring the victim for her witness description and depended on the other prosecution witnesses during the trial.

"We dream of a society where both men and women will live a dignified life without discrimination. But some men are behaving with women like they are commodities without showing due respect -- the Bogura victim was also treated that way."

While studying in a university, the victim married a man named Golam Rosul of Kahlalu upazila. She kept her marriage a secret from her family.

Ten days after the wedding, she learnt that her husband, who was aged 34 then, had another wife and children.

She divorced Rosul right away. But Rosul kept on pestering Kolpo to go back to him and threatened her with publishing compromising photographs of

her on the internet.

On January 24, 2017, Kolpo's father discovered an envelope carrying his daughter's compromising photographs on his doorstep. He learnt his neighbours got similar envelopes.

Two days later, her father filed a case with Kahlalu police station and the police promptly arrested Rosul and seized similar photographs from his possession.

On April 14, 2017, police pressed charges in the case against Rosul under section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act of 2006.

In the meantime, Rosul was granted bail by the High Court and became a fugitive by never appearing before the court.

On November 1, 2018, the court framed charges against him in his absence.

And finally, yesterday Rosul was sentenced to ten years in prison along with a fine of Tk 5 lakh, which would go to the victim as compensation.

Failure to pay the fine would lead to an additional six months of jail time.

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