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Ziaur Rahman, 30, and Md Elias, 35, before the court yesterday, seeking a seven-day remand for each, Inspector Chandan Kumar Chakrabarty of the court, told The Daily Star.

Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested them at different places of the Rohingya camp on Saturday. Two accused, Md Salim Ullah and Shaokat Ullah, were placed on three-day remand each on Sunday following their arrest in Ukhiya Rohingya camp on Friday.

Mohibullah, who led the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, was shot dead at around 8:30pm at Kutupalong camp on September 29.

Habib Ullah, brother of Muhib Ullah, filed the case with Ukhiya Police Station on September 30. The complaint gave details of the murder but did not accuse any individual.

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after raping her, while the group's Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam and six others were accused of assisting Anvir.

The six others are Shah Alam's wife Afroza Begum, Anvir's wife Sabrina Sayem, model Faria Mahub Piyasha, Saifa Rahman Mim, the flat's landlord Ibrahim Ahmed Ripon and his wife Sharmim.

On September 19, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Begum Yasmin Ara fixed October 10 for passing an order on a petition filed by the investigator on September 13, seeking a travel ban on Anvir.

The High Court on September 29 refused to grant Anvir anticipatory bail.

On October 3, model Faria Mahub Piyasha was placed on a two-day remand in the case.

After police recovered the body of the 21-year-old college student in a Gulshan flat on April 26, her elder sister had filed a case with Gulshan Police Station against Anvir on charge of suicide abetment.

On July 19, Abul Hasan, investigation officer of that case and also Gulshan Police Station's office-in-charge, submitted the final report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

On August 18, a Dhaka court accepted the final report and relieved Anvir from the case.

However, the victim's sister on September 6 filed another case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka against Anvir over the rape and murder of the victim and seven others for assisting him.

Abiy replaces defence, peace ministers in new Ethiopia cabinet

AFP, ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed yesterday appointed the former head of war-hit Tigray's interim administration as defence minister, one of several shake-ups in his new government's 22-member cabinet.

Abiy, who was sworn in for a second term on Monday, also tapped a new head of the peace ministry, which has often served as the public face of humanitarian operations in northern Ethiopia, where the UN estimates conflict has driven hundreds of thousands of people into famine-like conditions.

The cabinet was approved by a majority vote in the lower house of parliament, with two votes against and 12 abstentions.

Abiy came to power in 2018 on the back of several years of anti-government protests.

He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2019, but last year long-running tensions between Abiy and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which dominated national politics before Abiy took office, erupted into open conflict.

After driving the TPLF from Tigray's towns last November, Abiy struggled to establish a federally-appointed interim administration in the northern region.

In a stunning about-turn, the TPLF recaptured most of Tigray including the regional capital Mekele by late June, and federal forces largely withdrew, but the conflict has spread to neighbouring regions.

Abraham Belay, a Tigray native who had led the interim administration since early May, was named defence minister.

He previously served with Abiy at the cyber-espionage Information Network Security Agency and as minister of innovation and technology, a cabinet position Abiy also once held.

Abiy's office touted the fact that three of the new cabinet members announced yesterday hail from opposition parties, saying on Twitter this reflected a "commitment to inclusivity".

Addressing lawmakers, Abiy said these were not "token" appointments and that the opposition politicians were chosen because "they will help and serve their country."



Buddhist monks on the boat deliver aid during the flood at a Temple in Ayutthaya, Thailand yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Mussolini granddaughter tops polls for Rome council

AFP, Rome

Rachele Mussolini, the granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, has emerged as the most popular candidate in Rome city hall elections, near-final results showed yesterday.

With counting done in more than 97 percent of polling stations, Mussolini garnered more than 8,200 preference votes after standing for the

hard-right Brothers of Italy party.

The 47-year-old, who will be serving a second term as city councillor, insisted that her surname had nothing to do with her popularity.

"The person prevails over their surname, however burdensome it is," she told the La Repubblica newspaper, adding: "I have many left-wing friends."

Mussolini's late father, Romano, was a jazz pianist and brother-in-

law to actress Sophia Loren. He was Benito Mussolini's fourth child.

Other descendants of the Italian dictator have gone into politics, all for the right, including Rachele's step-sister Alessandra, a former member of the European Parliament.

Right-wing parties fared relatively badly in local elections in Italy on Sunday and Monday, losing mayoral races in key towns such as Milan,

Naples and Bologna.

In Rome, a run-off is due to take place on October 17-18 between right-wing candidate Enrico Michetti, a lawyer and radio host, and the centre-left's Roberto Gualtieri.

In the first round, Michetti won 30 percent versus 27 percent for Gualtieri, a former economy minister. Opinion polls suggest Gualtieri is favourite to win in two weeks' time.

Duo wins Nobel

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the Nobel committee at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

List and MacMillan, both 53, will share the 10-million-kronor (\$1.1-million, one-million-euro) prize.

"I thought somebody was making a joke. I was sitting at breakfast with my wife," List told reporters by telephone during a press conference after the prize was announced.

In past years, he said his wife had joked that he should keep an eye on his phone for a call from Sweden.

"But today we didn't even make the joke," List said.

"It's hard to describe what you feel in that moment, but it was a very special moment that I will never forget."

'EXTREMES'

Asked about what the prize would mean for his future as a researcher, List promised he had "a few more plans."

"I always like to go to the extremes. 'Can we do things that were just impossible before?' List told reporters. "I hope I live up to this to this recognition and continue discovering amazing things."

MacMillan, born in Scotland, is a professor at Princeton University in the US, while List is a director at the Max Planck Institute in Germany.

"Many research areas and industries are dependent on chemists' ability to construct molecules that can form elastic and durable materials, store energy in batteries or inhibit the progression of disease," the Academy

said.

"This work requires catalysts, which are substances that control and accelerate chemical reactions, without becoming part of the final product," it added.

List was the first to prove that the amino acid "proline," which he called his favourite catalyst, could drive an adol reaction, which is when carbon atoms from two different molecules are bonded together.

"Compared to both metals and enzymes, proline is a dream tool for chemists. It is a very simple, cheap and environmentally friendly molecule," the Academy said.

'GOLD RUSH' Since their discovery, developments in the field can "almost be likened to a gold rush," with List and MacMillan designing "multitudes of cheap and stable organocatalysts", the science body noted.

For example, in 2011, researchers were able to make the production process for strychnine 7,000 times more efficient, reducing it from 29 chemical reactions to just 12, it said.

Ahead of yesterday's announcement, analysts had said the chemistry field was wide open.

According to Clarivate, which maintains a list of potential Nobel Prize winners, more than 70 researchers had what it takes to be considered for the prize, given the thousands of citations they have received in scientific papers.

Rab finds them after their

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the Covid-19 pandemic and became interested in Japanese culture, the press release said.

When their families forced them to abide by social and religious values, they left home.

The Rab CO said the three girls told them that a woman named Hafsa Chowdhury helped them go to Cox's Bazar.

According to Rab, they met Hafsa in the capital's Diabari and later connected with her through Facebook, eventually becoming interested in going to Japan.

On September 30, the three girls left home in the morning without informing their families. They reached Cox's Bazar with the help of two of Hafsa's associates and checked into a hotel in the seaside town's Kolatoli area on October 1.

The Daily Star has knowledge of the details of their journey, but is refraining from publicising it on ethical grounds.

On October 2, when they went out to the beach, two men associated with Hafsa took the gold jewellery and some of the cash the girls had in their possession. The girls were frightened by this and stayed inside the hotel till October 5, said the Rab press release.

When they sensed Rab members' presence in the hotel area, they got on a bus on October 5 around 9:00pm and returned to Dhaka, Rab said.

A Rab team found them around 4:30am at Abdullahpur's Beribadh area.

Rab said they are trying to identify Hafsa and the four men the girls met in Amin Bazar and Cox's Bazar.

On September 30, the three friends left home without saying anything to their families.

The elder sister of one of the teenagers filed a case with Pallabi Police Station, under the Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, against 10 people on October 2, naming four.

One of the girls took Tk 6 lakh in cash, another took 2.5 tola of gold ornaments and the other took Tk 75,000. They also took their SSC certificates, birth certificates and several mobile phones from their houses, Parvez Islam, officer-in-charge of Pallabi Police Station, told media on October 3.

Rab said they could recover Tk 5 lakh from the girls as they had left it in the hotel when they went to the beach in Cox's Bazar.

Pallabi police on October 3 arrested four people in connection with the case lodged by the sister of one of the girls.

Rokibullah, 20, was among the four arrestees and was placed on a two-day remand the same day, the OC said, adding that the remand hearings of three other arrestees would be held after determining their ages.

Rokibullah was sent to jail by a court yesterday, said the OC.

One of the arrestees was associated with Hafsa, Rab CO Mozammel Haque said.

UN set

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relocation," he said.

Earlier in the day yesterday, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told journalists that the issue regarding the UN engagement in Bhasan Char was settled and that the UN could go to the island any time.

A UN team visited the island on 17-20 March this year. Later, it said the UN was grateful to the government for facilitating the visit. It also said the UN looked forward to continuing dialogue in this regard.

Former United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) president Volkan Bozkir during his visit to Bangladesh in May highly appreciated the country's efforts for the Rohingyas in Bhasan Char. He said Bangladesh, by building the housing facilities, once again showed the world how a refugee crisis needs to be handled.

Bozkir hoped that this would work well for the Rohingya people, giving them a better living condition in Bhasan Char.

The government has already relocated some 18,000 Rohingyas to Bhasan Char from Cox's Bazar in phases since December last year.

Bangladesh Navy implemented the Tk 3,100 crore housing project after some 7,50,000 Rohingyas had fled a military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state in 2017 and took shelter in camps in Teknaf and Ukhiya.

The UN had raised concerns over risks of tidal surge and cyclone at the remote island, but the government said with 120 brick-built cluster villages and 120 cyclone shelters, flood protection embankments, facilities for education, farming and fishing, hospitals and playgrounds, the char is a much better living place than the Cox's Bazar camps.

The government also undertook projects to train 100,000 out of the nearly one million Rohingyas.

In the absence of the UN in Bhasan Char, Bangladeshi non-governmental organisations began providing humanitarian assistance to the Rohingyas in December last year from their own fund. Since then, the government has repeatedly been urging the UN to begin its operations there.

Bhasan Char officials said separate buildings for the UN and other international aid agencies have also been constructed on the island.

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৩।	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, বরিশাল সিটি কর্পোরেশন, বরিশাল।	৩।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী	
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৬।	বিসি/ইডি/৪৭৮/২১ তারিখঃ ০৫/১০/২০২১খ্রিঃ।	৬।	দরপত্র আহবান নং ও তারিখ	
৭।	পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬ ও তদন্বীত প্রণীত বিধিমালা ২০০৮ অনুসারে সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের জন্য প্রণীত দলিলের বর্ণনা ও শর্তাধারী, আলমাল সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী।	৭।	দরপত্র যোগ্যতা	
৮।	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, বরিশাল সিটি কর্পোরেশন, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী- এলজিইডি, বরিশাল এবং বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, বরিশাল এর দপ্তর।	৮।	দরপত্র তফসিল প্রাদানের স্থান	
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খ)	দরপত্রের তফসিলের নির্ধারিত মূল্য সিডি/বিডি/পিও মেয়র, বরিশাল সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অনুকূল জমা দিয়ে নির্ধারিত অফিস থেকে ক্রয় করতে হবে।			
গ)	টেন্ডার সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নাফরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।			
ঘ)	দরপত্রের সহিত সংযুক্ত অতিরিক্ত শর্তাবলী যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করতে হবে।			
ঙ)	দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিগণ উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।			
চ)	নির্বাচিত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে চুক্তিবদ্ধ হওয়ার পূর্বেই যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাক থেকে উদ্ধৃত দরের শতকরা ৫ (পাঁচ) ভাগ হারে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি কার্য-সম্পাদন জামানত (Performance Guarantee) হিসেবে (চুক্তিবদ্ধ কাজ সমাপ্ত না হওয়া পর্যন্ত অপ্রত্যাহারযোগ্য) নিম্নাফরকারীর দপ্তরে জমা দিতে হবে।			
ছ)	কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
জ)	তহবিল প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে।			
মোঃ তারিকুল ইসলাম				
সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)				
বরিশাল সিটি কর্পোরেশন				
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Robots speed

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tackle growing numbers of parcels from online shopping during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Until recently, sorting has been carried out by manual labour with a high demand in time, often with errors occurring, causing delivery delays for our customers and increased costs for the company," Hellenic Post Chief Executive George Constantopoulos told Reuters.

Up to 80% of parcel sorting has been handed over to the robots and Constantopoulos said the process was up to three times faster, ensuring next-day delivery.

The robots can handle as many as 168,000 parcels weighing up to 15 kg a day and only need to be recharged every four hours for 5 minutes.

"The purpose is not to replace human workers with robots, but rather to augment human workforces and make them more efficient," Constantopoulos said.

Another case filed

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plaintiff's lawyer.

This comes after Nasim Proshan on behalf of 26 other victims on Sunday sued the seven members from Eorange's top brass for embezzling about Tk 9.54 crore from them.

Proshan filed the case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Moshed Al Mamun Bhuiyan.

The magistrate took cognisance of the case, recorded the complainant's statements and directed the officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station to register the complaint as a regular case.

On the same day, the Criminal Investigation Department of police sued Eorange for laundering Tk 232.4 crore that they had received from customers in advance payment for goods.

Mehjabin, Rahman, Chowdhury and Rassel are in jail, while Rana is in an Indian jail.