

Death anniv of Taslimuddin Chowdhury

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Today is the 4th death anniversary of architect Taslimuddin Chowdhury, former editor and chairman of Dainik Purbokone Limited, said a press release.

On this day in 2017, he died in Dhanmondi Renaissance Hospital and Research Institute in Dhaka. He was born on January 1, 1954.

Bank break-in thwarted

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On Saturday, police conducted a drive in the capital's Badda area and arrested three youths who attempted to rob a vault of IFIC bank's Gulshan and Badda link road branch.

The incident took place around 1am, as one Md Ridhoy Hossain (21) breached the bank vault making a one foot hole with a hammer, said police.

Upon receiving calls on the national emergency hotline, a police team rushed to the spot and chased down Ridhoy.

From his intel, Md Mamun (20) and Rubel Shikder (21) were arrested on Saturday from Mohakhali, police said.

A case was filed and the arrestees were placed on a two-day remand.

Online gambling agents

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with the process," said Kamrul.

For business account, one needs to submit a trade license. However, gambling agents are getting access to business accounts through unscrupulous depo manager and sales representatives, according to the CID.

A top official of Nagad, wishing anonymity, told The Daily Star they would help the law enforcement and intelligence agencies to take action against those who are misusing the MFS platform and tarnishing the image of Nagad.

In separate drives on Saturday, the CID arrested nine people including three Nagad agents -- with SIM numbers from Meherpur, Chuadanga and Cox's Bazar districts -- who are

the agents of the online gambling site 1xbetbd.com.

The arrestees are -- Swapan Mahmud (27), Nazmul Haque (21), Aslam Uddin (35), Murshid Alam Lipu (25), Shishir Mollah (21), Mahfuzur Rahman Nabab (26), Monira Akhtar Mili (24), Sadik (22), and Masum Rana (20).

The CID recovered 16 mobile phones, three mobile banking agent SIMs containing Tk 12.67 lakh, Tk 4.10 lakh in cash, a private car worth Tk 33 lakh and a laptop.

Among the arrestees, Shishir is a sales representative of the MFS. Nabab, Swapan and Lipu used Nagad's business accounts, said CID.

"Lipu used to transact Tk 10 lakh, Swapan Tk 7-8 lakh and Nabab Tk 5-6

lakh every day through their business accounts," added the CID official.

"The sales representatives of the MFS are directly involved with the gambling agents as they get commission for transaction. Many a times, these agents facilitate the gambling agents with b2b transaction. For example, Lipu, from his business account, sent Tk 9.49 lakh to a sales representative's number on November 7," the official said.

"We are getting more information about online gambling money transactions in border districts, he said.

Around one and a half lakh people gamble on betting sites like 1xbetbd, mostbetbd and bet365 every day, said the official.

They're too busy

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not be directed to introduce biometric data management including finger print, palm print and iris in addition to existing identification system in all prisons across the country.

Law secretary, home secretary and inspector general of prisons have been made respondents to the rule.

Yesterday, Deputy Attorney General

Sarwar Hossain Bappi told the HC bench that Attorney General AM Amin Uddin talked to the secretaries concerned of law and home.

The secretaries have informed that they are working for introducing biometric data management in prisons and they need time till December 30 to for this purpose, he said. The court then expressed dissatisfaction

Widen, not narrow

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Besides, a 2016 HC direction also mentioned that without any specific reason, the officers concerned of the police stations cannot refuse to accept the complaint of rape survivors and according to article 111 of the constitution, it is mandatory for lower courts to obey the HC directives.

"The observation of the court, in this case, is out of judicial attitude and contradicts various landmark judgments and directives of the High Court regarding justice for rape victims," she added.

Supreme court lawyer and adviser

of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) Md Tajul Islam said BLAST has been working as a member of the rape law reform coalition for a long time and demanding to repeal the evidence act, which has been giving indemnity to rapists. He also stressed the need for a comprehensive law on the protection of victims and witnesses.

Zakir Hossain, chief executive, Nagorik Uddiyog, welcomed the immediate reaction from the law minister regarding actions that should be taken against the judge and highlighted the importance of training for judges.

and disappointment saying that the ministries needed to seek time from the court through submitting affidavit.

The HC bench, however, gave one week's time for submitting the affidavit and fixed November 21 for further hearing on the matter, after petitioners' lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir requested the bench to give time to the respondents.

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৪ দরপত্র প্যাকেজ নম্বর খাদ্য দ্রব্য/২০২২

৫ দরপত্রের নাম জেলা জেলা কারাগারে ০১/০১/২০২২খ্রিঃ হতে ৩১/১২/২০২২খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত সময়ের বিভিন্ন প্রকার খাদ্য দ্রব্য সরবরাহে ১ম শ্রেণীর কারা ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের দরপত্র।

৬ দরদাতাদের ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা দরপত্র সিডিউলের অন্যান্য শর্তানুযায়ী।

৭ বাজেট ও ফান্ড প্রান্তির উৎস জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।

৮ দরপত্র আবেদন পদ্ধতি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।

৯ দরপত্র দলিল প্রান্তির স্থান জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, জেলা কারাগার, ভোলা।

১০ দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৭/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

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১২ দরপত্র জমার তারিখ সময় ও স্থান ১৮/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ সকাল ৯:০০ ঘটিকা হতে বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১৩ দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার তারিখ ও সময় (১) জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, ভোলা। (২) জেলা জেলা কারাগারের প্রধান ফটক, ভোলা। এবং (৩) সদর থানা, ভোলা'য় রক্ষিত বাজে।

১৪ দরপত্র কমিটির সভা ও তারিখ ১৮/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ০১:০০ ঘটিকা।

১৫ দরপত্রের জামানতের পরিমাণ ২৫/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।

১৬ কার্যাবলীর সময়সীমা খাদ্যদ্রব্য= ২,৭০,০০০/- এর গ্রুপ স্ব= ৬০,০০০/-, গ্রুপ খ = ৫০,০০০/-, গ্রুপ গ = ৫০,০০০/-, গ্রুপ ঘ = ৬০,০০০/-, গ্রুপ ঙ = ৫০,০০০/- টাকা মাত্র।

১৭ দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্রাদি খাদ্য দ্রব্য ০১/০১/২০২২খ্রিঃ হতে ৩১/১২/২০২২খ্রিঃ দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত শর্তানুযায়ী।

১৮ দরপত্রের অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী জানার জন্য জেলা সুপার, জেলা কারাগার, ভোলা এর দপ্তরে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

১৯ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Out of robbers

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danger of kidnapping, extortion and robbery have become virtually non-existent thanks to the robbers' surrender.

However, there are murmurs in the area that many of these robbers are allegedly trying to make a come back. Locals claimed they sometimes get phone calls from anonymous sources who identify as robbers.

"But we are not afraid of this," said an angler from Dublar Char. "We trust in the law enforcers' vigilance here. We now feel confident to move freely during the night," he said.

Khandaker Al Moni, director of legal and media wing of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), said they carry out surveillance patrols in the area regularly to make sure the robbers don't raise their head again.

"Rab has two temporary camps in the Sundarbans right now. The prime minister said we will soon get two permanent camps, through which we will be able to monitor more smoothly and help make tourists and anglers feel safer," he added.

Verdict in Abrar Fahad

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for all. Earlier, the tribunal recorded statements of 46 prosecution witnesses, including the case's complainant.

Twenty-two out of 25 accused were produced before the tribunal yesterday. They are now in jail while three others remain fugitives.

Abrar, a second-year student of Buet, died after he was brutally beaten allegedly by some Chhatra League men at Sher-e-Bangla hall of the university in the early hours of October 7, 2019.

Later, his father Barkatullah filed a murder case with Chawkbazar Police Station against 19 Buet unit BCL leaders on October 7.

The incident triggered a firestorm of protests on campuses across the country. Many took to social media to demand justice for Abrar.

Amid protests, Buet authorities on October 11 banned all political activities on the campus and suspended 19 students, mostly leaders of the university's BCL unit who were made accused in the murder case.

Inspector Md Wahiduzzaman of Detective Branch of police submitted the charge sheet of the case to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka against 25 Buet students on November 13, 2019.

On September 15 last year, the tribunal framed charges against the accused.

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Overcharging continues

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When this correspondent took a bus journey from Shahbagh to Farmgate yesterday, the bus conductor sought Tk 15 from him, although fare for the 2.2km journey can be Tk 10 at max according to the updated rates.

When this correspondent raised the point, the conductor took Tk 10 from him but continued to collect Tk 15 from others. Contact, Khondaker Enayet Ullah,

secretary-general of the owners association, acknowledged the existence of some "irregularities".

"We're trying our best to improve the situation," he told this correspondent yesterday.

Meanwhile, BRTA Chairperson Nur Mohammad Mazumder said though some irregularities persist, the situation has improved and allegations of overcharging are decreasing.

Law enforcers stood mum

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The victims also said a majority of the miscreants were not locals and were never seen in their areas.

In most cases, the attackers tried to severe generator connections so that they can carry out the violence in the dark of the night. Many of them went live on Facebook during the violence.

The victims alleged that many of the miscreants organised themselves by meeting at the ruling Awami League associate organisations' offices, for example, the Joy Bangla Parishad in Baro Uthan union of Karnaphuli upazila.

They also mentioned how in some neighbourhoods, Muslims of the area stepped in to protect Hindu houses from attacks.

Legal scholar Barrister Turin Afroj; Engr Delwar Majumder, president of Chattogram district unit of the Nirmul Committee; Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, chairperson of Research Centre for Bangladesh Freedom Struggle and Liberation War Trust; and Dr Md Alauddin, professor of Chittagong University's anthropology department, were present at the event.

Barrister Turin said the visit was part of their tour at affected districts on behalf of the commission to investigate the recent communal attacks and for public hearings over the issue.

"We will go to a few more districts and will take deposition of victims to ascertain the severity of the attacks. We will then publish a report illustrating our findings and recommendations for the state," she said.

'ONE OF THEM EVEN KICKED A PREGNANT WOMAN'

While describing his experience of the communal attacks that took place in October 13, Sajal Das, vice president of Karnaphuli Thana Puja Udjapan Parishad and president of Juldha Shah Mirpur Sarbajanin Puja Udjapan Parishad, said, "It was around 5pm on the Ashtami day. The

puja mandap's loudspeaker was switched on as usual. But suddenly, some 30 people aged around 15 to 16 years arrived and ordered us to turn off our loudspeaker."

"Immediately, we called up the UNO and she arrived in haste. She stayed with us till 7pm, but as soon as she left, some people came out of the nearby Joy Bangla Parishad office and joined a waiting mob. Together all of them numbered around 150 people," the 35-year-old told the commission.

"They started coming towards the mandap. The OC of Karnaphuli Police Station tried to stop them, but they broke through and entered our premises."

The group began their rampage soon enough. Snapping the generator connection at the mandap, they did everything in their powers, from getting on to the stage to dragging idols to the ground, Sajal said.

"As I protested, they threatened to kill me. Some of them dispersed and started entering Hindu houses in the neighbourhood. One of them even kicked a pregnant woman."

"After the incident, a local UP member proposed to donate Tk 3 lakh to the puja committee in a bid to come to a negotiation," said Sajal. "He kept pressuring us to withdraw the case we filed over the attacks, or face dire consequences."

Recounting the events, Rajib Guha, president of Nopora Shekher Khil Sarbajanin Kalibari Management Committee, said, "When slogan-chanting marauders marched towards our area on October 13 night, our members tried to resist."

"But we were overmatched. They rounded us up with ease, beat some of us up and hurled brickbats at others. Thirty-five of our members were injured in the attack."

"One of them, Jaharlal Ghosh, got hit on his head by a brickbat and is now fighting for his life at the hospital," Rajib said. He alleged that the attackers vandalised a total of four out of the five gates at the temple, all while the police stood by silently.

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