

Govt extends Khaleda's sentence suspension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has extended for the fifth time the suspension of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's jail sentence for six more months on two previous conditions.



The home ministry yesterday issued a gazette notification to this effect. According to the conditions, Khaleda will receive treatment staying at her residence and she cannot go out of the country.

On September 11, her family applied to the government to extend its order that suspended her jail sentences in two cases as per section 401 (f) of the Criminal Code of Procedure (CrPC). Then Law Minister Anisul Huq gave opinion in favour of extending the suspension for another six months.

Must ensure

FROM PAGE 3 During the meeting, the comptroller and auditor general briefed the president on various aspects of the report.

were presented in the report. Secretary of the President's Office Shampad Barua, Military Secretary Maj Gen SM Salah Uddin Islam, Press Secretary Md Joyal Abedin, among others, were present during the meeting.

They protest, we suffer

FROM PAGE 5 CU transportation department head SM Moazzem Hossen said, "Some youths locked the transportation department and snatched keys from some of the bus drivers in the morning."

at around 1:00pm. Contacted, CU BCL president Rejalul Haque Rubel said, "Those who are enforcing the blockade are the followers of AJM Nasir. You should contact CU BCL general secretary Iqbal Hossain Tipu for comments."

Ex-army officer gets

FROM PAGE 3 On June 16 of 2016, ACC Deputy Director Jahangir Alam and also the investigation officer of the case, submitted a charge sheet against Jalal and Shamsur, showing 43 people as prosecution witnesses.

by Jalal and his wife - collected about Tk 59 crore from 1,451 investors alluring them with high interest rates. But Jalal allegedly siphoned off the money to his son and daughter living in the US.

Will do police's

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Contacted, Shamsul Alam Talukder, general secretary of Rangunia upazila Awami League, said a part of Samshuddoha's speech has been made viral for negative publicity. "He is a candidate for the leadership of Jubo League's central committee. I think the video has been made viral by his rival to tarnish his image," said Shamsul Alam.

"Many things can be said during speeches out of emotion. Even BNP leaders threaten us and make derogatory comments about us during their speeches."

"I spoke to Shamsuddoha about the speech. He said it to energise our activists. However, we have asked our leaders and activists to be more responsible in such cases," added Shamsul Alam.

Contacted, Mahbub Milki, officer-in-charge of Rangunia Police Station, said "I just want to say that he [Samshuddoha] did not do the right thing."

He declined to make any further comments. This correspondent failed to contact Samshuddoha despite repeated attempts.

An obstruction

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complete primary school. In addition, nearly half of the children remain unregistered at birth. One in every two girls falls victim to child marriage. Meanwhile, untold millions of children live on the street.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in a video message, made the ground-breaking commitment of increasing the number of social workers by 200 percent, by recruiting 6,000 new social workers, bringing the workforce from 3,000 to 9,000 yesterday at the

symposium. She also emphasised the importance of making child protection services available at the community level.

"The government aims to build a professional social services workforce that enhances efficient delivery of child protection services such as child helpline 1098, child protection allowances, and community-based outreach services involving volunteers, adolescent children, and community people so that no child is left behind," she said.

Won't allow any

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Police Benazir Ahmed said threat of militancy has not been removed completely and will remain until the problem persists globally.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shafiqul Islam, who was the first chief of ATU, said militancy may see a rise ahead of the national election when police will remain busy for election purpose and advised all to keep an eye on that.

Chief of ATU, Additional IG SM Ruhul Amin, said

the unit was formed on September 19, 2017 in the backdrop of militant attacks in 2016 and 2017. It started its operations following the enactment of rules in 2019.

He said ATU, along with other units, have brought militancy under control. He mentioned that the unit still couldn't reach an expected level in terms of training and equipment (though the unit was formed five years back). He demanded government support to reach that level.

Incorrect and incongruous

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Some media outlets mentioned a company as a third party (National Electronic BD), which was appointed by the Russian government as an agent.

"No third party was involved in the negotiation, pricing and policymaking process," claimed the statement.

It also wrote that in the government-to-government process, the government committee, which includes the officials of several ministries and divisions attended the negotiation process, held a four-hour long meeting and took the decision unanimously.

About TIB's claim that while the price is decreasing in the global market, the government is purchasing wheat at an inflated rate, the food ministry's statement mentioned that the global price of wheat fluctuates constantly.

"When the Ukraine-Russia war started, Bangladesh fell into uncertainty to collect wheat, and after the imposition of a ban on exporting wheat from India, the uncertainty rose. It became a very urgent issue to continue the social safety programmes as well as the regular activities and food security."

wheat stock should be at 2 lakh tonnes which decreased to 1.25 lakh tonnes. It is currently at 1.22 lakh tonnes. As the neighbouring countries did not export wheat, the country tried to collect wheat from Australia, Canada, Brazil and Argentina on a G2G basis and found the price over 500 dollars per tonne. That is why the government did not express its interest in that."

But the decision of purchasing wheat was not decided hastily, the statement wrote. The first negotiation started in June and after three months of diplomatic communication, the Russian ambassador met the food minister of Bangladesh.

The second negotiation was held on August 24, when the price was \$330 per tonne and the price was set at \$430, including the ship fare, loading-unloading cost, berth operator handling, insurance and lightning costs, which is logical and right, the statement claimed.

The statement also wrote that the FoB (Free on Board) price of Russian wheat was \$334 on Saturday, which is increasing day by day.

About the TIB's expression of shock on

issuing a work order to company Prodintorg, a company considered to be controversial, the ministry press release said it was also nominated by the Russian government, which has been supplying wheat to Bangladesh since 2016-17.

The TIB statement wrote that a South Asian country cancelled the agreement with Prodintorg recently due to the inflated rate. This information is not available to the ministry, it said in the statement.

The food ministry thinks that by hiding the right information, TIB intentionally issued the statement to mislead people and conspire against the government.

His perseverance

FROM PAGE 5 Secondary School Certificate examination but could not fill up registration due to lack of money.

He tried again to sit for the SSC examination in 1988 but failed to sit the exam for flood across the country.

After months, he started his career as a photographer. Now, he is Gazipur's Sreepur correspondent of Daily Karotoa.

Belayet is now a father of two sons and one daughter.

Four years of muzzling dissent

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rampant cases and arrests under this law.

As an example, he mentioned the recent shocking incident of a female student of Jagannath University being arrested under DSA for conducting a webinar two years back, when she was only 17 years of age. "She has been in jail for almost a month and rejected bail prayers three times so far."

of the cases filed against the student in question is also shaky. She has been charged with 'provoking' incitement to overthrow the government through a single webinar that she was only moderating. This is very unfortunate," added Faisal.

Article 19 also called for the immediate release of the Jagannath University student and the withdrawal of the case filed against her in the statement.

They also pointed out

that with DSA, it is very common to see students at the school and college level being sued, including a 14-year-old ninth grader who was arrested for allegedly defaming the Prime Minister.

"For the sake of democracy, Article 19 demands immediate implementation of the promise made by the government to amend the controversial sections of DSA," read the statement.

We are with Bangladesh

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Acting Foreign Secretary Admiral (Retd) Khurshed Alam and the foreign ministry's Southeast Asia wing director general Najmul Huda briefed the envoys of ASEAN on the escalation of violence on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border between the Myanmar military and insurgent group Arakan Army.

Except for Myanmar, diplomats of all the ASEAN countries - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam - were present at the briefing yesterday.

The foreign ministry will today brief the rest of the foreign diplomats posted in Dhaka about Myanmar's repeated space and land violations.

"We have told the ASEAN diplomats that mortar shells and firing of bullets from Myanmar to the Bangladesh side are a serious concern for us. On Friday night, a Rohingya youth was killed and several others were injured," Najmul Huda told this correspondent.

"People living along the border areas in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban are in constant fear. Some of them were also ordered to move. Life, livelihood and

assets of Bangladesh are under threat," he added.

Since the middle of August, the foreign ministry summoned Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh, Aung Kyaw Moe, four times. However, the situation has not changed.

The government has ordered the Border Guard of Bangladesh and Coastguard to remain on high alert but asked them not to mobilise their troops yet.

"We also said both Bangladesh and Myanmar agreed on Rohingya repatriation. This decision might also be affected by ongoing conflicts. This also jeopardises the safety and security of the Rohingya community," said Najmul Huda.

He also mentioned that the Myanmar ambassador, while summoned by the foreign ministry, tried to blame the Arakan Army for the firing of mortar shells on the Bangladesh side of the border.

However, Dhaka said Myanmar has to take responsibility for air or land space violations regardless of the reasons for such violations, he added.

Asked what was the response of the ASEAN diplomats in this regard, another official present

at the meeting said the ASEAN diplomats would convey the issue to their headquarters and make sure that Myanmar's overall situation is strongly raised in the ongoing UN General Assembly.

They said they were also unhappy about Myanmar's conflicting situation where the Myanmar junta and pro-democracy civilian forces are fighting. Members of the Rohingya community, who took shelter in Bangladesh in 2017, could not return to Myanmar due to the lack of safety and guarantee of citizenship.

ASEAN diplomats said they were frustrated that there was no progress on the five-point consensus reached at an ASEAN meeting early last year.

The consensus includes an immediate end to violence in the country; dialogue among all parties; the appointment of a special envoy; humanitarian assistance by ASEAN; and the special envoy's visit to Myanmar to meet with all parties.

"We hope our ASEAN friends will use their influence on their member state Myanmar to stop the escalation of violence and violation of international rules," said Najmul Huda.

Mixed tidings for idol artisans

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The 60-year-old has been making idols for about five decades. Although he grew up in Savar, he moved to Shakhari Bazar before the Liberation War. Since his childhood, he saw his father and grandfather making idols and learnt the craft from them.

"Our business picks up during puja season. We start working after having breakfast and it goes on throughout the night," he said.

Orders are taken two to three months in advance to make each idol. Depending on the size, design and

quality, prices range from Tk 10,000 to Tk 2 lakh.

"However, we struggle during off-seasons when the celebrations are over," he said, on a rather depressing note.

Old Dhaka's Shakhari Bazar is famous for idol-making. Currently, four to five shops make such idols for puja.

This correspondent stopped in one such outlet to talk with artisan Paltan Pal.

He said the number of people making idols has decreased, mainly because of the lack of workers, as the new generation is reluctant

to enter this profession. Sitting next to Paltan, another veteran artisan Haripada Pal, said, "I am old and can no longer work like I used to. Due to the lack of workers, I could not make any idols."

According to the Mahanagar Sarbojanin Puja Committee, this year's Durga Puja will begin with Shashthi Puja on October 1 and end with Bijaya Dashami on October 5.

Mahindra Nath, president of the organisation, said, "There will be 241 puja mandaps in Dhaka, six more than last year."

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Chairman

HC to deliver

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A Rangpur court on February 28, 2017 handed down death penalties to five JMB militants for the killing.

The convicts are: Rangpur region military commander of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Masud Rana Mamun, Ishaque Ali, Liton Mia Rafiq, Shakhawat Hossain, and Ahsanullah Ansari Biplob.

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