

RIFAT MURDER  
HC judge refuses to hear Minni's bail petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A judge of a division bench of the High Court yesterday refused to hold hearing of the bail petition of death-row convict Ayesha Siddika Minni in the case filed for murdering her husband Rifat Sharif in Barguna.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Biswajit Debnath dropped the bail petition from its hearing list after Justice Biswajit Debnath refused to hear the matter.

Lawyers Sayeda Nasrin and Jamiul Haque Faisal placed the petition before the HC.

Rifat told The Daily Star that Justice Biswajit Debnath did not disclose why he declined to hear the petition.

Rifat (25) was hacked to death by a group of youths in front of Barguna Government College in broad daylight on June 26, 2019.



A farmer ploughing his land with a tractor to plant boro seedlings ahead of the season. This also creates an opportunity for the white egrets who flock above the land to feast on the insects that come out of it due to the digging. This photo was taken in Raipasha area of Barishal Sadar recently.

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## Their goal: build an arsenal for militants

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in the hilly area of Naikongchhari and Moheshkhali with the backing of local influentials. CTIC conducted the January 8 drive and arrested the three based on information gleaned from two members of the outfit -- Saiful Islam Tuhin and Naim Hossain, who were arrested from the hill districts of Chattogram on December 21.

Officials said that arrested Imran was in charge of buying firearms. CTIC officials said they have found a transaction statement of Tk 40 lakh in Imran's account for the last

two years. Law enforcers are now trying to trace sources. The other arrestee, Yeasin, used to help him with the activities, they said. Md Asaduzzaman, additional commissioner (CTIC) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said arms supplier Kabir, during primary investigation,

admitted that he was the main supplier for the outfit and intended to send the arms that were seized during the drive. The outfit's mastermind Mahfuz contacted Kabir several times for arms consignments, Asaduzzaman said on Monday.

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## Nightmare

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area, as Khulna Medical College Hospital is just a few yards away from the culvert.

Construction of drains and pipes is going on in at least 50 roads, including Khanhajan Ali Road, Lower Jashore Road, Haji Moshin Road, Ahsan Ahmed Road, South Central Road, Tutpara Main Road, Shamsur Rahman Road, BK Main Road, Miapara, Munshipara Road, Boyra, and Sonadanga.

Local businessman Asit Kumar Paul said, "As per rules of the work site, the contractor's address along with a description of the work should be mentioned. However, these signboards don't exist."

Contacted, Md Manzurul Islam, chief engineer of KCC, said, "We regret that our development projects are causing temporary suffering to residents, but it's necessary to widen the drainage systems."

"KCC couldn't work properly due to Covid-19. However, we've sent a proposal to the ministry concerned to extend the timeline of the work, which is awaiting approval," he said.

Ahona Islam, a seventh-grader of Khulna Government Girls High School and resident of ward-17, said, "The drain in our neighbourhood is awaiting approval," he added.

between China and Bangladesh has been elevated to a strategic partnership during the visit of his country's president in 2016.

All the commitments made by the president during his Bangladesh visit are being implemented gradually, he added.

Russell finds fortune

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At present, he is selling the plums at Tk 80 to Tk 100 per kilo in different markets.

Some of the trees at the orchard are perennial while some are seasonal. As a result, the fruits remain available throughout the year.

While talking to this correspondent, Russell said he is expecting to produce at least 10 tonnes of plums this season.

He has already sold plums worth Tk 5 lakh, and hopes to sell the remaining fruits for Tk 5 lakh more, Russell said.

Although he started the orchard on 2.17 acres

Russell has covered the entire garden with nets to save the fruits from birds and other species. He also employed two workers to look after the orchard.

Inspired by Russell, some other youths have taken up plum cultivation this year.

Amali Upazila Agriculture Extension Officer Rezaul Karim said Russell never applies any chemical fertiliser or pesticides in the fruits, so it has a good demand in the market.

**Bela serves legal**

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been a vital water source for the locals for over a century. Recently, around half of the reservoir has been filled while the other half is being filled up to construct structures.

Bela delegation in a recent visit confirmed that part of the pond has been filled up, which is a clear violation of the existing law and proof that the authorities failed to protect the water body.

The legal notice requested a reply within seven working days and stated that legal steps will be taken against the authorities if they failed to comply.

**Police sue protesting**

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The protesters said a patient needs dialysis eight times a month and they have to pay Tk 2,795 first two times and Tk 510 for each of the rest.

Now the hospital authorities raised the fee to Tk 2,935 and patients have to pay it four times and Tk 535 for each of the rest dialysis in a month, they said.

Kidney Dialysis Centre was launched at the

hospital under the public-private partnership project in 2017 and it is now operating with 32 dialysis machines.

According to the agreement with the Ministry of Health, Indian company Sandor will continue its operations at this centre for 10 years. The institution will use government space for this.

A patient has to pay about Tk 3,000 against kidney dialysis each time.

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