

Tk 5 lakh to keep accused comfortable

Police SI demands money from family

STAR REPORT

To assure that an accused of a murder case would not be inconvenienced during remand, a sub-inspector of Jatrabari police station demanded Tk 5 lakh from the person's family.

SI Mukit Hossain – an investigation officer of the murder case of transport worker Imran Hossain – demanded the money from accused Uzzal Mollah's family, according to sources.

The Daily Star has obtained the audio and chat screenshots of a conversation between Mukit and the family members.

Uzzal was arrested and produced before the court for remand on Thursday, after Imran was killed on January 23 in Jatrabari's Kutubkhali area.

Popy Akter, the wife of the deceased, filed a case against Dhaka South City Corporation ward-50 councillor Masum Mollah and 22 others.

Masum, uncle-in-law of Uzzal, is currently on the run, while Uzzal is now on a three-day police remand.

In the audio conversation, Mukit, Uzzal and his mother-in-law were heard discussing the money required to keep Uzzal well taken care of. During the talk, Uzzal was heard telling the family to pay the officer.

At the time, Uzzal's wife was heard talking

about where and how to meet Mukit. Mukit was then heard saying, "You come when we call you."

The phone line was then disconnected.

Sources said Uzzal was brought to Jatrabari police station compound on Thursday at noon, where he got the scope to meet his wife and his mother-in-law.

The family then handed over around Tk 40,000 to the IO, but he demanded Tk 5 lakh, they added.

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Asked about demanding money, Mukit told The Daily Star yesterday that it is Uzzal's family who tried to communicate with him to "keep him well" during remand.

"The claim about demanding money is baseless," he said. Mukit then asked who informed this newspaper about this.

"Once an incident happens, people try to do many things. The family wanted to meet, and I told them to follow the rules," the official added.



In order to ensure a secure environment for visitors of Boi Mela, Dhaka Metropolitan Police is installing CCTV cameras throughout Suhrawardy Udyan. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

One for empathy

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speech and language therapy, compassion will also shine through their work.

Speaking at the ceremony, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said the activities of Shomman Foundation are "a movement to change thyself".

He hoped that people will understand the message from the foundation's activities and instil good virtues within themselves.

Prof SK Sanyal, president of All India Harijan Sevak Sangh in New Delhi, hoped the foundation will be able to spread its activities all over Bangladesh.

He said across the region, the Covid-19 pandemic has unearthed a new layer of

kindness as many young volunteers have risked their lives to provide food to those in need, even amid the lockdown.

Sherab Dorji, second secretary at the Bhutanese Embassy in Dhaka, said his country has taken "gross national happiness" as a development philosophy, which was first articulated by the Fourth King Jigme Singye Wangchuck in the 1970s.

Since then, the idea of gross national happiness has significantly influenced economic and social policies in Bhutan, he added.

Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, former vice-chair of Brac, said Shomman Foundation's effort to reach domestic helps, who are hard to reach, is a unique initiative.

Seven held

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associate Billal Hossain, 36; Manjur Hossain Jiku, 38, owner of the sawmill depot; Nayeem Islam, 27; van driver Md Akash, 26, and helper Md Sumon, 30; and Farid, 38, a garment packaging worker.

A total of 26,995 pieces of garment were sent to Chattogram from a Gazipur factory for shipment in the covered van, Lt Col Abdur Rahman, commanding officer of Rab-4, told a press briefing yesterday.

Law enforcers seized the van, he added.

The Rab official said instead of taking the covered van directly to Chattogram, the driver and helper, on advice of the gang leader, parked the vehicle at the sawmill depot.

Then the gang broke the vehicle's bolt and started stealing the products.

Signatories of the joint statement include Sultana Kamal, Wahiduddin Mahmud, Hossain Zillur Rahman, Rasheda K Chowdhury, Khushi Kabir, Hamida Hossain, Ali Imam Majumder, ZI Khan Panna, Debapriya Bhattacharya, Rana Dasgupta, Shamsul Huda, Zafullah Chowdhury, Anu

Muhammad, Shirin Haque, Iftekharuzzaman, Shahdin Malik, and Shaheen Anam, among others.

Meanwhile, police arrested a person for allegedly throwing stones at Rizwana's car. Abu Noman, 41, was arrested from Chattogram's Bishwa Colony area yesterday.

A recollection of dedication

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"Recollections of a Civil Servant-Turned Banker (2019-2022)", whose earlier instalment was published by Pathak Shamabesh, covers Islam's transition from civil service into the private sector, his creation of non-banking financial institutions and a credit agency, his pioneering of the first commercial bank in the private sector and his anecdotes and insights on these areas.

The book contains essays and articles that reflect on the role of public servants in good governance, the legacy of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the history of Sonali Bank's debut in 1972, and the author's role in helping reduce carbon emissions for the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB), among other milestones in the country's history. Some personal anecdotes in the books pay homage to the author's late wife, Zohra Islam, and offer glimpses of his 90th birthday.

"Past and present have been inextricably intertwined in this book," said Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad and chief

guest of the event, drawing parallels between the book's contents and that of the author's early career.

Just as this second memoir documents Islam's experiences as a bureaucrat and a banker during 2019-2022, a time of global turmoil wrought by Covid-19, so did Islam's tenure as Bangladesh's first finance secretary document the shaping up of the financial systems of a war-ravaged country, Shirin pointed out.

"I could never conceive that there would be anything about my life after I reached the age of 89. But it seems that I was grossly wrong," said Islam. Over the last four years, the author recalled that he has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Alumni Association and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), attended the University of Dhaka centenary as its senior-most alumnus, and celebrated the golden jubilee of Sonali Bank.

"These positions demonstrate unyielding dedication and integrity. Matuli Islam's life can also be defined as the

chronological record of the past," said Shirin Sharmin.

Prof Rehman Sobhan, eminent economist and founder of Centre for Policy Dialogue, pointed out that these historic episodes recorded in the book need to be shared with the younger generations, particularly early and mid-career professionals who are working towards developing the country's current business and financial sectors.

Islam has dedicated the book to his wife, who passed away in 2021. Speaking at the ceremony, he noted that the event felt incomplete in her absence, alongside those of Brac founder Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, former finance minister AMA Muhiith, and Nioular Manzur, the former principal of Sunbeams school.

The book launching ceremony was moderated by Afzal Hossain. Former finance secretary and former Bangladesh Bank governor Fazle Kabir, and Salman F Rahman, lawmaker and advisor to the prime minister, spoke at the event as special guests.

Tea workers worst

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facing different kinds of discrimination from my neighbours," she added.

Around 1,400 tea workers residing in the colony live in an extremely unhygienic environment, said locals.

Another tea worker Nayon Induar, 55, said, "One day I saw a skin patch on my right great toe when I was working in the garden. A few days later, ulceration occurred on my both feet. I rushed to doctors, who diagnosed that I was infected with leprosy."

"As I am going through regular treatment, my disease is lessening day by day," he said.

Tea worker leader Sitaram Bin, also former member of Shamshearnagar union parishad in Moulvibazar, said, "Most tea garden workers are illiterate. They are not aware of leprosy. Furthermore, they have to live in a congested and unhygienic environment. That is why tea workers are among the highest infected."

GM Shiblee, chairperson

of Bangladesh Tea Association's Sylhet chapter, said, "Many tea workers, who have been infected with leprosy, don't want to pursue medicine and treatment properly due to social stigma and superstitions. Thus, the disease is spreading among them."

Civil Surgeon Chowdhury Jalal Uddin Murshed said malnutrition and unhygienic living conditions are the major reasons for the high rate of leprosy infection in Moulvibazar.

Dr SM Shahreer, civil surgeon in Sylhet, said there were 38 new leprosy patients in Sylhet in 2020, 93 in 2021 and 91 in 2022. There are a total of 144 new leprosy patients in Sylhet's tea gardens out of the total of 222 infected patients.

"We are working to control the disease in this district," he added.

Contacted, Dr Mohammad Noore Alom Shamim, assistant director of DGHs's Sylhet divisional office, and echoed him.

Identify the culprit

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The team, along with journalists, first visited the housing project and later visited Kalirichara Khal, a waterbody filled up by grabbers.

"The attackers were carrying blunt weapons. Earlier, they blocked the vehicle carrying the team," read the statement.

43rd Death Anniversary



29th January is the 43rd death anniversary of Advocate Zahiruddin, the father of Ex-banker Shabbir Ahmed Imtiaz. Zahiruddin was a former Central Education Minister, MNA, MP, Ambassador and a close associate and defence lawyer of Bangabandhu in the Agartala conspiracy case. He was also the general secretary of the Awami League and a recipient of the Swadhinota Dibash Puroshkar. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his soul.

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1ST QUARTER (Q1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (PROVISIONAL & UNAUDITED)



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31.12.2022	30.09.2022
	Taka	Taka
Assets		
Investments in securities at market	1,050,008,700	1,004,255,766
Issue and formation expenses	10,513,527	11,404,996
Other receivables	13,586,754	8,463,795
Deposit and prepayments	2,221,513	2,514,227
Cash and cash equivalents	109,006,119	191,628,969
	1,185,336,612	1,218,267,753
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	6,709,937	6,099,648
Dividend Tax payable	8,326,506	
Unclaimed dividend account	400,345	312,161
	15,436,788	6,411,809
Net Asset	1,169,899,824	1,211,855,944
Equity		
Capital fund	1,043,200,000	1,043,200,000
Unrealized Gain	26,002,513	25,150,368
Retained earnings	100,697,311	143,505,576
	1,169,899,824	1,211,855,944
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Unit		
-At Cost	10.97	11.39
-At Market Price	11.21	11.62

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 OCTOBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022	01.10.2021 to 31.12.2021
	Taka	Taka
Income		
Net gain on sale of marketable securities	-	4,639,443
Dividend income	14,927,651	11,708,560
Income from Dividend Tax return (Excess 5% Tax)	283,750	-
Interest income	2,003,910	2,596,681
Profit Income from Bond	1,160,000	-
	18,375,311	18,944,684
Expenditure		
Management fee	4,032,410	4,507,806
Amortization of issue and formation expenses	891,469	891,469
Brokerage fee	90,127	173,672
Trustee fee	302,419	349,959
BSEC annual fee	305,055	383,968
Custodian fee	122,713	131,462
CIBI - annual fee, settlement & demat and line charges	43,460	47,489
DSE annual fee	128,205	128,205
CSE annual fee	128,205	128,205
DSE - book building and IPO application fee	8,000	15,000
Publication & others fee	117,400	231,650
Bank charges & excise duty	117,509	26,228
	6,287,021	7,045,107
Net Income Before Tax	12,088,288	11,899,577
Less: Income Tax Expenses	2,736,553	-
Profit before provision for the period	9,351,735	11,899,577
Add: Right back/ (charge) of unrealised loss	-	-
Net profit for the period	9,351,735	11,899,577
Add: Unrealized Gain	26,002,513	25,150,368
Total Comprehensive Income	35,354,248	37,049,945
Earning Per Unit during the period	0.09	0.11

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 OCTOBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022	01.10.2021 to 31.12.2021
	Taka	Taka
A. Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Interest income realized in cash	3,584,114	5,356,430
Dividend Income - received in cash	7,460,272	1,704,354
Deposit & prepayments	(597,943)	(850,521)
Payment made for expenses	(4,423,192)	(5,126,843)
	6,023,250	1,163,420
B. Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Acquisition of shares from secondary market	(45,392,067)	(20,127,742)
Investment in IPO	(5,611,090)	(21,207,820)
Investment in IPO refund	6,102,310	-
Proceeds from sale of shares in secondary market	-	71,744,367
	(44,900,847)	30,408,805
C. Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Dividend paid	(43,745,253)	(130,065,230)
	(43,745,253)	(130,065,230)
Net Cash flows (A+B+C)	(82,622,850)	(98,493,005)
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the period	191,628,969	270,049,101
Cash & Cash equivalents at the end of the period	109,006,119	171,556,096
Net operating cash flows per unit during the period	0.06	0.01

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 OCTOBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

Particulars	Capital Fund	Unrealised gain	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance as at 01 October 2021	1,043,200,000	-	247,052,566	1,290,252,566
Dividend declared	-	-	(156,480,000)	(156,480,000)
Unrealized Gain	-	94,404,250	-	94,404,250
Net profit for the period	1,043,200,000	94,404,250	11,899,576	11,899,576
Balance as at 31 December 2021	1,043,200,000	94,404,250	102,472,143	1,240,076,393
Balance as at 01 October 2022	1,043,200,000	25,150,368	143,505,576	1,211,855,944
Dividend declared	-	-	(52,160,000)	(52,160,000)
Unrealized Gain	-	852,145	-	852,145
Net profit for the period	1,043,200,000	26,002,513	9,351,735	9,351,735
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,043,200,000	26,002,513	100,697,311	1,169,899,824

Break Down of Investment (Tk.) as at 31 December 2022:

	Cost Price	Market Price
listed securities	934,006,185	960,270,311
Open ended mutual	30,000,002	31,930,389
Pre-IPO placement	40,000,000	40,000,000
Listed bond	20,000,000	17,800,000
	1,024,006,187	1,050,000,700

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1. Investment valuation has based on 29.12.2022 (i.e. last trading price of December 2022) at DSE.
2. Earning per unit has been calculated on number of units (i.e. 10,43,20,000) outstanding for the period ended 31 December 2022 and profit for the respective period.
3. To facilitate comparison, certain relevant balances pertaining to the previous period may have been rearranged/ restated/ reclassified, whenever considered necessary, to confirm to current period's presentation.

Full version of the 1st Quarter (Q1) Financial Statements (Provisional and unaudited) ended 31 December 2022 are available in the website of "Vanguard Asset Management Limited". Website: www.vanguardaml.com