

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 Udyana. This photo was taken yesterday.

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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

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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.

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.

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 birth.

"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. Matiul Islam's life can also be defined as the

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 Nayan 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 Shamshernagar 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 Mursheed 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.

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1ST QUARTER (Q1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (PROVISIONAL & UNAUDITED)				
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	-			
Dividend income	14,927,651			
Income from Dividend Tax return (Excess 5% Tax)	283,750			
Interest income	2,003,910			
Profit Income from Bond	1,160,090			
	-			
Expenditure				
Management fee	4,032,410			
Amortization of issue and formation expenses	891,469			
Brokerage fee	90,127			
Trustee fee	302,419			
BSB annual fee	305,055			
	-			
Custodian fee	122,713			
CDRI - annual fee, settlement & demat and line charges	43,460			
DSE annual fee	128,205			
CSE annual fee	128,205			
DSU - book building and IPO application fee	8,000			
Publication & others fee	117,400			
Bank charges & excise duty	117,560			
	-			
Net Income Before Tax				
Less: Income Tax Expenses	2,736,553			
Profit before provision for the period	-			
Add: Right back/ (charge) of unrealised loss	-			
Net profit for the period	-			
Add: Unrealized Gain	9,351,735			
Total Comprehensive Income	26,002,513			
Earning Per Unit during the period	11,69,899.824			
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	-	-	1,290,252,566
Dividend declared	-	-	(156,480,000)	(156,480,000)
Unrealised Gain	-	94,404,250	-	94,404,250
Net profit for the period	-	-	11,699,576	11,699,576
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	143,595,576	1,211,855,944
Dividend declared	-	-	(52,160,000)	(52,160,000)
Unrealised Gain	-	852,145	-	852,145
Net profit for the period	-	-	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 (Taka) as at 31 December 2022				
Cost Price		Marked Price		
Listed securities	934,006,185	960,270,313		S/D, Member Trustee
Open ended mutual	30,000,002	31,930,389		Bangladesh General Insurance Company Ltd
Pre-IPO placement	40,000,000	40,000,000		S/D, Managing Director & CEO
Listed Bond	-	17,800,000		Vanguard Asset Management Limited
	1,024,006,187	1,050,000,700		

43rd Death Anniversary

SPACE FOR GODOWN IN TEJGAON, DHAKA.

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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