

8 Rohingyas get life term for smuggling 2 lakh yaba

STAR REPORT

A Cox's Bazar court yesterday sentenced eight Rohingyas to life term imprisonment for smuggling yaba.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Nishat Sultana passed the order.

The convicts - Mohammad Dhoilla, Robi Alam, Mohammad Alam, Mohammad Shafiqul, Mohammad Nur, Noor-e-Alam, Ali Ahmed and Nurul Amin - were present at the courtroom.

State lawyer Faridul Alam said, "On September 19, 2019, the coast guard members saw suspicious movement of a fishing trawler in the sea adjacent to Chhera Dwip and ordered it to stop. The coast guard managed to catch eight people after a chase. A total of 2 lakh yaba tablets were seized from them."

'Didn't break my spirit'

Says director of CCC mega-project, after coming under attack of unscrupulous contractors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, City

Golam Yazdani, director of the largest-ever project in the history of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC), was adamant to follow the rules, and so, he became an obstacle to those who wanted to get work by violating the law.

This eventually led to contractors attacking his office. They assaulted Yazdani, and vandalised his nameplates and office equipment on Sunday afternoon, when Yazdani just entered his room.

But he has not moved from his morals. "They wanted to break my spirit by attacking me, but they don't know that this episode has actually uplifted my spirit," he said.

Yazdani is not a CCC official. He is an executive engineer of Local Government Engineering Department's (LGED) procurement unit. The government appointed him as director of the project "Development of various roads including Airport Road and important infrastructure development under jurisdiction



of CCC" on August 14 last year. He joined on August 31.

While talking to The Daily Star yesterday morning, Yazdani said he did not know any of the around 20 people who entered without permission on Sunday afternoon.

"They introduced themselves as contractors and wished to talk about the tender," said Yazdani. "I told them there is nothing to talk about, as everything will be completed as per rule, but if they couldn't understand any clause, I could help them."

"Three to four of them sat before me and asked whether I

was showing 'excessive honesty'," he said. "I told them I didn't do anything by violating rules in my service life."

"At one point, they started hurling abusive words," he said. "I didn't get into any altercation. Despite this, they started hitting me on my chest and face, and vandalising my office and nameplate."

"All that happened in 10 to 15 minutes... I didn't know what to do," he said. "I never faced such an incident in my life."

CASE FILED, FOUR ARRESTED Kamal Uddin, a security officer of CCC, filed a case with Khulshi Police Station on Sunday night over the attack.

In the case, eleven named people and some 20 unknown were made accused, said police.

After filing the case, police conducted an overnight raid and arrested four, said Santosh Chakma, officer-in-charge of Khulshi Police Station.

The arrestees are Sanjay

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Indian envoy visits Gandhi Ashram in Noakhali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 75th death anniversary at the Gandhi Ashram in Noakhali yesterday.

The Ashram commemorates Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's "Peace Mission" to Noakhali in 1946 and his message of non-violence and communal harmony, said a press release.

The high commissioner also participated in a discussion titled "The Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the

Contemporary World" organised by the Gandhi Ashram Trust.

In his remarks, Verma underlined the guiding light of Gandhi's philosophy of truth, humanism and non-violence in showing all the path to deal with today's global menace of extremism and terrorism.

He also emphasised Gandhi's belief in harmony with nature, his determination for the empowerment of the poorest and his message of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" that inspires the motto of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" adopted by India for its G20 Presidency.

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FRAMING MAN WITH YABA ASI, 2 informants granted bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to three people, including a suspended assistant sub-inspector, in a case filed for possessing 100 yaba tablets.

The accused are Mahbub Alam, suspended ASI of Pallabi Police Station, and his informants Mohammad Rubel and Sohail Rana.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Arafatul Rakib passed the order after Mahbub and two others appeared before it, seeking bail in the case.

The magistrate fixed March 28 for hearing on charge framing against them in the case.

On December 26 last year, investigation officer Anwar Hossain, also a sub-inspector of Cantonment Police Station, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, saying that the three accused illegally carried the yaba pills.

In the charge sheet, the IO said ASI Mahbub Alam, who arrested trader Mohammad Khalil on charge of possessing yaba in September last year, illegally possessed 100 yaba pills.

The investigator said ASI Mahbub provided false information to SI Kamrul Islam and fabricated the incident of recovering yaba from Khalil to establish the seizure list, based on which SI Kamrul filed a case against Khalil.

Ex-BNP MP Shamsul Alam passes away

UNB, Dhaka

Former BNP lawmaker Shamsul Alam Pramanik died at a hospital in Rajshahi early yesterday.

He was 70.

Alam, a three-time MP from Naogaon-4 (Manda) constituency, breathed his last at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital around 4:40am, said Anisur Alam, younger brother of the BNP leader.

The ex-MP, also an executive member of the BNP Central Committee, had been suffering from various diseases including diabetes, heart disease and kidney-related complications.

He was taken to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital on Sunday after he fell sick.

He was elected the chairman of Manda Upazila Parishad in 1985.

Birth anniversary of Abu Sayeed Chowdhury

CITY DESK

Today is the 102nd birth anniversary of late Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, former president of Bangladesh.

To mark the occasion, Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council will distribute stipends and certificates among meritorious students soon, said a press release.

Justice Chowdhury was born in a respectable Muslim family at Nagbari in Tangaila. He was the only son of former speaker of erstwhile provincial assembly late Abdul Hamid Chowdhury.

He resigned from the post of vice chancellor of Dhaka University on March 15, 1971, protesting murders of two students by Pakistan occupation forces.

He played a significant role in mobilising the world opinion for the cause of Bangladesh. He also played a leading role in anti-autocracy movement in the eighties.

Former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and eminent social worker Lion Abul Kasem Chowdhury are his sons.



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