

**GUN ATTACK ON
AL LEADER
Case filed
accusing 6**

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Narsingdi

A case was filed yesterday over the gun attack on Narsingdi's Shibpur upazila chairman Harunur Rashid, accusing six people including Arif Sarkar.

In the case, filed by the victim's son Amminur Rashid Khan, Arif is mentioned as the mastermind behind the attack, which took place on Saturday. But the complainant did not mention any motive for it.

The other five accused are Mohsin Mia, 32, Iran Mia, 30, Shakil Mia, 35, Humayun, 32, and Nur Mohammad, 48.

Firoz Talukder, officer-in-charge of Shibpur Police Station, said, "We seized a car and unregistered motorcycle, which were used during the attack on Harunur, from the possession of four detainees."

"We produced them before a court in Narsingdi seeking a five day remand, but it granted one day. We hope we will get information about the motive behind the attack."

The OC said, "Primarily, we are suspecting that the attack was carried out due to political reasons."

Hasan Sani Alich, chairperson of Puthia Union Parishad and the union's AL president, said, "Arif Sarkar has no involvement with Awami League or its associated bodies."



Banners were burnt and people were hurt as two rival factions of the ruling party locked horns in a clash in Tangail's Ghatail upazila yesterday. The opposing groups were later dispersed when police intervened. PHOTO: STAR



**10 hurt as AL factions
clash in Tangail**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 10 people, including two journalists, were injured in a clash between two rival factions of Awami League in Tangail's Ghatail upazila yesterday.

According to party sources, the clash ensued because of a dispute over the party's newly-formed upazila committee.

Police and witnesses said the clash took place at Ghatail Bus

Stand area on Tangail-Mymensingh highway in the afternoon. At that time, traffic came to a halt.

Ghatail upazila AL committee was formed on January 28. Committee president and Ghatail upazila parishad chairman Shahidul Islam Lebu announced the committee.

Alleging that the committee was formed by keeping BNP-Jamaat men, the followers of local lawmaker Aatur Rahman Khan rejected the committee and held a

press conference and protest rally on Sunday.

Tensions reached their peak when both the rival factions announced a programme at the same venue yesterday.

At one stage, the supporters of both groups locked into a clash.

Contacted, Azharul Islam Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Ghatail Police Station, told The Daily Star that police dispersed the AL activists as soon as they could.

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**Book on language
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Hannan launched**

CITY DESK

A memorial book on the life and works of Language Movement veteran and organiser of the Liberation War Syed Abdul Hannan was launched at a ceremony at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on Saturday.

It features writings of over 50 writers commemorating Hannan, also a former principal of Sherpur Government College and an educationist of Sherpur district. Jatiya Sangsad whip Atiur Rahman Atik was virtually present as chief guest. Akker Patrika Editor Golam Rahman chaired the event.

Hannan passed away on January 8, 2019, at the age of 87.

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e-Tender Notice No. 25/2022-2023 (OTM)
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following public procurement:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender document last selling date and time	Tender closing date and time
1.	795856	Surfacing of Pavement with DBS Wearing Course including repair of Pavement distresses at 1st Km (p) of Saidpur-Parbatipur Road (Z-5011) under Road Division, Nilphamari during the FY 2022-2023.	15-Mar-2023 16:30	16-Mar 2023 11:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branch up to particular date and time specified on the Tender Notice.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and also can be obtained from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). For more details please contact e-GP help desk contact numbers.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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CPA rejoinder, our reply

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Auditor General (CAG) that it violated rules during the procurement of a high-power tugboat.

The Anti-Corruption Commission too found no anomalies during the procurement of the tugboat, CPA said in the rejoinder.

Due diligence and compliance with applicable laws, rules and procedures were observed strictly at every step of the tender procedure. No financial loss was incurred by CPA or the government in this procurement process.

CPA said it has withheld 30 percent of the contracted price to the builder amounting to Tk 11.32 crore and will clear it if the tugboat performs satisfactorily

after deducting liquidated damages.

It also maintains that there were no anomalies in the docking and repairing of MT Kandari-1 by Chittagong Dry Dock.

The port authority maintains that it deducted income tax from the bill of berth operators as per section 52A of the income tax ordinance 1984 from fiscals 2017-18 to 2019-20.

"So, no loss occurred for the government," it said.

CPA said it gave incentive bonuses to its officers and staff in fiscal 2019-20 as per the shipping ministry's refixed target.

It, however, did not dispute that it was an outstanding amount in rent. However, the amount is Tk 25.36 crore and not Tk 30

crore, as mentioned in the CAG report.

Due to pending litigation with the private lessee, the outstanding amount could not be realised in proper time.

"Collection of outstanding dues is a continuous process. CPA is taking effective measures for timely collection of those dues."

There was no financial irregularity during CPA's rental of cars and minibuses.

There was also no deviation from government rules regarding CPA officials and staff's foreign tours.

"After completion of the visit, all officers and staff have to submit their TA/DA bills including air ticket as per government rules,

which has been followed in every visit programme."

CPA, however, acknowledged that it has outstanding dues in its share of sales proceeds of auctioned goods between fiscal 2017-18 and fiscal 2019-20.

As of December last year, the outstanding amount is Tk 1.3 crore.

"Despite repeated requests (verbally and written), Custom did not pay CPA's share. However, CPA is pursuing the matter with Custom."

Our reply
The Daily Star report was based on the CAG report that found 26 counts of irregularities by the CPA between fiscal 2017-18 and 2019-20. As such, we stand by our report.

Health, edn to get chop in ADP PM visiting

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division 13.58 percent.

Economists are not in agreement with the government's line of thinking.

"This is going the opposite direction to what the current economic circumstances demand," said Zahid Hussain, a former lead economist of the World Bank's Dhaka office.

The ADP is a formidable weapon in the government's arsenal against the raging dollar crisis and high inflation. But the government wasted it.

As of February 22, foreign currency reserves stood at \$32.4 billion, enough to cover about four months' imports,

according to data from the Bangladesh Bank.

The average inflation in the first seven months of the fiscal year is upwards of 8 percent, comfortably overshooting the budgetary target.

"The government-financed import-intensive projects must be cut or else, the dollar crisis will not go away."

In fact, it will make the situation worse as more dollars would be needed for imports on the government's own-funded projects, he said.

"We simply can't use foreign funds effectively and speedily. Regrettably, we needed to use the foreign funds the most, which would take away the pressure on reserves. We

are doing the opposite," said Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of the Policy Research Institute.

At the same time, to bring down the high inflation, the government-financed projects should have been condensed, Hussain said.

"Those create demand and fan inflation. There is no point in pouring money into the economy -- that money has to enter the production system. Because of the dollar shortage, the economy is stalling. Because of inflation, people cannot buy things. If you bring down inflation, with the same income the people would be able to buy more," he added.

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The security in the areas where the PM will visit, including the Helipad Ground, has been beefed up.

AL leaders believe the public rally would be attended by over 2 lakh people.

Last time Hasina visited the district was in 1998.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had addressed a public meeting in Kishoreganj in 1970.

Respect

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senseless Russian invasion of Ukraine."

Following the speeches by the UN top brass, nearly 150 ministers and heads of state and government are due to speak, virtually or in person, during the first four days of the session.

Among them will be the foreign ministers of the United States, China, Ukraine and Iran.

Moscow will send Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov to address the council in person on Thursday.

Despite calls from NGOs, observers said it was unlikely there would be a walkout like the one many diplomats took part in when Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's video played in the council last year.

EC may get power

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being placed as a bill in parliament.

On another amendment proposal sent to the law ministry, Rashida said that the law ministry said some voters being allowed to vote when their fingerprints do not match with the ones in the EC database need not be included in the proposals.

"Representatives of the law ministry said these powers could be given to the election officials through

rules," she said while talking to reporters at her EC office.

Now, the commission issues circulars to give the presiding officers and assistant presiding officers the power to allow up to 1 percent of the voters in a polling booth to cast their votes via EVMs after fingerprint mismatch.

A few months ago, the EC asked the law ministry to include this in the RPO, the law that regulates the national election.

On August 8 last year, the commission sent the proposals for amendments to the RPO. As the law ministry's Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division did not respond, the EC wrote again seeking an answer on September 28 and then again on October 10.

The EC on November 27 said the law ministry was yet to respond to its letters regarding the proposed amendments.

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Invitation for Tender (Non-Consulting Service)

1. Brief on Invitation	Sealed tender are hereby invited from the reputed service providers for outsourcing service.	
2. Ministry/Division	Ministry Of Industries.	
3. Agency	Not applicable.	
4. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)	
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6. Invitation For	Procurement of outsourcing Service for the different category 92 (Ninety Two) posts as described in the tender documents.	
7. Invitation Ref No	36.04.0000.121.11.101.23.33	
8. Date	Date: 26/02/2023	
KEY INFORMATION		
9. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (Non-Consulting Service)	
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10. Budget and source of Funds	BCIC's own Source	
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12. Project/Programme (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
13. Project Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
14. Tender Package No.	36.04.0000.121.11.101.23.33	
15. Tender Package Name	Procurement of outsourcing Service for the different category 92 (Ninety Two) posts as described in the tender documents.	
16. Tender Publication Date	28/02/2023	
17. Tender Last selling Date	27/03/2023	
18. Tender Closing Date & Time	28/03/2023 Time 11.00 AM. (BST)	
19. Tender Opening Date & Time	28/03/2023 Time 11.30 AM.(BST)	
20. Name and Address of the Office (s)	Address:	
i) Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Controller Of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (6 th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.	
ii) Selling Tender Document (Others)	(A) Chief of Personnel, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (5 th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. (B) ShaSha. BCIC-1 Branch, 4 th floor, Room No. 521, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries, 91, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
Receiving Tender Document	(A) Chief of Personnel, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (5 th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. (B) ShaSha. BCIC-1 Branch, 4 th floor, Room No. 521, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries, 91, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
Opening Tender Document	Office of the Chief of Personnel, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, (5 th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present)	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
21. Eligibility of Tenderer	Necessary paper to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.	
22. Brief Description of Services	Providing Physical Services for the Different category 92 (ninety two) posts as described in the tender documents.	
23. Price of Tender Document (TK)	2000/- (Two Thousand) tk only	
24. Location Of Services	Dhaka Metropolitan Area.	
25. Tender Security Amount (TK)	1,00,000/- (One Lac) tk	
26. Completion Time in Weeks/Months	24 (Twenty Four) months,	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammad Zakir Hossain.	
28. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Chief Of Personnel, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 5 th Floor, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
29. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Chief of Personnel,	
30. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone-223381809 Mobile:01550042918	e-mail: cop@bcic.gov.bd
31. a. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all Tenders at any time without assigning any reasons.. b. The Procurement process will be done in accordance with the PPA-2006, PPR-2008 and outsourcing Regulations-2018.		

BCIC-331, Date- 27.2.23
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