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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER Probe submission deadline extended for 98th time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday extended till June 22 the deadline for submitting the probe report of a case filed over the murders of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi in February 2012.



It was the 98th extension of the deadline for probe report submission. Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Rashidul Alam passed the order after Rab Additional Superintendent of Police Khondoker Md Shafiqul Alam, also the case's investigation officer, failed to submit the report, court sources said.

On April 9, the same court asked Rab to submit the probe report by yesterday.

Earlier, two separate courts expressed dissatisfaction over the probe, and the investigators' failure to unearth the motive behind the murders and arrest the real culprits.

Sagar, news editor at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Runi, senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were killed in the early hours of February 11, 2012, in their rented flat in the capital's West Razabazar.

Their only son Mahir Sarowar Megh, then 5, was home at that time. Nousher Ali Roman, brother of Runi, filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Police Station on the following day.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina being received by Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Nazrul Islam after the premier landed at Hamad International Airport in Doha yesterday. Hasina left Dhaka in the afternoon for Doha on a three-day official visit to attend the Qatar Economic Forum to be held on May 23-25. Ministers, cabinet members, chiefs of three forces, diplomats and high officials saw the premier off at Dhaka airport.

PHOTO: PID

Hasina reaches Doha for Qatar Economic Forum

UNB, Doha (Qatar)

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reached Doha yesterday evening to attend the Qatar Economic Forum 2023.

She is visiting the Gulf nation at the invitation of Emir of Qatar Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

A flight of Biman Bangladesh Airline, carrying the premier and her entourage, landed at Hamad International Airport at 5:32pm local time (BD time 8:32pm). Earlier in the day, it took off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 3:13pm (Bangladesh time).

Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Md Nazrul Islam received the prime minister at the airport.

Hasina will attend the forum titled "3rd Qatar Economic Forum: A New Global Growth Story" to be held on May 23-25.

On May 23, Hasina

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Bangladesh to get 20 locomotives from India today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India will hand over 20 "slightly used" broad gauge locomotives to Bangladesh today as a grant to mitigate the longstanding locomotive crisis of Bangladesh.

Railways ministers of both countries will attend the handing over ceremony virtually at 4:00pm, said officials of Bangladesh Ministry of Railways.

India has agreed to provide the rail engines during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in September last year.

This is the second time in three years that India is providing locomotives to Bangladesh following

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PRAYER TIMING					
MAY 23					
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-40	8-00	
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-45	8-30	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

Recognition of genocide crucial for justice: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts called for the recognition of the genocide carried out by Pakistan during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971 in a seminar yesterday.

"Recognising the genocide is crucial in raising awareness about the atrocities faced by the people of the country, ensuring justice to the victims, punishing the perpetrators, and preventing the occurrence of such genocides in the future," said Dutch politician and rights activist Hary Van Bommel.

The seminar, titled "International Conference on Bangladesh Genocide Recognition", was jointly organised by Aamra Ekattor, European Bangladesh Forum (EBF) and Projonmo 71 at Dhaka University.

Bommel also said they have engaged with the family members of the 1971 genocide victims, freedom fighters, witnesses, and genocide researchers to gather accounts. They will also advocate for the recognition of the genocide in their respective countries, he mentioned.

Bommel urged the people of Bangladesh to work together on this issue.

War crime researcher Shahriar Kabir stressed the need to convince western countries that acknowledging genocides, whether in Bangladesh,

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'20,000 women suffering in silence'

Experts stress for immediate attention to obstetric fistula

MOUDUD AHMED SUJAN

Ensuring access to maternal services from skilled healthcare professionals is urgent since around 20,000 women still suffer from fistula in the country, according to experts.

Obstetric fistula is a hole between the birth canal and bladder and/or rectum, caused by prolonged, obstructed labour without access to timely, and high-quality medical treatment.

Another type of fistula termed an iatrogenic fistula, is caused by a surgical error, most often during cesarean section.

Besides, traumatic fistula is caused by injury – for instance, through sexual violence, female genital mutilation, or accidents, according to physicians.

It leaves women and girls leaking urine, feces, or both, and often leads to chronic medical problems, depression, social isolation, and deepening poverty, according to the UNFPA.

In 2021, the majority of the patients were found in Rangpur and Sylhet divisions, according to the last Annual Report on Obstetric Fistula in Bangladesh.

It is estimated that some 300-400 women turn to fistula patients countrywide each year for not ensuring quality maternal care during

pregnancies and at childbirth.

"Although the number of fistula patients is significant, we have to keep working to make a fistula-free country. Because it is preventable," said Prof Dr Rowshan Ara Begum, former president of Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh.

MAJOR CONCERNS

Lack of access to skilled healthcare professionals

Prolonged, obstructed labour

Insufficient quality maternal care

Early marriage

Among all the fistula patients found in 2021 countrywide, a total of 524 were admitted to 15 selected facilities, according to the report.

Of the cases, a total of 273 cases were found to occur due to obstetric causes, while 191 cases occurred due to iatrogenic causes (surgical mistake); six of the cases were congenital and seven were traumatic.

Among the iatrogenic fistula patients, 77 cases were linked to C-section, 106

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Youth-led cybercrime gang busted

They used to blackmail, exploit girls through social media groups

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department arrested members of a youth-led cybercrime gang from different parts of Dhaka and Chattogram in the last two days.

The gang orchestrated a cybercrime operation that preyed upon teenagers, leading to blackmail and exploitation, said police.

The arrestees are – ringleader Abu Sayem alias Mark Suckerberg, Shahriar Afsan Avro, Bogdadi Shakil, DTR Shuvo alias Moshir Rahman, Md Jashim, Cactus aka Ketan Chakma, El Dorado aka Shahed, Turjo aka Maruf and Mia Bhai aka Nazmul Samrat.

The gang created multiple public and private social media groups and distributed objectionable pictures of teenagers, said Additional IGP Mohammad Ali Mia during a press conference held at the Malibagh CID Headquarters.

CID received numerous complaints from victims whose Facebook and Instagram accounts had been hacked, leading to their private photos being circulated within social media group chats.

The social media groups attracted subscribers from various countries, including Singapore, Malaysia, Portugal, Canada, America, England, and Middle Eastern nations, who paid monthly

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A police official halts a bus in front of Matsya Bhaban for a routine inspection yesterday. As part of a mobile court drive, law enforcers and BRTA executive magistrates are checking vehicle fitness by examining necessary documents such as road permits, registration and license.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

ASM Mainuddin Monem Honored With CIP Award

A.S.M. Mainuddin Monem, the Managing Director of Abdul Monem Limited (AML), was honored with the prestigious Commercially Important Person (CIP) award for the year 2021 by the Government of Bangladesh, recognizing his contributions to the country's large-scale industry. As the eldest son of the late Abdul Monem, a visionary industrialist, Mainuddin Monem has followed his father's illustrious footsteps. Although assuming the position of Managing Director in 2020, he has been directly involved with AML since 1996. With an MBA from Harvard Business School, his leadership has been instrumental in the continued success of the organization. Aligned with the goals of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Vision 2041, AML's subsidiary, Abdul Monem Construction Limited, has undertaken several significant projects driving the nation's progress. Notable projects include the Metro Rail Project, Karnaphuli Tunnel Project, Kalna Bridge, Kalshi Flyover, SASEC-1 & 2, Cox's Bazar International Airport Tarmac Project, and Jalsiri Abasan Project. Mainuddin Monem has also successfully led other industrial establishments like Igloo Ice-Cream and Milk Unit, Abdul Monem Beverage Unit, and AM Securities and Financial Services. With a dedicated workforce of over 10,000 professionals, the organization plays a vital role in driving the country's economic growth. A significant milestone achieved by AML is the establishment of the first private economic zone, Abdul Monem Economic Zones Limited, which houses multinational businesses such as Honda. Mainuddin Monem, as the President of the Private Economic Zone Association, continues to promote foreign direct investment and facilitate economic development. Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Mainuddin Monem is a proud father of one daughter and two sons. The CIP award serves as a testament to Mr. Mainuddin Monem's unwavering commitment to excellence and dedication in Bangladesh's business landscape.



A.S.M. Mainuddin Monem, the Managing Director of Abdul Monem Limited, is receiving the prestigious CIP award from Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque MP, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture of the Government of Bangladesh.

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