

SOHEL CHY MURDER CASE SC seeks judge's explanation for incomplete trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday issued a show cause notice on the judge of a trial court, asking him to explain why his court failed to complete the trial of actor Sohel Chowdhury murder case in six months as per its earlier order.

The judge of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 of Dhaka has been ordered to place the explanation by November 12, said Deputy Attorney General Sarwar Hossain Bappi.

The apex court also extended its chamber judge's order that stayed a High Court order granting bail to Ashish Roy Chowdhury, an accused in the case, till further order.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan, passed the order.

On December 18, 1998, Sohel Chowdhury was shot dead at Trumps Club in Abedin Tower, in Dhaka's Banani area.



NEW NAT'L CURRICULUM 'Vested quarter spreading propaganda'

Alleges Dipu Moni

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Dipu Moni yesterday told parliament that some teachers, coaching centres and guidebook businessmen are spreading propaganda centring the new education curriculum fearing their businesses will be affected.

"We have seen human chains in some places. We have investigated and found that those involved in coaching centres and guidebook business are worried that their businesses will no longer exist after the new curriculum is implemented," she said.

Claiming that the new curriculum has already started yielding results, she said now students will develop the skills they require to do better.

Earlier, several MPs criticised the new curriculum.



A Pallas's Sea-eagle resting on a tree branch after flight in Tanguar haor. Once, these birds used to be a regular member of the ecosphere. However, due to rampant deforestation, leading to a shortage of food resources, their numbers continue to dwindle. The photo was taken recently in Sylhet's Sunamganj upazila.

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BNP-JAMAAT HARTAL

With sticks and rods, AL men guard Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leaders and activists were seen in the major intersections of the capital yesterday protesting the hartal called by BNP and Jamaat.

AL along with their associate organisations gathered with sticks and rods in different intersections including Mirpur-1, Mirpur-10, Uttara, Gabtoli, Naya Paltan, Motijheel, Jatrabari, Khilgaon and Dhaka University areas.

Police were also seen in those intersections. They were patrolling with water cannons and armoured vehicles while Rab and BGB members also joined them.

Besides, AL activists took position in front of its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the morning. They joined their pre-declared "peace and development rally" there.

Jubo League also held a separate programme at the same spot. Meanwhile,

Awami Sramik League held a rally in Motijheel area while BCL brought out a procession on DU campus and joined a rally in TSC area.



Talking to journalists at Dhanmondi party office, Obaidul Quader, AL general secretary, said they will continue their "peaceful rally" on the streets in the coming days.

"We will not go for any clash if we are not attacked. We are talking about a peaceful election. But if anybody attacks us, we will do whatever the situation demands," he said.

Replying to a query, he said they will not initiate any political dialogue ahead of the upcoming elections.

"If BNP agrees with four 'settled issues', some talks can be initiated. The settled issues are - no caretaker government, Sheikh Hasina will be the prime minister of the election-time government, the parliament will be in the status quo and no change will come in the Election Commission," he added.

Quader said BNP showed its face again by attacking the police, chief justice's residence and journalists in their grand rally yesterday [Saturday].

"If you [BNP] want changes, join the election. We are committed to hold the election in a free, fair, peaceful and credible manner," Quader added.

Won't spare perpetrators Says home minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Those who will create an anarchic situation like Saturday will be prosecuted, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday, pointing to BNP leaders and activists.

He made the remark while replying to a query from reporters before joining a peace rally held in Narayanganj's Arahazar upazila yesterday.

Mentioning the events during Saturday's BNP rally, he said, "They (BNP) themselves did all the violence, and then they had the audacity to call a hartal."

The minister alleged that BNP men killed a bus helper early yesterday by torching the bus he was inside, and they also attacked AL leaders in Nilphamari, killing one.

"We are showing patience, and our security forces are also dealing with everything patiently. We will definitely bring the perpetrators to book," he said.

People have turned away from BNP, so they are resorting to different techniques and conspiracies, he added.

Regarding the death of the policeman on Saturday, the minister said, "JCD (BNP's student body) activists killed the policeman by beating him brutally. They hacked him with a machete..."

I just want my husband

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do now," she said.

Ayrin Akter Nipu, 35, along with her four-year-old child, arrived at the court premises around 8:00am. Her husband, Mohammad Ali, 39, was arrested from their home in Manik Dee area of Cantonment on Saturday night.

"My husband works at a workshop in Mati Kata Beribadh in Cantonment. We got married in 2005 and since then, I did not see him get involved in politics," Ayrin told 'The Daily Star'.

Mohammad Jahangir, 40, was arrested in the Nayabazar area at 11:00am on Saturday while he was returning to his Kamrangirchar home after meeting his ill aunt in Bikrampur.

His wife Munni, 33, holding her one-year-old, said, "Police arrested my husband as they found BNP-related photos in his

phone."

Abu Sinha, 36, was arrested at Kacha Bazar Goli in Uttara sector-11 on Saturday morning.

"My husband went to buy some vegetables. At that time, police arrested him. He has no link to politics," said Samia, his wife.

Yesterday noon, 65-year-old Monwara Begum came to the court to search for his son Kamal Hossain, 49.

"My son works for a redsharing company in the capital. He was arrested at the Sabujbagh area," she said.

According to court records, around 484 people, mostly BNP men, were produced before the CMM court yesterday in some 39 regular cases and seven GDS filed on different dates last year and this year.

They were arrested following the BNP's Nayapaltan rally on Saturday.

Empty roads

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companies, but there was no staff present.

Mohammad Iqbal, a staffer at Hanif Paribahan, next to Shyamoli, said, "No bus has entered Dhaka since morning. And if no buses enter, we can't dispatch any buses from here."

The buses might start leaving in the afternoon, he said.

Meanwhile, Border Guard Bangladesh was deployed in the city to maintain law and order.

He was a Jubo Dal

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Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan police in its news portal yesterday reported Shameem's father Yusuf Mia said his son was not a Jubo Dal activist.

But the family members said Yusuf might be "unaware" of Shameem's political affiliation.

Meanwhile, Sumon said Shamim was a private car driver earning over Tk

20,000 a month to support his family. His daughter is in seventh grade while son is receiving technical training at a local workshop.

"Now, with his departure, the family will have to face a dire economic situation," he added.

After an autopsy at Dhaka Medical College morgue, family members of Shameem received his body in the afternoon.

Supporting AL

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Azizar Rahman, Jahangir's father, said, "Jahangir took care of us all. Now who will look after us?"

"My son's only fault was being involved in Awami League politics. They

hacked him to death. His death has left us helpless," Azizar added.

Afroza said, "All my husband's killers are BNP-Jamaat men. I demand all the killers be arrested and punished."

The promotion

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father. He was her hero. Tanha was shattered after receiving news of her father's death, Aatur said.

"He was brutally murdered. The murderers should be brought to book soon," Aatur added.

Since the news of Parvez's death reached his village home in Tangail, the family house has been filled with grief-stricken relatives and neighbours. His elderly parents are yet to process the loss of their beloved son.

According to the inquest report, Parvez was beaten on the head and other parts of his body with sticks, rods, and bricks. The deceased's body was handed over around noon yesterday. His funeral prayers were held after Zohr prayers at Rajarbagh Police Lines.

Police yesterday arrested two people - Shamim Reza, convener of Palashbari unit of Jubo Dal, from Gaibandha, and Md Sultan from Demra - in a case filed over the killing.

Prof Saleemul

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His advisory roles extended to the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Moreover, his 2021 affiliation with the UN Food System Summit as co-chair of Action Track 5 focused on resilience-building against vulnerabilities, shocks, and stress.

In 2019, his contributions were acknowledged when he was named one of the top twenty influencers on global climate change policy. Moreover, he stood out as a leading scientist from Bangladesh in the field of climate change.

He was also a regular columnist for The Daily Star on climate change issues.

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