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AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDATES

Inu's money increases 52-fold in 10yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Incumbent lawmaker of Kushtia-2 Hasanul Haq Inu, also the president of JSD (Inu), has seen a 52-fold increase in his cash holdings, rising from Tk 6.8 lakh during the 10th parliamentary election to Tk 3.56 crore, according to affidavits submitted to the EC.

His wife Afroza Haque's cash has also increased.

Inu's movable assets include cash worth Tk 1.58 crore and Tk 1.98 crore from car sales.

During the last election, he had Tk 50.66 lakh cash, and Tk 6.85 lakh in 2014 election.

Now he has a deposit of Tk 14.84 lakh in banks and financial institutions, which was Tk 44.51 lakh five years ago and Tk 36.70 lakh ten years ago.

Inu's wife Afroza has cash worth Tk 1.61 crore. Five years ago, it was Tk 60 lakh, and 10 years ago Tk 6.38 lakh.

She has deposits of Tk 16.37 lakh in banks and financial institutions. Five years ago, it was Tk 14.24 lakh, and ten years ago Tk 80,000.

Inu mentioned himself as a political activist and engineer in the affidavit.

He showed an annual income of Tk 7.62 lakh from business, Tk 23.96 lakh as salary and allowances, and Tk 2.16 lakh from TV talk shows and bank interests.

During the eleventh parliamentary election, he

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In 8yrs, Khokon's income shoots up 28 times

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Both the assets and annual income of Sayeed Khokon, Awami League candidate for Dhaka-6, have seen a meteoric rise since he ran for the Dhaka South City Corporation mayoral post eight years ago.

The former DSCC mayor's annual income has increased almost 28 folds from Tk 41.74 lakh in 2015 to Tk 11.53 crore in 2023.

Besides, his movable assets have increased more than three and a half times in value since 2015, when they were worth Tk 21.01 crore, according to the affidavit he submitted then ahead of the mayoral elections.

They are worth Tk 77.92 crore now, as per the affidavit he submitted to the EC for the upcoming polls.

In 2015, he did not show any movable property for his wife Farhana Sayeed and dependents but in the recent affidavit, he mentions their moveable property to be worth Tk 85.03 crore.

Farhana submitted nomination papers as an independent candidate in the same constituency, but her candidature was rejected.

Khokon now owns immovable property worth Tk 74.70 crore, which was Tk 26.89 crore in 2015.

However, his wife and other dependents' immovable property decreased by around 50 percent, dropping to Tk 11.50 lakh from Tk 22 lakh in value.

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Kamal's wealth increases, income drops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The movable and immovable properties of State Minister for Industries Kamal Ahmed Mojumder has increased in the past five years, while his annual income dropped by Tk 9 lakh.

The affidavit he submitted to the EC for the upcoming national polls shows that the lawmaker's movable and immovable properties are worth over Tk 13.10 crore now, while his properties were worth Tk 11.11 crore as per the affidavit he submitted in 2018.

Meanwhile, the worth of his immovable property was Tk 5.89 crore in 2014. The account of his moveable properties in 2014 is not available on the EC's website.

His current yearly income is Tk 1.14 crore based on the 2023 affidavit, while his annual income was Tk 1.23 crore in 2018.

Kamal showed himself as a businessman in the recent affidavit, mentioning that he earned over Tk 51 lakh from house rent and Tk 37.88 lakh from business. In 2018, his earnings from house rent and business were Tk 78 lakh and 26.12 lakh, respectively.

He also mentioned that he currently earns Tk 25.28 lakh as a member of parliament, while he earned Tk 23.27 lakh as an MP in 2018. He did not mention his wife's or dependents' income in any of the affidavits. Kamal also showed a pistol and shotgun in his belongings in the 2023 affidavit.



Lipi's cop husband has Tk 2.13cr in cash

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Independent candidate Shahazadi Alam Lipi, contesting from Bogura-1, revealed in her submitted affidavit to the Election Commission that her husband, Additional DIG Hamidul Alam Milon of Barishal Metropolitan Police, possesses over Tk 2.13 crore in cash, while she holds Tk 23.48 lakh.

The movable and immovable assets of Milon are worth Tk 3.37 crore, while Lipi's such assets amounts to over Tk 1.14 crore.

Lipi also owns a company named Meesers Medha Enterprises.

Lipi derives an annual income of Tk 50,200 from the agricultural sector, while her husband earns Tk 4.58 lakh annually from the same sector. Additionally, Lipi receives an annual house rent of Tk 3.60 lakh, while her husband gains over Tk 6 lakh.

Her husband earns over Tk 9.35 lakh from his annual salary.

Besides, Lipi also earns an additional Tk 48,000 from other income sources.

Lipi has a bank deposit of Tk 12.54 lakh, while her

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Hasan Mahmud's loans nearly double in 5yrs

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Awami League candidate from Chattogram-7 (Rangunia) and Information Minister Hasan Mahmud's loans nearly doubled in the last five years, although his wealth has not increased.

His wife's wealth (both moveable and immoveable) has decreased at the same time.

In the affidavit submitted to the Returning Officer (RO) in 2023, it was found that Hasan Mahmud currently has loans of Tk 2.28 crore.

In his affidavit before the 2018 national election, he mentioned that he had loans of about Tk 1.21 crore, which means, his debt increased by Tk 1.07 crore in the past five years.

However, there was no change in his income and assets in that period. Annual income in the affidavit was unchanged in most sectors.

While he did not have any income from the agriculture sector in 2018, this time his income from the sector was shown as Tk 1,30,000.

According to the affidavit, his annual income was Tk 2,77,000, excluding the allowance received as a member of parliament and minister. The

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Nuruzzaman's movable assets go up 28pc

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Social Welfare Minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed's moveable assets have increased by 28 percent, while his annual income has slightly decreased.

In the affidavit submitted to the Election Commission, the minister claimed that his movable assets this time were worth Tk 3.65 crore, which was Tk 2.83 crore in the 2018 elections.

However, his annual income this time is Tk 32.6 lakh, compared to Tk 34.35 lakh in 2018.

He also claimed that his immovable assets have remained the same, which include 25 bighas of agricultural land, fishery projects on 35 bighas of land, and a house on 20 decimals of land.

In his 2018 election affidavit, Nuruzzaman claimed that his sources of income were agriculture, fisheries, tobacco trade, and honorarium.

At that time, he claimed that he possessed Tk 1.82 crore in cash, and another Tk 1.4 crore was deposited in the bank. The remaining assets included a car worth Tk 34.61 lakh, gold ornaments worth Tk

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CEC avoids questions on inaction against polls code violators

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Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal yesterday avoided questions regarding EC's inaction on violation of electoral code by candidates.

"I have said what I had to say. I will not say anything beyond that," he said while responding to reporters' questions.

Regarding those whose candidatures got cancelled, he said, "The commission will hear their appeals and make a decision after the hearing," the CEC said.

Appeals can be filed from December 5 to December 9 at designated regional centres, and the appeal hearing will take place from December 10 to December 15, Kazi added.

A total of 731 nomination papers have been rejected, and on the first day of the appeal window, 42 aspirants, including 26 independent ones, filed appeals to the commission against the decisions of returning officers.

AL'S DECEMBER 10 RALLY Will hold indoor event as EC denied permission: Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League will not hold any rally on December 10 in Dhaka, marking International Human Rights Day, as the Election Commission did not give permission for the outdoor event, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

"We sought permission from the Election Commission to hold a rally in front of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque's south gate, but the EC did not accept it. We have changed our decision to hold the rally there as we do not want to violate the electoral code of conduct," he said.

Quader came up with the party's decision while talking to reporters after paying tribute at the grave of Shaheed Suhrawardy, marking his 60th death anniversary.

No outside pressure centring polls Says EC Alamgir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

There is no pressure from outside the country regarding the upcoming national polls, Election Commissioner Md Alamgir said yesterday.

Some untoward incidents could not disrupt the election's overall environment, he said while addressing a views-exchange meeting with officials of the district administration, police and others at Mymensingh Zila Parishad Auditorium in the morning.

The foreigners are satisfied over the polls-time environment and the EC's activities, the commissioner added.

Five more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The death toll from dengue fever has risen to 1,639 this year, as five more patients succumbed to the mosquito-borne disease in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Two of the deceased were from Dhaka.

Meanwhile, 669 new dengue cases were reported across the country in the same period, taking the total number of infections to 315,057. Of them, 108,528 were from Dhaka.

The DGHS said 2,667 dengue patients were still receiving treatment at different hospitals nationwide, including 756 in Dhaka.

A total of 310,751 patients have been discharged from hospitals after treatment.

The trips that never happened DB arrests 3 over travel scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Interior designer Nahid Hazarika Ety fell prey to a travel scam after responding to a Facebook ad by Tripkart, a travel agency promising Dubai and Qatar tours for Tk 1 lakh. Ety realised she was scammed when the agency ceased communication after receiving payment, leading her to file a case with Banani Police Station.

The cyber and special crime division (north) of the Detective Branch recently arrested three of a gang in this connection. The arrestees are Saiful Alam alias Apu, the ringleader, Ahad Alam alias Talha, and Md Aminul Islam. Detectives said at least 200 people became their victims in last one year.

A laptop, 14 passports, 10 cell phones, 15 sim cards, two land phones, one Walky-talky set, a CPU, five ATM cards, and six bank cheques were recovered, said Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (DB) of DMP.

The alleged tour operator, "Tripkart," enticed individuals with cheap tour packages on social media, offering inclusive features like hotel stays, airport transfers, and guides. The syndicate targeted travel enthusiasts by assuring them of arranging visas and air tickets for up to forty individuals simultaneously.

To appear legit, the group would establish offices in upscale areas like Gulshan, Baridhara, and Dhanmondi. After collecting lakhs from unsuspecting individuals, they closed shop and relocated to a new location, according to the DB chief.

"The syndicate has collected at least Tk 58 lakh in the last six months," he added.

One such victim is Jui Akter, a college student residing in Gulshan, who paid Tk 55,000 for a Maldives tour that didn't happen.

With Victory Day just around the corner, hawkers have turned to selling national flags in the capital. They are selling the flags for Tk 10 each. This photo was taken on Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

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