

# RMG union leader Babul gets bail after 56 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After being in jail for 56 days, garment workers' union leader Babul Hossain yesterday got bail from the High Court in a vandalism and arson case.

On November 21, two lower courts refused to grant him bail in the case.

The HC bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Md Khairul Alam granted ad-interim bail to Babul following a bail petition.

Babul's lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said now there is no legal bar for his client to get released from jail.

He said the HC granted the bail as there is no specific allegation against him (Babul), his name was not mentioned in the FIR and he is not a garment worker.

Besides, he was arrested from Gazipur 15 days after the case was filed.

Babul, general secretary of Bangladesh Garment Workers Solidarity, was picked up from Chandana Chowrasta under the jurisdiction of Basan Police Station in Gazipur on November 14 last year in a case filed on October 30.

On November 20, a Gazipur court sent him to jail after a 24-hour remand.

# TK 297CR GRAFT SC stays GK Shamim's bail

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The Supreme Court yesterday stayed till March 11 a High Court order that granted bail to Golam Kibria alias GK Shamim, an expelled Jubo League leader in a case filed over amassing illegal wealth worth Tk 297 crore.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim passed the stay order following a petition filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

In the petition, the ACC said recording depositions from the witnesses is ongoing at the trial court and therefore, he should not be granted bail at this stage.

The ACC filed the case against GK Shamim, a top government-listed contractor, on October 21, 2019 for accumulating illegal wealth worth Tk 297 crore.



Once a sanctuary, Hakaluki haor has become a death trap for migratory birds. Despite the avian guests falling prey to poachers regularly, the authorities are yet to take any action.

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# A DEADLY DECEIT

27 migratory birds killed through poison bait in Hakaluki haor

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

They came here for comfort... sought refuge in the lush landscapes of the country. But little did they know, death awaited them in the very sanctuary they sought refuge in.

On Saturday, wildlife photographers Rizwan Shameem and Sayed Abdu, and researcher Sultan Ahmed found at least 27 migratory birds dead in Nagua and Chatla beels of Hakaluki haor in Juri upazila of Moulvibazar.

The three also found a packet of poison nearby, meaning the feathered guests were likely killed with poison bait.

The matter only came to attention after the three wrote about it on social media.

Hakaluki, the largest haor in South Asia, is a favourite location for migratory birds seeking warmth and shelter during winter.

However, various species of migratory birds are falling prey to poachers in haor areas who use such poison baits.

In 1999, the government declared Hakaluki haor as an ecologically critical area.

In 2022, over 50 migratory birds were killed using traps in Gaurkuri beel of the haor in Juri. Two poachers were detained

with 15 birds and handed over to the forest department with the help of locals. The forest department, however, released them upon submission of a written bond.

Meanwhile, the birds continue to die.

Contacted, Sultan and Sayeed

said Sultan.

They are different species of migratory ducks, he explained.

"After searching around, I eventually found a packet of poison labeled 'Karbotal'. Then we realised that they were killed with poison bait," he added.

"We buried a total of 27 birds that were poisoned to death," said Sayed. "They trusted us, but got betrayed."

Local wildlife activist Kamrul Hasan Numan said migratory ducks in the haor areas often get sick as hunters deploy early morning poison traps. Subsequently, the ailing birds are captured, slaughtered, and sold in various regions, including Sylhet and Moulvibazar.

A poacher, on condition of anonymity, said, "There is a high demand for such migratory birds. Some of them even place pre-orders."

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Sylhet unit), alleged that the poachers have become more vicious due to inaction of the authorities concerned.

Golam Sarwar, range officer of the Forest Department in Moulvibazar, said they are looking into the matter.



narrated the event to this correspondent.

"Four of us went to see birds at Hakaluki haor. We found some 16 dead birds in a waterbody. Later, I went a little further and saw 11 more lying dead on the other bank. The dead birds are of three species -- northern shoveler, northern pintail and gadwall,"

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# SC stays HC order on Dhaka-4 result

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The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday stayed a High Court order that directed the Election Commission not to issue any gazette notification on the Dhaka-4 election result.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim also ordered the secretary at the parliament to immediately take necessary steps for administering oath to independent candidate Md Awlad Hossain, who was declared elected from Dhaka-4 in the January 7 election.

He passed the order following a petition filed by Awlad challenging the HC order.

# Four killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least three persons were killed and six injured in a head-on collision between a truck and pickup in Naogaon's Manda on Tuesday night.

The deceased are Rabiul Islam, 35; Razan Islam, 35; and Akram Ali, 45, said Manda Police Station OC Mozammel Haque Kazi.

The injured were sent to a local health complex.

Police seized the truck and pickup van.

Meanwhile, 70-year-old Abdur Rahman was killed after a tractor ran him over in Pirgachha upazila of Rangpur yesterday.

The driver fled the spot with the tractor.

# Bangladesh becoming one-party state

Alleges Taimur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The country is moving towards a one-party state, Trinamool BNP Secretary General Taimur Alam Khandakar said yesterday.

"The recently concluded 12th national election was an election of 'government vs government' and so it seems to us that Bangladesh is moving towards a one-party state," he said.

He came up with the comment while talking to reporters in front of the office of Narayanganj superintendent of police around 1:00pm.

Earlier, he filed a written complaint to the SP about an attack on a female activist of his party after the polls.

Taimur participated in the election from Narayanganj-1 constituency and lost his deposit money.

# 59 dengue cases in 24 hours

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At least 59 dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new infections, the total number of cases this year rose to 544, including 202 in Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

The mosquito-borne disease has claimed four lives so far this year, all in Dhaka.

At least 366 dengue patients are under treatment at different hospitals across the country while 174 patients have already been released.

Dengue claimed 1,705 lives last year while 3,21,179 cases were reported.

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