

Matiur's wife seeks withdrawal of travel ban

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Laila Kaniz Lucky, wife of former member of National Board of Revenue Matiur Rahman, yesterday applied to a Dhaka court to withdraw a travel ban imposed on her for alleged corruption.

The same court on June 24 issued a travel ban on her, her husband and their son Ahmed Taufiqur Rahman Arnob.

Laila, also upazila parishad chairman of Narsingdi's Raipura, in her application, said she is suffering from different ailments, including heart disease, for which she has taken treatment from India, Canada, USA and Dubai.

The application said the travel ban needs to be lifted as she requires regular check-ups in those countries.

ACC Public Prosecutor Mir Ahmed Ali Salam opposed it saying that she will flee if the court allows her to go abroad.

Judge Mohammed Ash-Shams Joglu Hossain of the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka set July 27 for a hearing on the issue.

On June 24, the ACC placed an application to the court and said Matiur, also former president of the NBR's Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal, and his family members were trying to leave the country, so a travel ban should be needed to prevent them for going abroad.

Moreover, they are also trying to launder money abroad, it said.

Earlier, the ACC formed a three-member committee to probe into the allegations brought against them over amassing a huge amount of wealth through illegal means.

The controversy regarding Matiur's wealth surfaced after his son Mushfiqur Rahman Ifat posted a photo of a sacrificial goat on social media and claimed to have bought it for Tk 12 lakh.



Santal community yesterday observed the 169th anniversary of their historic rebellion, commonly known as Santal Hool, in Gaibandha. Marking the occasion, they brought out a procession in the afternoon. According to historians, Santals in Jharkhanda revolted on June 30, 1855 against the misrule, torture and extortion by zamindars, wholesalers and police. The revolution lasted eight months and thousands of Santals and others were killed.

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Resolving irregularities major hurdle

Says new Biman MD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Resolving irregularities in selling tickets and improving on-time performance are the two main challenges for Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said Biman's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Jahidul Islam Bhuiyan yesterday.

While exchanging views at Biman headquarters in the city's Kurmitola, he said the national flag carrier wants to eradicate all kinds of mismanagement by agents in selling air tickets.

"Biman Bangladesh Airlines wants to be free from the situation where no tickets are accessible online despite having empty seats on a flight," said the Biman MD.

This was the Biman MD's maiden press briefing since he assumed office.

Jahidul, additional secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, was appointed as the new MD on June 26.

"We want to solve the ticket problem completely so that no more questions arise in the future. That's why we have already warned the online travel agencies," he said.

On the issue of its 10-year fleet plan, the MD said, "Biman will be an airline with 47 fleets by 2034. In the meantime, six aircraft of the existing 21 fleet will be phased out. So, we have to add 32 new aircraft by the next decade to achieve the expansion plan."

"Discussions with Airbus have taken shape. There is also a proposal from Boeing. Since our needs are high, one company might not be able to meet them," he also said.

Stating that Biman will make a profit in the next year as well, he said, "We expect to earn 1,200 crore taka in the current financial year from cargo alone."



Jahidul Islam Bhuiyan

Nexus of politicians, businessmen misusing 'indemnity act'

Speakers tell CAB discussion on power sector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nexus of politicians and businesspeople has been taking advantage of the "indemnity act" in the power sector and increasing the energy supply cost, which is ultimately borne by the public, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Since the government took charge of setting energy prices by themselves, the prices have been increasing irrationally, they also said.

Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) organised the citizens' discussion on their proposed Energy Transition Policy 2024 at the capital's CIRDAP auditorium.

The Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act, 2010 is commonly known as the indemnity act, as it doesn't require any tender process to allow any company to build power plants, or establish transmission or distribution facilities.

Besides, no officer or employee shall be subject to a suit, prosecution, or other legal procedure for anything done under this act.

The government initially passed the act for two years in 2010 which

was later extended several times.

CAB President Ghulam Rahman said it seems like there is a nexus between businesspeople and politicians, which has not been working for public interest.

If the government wants to provide electricity at reasonable prices, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) should be strengthened for transparency, accountability and equality, he said.

In the keynote paper, Prof M Shamsul Alam, energy adviser to CAB, said since the government bypassed BERC to set the energy prices by themselves, energy supply costs and prices have been increasing irrationally and illogically.

"The monopoly of the government has been enhancing the scope of corruption. When the private sector gets involved in the market, they also don't face any competition, as they get permissions with the help of illegal transactions and collusion," he said.

In January 2023, the government amended the BERC Act and curtailed the commission's power to set tariffs on electricity and other energies to set them by themselves.

Since then, the electricity and fuel prices have been hiked several times.

"Earlier, BERC set prices after public hearings and let people know the rationale for hiking the prices. But now, there is no transparency, accountability, or clarity in this sector," said Prof MM Akash, former chairman of Economics department at Dhaka University.

"The prime minister announced an all-out drive against corruption. The first step of the drive should be cancelling the indemnity act, which created the opportunity for corruption in this sector," he added.

Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua said the amendment of the BERC Act is contrary to the spirit of the main act.

Former Buet Professor Ijaz Hossain said, "It is absurd that we produce electricity from high-priced diesel or furnace oil during the daytime when we could use solar energy instead."

"We should focus on only exploring gas reserves until we confirm that there is no more gas left. But the government always neglects the process. They always depend on either private or foreign investments," he added.

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PROF M SHAMSUL ALAM, Energy adviser to CAB

Mother, son die in Sylhet road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A mother and her son were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision between a truck and a CNG-driven auto-rickshaw in Companiganj upazila of Sylhet yesterday.

The accident happened on Sylhet-Bholaganj highway in Khagail area around 4:00pm.

Smriti Akther, 25, and her son Abdullah, 7, of Narsingdi died on the spot.

The injured -- Smriti's husband Delwar Hossain and the auto-rickshaw driver -- were admitted to a hospital.

OC Golam Dastagir of Companiganj Police Station, said, "The family was on the way back to Sylhet city after travelling to Sada Pathor area in Companiganj."

15.90 tonnes of rice seized from UP chairman's home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Local administration has seized 15.90 tonnes of government VGF rice meant for fishers from the house of Angaria Union Parishad chairman Syed Golam Mortuza Sukkur in Dumki upazila, Patuakhali.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Shahin conducted the raid around 10:30pm on Saturday, confirmed the UNO.

A total of 318 sacks of rice weighing 50kg each were seized, he said.

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UNO MD SHAHIN

"Nobody is allowed to store government rice in any place except for a government warehouse. A case was filed accusing the UP chairman with Dumki Police Station," he said.

Md Kamrul Islam, Patuakhali district fisheries officer, said the government allocated the rice for distributing among fishers but the UP chairman illegally hoarded it. Contacted over phone, Chairman Ghulam Mortuza, who was not at home during the seizure, said since the union parishad building is far away, he kept the rice at his house to distribute among the local fishers.

SAGAR-RUNI MURDER Probe submission deadline extended for 111th time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday extended till August 4 the deadline for submitting the probe report of a case filed over murders of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi in February 2012.

This is the 111th extension of the deadline for probe report submission.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mahbubul Haque passed the order as Investigation Officer Khondoker Md Shafiqul Alam, also an additional superintendent of police at Rab, failed to submit the report, said a court police.

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9TH WAGE BOARD SC to hear NOAB's arguments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday said it will hear the arguments from the Newspapers Owners Association of Bangladesh (NOAB) about awarding the ninth wage board.

The apex court also said it will pass an order to this effect today.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan passed the order during hearing on two petitions filed by the government challenging the High Court verdict that declared illegal the cabinet committee's recommendations in the ninth wage board award.

Yesterday, Additional Attorney General Sk Md Morshed told The Daily Star, "We will give the particulars of NOAB to the Supreme Court tomorrow [Monday] so that it can issue a notice to NOAB for placing arguments on the matter."

The SC may fix a date for further hearing on the issue, he added.

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1	995570	Procurement of Seal Air Fan Motor for Bypass Stack Damper, Sirajganj 225 MW CCPP (Unit-1), NWPGLCL	27/06/2024	21/07/2024, 16:00	22/07/2024
2	1000822	Supply of Mechanical equipments & tools for Sirajganj 225MW CCPP (Unit-01)	30/06/2024	24/07/2024, 15:45	25/07/2024

This is an online tender where only e-Tender 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 System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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