

Retired cop, wife sued over graft

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The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued a former senior assistant superintendent of police of the Industrial Police and his wife for accumulating wealth illegally beyond their known source of income and concealing information in their wealth statements.

They are Abul Hashem, who retired recently, and his wife Taherina Begum.

Musabir Ahmed, assistant director of ACC Chattogram Integrated Office 2, filed two separate cases with ACC Chattogram Integrated Office 1 against the two after finding irregularities in their wealth statements during an initial probe, said Nazmus Sadat, deputy director of ACC in Chattogram.

According to the case statements, Abul Hashem concealed information on Tk 4.45 lakh wealth and accumulated wealth worth Tk 18,60,298 beyond his known source of income.

His wife showed a boutique house to her name but failed to show relevant verified documents.

She also concealed information on Tk 6.84 lakh wealth and accumulated wealth worth Tk 43.32 lakh beyond her known source of income, the case statements revealed.

Abul Hashem started his career as a sub-inspector of the police force in 1988 and retired in 2022 as senior ASP of Industrial Police.



While returning from school, a girl sticks her hand out to touch the rainwater while her guardian tries to shelter her with an umbrella. The photo was taken in front of Khalishpur Navy School in Khulna yesterday.

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Flood situation worsens in the north

Major rivers in Sylhet still overflowing

STAR REPORT

The flood situation in the country's north continues to deteriorate due to an onrush of water from the upstream, while two major rivers in the Sylhet region are still flowing above the danger level.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) warned that floods may worsen at some low-lying areas near the Brahmaputra and Jamuna rivers in Kurigram, Jamalpur, Gaibandha, Bogura and Sirajganj districts.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in the north and areas adjoining the upstream in the next 48 hours, an FFWC bulletin released at 9:00am said yesterday.

However, the flood situation in the low-lying areas of Sylhet region may remain steady in the next 24 hours, it added.

Yesterday, fresh areas were inundated in Kurigram as the Brahmaputra's water level further rose by 48cm in 24 hours from 6:00pm on Wednesday. Earlier, it was 60cm above the danger level at the Noonkhawa point, according to the local Water Development Board (WDB).

"If the water level continues to rise at this rate, the flood situation may take a severe turn," said Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of

Kurigram's WDB.

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