

## Benazir, family amassed illegal assets worth Tk 43.46cr

Says ACC report to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Corruption Commission yesterday submitted a preliminary inquiry report to the High Court, saying former IGP Benazir Ahmed, his wife, and two daughters amassed properties worth Tk 43.46 crore beyond known sources of income and had unusual and suspicious bank transactions.

"From records and information received so far, Benazir Ahmed has movable and immovable assets worth Tk 9.25 crore, his wife Jissan Mirza Tk 21.34 crore, their eldest daughter Farheen Rishita Binte Benazir Tk 8.11 crore, and their second daughter Tahseen Raisa Binte Tk 4.76 crore worth of assets," the report said.

The value of land, houses, flats registered, and other assets have been determined by the government.

Apart from the information on the assets obtained in the initial probe, there is a possibility of having more movable and immovable assets in their names at home and abroad, the ACC report said.

Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan placed the preliminary report before the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Kazi Ebadoth Hossain during the hearing of a writ petition.

The bench may pass an order on this matter today, Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Salahuddin Reagan, the HC bench on April 23 directed the ACC to submit a progress report on the inquiry into reported allegations of corruption against Benazir Ahmed.

## 3 workers missing after boat capsizes

UNB, Gaibandha

Three workers -- who went missing in the Teesta river after a boat capsized in Gaibandha's Sundarganj on Saturday afternoon -- were not found as of yesterday morning.

Workers Atwar, Raju and Rashid went missing while dumping cement blocks to prevent river bank erosion on Saturday afternoon.

They remained traceless despite the divers' efforts, said Sundarganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Tariqul Islam.

Eleven other workers, who suffered injuries in the boat capsize incident, were admitted to Gaibandha General Hospital. District Water Development Board Executive Engineer Md Hafizur Haq said at least 30 workers were engaged in dumping blocks to prevent river erosion in the Sreepur area on Saturday afternoon, when the boat capsized.



It's almost impossible to realise this vast field is actually Kharia river. Over the past 20 years, Kharia has become a victim of encroachment and pollution. Due to indifference of the authorities concerned, the river also lost its navigability and remains filled with water hyacinths.

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### KHARIA RIVER IN MYMENSINGH

# No let-up in grabbing, pollution in 20yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

There has been no step taken to save Mymensingh's Kharia river from unabated pollution and encroachment even in 20 years due to indifference of the authorities concerned.

The 25km river is a tributary of Old Brahmaputra, flowing through Phulpur upazila of the district to join Kongsho river in Netrakona, while also connecting to several large local waterbodies including Chitolia Beel, Buiddyar Beel and Kurhar Doba.

"It is frustrating to see the river, once a great source of fish as well as water for irrigation, in such a sorry state. Over the past 20 years, Kharia has become narrow due to illegal grabbing, overgrown with water hyacinths, and filled up with garbage," said ATM Robiul Karim, a local journalist.

Visiting the river recently, this correspondent observed a huge amount

of garbage being dumped on the river bank adjacent to Dak Banaglow area near Amuakanda Bazar.

Locals alleged people have been dumping their household garbage, as well as waste from kitchen market on the river bank for past two decades while the municipal

authorities turned a blind eye to this menace.

Butchers from Amuakanda Bazar have also been slaughtering animals on the river bank and throwing the animal waste into the river, they also alleged.



Shamu Mia, a butcher at

established in 2001.

Only a few waste bins were seen across the municipality area including one adjacent to Phulpur Upazila Health Complex, where medical wastes are being dumped daily and left in the open.

Contacted, Shashadar

Sen, mayor of Phulpur municipality, said they are working to contain dumping of wastes on the river bank and into its water.

Regarding allegations of encroachment, the mayor claimed many have taken lease of the river's land from the government.

Dr Md Nazrul Islam, civil surgeon in Mymensingh, said dumping wastes into a river can have serious impact on the environment as well as public health.

Md Habibur Rahman, chairman of Phulpur upazila parishad, said the menace must be stopped immediately to save the river's ecosystem.

Contacted, ABM Ariful Islam, UNO of Phulpur upazila, said several structures from the riverbanks have been removed recently while steps are on to restore the river's natural flow.

Necessary steps would be taken soon against polluters and grabbers, he added.

### MORRELGANJ TERMINAL

# People suffer as tidal water inundates road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Even though the situation seems normal most of the time at Morrelganj Ferry Terminal in Bagerhat, during the hours of high tide, the connecting road to the pontoon on its eastern side gets submerged by the rising water of Panguchi river.

As such, passengers and transport workers have been facing difficulties in reaching the ferry to cross the river.

Residents and vehicle drivers have called for immediate steps to elevate the connecting road to alleviate their distress.

"For two-three hours during high tide over the last four days, the connecting road to the terminal's pontoon has been getting inundated, making it difficult for vehicles to board the ferry," said Bhola Das, a pick-up driver.

Kalu Sheikh, a local, said, "Crossing the ferry has become very distressing for us. This needs to be fixed immediately."

According to Abdur Rasid, a local businessman, this is a recurring issue every monsoon but the authorities are yet to address it.

Contacted, Mohammad Farid Uddin, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Bagerhat, said elevating the road will not be an effective solution as the water level of the river fluctuates across the year.

"If the connecting road is raised too high, it will create problems for vehicles and pedestrians to board the ferry during low tide. We have to consider both high and low tide scenarios to construct the connecting road and pontoon," he also said.

"However, we will take the necessary steps to alleviate people's sufferings, keeping the technical aspects into consideration," he added.



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Robin, seeking its order on the government to appoint sufficient doctors in prisons.

The HC bench said, "They [doctors] are apparently getting lessons from an ancient period. As a result, they are prescribing antibiotics whenever patients go to them."

The HC directed the DGHs director general to appoint doctors to 20

vacant posts in jails out of 141 within the next one month.

Advocate Tirtha Salil Pal, a lawyer for the DG of the DGHs, told the court that doctors in prisons do not get proper training opportunities. Meanwhile, advocate Shafiqul Islam, who appeared for the inspector general of prisons, said prison doctors face problems in promotion and higher education.

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**Corrigendum**

The Submission and Opening date of Tender Notice No. 63/2023-2024/Tender(OTM) has been re-scheduled as follows:

SL No.	Tender/ Proposal ID	Name of Scheme with Package No.	Old Value	New Value
1	999489	Last Date and Time for Submission Tender Security	29-Jul-2024 16:00	07-Aug-2024 16:00
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