

Produce ex-DNCC

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Haque Enam Chowdhury, issued the order after Prosecutor BM Sultan Mahmud filed a petition.

Over two hundred protesters were killed during protests in the Uttara area. Former DNCC mayor Atiquil Islam is accused under the principle of command responsibility, according to Prosecutor BM Sultan Mahmud.

The other accused are AL leaders Shahinur Mia, Monwarul Islam Chowdhury Robin, Abdul Al Mamun Mandal, Engr Bashir Uddin, and Delwar Hossain Rubel.

Meanwhile, a victim of enforced disappearance filed two complaints with the ICT chief prosecutor's office yesterday, accusing at least 36 individuals, mostly police officers, including former CTTC chiefs Monirul Islam and Md Asaduzzaman.

The charges are illegally detaining him for nearly a year and the killing of his brother-in-law in a "crossfire".

After submitting the complaint, ABM Mujibur Rahman from Jashore told journalists that he had been a victim of enforced disappearance twice — first in 2016 for 47 days and again in 2021 for 10 months.

"During my confinement, I was tortured so severely that I still have wounds on my spine," Mujibur said.

He recounted that a Detective Branch (DB) team killed his brother-in-law, Mukul Rana, in 2016 in a so-called

"shootout," three months and 26 days after he was abducted by individuals identifying themselves as DB personnel. There was no trace of Mukul from the time he was taken until his death.

Following the killing, police claimed that the deceased was Sakib alias Sharif alias Saleh alias Arif alias Hadi 1, a key suspect in the murder of blogger-writer Avijit Roy. However, Mukul's father, Abdul Kalam Azad, asserted that his son's name was Md Mukul Rana.

Mujibur further stated that as he was preparing to hold a press briefing about Mukul's killing — just four days after Mukul married his sister — when several individuals detained him from his home in Jashore.

Two months later, he was accused in a case filed at Dakshinkhan Police Station in Dhaka, alleging his involvement with the banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team.

Subsequently, he was shown as arrested in another case filed with Mohammadpur Police Station in 2016. After spending 15 months in jail, he was released on bail.

However, Mujibur said he was picked up again by law enforcers in July 2021, held in secret detention for 10 months, and tortured. In April 2022, another false case was filed against him at Sabujbagh Police Station, leading to his imprisonment. Later that year, another case was lodged against him at Kotwali Police Station in November.

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They also discussed the reform agenda of the interim government, the Rohingya crisis, migration, and the country's law and order situation.

Jacobson highlighted his recent moves to form a consensus commission and, under its auspices, to inaugurate dialogue with political parties.

"Once we have reached

consensus over the reforms, the political parties will sign a Shura Charter to implement them," Prof Yunus said.

Jacobson stressed that elections for a new government should be free, fair, and inclusive.

Prof Yunus said whatever happens with USAID, Bangladesh needs US support during this crucial period of rebuilding.

"This isn't the time to stop it," he added.

Meanwhile, the World Bank yesterday reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the reform agenda of the interim government.

WB Vice President Martin Raiser made the pledge during a meeting with Prof Yunus at Jamuna.

They discussed issues of mutual interests, including

the WB's funding for key reforms in transparency, governance, and digitalisation, particularly in tax administration.

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Humayun Kabir added, "A false case has been filed against me to harass me. I don't even know the complainant of this case."

Kurigram Press Club president Raju Mostafiz expressed concern in this regard.

"This case seems to be solely aimed at harassing the two journalists in a trend that is largely becoming common," he said.

Two journos

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Surjo personally, they were present at the scene on that day, which is why he included them as accused in the case.

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Protesters vow to continue demo

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adviser and secretary. However, the delegation described the talks as unproductive.

Delegation member Jannatul Naim said the secretary reassured them, saying the matter lay within the court's jurisdiction, and urged them to trust the government.

"After meeting the secretary, we spoke with the adviser, who assured us none of the 6,531 candidates would be excluded. We urged swift

resolution of the legal process to allow us to join our positions," she said. Jannatul said, "We have been given promises before. This time, we will not leave. We will stay on the streets until our demands are met."

On February 6, the HC cancelled the recruitment of 6,531 candidates from the third phase of appointments for assistant teacher positions in government primary schools in Dhaka and Chattogram divisions. The Primary and Mass Education Ministry has

since appealed for a review of the ruling.

Earlier yesterday, protesters staged a sit-in at Shahbagh, blocking roads. Police used batons, water cannons, sound grenades, and tear gas to disperse the crowd, leaving several protesters injured. Some individuals were detained but later released.

Dhaka airport still

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The disruptions also lead to delays across overall flight schedules.

"During this winter, we spent around Tk 6 crore so far due to diversion of our flights," said an official of US-Bangla Airlines.

A senior pilot of Biman Bangladesh Airlines said diverting a flight to another airport and returning to Dhaka requires a substantial amount of fuel, depending on the distance. "The additional take-offs and landings caused by diversions also lead to increased maintenance costs, as aircraft engines require overhauling sooner than expected," he added.

Captain Ashfaq Ur Rahman Khan, flight safety chief of Novoair, said the absence of ILS 2 forces airlines to waste time, energy, and money while passengers continue to suffer.

Captain Md Kamrul Islam, head of safety at Air Astra, said the Dhaka airport actually requires a Category 3 ILS system, as major airports, including Kolkata, already have Category 2.

Explaining the matter, Kamrul said a Category-3

ILS enables a pilot to land even in zero visibility.

Novoair Managing Director Md Mofizur Rahman said it's really disappointing that CAAB failed to upgrade the Dhaka airport's ILS to Category 2 even after years.

According to pilots, a minimum visibility of 800 metres is required for landing at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Upgrading the airport's ILS would involve the implementation of a highly accurate radio signal-based navigation aid providing horizontal and vertical guidance. One type of signal gives the glide path, while another indicates the runway's central line, offering pilots precise bearings for landing.

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received any responses for the required aircraft. Efforts are ongoing to complete the task as soon as possible.

One killed

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Later, as a sequel to the incident, a clash ensued between the two groups yesterday morning, leaving Mosharrif and 10 others injured. The injured were taken to Jhenaidah Sadar Hospital, where doctor declared Mosharrif dead.

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He said the final step involves acquiring an aircraft to assess and survey the system's functionality. Despite issuing open tenders three times, CAAB has not

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Runi's son, Megh, said, "I see a light of hope this time. Hopefully, something good will happen."

"Officials in the task force have contacted relevant individuals, including family members and lawyers, and have examined scientific and forensic evidence. From what we know, there has been significant progress," he said.

Shishir Manir also said

the investigation process was hindered in the past. Also,

the investigation couldn't be completed over the past 13 years due to a lack of goodwill and competent manpower, he added.

"Important evidence and documents have gone missing during this period, making the investigation even more challenging. Despite this, we hope the officials will submit a credible and acceptable report to the High Court," said the Chief Adviser's residence.

During the press briefing, Meherun Runi's brother and complainant in the case, Nawsher Alam Roman, accused the Hasina-led government of involvement in the murder.

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Man's

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after losing his wife, said Jamal Uddin, inspector (investigation) of Sadar Model Police Station.

Quoting family, police said Utpal's son, Ujjal Roy, returned home at night to find the door locked from the inside. After receiving no response, he and his neighbours broke in and discovered his father's body in a pool of blood.

"Utpal Roy was murdered with his throat slit by a sharp weapon. Valuables, including cash and gold ornaments, were looted from the house," said Inspector Jamal.

"The building's caretaker has been missing. We suspect he might be involved. We're investigating the incident," he added.

Ujjal, a project director at Save the Children, said his father usually spent the day alone while he was at work in Dhaka. "A house help and the building's caretaker assisted him with daily tasks. My father never opened the door to strangers. Whoever did this was likely someone he knew. The caretaker helped break open the door but he has been missing ever since. Around 10-bhori gold and Tk 1.5 lakh are missing from the flat," Ujjal said.

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