

Court orders confiscation of Shakib Al Hasan's assets

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A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to confiscate properties of cricketer and former Awami League MP Shakib Al Hasan in a cheque dishonour case.

Dhaka's Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ziaudur Rahman passed the order following an application submitted by the plaintiff, Atiqur Rahman, bench assistant of the court, told The Daily Star.

In December last year, a summon was issued asking Shakib to appear before the court on January 19 this year, following a case filed by Shahibur Rahman, a relationship officer at IFIC Bank.

On January 19, the court issued an arrest warrant against Shakib after he failed to appear before the court as per its direction.



An excavator, deployed by the Akhaura Upazila Administration and Water Development Board, demolishes an illegal embankment on the Titas river in Bongoj area of Dharkhar union yesterday. The action was taken following a March 23 report by The Daily Star highlighting illegal soil lifting and river grabbing in the region.

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Northerners may hit snags on roads

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to open four lanes on the entire corridor with service lanes and bridges.

But, two points remain vulnerable to road congestion: one on the Jamuna Bridge and Gobindaganj in Gaibandha, said the project's Director Walifur Rahman.

The Jamuna Bridge is a narrow four-lane bridge and if a vehicle breaks down there, it creates huge congestion until the vehicle is salvaged.

Besides, the construction of a flyover is going on at Gobindaganj, which may create congestion, he said.

On the other hand, the construction of the Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway is now going on and that may create congestion on Abdullaupur-Ashulia-Baipail road.

Besides, the construction of a flyover at Baipail under the project may cause traffic congestion on the Savar-Chandra highway, which often witnesses congestion during the Eid rush.

Because of the construction work of the expressway, most of the vehicles will not use Abdullaupur-Ashulia-Baipail road, Ashok Kumar Pal, Gazipur Metropolitan Police's additional deputy police commissioner (Traffic), told our Gazipur Correspondent.

They will use the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway to the northern region via Gazipur, which may create a huge pressure on the highway, he said.

"However, we will have 500 more traffic policemen to ensure that there is no traffic jam on the Gazipur territory

on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway," he said.

Meanwhile, an official of the Dhaka-Sylhet highway expansion project said that currently they were working on the main road at two points: Hatkhola and Velanagar in Narsingdi.

But, the roads in these areas are four-lane ones, so there is unlikely to be congestion if traffic management can be ensured, he said, wishing not to be named.

Meanwhile, many people left Dhaka by bus yesterday, but their number was not big.

Many of them, including those who collected advance tickets, complained of overcharging.

One such passenger is Abu Talha, a private service holder. When he went to buy a ticket from SI Paribahan to travel to Sirajganj on March 26, he was charged Tk 150 more than the actual fare of Tk 350.

"They did not even mention the fare on the ticket – the bus operator charged Tk 350 on March 21 when I sent my family home."

When he inquired about the overcharging, the counterman did not provide any explanation.

The number of passengers leaving Dhaka was very thin yesterday, said Mosharrif Hossain, general manager of Hanif Paribahan, adding that he expects the passenger flow to pick up from Thursday.

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Creditable on ground response in coalition with medical teams before successful surgery prevented the situation from escalating. Tamim underwent a stenting surgery and remains under close medical observation at the KPJ Specialised Hospital in Savar.

"By the grace of Allah, his [Tamim's] condition right now is better. He had a heart attack. For that, an angiogram, angioplasty and stenting was done. By the grace of Allah, the stenting was really smooth and efficient. The block [in his artery] has been completely

removed," the hospital's media director Dr Rajib Hasan told the media at a press briefing.

"He [Tamim] fell ill at around 9:00-9:30 am at BKSP. He was then brought here and his treatment began," the physician added.

The initial plan had been to bring Tamim to Dhaka for better treatment but once he felt a bit better following initial treatment, Tamim went back to BKSP. But his condition became critical all of a sudden as was then taken back to the hospital where angiogram showed that there was a block in a major artery.

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