

## 2 PIO staffers held over corruption

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Police yesterday arrested two employees of the Project Implementation Office (PIO) in Narsingdi's Shibpur upazila for allegedly embezzling around Tk 5,278 million through falsified bills under the government's Kabikha (Food for work) and TR (Test Relief) projects.

They were held from their office around 12:30am.

The arrested individuals are Ariful Islam Tuhin, 35, a project assistant at the PIO office, and Ashiq Bhuiyan, 25, a peon hired through outsourcing.

Md Afzal Hossain, officer in-charge of Shibpur Police Station, said the arrests were conducted in response to a written complaint from the Shibpur Public Information Office.

## Kuet shutdown hits 133rd day

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payments have been halted due to the lack of a VC's signature.

Dr Zulfiqar Hossain, director of Kuet's Infrastructure and Academic Expansion Project, warned that all development work may come to a halt unless a new VC is appointed soon.

More than 1,100 teachers, officers, and staff have not received their funds.

salaries since May.

The education ministry issued a circular on June 4 inviting applications for the VC's post. The deadline ended on June 26, leaving little time for resolution before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. If the university fails to utilise its allocated revenue budget by then, it risks forfeiting the funds.

On June 22, officers and staff leaders sent a letter to the education adviser requesting interim measures to allow salary disbursement and continuation of administrative activities.

Earlier, registrar Engineer Md Anisur Rahman Bhuiyan wrote to the ministry on May 29 regarding the matter, but no directive has been issued so far.

## Remove content of incident

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framework for the protection of personal information, and the absence of clear guidance on technology-based sexual violence in the existing laws, are preventing victims from securing justice.

In particular, according to Section 14 of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, 2000, the provision of

keeping the identity of the victim secret needs to be implemented effectively.

In this context, CSWC urged the authorities concerned to keep the identity and photographs of victims of any sexual violence, including rape, confidential; not to publish any type of content online without the consent of the victim; to ensure effective legal action

against the offenders through strengthening the legal framework for the protection of personal data, formulating separate and clear legal definitions and safeguards framework for Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV), implementing the existing laws to ensure the privacy of victims' digital information and evidence.

## Summon Rehana thru gazette

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Wazed Joy, daughter Saima Wazed Putul, Rehana's son Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, and several current and former officials of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

In the reports, police stated that they visited the addresses of the accused, but they were not found

at their houses. So, they failed to arrest them.

The court said if the accused do not appear, the trial will proceed in their absence.

On June 17, the

separate case related to the same project.

That list of the accused also includes Rehana's other daughter, Azmina Siddiq, along with several Rajuk and ministry officials.

On April 10, 13, and 15, the court issued arrest warrants against 27 people, including Hasina, Rehana, Joy, Putul, Tulip, Azmina, and Radwan,

after taking cognisance of charges in six cases.

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) submitted the charge sheets on March 25, naming Hasina as a common accused in all six cases. All accused have been listed as fugitives.

The cases were filed by the ACC on January 12 with its Dhaka Integrated District Office.

## We stand firm in fight

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secretary added.

Most of the victims were foreign nationals living in or visiting the Gulshan-Baridhara diplomatic zone.

Recalling the loss of nine Italian citizens in the attack, Ambassador Alessandro stressed the need for continued vigilance to prevent such violence. "Terrorism seeks to divide, but our friendship and partnership have only grown stronger," he said.

Luigi Vignali, director general for Italian Citizens Abroad and Migration Policies at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, echoed the sentiment. "We must never forget the brave souls who lost their lives and must remain alert against terrorism wherever it may arise."

A minute of silence was observed in memory of the victims.

US Chargé d'Affaires Tracey Ann Jacobson, Japanese Ambassador Saita Shinichi, Indian High

Tribunal in Dhaka convicted and sentenced the seven accused to death over the attack.

About four years later, the High Court commuted their death sentence to imprisonment until death.

### One dead, 2

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recovered from the river at around 12:00noon by a diving team of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Kishoreganj, while Abir Hossain, 7, and Md Zubayer, 6, remained missing. All of them hailed from Char Algi village under the upazila.

Md Billal Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer of Pakundia, also confirmed incident.

"Divers are working to rescue the two missing students," said Kishoreganj Fire Service Deputy Assistant Director Mofazzal Hossain, deputy assistant director of Kishoreganj fire service.

## 50 trees felled at JU

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Vice-Chancellor Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan visited the site around noon and expressed shock over the incident.

"I wasn't informed about the removal of so many trees. This was done without my consent. I don't understand how the project director claims he was unaware," he said.

Reiterating the administration's earlier commitment, the VC added, "We had clearly said no construction would proceed without the visual development of a masterplan. That process is still ongoing. We will soon invite a tender for it."

When students questioned how an excavator could enter the campus and destroy dozens of trees without either the VC or the project director noticing, the VC said, "This appears to be a conspiracy against the university. We will call an urgent administrative meeting to investigate the matter and ensure those responsible face appropriate consequences."

Students, however, expressed disappointment and criticised what they called the administration's "hypocrisy".

Many pointed out that members of the current administration -- including the VC -- had previously opposed similar construction projects involving tree felling under past administrations.

"The current administration is repeating the same heinous work as the previous one. The VC himself promised that no construction would take place without a visual development of the masterplan. Now, after the trees have been felled, he claims he had no idea," said Imran Hossain Shuvo, an undergraduate student from the Anthropology department.

"With no biodiversity assessment conducted beforehand, the administration ignored the wildlife living in this area. This has dealt a massive blow to campus biodiversity. We demand a fair investigation and exemplary punishment for those responsible," he added.

Aurito Sattar, a wildlife photographer and Environmental Sciences student, said, "Even two months ago, foxes were seen raising their young in this area in front of the CSE building. Rare species like jungle cats and fishing cats were also spotted. In a city as crowded as this, such green spaces are vital for wildlife. Now, that refuge is gone."

The trees were reportedly uprooted by workers from the contractor firm Mahbub Brothers. Speaking to The

The victims -- Monir Hossain, 48, an expatriate; his wife Nasrin Akter Swapna, 38; and their son Nayeem Hossain, 18, who had physical disabilities -- had travelled to Dhaka from Ramganj in Lakshmipur on Saturday for the boy's medical treatment.

Failing to consult a doctor, they checked into a hotel in Moghbazar later that day and were found dead the following morning.

According to police, the family members became ill at the hotel, hours after having dinner brought in from a nearby restaurant.

Masud Alam, deputy commissioner of Ramna Division, on Monday said, "Initial findings and doctors' observations suggest that poison caused

their deaths. But we need to determine whether it was food poisoning or if someone deliberately mixed poison into their food."

Blood and viscera have been collected from the bodies and sent for further tests. Once we have those reports, we will know the actual reason behind the deaths.

## 50 trees felled at JU

Daily Star over the phone recently, the firm's manager, Abdul Aziz, said, "Yesterday [Sunday] afternoon, Abu Rumman, a student of the Mathematics Department and the Vice President of the Mathematics Students' Council, came with around 50 students and said that all issues had been resolved, and we could now send our workers to begin construction. Based on that, we sent our workers today [Monday]."

When asked whether the work had begun without approval from the project director or the university vice-chancellor, he replied, "We gave importance to what the students of the Mathematics Department said."

Regarding the matter, Abu Rumman said, "Our department is facing a severe shortage of classrooms and labs. Teachers don't even have proper office space, and there's not enough room for students to move around. A new academic building is essential to keep our academic activities running smoothly."

"We've had several meetings with the administration, but no effective solution has come from those discussions. In a meeting held on March 23, the vice-chancellor verbally gave consent to begin the work. So, having no other option, yesterday afternoon, we met with the manager of Mahbub Brothers along with about 400 students and requested him to start the construction."

However, when asked whether a student has the authority to instruct a contractor to begin work without formal permission from the administration, Rumman did not give a direct response.

He said, "I don't think they began the construction solely based on our request."

Asked whether the department's chairperson, Nazrul Islam, was aware of the incident, Rumman replied, "I don't know whether any teacher was informed about it."

When contacted, Nazrul Islam, the math department chairperson, denied any knowledge of the tree felling.

Meanwhile, the university administration has formed a five-member investigation committee to probe the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its recommendations within five working days.

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