

Freeze 120 bank

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Moshir Rahman, who is leading the investigation team, submitted an application in this regard.

In the application, the ACC official said that Saifuzzaman and others might attempt to transfer the money from the accounts at any time and from anywhere. If they do so, it could hinder the investigation into the allegations brought against them. Therefore, an order was required to prevent such transfers.

On July 9, the same court directed the ACC to freeze 26 Beneficiary Owner's (BO) accounts owned by Saifuzzaman, his family members, and their beneficiaries over similar corruption allegations.

The former land minister and others deposited Tk 576,08,77,730 in these accounts.

On June 22, the same court issued a travel ban on Saifuzzaman and his wife, Rukhmila Zaman, over corruption allegations.

On June 12, the UK's

ACC sues Obaidul

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member Ali Ullah Ahmed.

According to the case statement, the accused abused their authority and bypassed several critical stages of the project. Recommendations from foreign experts were ignored, while the environmental impact assessment, feasibility study and an independent tunnel board were skipped.

As a result, the project's cost rose abnormally, causing an estimated Tk 585.29 crore loss to the state exchequer, the ACC said.

The commission has also formed a three-member investigation team led by ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Sirajul Haque, with Assistant Director Abdul Malek and Assistant Deputy Director Anisur Rahman as members.

SAIFUL ALAM, 8

OTHERS SUED OVER

MONEY LAUNDERING

Mohammad Saiful Alam, chairman of S Alam Group, and eight others have been sued over allegations of embezzlement and money laundering involving Tk 548 crore.

Akhter Hossain, director general of the Anti-Corruption Commission, yesterday confirmed that the anti-graft body filed the case after primary investigation.

The other accused include Miftah Uddin, former EVP of Islami Bank Bangladesh; Mohammad Monirul Mawla, former managing director of the

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3 witnesses testify

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On August 13, the complainants of three cases -- Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Md Salahuddin and Assistant Directors Afnan Jannat Keya and SM Rashadul Hasan -- testified before the court.

The move follows legal requests from Bangladeshi authorities to take action against assets owned by Saifuzzaman, a political ally of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina. Saifuzzaman is under investigation by Bangladeshi authorities for money laundering.

Saifuzzaman owns at least 260 properties in the UK, for which he has paid at least GBP 134.76 million or Tk 1888 crore, according to The Daily Star's calculation from company filings publicly available on UK government websites.

The three-time Awami League lawmaker also has at least 537 mortgages against properties in the UK. A vast majority of these properties are located in London.

However, his tax returns, submitted along with his affidavit to the Election Commission, state that he has no foreign income.

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bank; Akij Uddin, former deputy managing director; Md Moshir Rahman, managing director of Shob Meher Spinning Mills Ltd; Mohammad Shawkar Usman, director of Shob Meher Spinning Mills Ltd; Md Alomash Ali, proprietor of Top Ten Trading House; Bedarul Islam, proprietor of Gold Star Trading House; and Nurul Alam, proprietor of Alam Trading and Business House.

According to the ACC, the accused allegedly conspired to abuse their authority and breach trust to commit large-scale financial fraud.

The accused allegedly embezzled a total of Tk 548 crore and transferred or converted it into S Alam Group-affiliated companies, committing punishable offences under Sections 409, 109, and 420 of the Penal Code 1860, Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1947, and Sections 4(2) and 4(3) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act 2012.

The documents obtained by the ACC show that on October 1, 2024, Tk 521.52 crore was withdrawn from Top Ten Trading House's account via debit vouchers and deposited into the accounts of several S Alam Group-affiliated companies, including S Alam Super Edible Oil Ltd and Sonali Traders. The ACC alleged that these transactions constitute a clear case of money laundering.

It's a national crisis

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safe learning environments, formulating a national child protection strategy, raising awareness of child helplines, and encouraging responsible media reporting.

"The rising number of child rape and sexual abuse cases is a national crisis and must be addressed through a multi-sectoral response. Behind every number is a child whose life has been irreparably harmed and a family struggling with trauma, stigma, and the pursuit of justice. Many incidents remain unreported or unresolved, reflecting systemic failures in protecting children," the statement said.

"The future of Bangladesh depends on the safety and well-being of its children. The trauma of an unsafe environment hinders development and leaves lasting impacts. Protecting them from violence is not optional; it is our moral, legal, and national duty," it added.

The organisations called for urgent measures to ensure all reported cases are promptly investigated and perpetrators brought to justice without delay.

They stressed the need for strict monitoring systems to track the progress of the cases, expansion of child protection social workers, and stronger services to provide support to survivors, such as the Child Helpline 1098 and Child Protection Units (CPU).

their ineligibility under existing regulations.

On March 25, the ACC filed six charge sheets with the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court in Dhaka where Hasina was named as a common accused in all six cases.

The commission has listed all accused as fugitives.

On April 10, 13 and 15, the same court had issued arrest warrants against Hasina, Rehana, Joy, Putul, Azmina, Radwan and Tulip, along with others, after taking cognisance of the charges.

On July 1, the court ordered the relevant authorities to issue six gazette notifications summoning the 29 individuals to appear at the court.

On July 31, charges were framed against 29 people, including Hasina, Rehana, Joy, Putul, Bobby, Tulip and Azmina, in their respective cases.

Over 1500 sued

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The reinstatement and monitoring are ongoing, and a list of offenders is being prepared, said the DC.

The reports were submitted to the HC through Deputy Attorneys General Nur Mohammad Azami and Md Ershadul Bari Khandakar, in line with its August 14 order.

The HC bench of Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque and Justice Aynun Nahar Siddiqua ordered the ministry and the DC to submit further progress reports by October 22.

The bench passed the order during the hearing of a petition filed by Advocate Manzill Murshid on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, seeking necessary orders.

On August 14, the same

bench

had directed the government to form a five-member committee including representatives from the Sylhet district

administration, BGB, and Rab to prepare a list of

those involved in looting

stones from the Bholaganj

tourist site and submit it

within 60 days.

These are big problems for the country's young aspiring entrepreneurs to sustain," he said, adding that while ideas come easily, existing systems make it complicated to turn them into action.

Jahra Nanziba, a winner of this year's Youth led Action Research on Green and Digital Transformation, said their winning idea was to produce an "algae lime paint", which is eco-friendly and non-toxic.

She said when they reached out to people, they refused to accept it, as theirs was not a well-known brand.

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Service barriers

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Sharing his experience, Mahmudul Hasan, a winner from last year's Climate Justice Idea Competition, said under existing government regulations, an individual under 18 cannot obtain a trade licence or open a bank account.

She added that an "inflexible academic curriculum" also posed challenges in running the project smoothly.

Shafayet Rahman, another winner of the Youth-led Action Research on Green and Digital Transformation, highlighted the lack of access to financing as a major barrier for young entrepreneurs.

He stressed the need for integrating innovative ideas into government and public private partnership initiatives.

Nazmul Ahsan, lead of Young People at ActionAid Bangladesh, said aspiring entrepreneurs should sharpen their ideas with supply chain considerations, marketability, and the broader market ecosystem in mind.

Her teammate Kassaf Ahmed explained that the paint can be made using algae, which is highly effective in absorbing carbon from the air.

He also stressed the need for mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs to sustain themselves in the market.

Rouzatul Rumman Farabi won this year's Climate Justice Idea Competition for presenting an idea for a sanitary product to ensure hygiene in public toilets.

At the roundtable, she said her mother was

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Ancient printing

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The company produced

such presses between 1866 and 1892. The press's

nameplate bears the

inscription PATENT 2403,

corresponding to a patent

registered in 1867.

The Cropper press, operated by a foot pedal, was widely popular for

small-scale printing

jobs such as letterheads,

invitations, programmes,

business cards, and other

forms of job printing,

Aslam added.

Imtiaz Ahmed Tansen, member secretary of the committee, said they submitted an application to the Department of Archaeology on August 25 to protect the press, as it holds archaeological value.

Contacted, Sabina

Yeasmin, field officer of the Department of Archaeology (Dhaka and Mymensingh Division), said she has already forwarded the application to the regional director for further action.

PRAYER TIMING

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