

Defence seeks discharge of Ziaul

FROM PAGE 3

After hearing both sides, the tribunal, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, fixed January 14 for an order.

The prosecution also informed the tribunal that former army chief Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan will testify as a prosecution witness. Countering the defence arguments, Tajul read out portions of Karim's statement to the investigating officer, describing Ziaul's conduct as "horrible".

According to the statement, Iqbal once asked then Major General Mujib to restrain Ziaul, after which incidents of "crossfire" deaths apparently declined. However, Ziaul allegedly continued his activities covertly and dumped bodies after killings. The statement further claimed that abnormal killings surged after Ziaul became additional director general of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab). Brig Gen Jaglul was later asked to persuade him to stop, but

Jaglul reportedly said it was impossible, describing Ziaul as "a man whose head is filled with stone and brick chips".

Ziaul's counsel, senior advocate Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury, read out the allegations under charge 1 relating to the killing of Sajal and three unidentified persons. He told the tribunal that a regular FIR was filed over Sajal's killing, followed by inquest and investigation, which ended in a final report.

Fifteen years later, after a change of government, Ziaul was implicated despite the victims' family not accusing him or any Rab member. He said there was no eyewitness to the murder.

In response, Tajul Islam mockingly remarked that "two angels who record people's deeds saw it". The defence then urged the tribunal to ensure that no fabricated witnesses are produced, likening them to those angels.

Ziaul was present in the dock during the

proceedings.

The defence also read out allegations under two more charges and defended Ziaul.

Tajul countered that during the 15-year period many people were forcibly disappeared and killed, but none could speak out, which, he said, led to the July uprising.

Referring to Ziaul's service record and awards, his sister and defence team member Nazneen Nahar told the tribunal that his postings in the army and other organisations followed regulated military processes based on seniority, qualifications and institutional needs, and were not politically motivated.

Meanwhile, at ICT-2, defence lawyer Aminul Ghani Titto, representing three accused in a crimes-against-humanity case over the killing of Begum Rokeya University student Abu Sayed, sought an early adjournment. The tribunal fixed January 13 for the next hearing.

Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 4

courtesy calls on the chief adviser and the foreign adviser.

During the meetings, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues, including the PCA, the upcoming general elections and referendum, combating illegal migration, cooperation in renewable energy, and expanding trade and investment.

Pampaloni stressed the importance of a peaceful election in Bangladesh, noting that Bangladesh-EU relations could reach new heights following a successful democratic transition, ushering in a new era of engagement between Dhaka and the world's largest economic bloc.

Govt eases

FROM PAGE 3

imprisonment, leaving financial penalties as the sole form of punishment.

"Millions of people in Bangladesh use Facebook and Google, and companies such as Meta and Alphabet raised some concerns regarding certain provisions of the Personal Data Protection Ordinance. Two changes were made to address those concerns," said Shafiqul Alam, press secretary to the chief adviser.

"With this amendment, we hope Bangladesh will now be able to attract more investment in data and cloud-related services," he added.

Restricted personal data refers to any personal data that may impact national security, public order, defence, critical infrastructure, or an individual's fundamental rights and freedoms, and is therefore subject to the strictest controls.

It may also include classified datasets, critical health or security-related information, or any other personal data designated as "restricted" by the authority or the government.

Mission to Bangladesh Ivars Ijabs said around 200 EU observers will monitor the upcoming national election and referendum.

Speaking to reporters after meeting the CEC at Nirbahan Bhaban, Ijabs said the mission will include short-term observers on February 12, as well as members of the European Parliament.

The EC has also opened a law-and-order coordination cell at the Nirbahan Bhaban. The cell became operational yesterday and will remain active until February 13.

On the fourth day of filing appeals against ROs' decisions, 174 applications were submitted to the EC, raising the total number of appeals to 469.

Today is the last day for submitting appeals.

CEC vows level

FROM PAGE 3

to challenge it, or if any financial institution raises an objection, or if anyone is aggrieved, we will take action in accordance with the law," he said.

Asked about allegations that the law-and-order situation has not improved and a level playing field has not been ensured, he said in the past there had often been violence and deteriorating conditions on nomination filing days.

"This time, the nomination filing process has taken place very smoothly. We have not received any information about clashes, bombings, or violence during nomination filing anywhere. This is a positive sign," he said.

Meanwhile, chief of the EU Election Observation

mission to Bangladesh Ivars Ijabs said around 200 EU observers will monitor the upcoming national election and referendum.

Speaking to reporters after meeting the CEC at Nirbahan Bhaban, Ijabs said the mission will include short-term observers on February 12, as well as members of the European Parliament.

The EC has also opened a law-and-order coordination cell at the Nirbahan Bhaban. The cell became operational yesterday and will remain active until February 13.

On the fourth day of filing appeals against ROs' decisions, 174 applications were submitted to the EC, raising the total number of appeals to 469.

Today is the last day for submitting appeals.

Musabbir murder

FROM PAGE 3

Swecchhasebak Dal Senior Vice Chairman Yasin Ali said tougher programmes would be announced if the killers were not arrested within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed said some "isolated incidents" are taking place, but they will not derail the election.

"This could be a conspiracy of fallen fascist forces trying to disrupt the election and make the path to democracy harder. But their efforts will never succeed. The people of this country are determined and committed to bringing back democracy," Salahuddin said in front of the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office yesterday morning.

Musabbir, former general secretary of Dhaka City North Swecchhasebak Dal, was shot dead by unidentified assailants on Wednesday night.

Musabbir, former general secretary of Dhaka City North Swecchhasebak Dal, was shot dead by unidentified assailants on Wednesday night.

Shibir sweeps

FROM PAGE 3

In the central union, Shibir-backed Md Riazul Islam was elected vice-president with 5,558 votes, defeating Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Odhikar Parishad-backed AKM Rakib, who received 4,688 votes.

For general secretary, Shibir-backed Abdul Alim Arif won with 5,475 votes, while Chhatra Dal-backed Khadijatul Kubra secured 2,223 votes.

In the assistant general secretary race, Shibir-backed Masud Rana was elected with 5,020 votes, ahead of Chhatra Dal-backed BM Atikur Rahman Tanjil, who received 4,022 votes.

Of the 11 secretarial posts in the central union, Shibir-backed candidates won eight, and the JCD-Chhatra Odhikar panel won three secretarial posts.

Seven candidates were elected as central union executive members, five of whom were backed by Shibir. One is from the JCD-back panel, while another is independent candidate Md Jahid Hasan.

In the university's only female students' hall union, the Chhatra Sangstha-backed "Odommo Jobian Oikya" panel won the top three posts.

Jannatul Ummi Tarin was elected VP with 550 votes, while Sumaiya Tabassum was elected GS with 571 votes. Redwana Khawla won the AGS post with 545 votes.

Chhatra Sangstha-backed candidates won four secretarial positions in the hall union. The other two positions were won by a JCD-backed candidate and an independent candidate, respectively.

According to election officials, voter turnout was 65.33 percent in the central students' union election and around 77 percent in the hall union election. A total of 16,637 voters were registered.

Voting was held at 39 centres with 178 booths across the campus. In total, 190 candidates contested 34 posts, including 157 candidates for 21 central union posts and 33 candidates for 13 hall union posts.

Three held

FROM PAGE 4

to jail, Officer-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman of Jamalpur Sadar Police Station said yesterday.

According to the case statement, the incident occurred on January 1 at Mesta Union in Sadar upazila.

Rahat Ali called the victim's husband, a day labourer, out of his house in the evening on the pretext of offering him work. Sensing something suspicious, the woman followed them and reached the bank of the Jhainai River in Chander Haora area, where she saw five men tying her husband with a towel and beating him.

When she tried to intervene, Farhad and Azam allegedly restrained her and took her to a nearby maize field, where they raped her.

Later, Rahat Ali and Suman also raped her, the complainant said.

OC Mizan said efforts are ongoing to arrest the remaining accused.



Local farmer Milon Mridha harvests coriander leaves from his field on a winter morning in the month of Paush at Sharshi village in Sadar upazila, Barishal. He sells the produce to retail vegetable traders at Tk 70 per kg. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

তথ্য ও সম্প্রচার মন্ত্রণালয়

চলচ্চিত্র-২ শাখা

বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

www.moi.gov.bd

তারিখ: ২৪ পৌষ ১৪৩২

০৮ জানুয়ারি ২০২৬

সরকারি অনুদানে পূর্ণদৈর্ঘ্য ও স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্র নির্মাণের জন্য প্রস্তাৱ আহবান

চলচ্চিত্র শিরে মেধা ও সূজনশীলতাকে উৎসাহিত কৰা এবং বাংলাদেশের সকল জনগোষ্ঠীর আবহান সংস্কৃতিৰ প্ৰতিবন্ধিত কৰাৰ লক্ষ্যে মানবিক মূল্যবোধ সম্পদ, জীৱনশূলী, শিল্পমান সমূক ও বিশ্বৰ বিৰুত কৰে এমন পূর্ণদৈর্ঘ্য ও স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্র নির্মাণের জন্য যদি কোনো বিদেশি শিল্পী/কলাকুশনীৰ প্ৰয়োজন হয় তাহে মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমতিকৰণে উক্ত শিল্পী/কলাকুশনী চলচ্চিত্রে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰতে হৰেন।

শৰ্তাবলী:

১. শুধু বাংলাদেশের নাগৰিকগণ অনুদান প্রাপ্তিৰ জন্য যোগ্য বিবেচিত হৰেন। অনুদানপ্রাপ্ত চলচ্চিত্রে সকল শিল্পী/কলাকুশনীকে প্ৰয়োজন হৰে তাহে মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমতিকৰণে উক্ত শিল্পী/কলাকুশনী চলচ্চিত্রে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰতে পাৰবেন।

২. অনুদানপ্রাপ্ত পূর্ণদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নির্মাণ অনুদানেৰ প্ৰথম চেক প্ৰাপ্তিৰ পৰ কাহিনিচৰণে কেন্দ্ৰে ১৮ (আঠাৰো) মাস এবং প্ৰামাণ্যচৰণে কেন্দ্ৰে ২৪ (চৰিশ) মাসেৰ মধ্যে সমাপ্ত কৰতে হৰে। স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নির্মাণ অনুদানেৰ প্ৰথম চেক প্ৰাপ্তিৰ পৰ আবহান কৰতে পাৰবেন।

৩. নির্মাণীয়ন, সমাপ্তি বা সুস্থিতপূৰ্ণ কোনো চলচ্চিত্রে চিত্ৰনাট্য অনুদানেৰ জন্য বিবেচিত হৰে না।

৪. অনুদানপ্রাপ্ত স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নির্মাণ অনুদানেৰ প্ৰথম চেক প্ৰাপ্তিৰ পৰ কাহিনিচৰণে কেন্দ্ৰে ১৮ (আঠাৰো) মাস এবং প্ৰামাণ্যচৰণে কেন্দ্ৰে ২৪ (চৰিশ) মাসেৰ মধ্যে সমাপ্ত কৰতে হৰে। স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নির্মাণ অনুদানেৰ প্ৰথম চেক প্ৰাপ্তিৰ পৰ আবহান কৰতে পাৰবেন।

৫. ২০২৫-২৬ অৰ্থবছৰে প্ৰাপ্ত বাৰাদেৰ নাম পৰ্যায়ে পূৰ্ণদৈর্ঘ্য ও ২০ (বিশ) টি স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে অনুদান প্ৰদান কৰতে হৰে।

৬. অনুদান প্ৰাপ্তিৰ জন্য নিৰ্মাণিত পূৰ্ণদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে প্ৰযোজককে স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নির্মাণে সরকারি অনুদান প্ৰদান মীতিমালা-২০২৫ এবং ২০২৫ অৰ্থবছৰে পূৰ্ণদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে প্ৰযোজককে স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্রে নিৰ্মাণে সরকারি অনুদান প্ৰদান মীতিমালা-২০২৫ এবং আত্মাবৰ্তন অনুদান প্ৰদান কৰা হৰে।

৭. সরকারি অনুদান প্ৰদান সংক্রান্ত উন্নয়নিক নিৰ্মাণে সরকারি অনুদান প্ৰদান মন্ত্রণালয়েৰ ওয়েবসাইটে (www.moi.gov.bd) পাওয়া যাবে। কোনো বিষয়ে অস্পষ্টতা থাকলে মন্ত্রণালয়েৰ চলচ্চিত্র-২ শাখাৰ পাওয়া যাবে।

৮. পূৰ্ণদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ