

KILLINGS OF SIX IN CTG

Charges against Hasan Mahmud, Nowfel pressed at ICT-2

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The prosecution yesterday pressed formal charges with the International Crimes Tribunal-2 accusing former ministers Hasan Mahmud and Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel, former lawmaker ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury and 19 others of crimes against humanity over killing six people and injuring over 100 others during the July 2024 uprising in Chattogram.

The prosecution of the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday submitted formal charges in the case to the tribunal's registrar office. The tribunal is expected to hold a hearing on the charges today before ICT-2.

The case earlier drew attention after allegations surfaced that a prosecutor had sought Tk 1 crore from Fazle Karim's family in exchange for arranging his bail in the crimes against humanity case.

According to the prosecution, the accused faces three charges.

The first charge relates to the killing of Wasim Akram, Faysal Ahmed Shanto and Faruq Ahmed during the uprising. The second charge concerns the killing of Tanvir Siddiquee, Saimon alias Mahin and Hridoy Chandra on August 4. The third charge involves the injuring of Jahid Hasan, Abdullah Kader, Achiya Khatun, Sanjida Sultana and Abdullah Lubab, along with more than a hundred others.

Other accused in the case include Awami League leader and former mayor of Chattogram City Corporation AJM Nasir Uddin; Awami League leader Rezaul Karim Chowdhury; Md Mohiuddin Bacchu; Helal Akbar Chowdhury Babar; former Chattogram city unit BCL general secretary Nurul Azim Rony; former ward-21 councillor Shaibal Das Sumon; Md Firoz; Abu Salek; Esrarul Haque; HM Mithu; Nur Mostafa Tinu; Debashish Paul Debu; Zamir Uddin; Azizur Rahman; Imran Ahmed Imu; Zakaria Dastagir; Mohiuddin Farhad; Sumon Dey and Tauhidul Islam.

Besides, the defence lawyer of Shahriar Kabir, former president of the Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, sought divisional facilities for him in jail before International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The tribunal said it would consider the request in accordance with the rules. Shahriar is currently in jail in a case over the 2013 Shapla Chatra crackdown killings.

In the same case, the prosecution sought permission to interrogate former deputy inspector general Abdul Jalil Mondal. The tribunal granted the request.

Additionally, the tribunal allowed a defence prayer permitting accused army officer Lt Col Moshir Rahman Jewel to meet his wife, who is expecting a baby. As per the order of the tribunal, he will be allowed to meet her at the Combined Military Hospital during his wife's tough time.

NCP slams repeal

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challenged in court, such laws may not stand," he said.

He claimed that institutions like the judiciary and the Anti Corruption Commission are again becoming vulnerable to political influence, despite earlier criticism over their politicisation.

He also questioned the government's commitment to constitutional principles, citing the appointment of administrators instead of elected representatives in local government bodies. According to him, existing provisions allow the executive to remove elected officials at will, posing a threat to democratic processes.

Asif further criticised the repeal of privacy protections under the Right to Information framework, warning that multiple agencies could regain the power to intercept phone calls and private communications without proper judicial oversight.

"Dictatorships are born this way. We are seeing the signs again," he said.

He also warned that if the government does not accept the outcome of the recent referendum and enact reform-related ordinances into law, the NCP may declare the process illegitimate and intensify its movement.

Asif said the party had initially planned to focus on organisational work and local government elections but was forced to take to the streets due to government

inaction.

He also urged former advisers involved in drafting the ordinances to speak up in defence of constitutional rights.

He demanded that reform related ordinances be enacted into law and that previous provisions introduced under special circumstances be repealed to demonstrate genuine commitment.

Govt renames

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or conflict among people. We want unity in diversity," he said. He added that in a democratic society, people of different opinions and ideologies coexist, and such diversity reflects its strength.

The minister said the procession is a long standing cultural tradition inherited from earlier generations, particularly from the farming community.

"As their successors, we find ourselves debating the name, and we want to resolve this issue," he said.

The minister said the procession will be organised with dignity and inclusivity, allowing people to participate with their own traditions, music, instruments, and attire.

"People will take part with their own cultural expressions, making it a festive and inclusive procession," he added.

He said the new name reflects the broader spirit of Baishakh, similar to how events like Baishakhi fairs are referred to.



Sat Tala slum dwellers illegally park their rickshaws and rickshaw-vans inside an old health office compound near the slum in the capital's Mohakhali area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Fuel shortage halts Barishal trawlers, leaves fishers idle

Fish supply in local markets drops sharply

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Thousands of fishermen across Barishal division have been passing idle days and suffering financial losses as most fishing trawlers are left anchored at docks amid the ongoing fuel shortage.

This in turn has disrupted the supply of fish in local markets to a significant extent.

More than 1,000 sea-going trawlers remain stranded in Alipur and Mohipur, leaving over one lakh fishermen and workers unemployed. Investors in the fishing sector are facing significant losses, particularly those operating with bank loans.

Pritam Das, owner of two trawlers that have remained docked at Mohipur river port since Eid, said each needs around 14 barrels of fuel per trip, but they have not been able to collect any fuel from dealers in Kalapara.

"As such, around 50 fishermen and crew members of the two trawlers are now sitting idle. We are spending nearly Tk 50,000 daily just to maintain them," he said, adding that despite informing the district fisheries office and the upazila administration, there has been no effective solution yet.

Abdul Jalil, owner of Messrs Moni Fish, said he owns six trawlers and has investments in around 200 others. "All of those are now stuck at the port amid fuel shortage," he added.

He explained that large trawlers require 20-30 barrels of fuel per trip, medium sized ones need 10-15 barrels, and smaller vessels need at least two barrels. A typical fishing trip lasts around 10 days.

"No one is addressing our situation.

Thousands of fishermen and workers have become jobless. Many had previously taken bank loans and are now facing severe financial hardship," he added.

Md Israil Pandit, president of a fishers' association in Barishal division, said the crisis has severely affected around 5,00,000 fishing families.

The impact has also affected related industries. Fish supply to markets across Barishal has declined sharply, prompting a drop in ice production due to reduced demand, according to the Barishal Divisional Fisheries Office.



According to wholesale fish traders at the Port Road Market in Barishal city, they are now selling around 500 maunds of fish daily, half of what they used to sell daily around this time last year.

Golam Kabir, an official of Barishal Ice Mill Owners' Association, said the demand for ice has fallen to only 200-250 maunds against the total production capacity of 1,500-1,600 maunds in the region's five ice mills.

Retail ice trader Suman said he usually sells

15-20 maunds of ice at Tk 400 per maund, but sales have dropped significantly due to the shortage of fish in the market.

According to Mohammad Anisuzzaman, senior assistant director of the Department of Fisheries in Barishal, fish supply at 108 landing stations across the division has declined by more than 30 percent, leading to an increase in price by 20-100 percent.

He also noted that a seasonal ban on sea fishing is scheduled to begin on March 15, but fishermen have already been unable to go to sea due to the fuel crisis.

"They have requested fuel support so they can at least make one trip before the ban," he added.

Meanwhile, some 2,30,389 of the around 3,00,000 registered fishermen in the division are currently receiving government food assistance, officials said.

Contacted, Anisur Rahman, a senior sales officer of Meghna Petroleum Company, denied any overall fuel supply shortage. He claimed that the company is meeting around 90 percent of demand, supplying up to 2,50,000 litres of fuel daily to 29 petrol pumps and 68 dealers in the region.

He, however, admitted that fishing trawlers have not been receiving fuel since Eid. "Following a request from the Kalapara upazila nirbahi officer, we have supplied around 27,000 litres of fuel to two local dealers for distribution," he added.

Confirming the development, Kalapara UNO Kavsar Hameed said 27,000 litres of fuel, allocated to two dealers in Kalapara, are being distributed among fishers.

44 held, Tk 10 lakh fine

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Yesterday, on the fifth and last day, joint teams of traffic police and mobile courts carried out drives in areas including New Market, Science Lab, Motijheel, Agargaon, and Mirpur-1, removing makeshift shops, roadside stalls, and illegal business extensions from footpaths and roads, confiscating goods, and dismantling temporary structures in several locations.

In Agargaon, removed vendors' belongings from the footpath as they did not vacate occupied spaces despite repeated warnings, said locals. Many sidewalks were seen remaining comparatively clear amid ongoing enforcement.

Earlier, on March 23, DMP announced the citywide drive starting April 1, urging traders to remove their belongings in advance. The notice warned that violators could face fines, imprisonment, and confiscation of goods.

According to the notice, many businesses continue to encroach on walkways, using grills, ovens, chairs, and makeshift platforms, forcing pedestrians onto roads, causing public inconvenience and worsening traffic congestion.

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"For the past five days since my stall was removed, I have been selling goods by hand," she said, expressing worries about paying rent and her daughter's education expenses.

"If we are evicted without rehabilitation, where will we go?" she said.

On Thursday, Dhaka North City Corporation Administrator Mohammad Shafiqul Islam told a programme that business activities will no longer be allowed on footpaths or roads to keep those free from encroachment.

He, however, assured that alternative arrangements would be made for small and floating traders.

A five-member representative will be formed for detailed consultations, while the city corporation plans to introduce a token system for vendors to prevent extortion, he also said.

"If anyone demands money after you receive a token, inform us—we are with you," he added.

Dhaka South City Corporation Administrator Abdus Salam said the government is planning for designated evening markets at around eight locations across the capital to accommodate vendors without disrupting traffic.

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