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Human rights organizations in Bangladesh are invited to submit proposals for the "Bangladesh Human Rights Advocacy Program" funded by USAID and managed by AED. Grants will be disbursed to qualified organizations on a competitive basis to support the establishment of a national environment that respects human rights and protects vulnerable groups. The program and application procedures are described in detail in the Annual Program Statement (APS) available at the internet link below or from the AED office.

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PHOTO: STAR
A girl holds a placard at a protest rally in front of the Narayanganj Press Club yesterday marking one year of bomb blast at the Narayanganj Awami League office. The residents of Narayanganj demanded punishment to those responsible for the explosion that killed 22 people last year.

**Forex smuggling case
Hearing on charge framing
against Bahauddin June 19**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Fourth Assistant Metropolitan Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the hearing on charge-framing against A F M Bahauddin Nasim, former assistant political secretary to Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina, in connection with foreign currency smuggling case.

Judge Mocklesur Rahman Al-Azad adjourned the hearing till June 19 following a time petition by the defence lawyers.

The defence lawyers -- Advocate Rahamat Ali, MP, Sahara Khatun and Mastafa Abul Hussain submitted three separate petitions before the court -- to seek adjournment of the charge-hearing, to direct the jail authorities not to bring Nasim in the court with other accused and to supply a table fan to Nasim in the jail.

They stated that they did not see the passport book seized from Bahauddin Nasim. So, they prayed for directing the prosecution side

to produce the passport book on the fixed date. In the second petition, the defence lawyers stated that Nasim was brought in the court with other accused, including accused in murder cases, and dacoity cases. So, they prayed for directing the jail authorities to bring the accused Nasim in a separate prison van. In the third petition, the defence lawyers stated that Nasim was not provided with fan in the central jail. So, they prayed for directing the authorities concerned to supply a table fan to their client.

The prosecution side opposed the petition for adjournment of the charge-hearing. But they did not oppose the last two petitions.

After hearing both the sides, the court granted the petition for adjournment of the charge hearing and directed the PP to submit the passport book by June 18.

Nasim was produced in the court at about 11:20 am during the hearing.

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