

JUDICIARY SEPARATION  
SC asks govt to correct flaws in CrPC rules  
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The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday asked the government to correct a number of flaws in the four newly framed rules and the amendments to Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) related to the separation of the judiciary from the executive.

The court, in its directive to the Attorney General's Office (AGO), said it found a number of mistakes in the rules and the amendments that the government promulgated in January.

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Detention of ex-MP Kamal Majumder declared illegal  
UNB, Dhaka

The High Court (HC) yesterday declared illegal the detention order against former Awami League MP Kamal Majumder and three others under the Special Powers Act.

A Division Bench comprising Justice MA Wahab Miran and Justice M Emadul Huq passed the order after a legal battle on whether the High Court can exercise its

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#### Prayer Timing

February 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

## AL high-ups wary of 'unwanted' deals

Agree to decide important matters thru' discussion

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The Awami League (AL) high-ups have reached a consensus that every important decision should be taken after discussion with all high-ranking leaders to avert incidents like signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis.

At a closed door meeting attended by party President Sheikh Hasina on Sunday night, most of the top leaders candidly expressed their views on the 'problems' inside the party.

At the meeting called as part of

the AL's move to bring reforms in the party, they pointed out many irregularities and activities contrary to the party constitution, said sources in the AL seeking anonymity.

Severely criticising the issue of AL's signing the MoU with a fundamentalist party, AL presidium members Abdur Razzaq, Tofail Ahmed, Suranji, Sengupta and Kazi Zafarullah told the meeting that the incident was against the constitution of the party.

Moreover, the top leaders had not been informed before taking such a crucial decision, they said at the meeting.

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Signing of the deal came as a blow to the AL's fundamental principles including its secular stand, Suranji said.

Tofail said he was not informed about the signing of MoU despite being a top leader of the party.

Razzak and Zafarullah also echoed the same view and questioned the rationale for making a written deal on such a matter.

The four top leaders came down heavily on party General Secretary Abdul Jalil for signing the deal, sources said.

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## Six tonnes of rotten fish destroyed

Fake electronics factories fined

STAR REPORT

Joint forces destroyed around six tonnes of rotten fishes at Mohipur in Patuakhali yesterday while a mobile court in the capital unearthed three electronics factories producing fake goods and fined them Tk 5 lakh.

In the sudden drive, the joint forces raided eight fish godowns at Mohipur, locally known as "fish port," near Kuakata sea beach and seized at least 161 maunds or around six tonnes (a maund =37.5kg approx) of rotten fishes,

our correspondent from Patuakhali reports.

They later threw away the rotten fishes into a local river after treating those with kerosene.

Three workers were also detained by the joint forces from the spot. They are -- Abdul Bareq, 40, Abdul Kalam, 32 and Sanjoy, 45.

In capital, a mobile court led by Metropolitan Magistrate Rokonud-Doula raided three factories at Sifat Abdullah Market in Nawabpur Road who have been manufacturing electronics accessories and marketing those by putting stickers of

different established brands.

Semel Electronics had been manufacturing and marketing sockets by putting the labels of MK brand of Singapore on those. The joint forces arrested 5 people, including the manager, and fined each Tk 1 lakh or one year imprisonment. They are -- Utpal Biswas, Ashim Kumar Barua, Abdul Alim, Mahbub and Milon.

The court also issued a warrant against the owner Montu Kumar Ray.

The mobile court found Electric

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Defence lawyers of detained businessman and former BNP lawmaker Mossaddak Ali Falu yesterday withdrew the bail petition submitted earlier to a Dhaka court in a criminal case filed in connection with misappropriating government relief material.

Judge Mohammad Rafiqul Islam of the District and Sessions Judge's Court granted the withdrawal petition and disposed of it as the lawyers showed apathy in taking part in the hearing on the issue.

On February 19, the defence

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