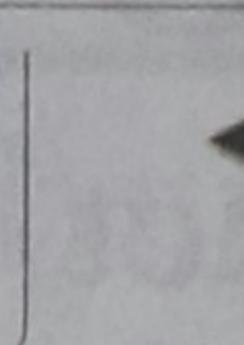
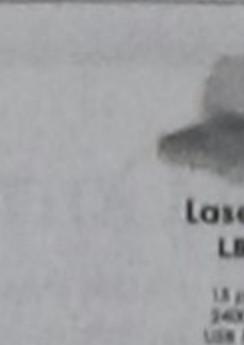
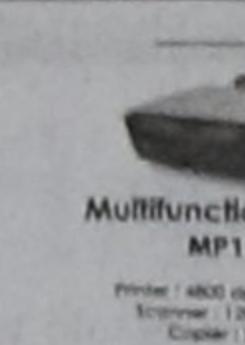


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Arrest warrant  
against Khaleda's  
nephew, Sajeda  
Chy's son

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against detained former prime minister Khaleda Zia's nephew Shahrin Islam Tuhin and Awami League (AL) presidium member Syed Sajeda Chowdhury's son Shahid Akbar in separate cases filed for amassing wealth through illegal means.

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court took the charges into cognisance after scrutinising the case dockets and other relevant documents.

The court passed the orders as the investigation officers (IO) appealed for issuing arrest warrants against the two. Both have been absconding since filing of the cases.

CASE AGAINST TUHIN

On Sunday, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Assistant Director Towfiqul Islam, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka, showing 40 people as prosecution witnesses.

The case was filed for amassing wealth worth Tk 65 lakh illegally.

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## Mercy reassurance sought from Tac

**ACC chief says no compromise with large-scale graft suspects**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Truth and Accountability Commission (Tac) yesterday received a large number of phone calls as anonymous callers inquired about rules and regulations and sought confirmation that no punitive action would be taken if they apply for mercy.

Meanwhile, a day-after Tac launched its activities, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday said they won't compromise with allowing people involved in large-scale graft to make voluntary disclosure before Tac.

"We'll not compromise with cases that involve large-scale corruption," he said regarding the ACC plan to send any list of corrupt suspects to Tac. He has also said ACC will consider cases by their nature before sending those to Tac.

"The idea of Tac can be consid-

ered as a pay-off," he said in reply to a question about the worth of ACC drives spending so much money and time if a corrupt-suspect can easily apply and have mercy through Tac.

If a law is passed, issues will be dealt in accordance with that law. The Truth and Accountability Commission has been formed following huge debate and discussion. So if any individual tries to raise a question regarding its formation, it would come to no help," he said in a press briefing at the ACC Headquarters.

Mashhud also said they have not yet made a list of corrupt suspects for sending it to Tac and would take such a step after having discussion with the new commission.

Sources in Tac and ACC say they have received several applications from "corrupt" individuals who want to face the commission. The sources, however, denied disclosing names of the individuals as the

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Tac Ordinance has provision of keeping secret information regarding absolving seekers.

Tac officials said those who called them didn't introduce themselves and inquired mainly about how to make an appeal, Tac procedures of work and if there is any possibility of taking punitive action against them in case they file an application.

"We have informed them about our rules and assured them that we are not an institution for taking action," said a Tac official asking not to be identified.

"We have sent the public notification to the information ministry and it would be published in renowned national dailies as soon as possible," the official added.

The official said Tac offices have been split in three buildings to deal with the total work. The applications are to be filed with the administrative building named Tatini.

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**Nasim gets 6 months' interim bail**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted interim bail for six months to Awami League leader and former home minister Mohammad Nasim in a criminal case filed by the police during the rule of the BNP-led four party alliance government.

Following a bail petition filed by Nasim, an HC bench comprising Justice Sikder Maqbul Huq and Justice M Fazlur Rahman issued a rule upon the government to explain why the petitioner should not be granted regular bail in this case.

On September 12, 2006, Mohammadpur police filed a case against Nasim and about 900 unknown leaders and workers of Awami League-led 14-party combine on charges of attacking and injuring police and other law enforcers during the siege to the then prime minister's office.

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Rajdhani Unnayan Kartirpakkha yesterday demolishes an unauthorised section of A&W fast-food shop on Gulshan-2 intersection in the capital.

**Niko graft case hearing stayed until Sept 10**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The special court trying Niko corruption case against detained former prime minister Khaleda Zia and 10 others yesterday set September 10 for next hearing.

Judge Khandaker Kamal Uzzaman of the Special Court-9 fixed the date after the defence submitted certified copy of the High Court's (HC) stay order on the case.

Earlier on July 9, the HC had stayed for two months all proceedings of the case filed by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The BNP chairperson was not

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## 16 policemen killed in attack in China

**Security fears spark four days before Beijing Olympics**

AFP, AP, Beijing

said. Sixteen policemen in China's Muslim-majority northwest were killed yesterday in a suspected terrorist attack, state media said, raising security fears just four days before the Beijing Olympics.

The attack in Xinjiang province came just four days before the start of the Beijing Olympics an event that has put security forces nationwide on alert and that at least one

### Explain why ACC ordinance not unconstitutional

HC asks govt, ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) issued a rule on the government and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday to explain in two weeks why the Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 should not be declared unconstitutional.

The HC asked the government and the ACC to show causes as to why sections 21 and 28(A) of the ordinance empowering the anti-graft watchdog to arrest any person for supposed corruption even though they may not be formally accused in any case and rendering the purported offence cognisable and non-bailable should not be declared inconsistent with law.

The HC bench of Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Mashruque Hossain Ahmed issued the ruling following a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by barrister Ahsanul Karim on August 3.

Making out his case, defence counsel barrister Rafique-ul Huq argued that the president promulgated the ordinance beyond the powers bestowed on him by Article 93 and articles 58(D) and 58(E), read all at once, of the constitution.

He also argued the said sections of the ordinance get in the way of the rights guaranteed by the constitution as they authorise the ACC to arrest any suspect without any case and deny bail to the accused.

The president promulgated the ordinance on April 18 last year.

Prayer Timing		
August 5		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-47	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

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