

Koko charged with money laundering

He along with ex-shipping minister's son siphoned off Sing dollar 28.84 lakh, \$9.32 lakh

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday pressed money-laundering charges against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's younger son Arafat Rahman Koko.

Around eight months after filing of the case, it charged Koko and Ismail Hossain Simon, son of former shipping minister late Akbar Hossain, with siphoning 28.84 lakh Singaporean dollars and 9.32

lakh US dollars out of the country.

ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Abu Sayeed, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka in the afternoon.

He showed 23 people as prosecution witnesses.

Simon, whose name was not in the first

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BASHUNDHARA Case to be settled in court

Says NBR chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The tax evasion case against the Bashundhara Industrial Complex Ltd will not be settled out of court, National Board of Revenue Chairman Nasiruddin Ahmed said yesterday.

"The case has to be settled in court as there are legal complexities," Nasiruddin said at a press briefing on online income tax return submissions at his office.

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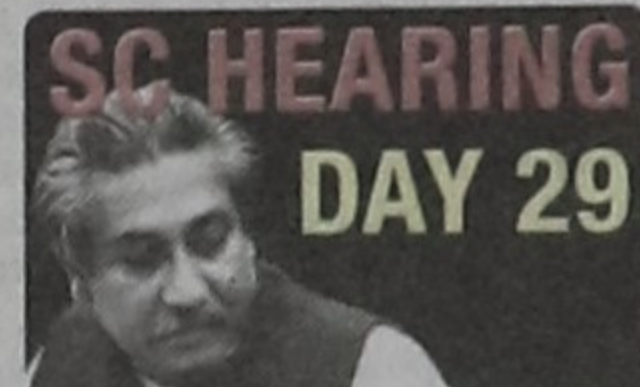
SC hearing ends, verdict Nov 19

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

After 34 years of the brutal killings of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members, the Appellate Division of Supreme Court (SC) will finally deliver its verdict in the murder case on November 19.

A special bench of the SC Appellate Division comprising Justice Md Tafazzul Islam, Justice Md Abdul Aziz, Justice BK Das, Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, and Justice SK Sinha will deliver the verdict.

After hearing for 29 days the appeals filed by



five condemned convicts in the case challenging their convictions and sentences, the apex court scheduled the date for judgement.

Convicts Lt Col (sacked) Syed Farooq-ur Rahman, Lt Col (retired) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Lt Col (retired) Muhiuddin Ahmed, Lt Col (retired) AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, and Maj (retired) Bazlul Huda, who are now behind bars, filed the appeals with the apex court in October 2007 against their convictions and death sentences by a lower court.

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Ctg grenades used in all attacks

Babar tells CID interrogators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The grenades that went missing from the Chittagong 10-truck arms cache in 2004 were used in all grenade attacks including the one on August 21 Awami League rally, detained former BNP state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar has told interrogators.

The grenades were used in attacks on Shah

AMS Kibria, former British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury, AL leader Suranjit Sengupta and Sylhet City Mayor Badruddin Ahmed Kamran, Babar told Criminal Investigation Department officials during interrogation in the August 21 grenade attack case.

The former state minister said three days

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WB-FUNDED PROJECTS Govt to follow WB guideline

But changes to public procurement act to stay, says Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said the projects funded by World Bank would be implemented as per its guideline but no change would be made in the recent amendments to the Public Procurement Act.

"The changes made in the Public Procurement Act would not

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Rejoinders, our reply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and sacked Brig Gen Abdullah Amaan Azmi in separate rejoinders have protested a part of The Daily Star's November 10 report headlined "Attack on Taposh, 5 army men detained".

Jamaat's Publicity Secretary Prof Md Tasnim Alam said the information that Brig Gen Habibur

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Know true history of independence

PM advises new members of armed forces; says it was distorted in textbooks

UNB, Chittagong

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the new generation members of the Armed Forces to know the true history of country's independence and democracy on their own effort so confusion does not cloud anyone's vision in the march forward.

"Try to know about the true history of the country. Because, in

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Rice, paddy procurement prices fixed

Token money may be charged for VGF rice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday set the procurement prices for rice and paddy at Tk 22 and Tk 14 a kilogram, respectively, aiming to collect 3 lakh metric tonnes of rice in the next Aman season.

The Aman procurement will start from December 7 and last till February 28 next year, Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque told the newsmen after an inter-ministerial meeting at his ministry conference room.

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Jasim ignores SC verdict

Attends 6 JS sittings after his poll candidacy declared illegal

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Major (retired) Jasim Uddin, whose candidacy in the ninth parliamentary election was declared illegal by the Supreme Court, joined six sittings of the last session of the House ignoring a constitutional provision, legal experts said.

Citing constitutional provision, legal experts said Jasim is now liable to a penalty of Tk 1,000 for each sitting he joined, as he clearly knew that he is disqualified for membership of parliament following the SC verdict.

According to article 69 of the constitution, if a person sits or votes as a member of parliament when he knows that he is not qualified or is disqualified for membership thereof, he shall be liable in respect of each day on which he so sits or votes to a penalty of one thousand taka to be recovered as a debt due to the Republic.

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