

SCBA plans to meet president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association has taken a move to meet President Zillur Rahman to press home its demands including withdrawal of appointments of Ruhul Quddus Babu and M. Khasruzzaman as High Court judges.

SCBA Secretary Badruddoza Badal yesterday sent an application to the president's military secretary for giving a time for meeting with

the president.

Its President Khandaker Mahub Hossain yesterday told The Daily Star that they would urge the president to cancel the appointments of two controversial persons as HC judges, if they can meet the president.

"We will also urge the president to take steps so that the government frame rules for recruiting High Court judges as per the Supreme Court guidelines," he said.

BNP ACTIVIST MURDER Mirza Azam, 19 others acquitted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

All the 20 accused, including Awami League (AL) lawmaker Mirza Azam, were acquitted yesterday of a case filed against them for killing a BNP activist at Melandah upazila in Jamalpur district in May 2001.

Judge (in charge) Hrishikesh Saha of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 of Dhaka delivered the judgment at a packed courtroom in presence of Mirza Azam and 19 others.

In his judgment, Hrishikesh said he acquitted the accused of the murder charges as the prosecution failed to prove the charges brought against them in the first information report (FIR) of the case.

According to the prosecution, a group of people led by Mirza Azam brought out a procession equipped with firearms and attacked a group of people to create panic that left BNP activist Abdul Haque seriously injured at Melandah Bazar at about 4:30pm on May 23 in 2001. Later, he succumbed to his injuries.

Victim's elder brother Haider Ali Banu filed a case against Mirza Azam and 19 others with Melandah Police Station on June 7.

After submission of the charge sheet against the accused, the case was shifted to the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 for quick disposal of the case.

WEALTH STATEMENT HC stays ACC notice to Mahmudur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) notice asking the Daily Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman to submit his wealth statement to it (ACC).

An HC bench also issued a rule upon the ACC to explain within four weeks why it should not be restricted by an order of injunction on the proceedings of the notice against Mahmudur Rahman.

The bench of Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Jahangir Hossain came up with the order upon an appeal filed by Mahmudur.

He recently filed the appeal against a lower court order that on April 21 dismissed his application for injunction on the proceedings of the ACC notice.

Earlier on April 13, the ACC issued the notice asking Mahmudur Rahman to submit his wealth statement within seven days to the commission.

Barrister Abdur Razzaq appeared for the petitioner, while Khurshid Alam Khan argued for ACC.

'Govt out to manipulate BPMPA poll'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is trying to manipulate the election of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA), which will be held on April 30, complained Dr MA Mannan-Dr Harun Al Rashid panel of BPMPA yesterday.

The pro-BNP faction of BPMPA at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity said with the help of the govern-

ment, a vested quarter has forced to sack a number of doctors at different non-government hospitals.

Without following any rules, a number of doctors were sacked at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka Shishu Hospital and Maulana Bhashani Medical College, they added.

The panel leaders also alleged that the vested quarter has been trying to discourage voters by false propaganda.

Even the intervention of the government's high officials in the election of the private practitioners will obstruct holding a neutral and fair election, they noted.

Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) Secretary General AZM Zahid Hossain and President AKM Azizul Haque were present with a number of candidates of the panel at the press conference.

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