

Shah Alam lands in jail

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Sobhan, also known as Shah Alam, is one of those sentenced to different terms in jail for graft and tax evasion charges during the last caretaker government rule. He had secured High Court order to avoid surrender before the trial court but the Supreme Court later (SC) in a judgment asked the convicts sentenced in absentia to surrender before the trial courts first. They can then appeal to the HC against the trial court verdict, the SC said. The SC judgment came following writ petitions by several convicts challenging the legality of their convictions and jail sentences. In line with the judgment, most of them surrendered before different trial courts, and were sent to jail. Shah Alam surrendered before Judge (in-charge)

Kader Newaz of the Special Judge Court-3 yesterday when the judge ordered to send him to jail turning down the bail prayer by advocate Anisul Huq, one of the Bashundhara chief's counsels. Shah Alam's lawyers submitted petitions for his treatment at United Hospital and first class division in jail. The court, however, granted bail to Shah Alam in three graft cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). During the hearing, Special Public Prosecutor Mosharrif Hossain Kajol told the court that all the accused in the three cases were earlier granted bails by different courts. Shah Alam was also shown arrested in another case filed under the Foreign Currency Control Act in which he was sentenced to two years'

imprisonment, also in absentia. He had earlier got bail from the HC and the lower courts in 17 other criminal cases filed during the last caretaker government rule with different police stations in the capital for murder and land grabbing. On September 30, 2007, an anti-graft tribunal handed down eight years' imprisonment to Shah Alam for dodging tax. On July 25 the same year, Kabiruddin Mollah, deputy tax commissioner of Circle-8 of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), filed the case for evading Tk 8.48 crore in income tax between 2004 and 2007 fiscal years. **CONVICTION IN ANOTHER CASE** Judge Mohammad Abul Bashar of the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka sen-

tenced Shah Alam, his wife and three sons to two years' rigorous imprisonment each for illegally keeping local and foreign currencies amounting to Tk 23 lakh at their Gulshan residence. **TK 21 CRORE BRIBERY CASE** The ACC on October 6, 2007 filed the case against eight people, including Shah Alam, Khaleda Zia's elder son Tarique Rahman, former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar and former lawmaker Qazi Saleemul Huq Kamal, for the transaction of Tk 21 crore bribe in connection with the murder case of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a Bashundhara Group director. They were accused of taking and giving the bribe to save the Shah Alam's son Sanvir from the charge of killing Sabbir on July 5, 2006. **GRAFT CASES OVER**

HOUSE ALLOTMENT Shah Alam, former housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas and 24 others were accused of causing Tk 127.64 crore loss to the public fund by selling 18 abandoned government houses at a low price. **ALAM QUIZZED BY DB** Shah Alam was quizzed at the Detective Branch office for almost two hours on April 11 last year over the murder of Ahmed Hossain, a ward commissioner from Old Dhaka. He was asked to report to the police for interrogation about the murder. Ahmed Hossain, commissioner of ward-70 of Dhaka City Corporation, was shot dead on February 9 last year at Alubazar. The police quizzed Alam to verify some information that had surfaced during the investigation.

21,000 dead or missing

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grandson alive under the rubble. They were in the kitchen when their house collapsed but the teenager was able to reach food from the refrigerator, helping them survive for nine days, broadcaster NHK quoted rescuers as saying. Meanwhile, with half a million tsunami survivors huddled in threadbare, chilly shelters and the threat of disaster at the Fukushima No 1 nuclear plant stretching frayed nerves, the mood in the world's third-biggest economy remained grim, AFP reports. Food contaminated with radiation was found for the first time outside Japan -- where milk and spinach have already been tainted by a plume from Fukushima -- as Taiwan detected radioactivity in a batch of imported

Japanese fava beans. The Fukushima plant was struck on March 11 by a massive earthquake and tsunami which, with 8,199 people confirmed killed, is Japan's deadliest natural disaster since the Great Kanto quake levelled much of Tokyo in 1,923. The quake and ensuing 10-metre tsunami devastated Japan's north east coastal region, wiping towns off the map and making more than 3,600,000 people homeless in a test for the Asian nation's reputation for resilience and social cohesion. Food, water, medicine and fuel are short in some parts, and low temperatures during Japan's winter are not helping. The traumatic hunt for bodies and missing people continues. "This morning my next

door neighbour came crying to me that she still can't find her husband. All I could tell her was, 'We'll do our best, so just hold on a little longer,'" said fire brigade officer Takao Sato in the disaster zone. About 2,57,000 households in the north still have no electricity and at least 1 million lack running water, reports Reuters. At shelters, some grandparents are telling children stories of how they overcame hardships in their own childhood during and after World War II, which left Japan in ruins. "We have to tell our young people to remember this and pass on our story to future generations, for when they become parents themselves," said Shigenori Kikuta, 72. "We have to live at whatever cost."

Jahan Moni sailors

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from Oman this afternoon, a day ahead of the schedule. Captain Golam Mostafa, company security officer of the ship's operating firm, said the 26 Bangladeshis along with the officials of the ship would reach Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong at 3:05pm by Oman Airways. Family members of most

of the crewmembers will receive them at the airport. As all the formalities including medical check up of the crewmembers would be completed within tonight, all the physically fit crew would go home tomorrow, said Mostafa. On arrival, the crew would be taken to a local hotel but transport would be given to reach Dhaka or any other destination if anybody

wants, he added. Twelve out of the 26 freed Bangladeshis are from Chittagong. Although the owner company booked the air tickets of March 22, now the crew are being brought a day ahead, he also said. Jahan Moni along with 25 crewmembers and the wife of its chief engineer was taken hostage by Somali pirates on December 5 last

year after being hijacked in the Arabian Sea off the coast of India. Six days later, the ship anchored off the Somali coast near Garacad. The Bangladesh flag carrier was freed on March 14 after 99 days into hijacking. It berthed safely at the Salalah port in Oman around 11:25am (BST) on Saturday, five days after its release.

Royal gift for Bengal tigers

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of Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton would be spent on the conservation of Bengal Tigers of the Sundarbans. The couple, who will tie the knot on April 29, has asked that anyone who might wish to give them a wedding gift, instead consider making a donation to a chosen list of charities, said a press

release of Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB) yesterday. The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the charity fund. The ZSL is assisting WTB and the country's forest department in implementing "the Sundarbans Tiger Project," the press release said. The ZSL works in 50 coun-

tries to save many of the world's most iconic species including tigers, rhinos and elephants. Donations have to be made through the site www.royal-weddingcharityfund.org. Upon entering the site, anyone has to choose between animal conservation projects and humanitarian ones. A share of the fund for

animal conservation will allow ZSL to further develop its tiger conservation projects in Bangladesh, Indonesia and Russia. "We are delighted and immensely proud to have been selected by Prince William and Miss Middleton as one of the charities to benefit from their kind gesture," said ZSL Director General Ralph Armond as quoted by the press release.

Seven DU students get awards

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Faculty of Pharmacy of Dhaka University conferred Dean's Award to three students for their outstanding academic results in Bachelor of Pharmacy (honours) examination in 2009. Besides, four students received Litterateur Sardar Joyen Uddin Gold Medal for their outstanding academic result in Bachelor of Pharmacy (honours) examination in 2008 and 2009 and seven more students of different academic years of the faculty received Badrunnessa Gafur Memorial Trust Fund scholarship. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique handed over the awards, gold medals and testimonials to the students at a function yesterday, says a press release. Faculty of Pharmacy acting dean Prof ABM Faruk chaired the programme, while university Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Harun-or-Rashid, Treasurer Dr Mizanur Rahman and chairmen of different departments were present. The Dean's Award recipients are -- Tasnuva Sharmin, Uttam Kumar and Shahadat Bin Syeed. Sardar Joyen Uddin Gold Medal recipients are -- Farhana Islam, AGM Mostafa, Tasnuva Sharmin and Uttam Kumar. Badrunnessa Gafur Memorial Trust Fund scholarship recipients are -- Infekhar Ahmed (for 2008 and 2009), Ridwan Islam (for 2008 and 2009), Abdullah Al Faisal, Tasnuva Sharmin and Noor Ahmed Nahid.

Bhutto in Dhaka

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emergence in December of the year. On the morning of March 21, Hossain was summoned by Bangabandhu and Tajuddin Ahmed into another meeting with the president to let him know that in the prevailing circumstances it was necessary for arrangements to be made by which power could be handed over to the provinces. On the same day, it was made known by the junta that a draft presidential proclamation had been readied, a copy of which was made available to the Awami League. The party's assessment was that the draft proclamation had been made in haste and left some serious points untouched. For instance, the draft proclamation suggested that martial law would be considered withdrawn on the day governments in the five provinces of Pakistan entered upon office. The Awami League came forth with its own suggestions, the gist of which was that the procla-

mation should come into force seven days after it was issued or seven days after five new provincial governors took the oath of office. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto arrived in Dhaka on the evening of March 21. At a meeting between the junta's advisers and those of the Awami League, General Peerzada stated that he would be meeting the PPP's advisers. He also made it known that a copy of the draft proclamation had already been sent to Bhutto. Soon after his arrival, the PPP leader met President Yahya Khan, who apprised him of his talks with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman between 16 and 20 March. Meanwhile, addressing a huge crowd before his Dhanmondi residence, Bangabandhu exhorted Bangalees not to yield in their movement until the demands of the seventy five million people of Bangladesh were fulfilled.

would allow him to maintain his own power at the centre. That perhaps spurred Bangabandhu and Tajuddin Ahmed into another meeting with the president to let him know that in the prevailing circumstances it was necessary for arrangements to be made by which power could be handed over to the provinces. On the same day, it was made known by the junta that a draft presidential proclamation had been readied, a copy of which was made available to the Awami League. The party's assessment was that the draft proclamation had been made in haste and left some serious points untouched. For instance, the draft proclamation suggested that martial law would be considered withdrawn on the day governments in the five provinces of Pakistan entered upon office. The Awami League came forth with its own suggestions, the gist of which was that the procla-

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by thumping desks, the speaker said. "Every time they use unparliamentary words, I expunge those. But it looks indecent to frequently expunge [words from lawmakers' speeches]. Asif, being the speaker, it is my only duty to expunge unparliamentary words," Hamid said. He was speaking before a discussion on the thanks-giving motion on the president's address. On Wednesday, a number of lawmakers from Awami League and the main opposition BNP used "indecent" and "aggressive" words to attack the opponent, ignoring the speaker's repeated calls for restraint. The speaker instantly expunged the unparliamentary words. The House resumed sitting yesterday afternoon after a three-day recess. The speaker made the remark to keep lawmakers from using unparliamentary words during their speeches

on the thanks-giving motion. But the speaker's effort went in vain as BNP lawmaker Syeda Asifa Ashrafi Papia used some "indecent" and "abusive" words in her deliberation on the thanks-giving motion. At one stage, the speaker intervened and urged her to speak decently. He also cautioned that if any lawmaker uses unparliamentary and aggressive words in a speech, the parliamentarian's microphone will be switched off. The speaker expunged several words used by the BNP lawmaker. Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque took the floor and said the speaker should be impartial and expunge the unparliamentary words used by the lawmakers of the treasury bench. Lawmakers from both the ruling party and the opposition exchanged volleys of abusive words during the

discussion. Earlier, BNP lawmaker Moudud Ahmed took the floor on a point of order and said people are confused over some issues relating to the country's constitution. He said the law ministry reprinted the constitution to implement the Supreme Court's verdict on the fifth amendment. But it is a draft constitution. "The draft constitution is illegal, as approval of the cabinet had not been taken before it was printed," he said. In response, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed ruled out Moudud's claim and said Gen Ziaur Rahman illegally brought about some changes to the constitution through martial law proclamations. The Supreme Court declared the changes illegal and the law ministry reprinted the constitution in line with the court's verdict, he said.

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