

Two sections of Int'l Crimes Tribunal Act challenged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday challenged the legality of two sections of International Crimes Tribunal (Amendment) Act, 2009 which allow the trial of individuals in connection with war crime charges.

Advocate Md Rezaul Karim filed a writ petition as public interest litigation with the High Court (HC) also challenging rules of the law that allows judges' appointment as chairman or member of International Crimes Tribunal for holding the trial of war crimes charges.

Hearing on the petition will be held on May 15, counsel for the petitioner barrister Fakhruul Islam told The Daily Star.

Section 3(1) of the law, which permits the trial of individuals, is contradictory to article 47(3) of the constitution, Fakhruul said.

This provision of the constitution has permitted the trial of members of armed, defence, auxiliary forces and prisoners of war, he said, adding that by incorporating the word individual or group of individuals in the amended law, the constitutional provision has been violated.

Section 6(2) of the law also goes against the constitutional provision that permits the HC judges to sit only the HC division, he added.

NU masters results published

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Masters' (first part) results of different subjects of 2008 under National University (NU) were published yesterday, available at www.nu.edu.bd.

Published subjects include Bangla, Arabic, Sanskrit, Pali, History, Islamic History and Culture, Philosophy, Islamic Studies, Social Science, Political Science, Social Science, Social Work, Economics, Marketing, Accounting, Management, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Geography, Soil Science, Home Economics, Statistics, and Library and Information Science.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina holds a meeting with UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-moon at his room at the Lutfi Kirdar Convention Centre in Istanbul yesterday.

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BDR CARNAGE

Charges against 463 more read out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution lawyer read out charges against 463 more accused of the 2009 Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) carnage in Pilkhana on the third day's charge hearing at a makeshift court in Bakshi Bazar in the city yesterday.

Charges against 340, out of 850 accused including 23 civilians, were read out in the past court proceedings.

Prosecutor SK Baharul Islam read out charges against the accused individually.

He accused Gulzar Hossain, a cook of BDR (now Border Guard Bangladesh), of shooting dead an army officer on the day of the carnage. When the court asked whether a cook could handle firearms, the prosecutor replied everyone in the armed forces have the minimum skill to operate firearms.

In response to journalists' query later, Baharul, however, said the situation was so horrible that anyone could have taken arms and operated them.

The court, beginning around 9:45am and continuing till 1:00pm, adjourned

trial proceedings till May 23 when it will hear charges against remaining 45 accused and might frame the charges, said the prosecutor.

In July last year, Criminal Investigation Department pressed charges against 824 jawans and 23 civilians for murder, arson, looting, hiding of bodies and sedition. Of the 850 accused, two are dead and 21 are absconding.

A total of 74 people, including 57 army officers, were killed in the February 25-26 carnage in 2009 at the Pilkhana headquarters of BDR.

Stolen newborn rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a baby girl, which was stolen from the capital's Mitford Hospital on April 4, in Palashbari upazila of Gaibandha on Sunday.

Suman Ahmed and Salma Begum of Gandaria in the city have claimed to be the parents of the baby after identifying it seeing a birthmark on its baby.

Police said a DNA test will be conducted soon to confirm their claim.

Mitford Hospital authorities filed a case with Kotwali Police Station on April 4 over the theft of the baby.

Kotwali Sub-inspector SM Rakibul Haque said a woman in veil took the baby, born on April 2, away from Salma's mother duping her at the hospital on April 4.

"We have got a message that a baby was found in Nuniabari of Palashbari upazila, Gaibandha. We went there with the claiming parents of the baby lost on April 4. They

identified the baby seeing a birthmark on its body. We handed the baby over to them."

The baby was recovered from the house of Saju, a small shop owner at Palashbari bus stand. Saju told police that a woman in veil kept the baby in an empty house near the bus stand and went missing.

He recovered the baby and started raising it after filing a general diary (GD) with Palashbari Police Station.

"The birthmarks that the parents of the baby stated to the police and to the villagers before seeing the baby in Gaibandha matched," said SI Rakibul.

"But the date of the GD says the baby was found on April 2. It might be a mistake of enlisting the date. A DNA test will be conducted to confirm that Suman and Salma are the parents of the baby," he said.

Suman said they have no objection in letting police conduct a DNA test for confirmation.

KOKO'S TAX EVASION Hearing on charge framing May 26

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred till May 26 the hearing on charge framing against Arafat Rahman Koko, youngest son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in connection with a tax evasion case.

Judge (In charge) Fozila Begum of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Koko's lawyer submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the hearing.

In the petition, Advocate Sanaullah Miah, counsel for Koko, said they had earlier filed a writ petition with the High Court (HC) challenging legality of the case.

The HC, after the hearing, on June 9 last year issued a rule upon the government to explain why the proceedings of the case should not be declared illegal. But the hearing on the rule is now remained pending.

So, he prayed for an adjournment of the hearing, the lawyer said.

Earlier on April 7, the same court adjourned the hearing on charge framing against Koko till yesterday.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed the case against Koko on March 1 last year for evading income tax for fiscal years from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007.

In the complaint, Deputy Tax Commissioner of the NBR Shahin Akhter Hossain said Koko evaded income tax on his income of Tk 52.39 lakh between 2002-2003 and 2006-2007 fiscal years.

Expand services for people's welfare

President urges info commission

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the Information Commission to gradually expand its services for the welfare of the people.

"You've to remain alert that the people get information without facing any problem," he said when Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) Mohammad Zamir presented the annual report of the commission to him at Bangabhaban.

Information Commissioners M Abu Taher and Prof Dr Sadeka Halim accompanied Zamir.

Zillur urged the commissioners to extend their activities for the welfare of the countrymen.

The commissioners



Chief Information Commissioner Mohammad Zamir presents the annual report of the Information Commission to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. Information Commissioners M Abu Taher, right, and Prof Dr Sadeka Halim, left, were present on the occasion.

PHOTO: PID

sought his cooperation for incorporating an article on Right to Information Act (RTI) in textbooks under the secondary education curricula with a view to building a conscious generation.

Zamir told the president that some 45 countries around the world are observing the activities of the commission and Bhutan has already expressed its intention to replicate the Information Commission of Bangladesh.

He also informed that a South Asian Information Commission could be formed and by sharing of information Bangladesh Information Commission could work with it in the counter-terrorism activities in this region.

Sylhet agri instt closed sine die

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Agriculture Training Institute, Sylhet (ATI) was closed for an indefinite period yesterday following clashes between two groups of students left at least 15 students injured.

The institute authorities also asked the students to vacate the dormitory immediately.

ATI Principal Md Hanifa said students who run the dining hall split into two factions and started clashing on Sunday afternoon over misappropriation of funds.

In the clash, five students sustained injuries. Two of them were admitted to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Another clash erupted yesterday morning leaving 10 more students wounded. Two of them were admitted to the medical college hospital.

The other injured were given first aid.

The clashing students used rods and sharp weapons including daggers to attack the rival group. Police recovered some of the weapons from the dormitory.

Meanwhile, the ATI principal lodged a general diary (GD) with Kotwali Police Station accusing about 30 students for attacking his office and injuring Monirul Islam, the hall supervisor and an instructor.

Overrule past judgements on martial law

Mahmudul suggests SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist Mahmudul Islam yesterday suggested the Supreme Court overruling its previous judgements, which had legitimised the martial law rules and regulations, and settlement of the disputes.

This is a historic opportunity for the SC to overrule its rulings on the martial law, so that no martial law proclamation can take place in the country in future, he said.

He was placing his opinions as amicus curiae (friend of court) before the apex court during hearing an appeal filed against the High Court verdict declaring illegal the seventh amendment to the constitution, which had legitimised the military rule by HM Ershad.

A six-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque, will continue the hearing today.

Former Attorney General Mahmudul Islam yesterday told the SC that it can consider the appeal filed by Siddique Ahmed, who earlier challenged the seventh amendment to the constitution with the HC, seeking bail in a criminal case against him.

On August 26 last year, the HC delivered the verdict following a writ petition filed by Siddique, who was convicted and sentenced to life-term imprisonment by a martial law court in a murder case in 1986.

Though the HC declared the seventh amendment to the constitution illegal, it neither acquitted him of the murder charge nor ordered for retrial of the case against him.

The HC also asked Siddique, who was then freed on bail, to surrender his bail bond to the lower court from which he had obtained it, and explore other legal options for his remedy.

Siddique surrendered to a court in Chittagong on April 7 in connection with the murder case, as per the HC order.

Former Justice Syed Amirul Islam and Barrister Hasan MS Azim appeared for Siddique.

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