

Limon

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others in an arms case to September 15.

Faruk Ahmed, judge of the special tribunal-1, recorded the attendance of Limon after he appeared before it at 11:30am and transferred the case to the special tribunal-2 of the district.

After hearing arguments of both sides, Md Siddikul Arefin Chowdhury, judge of the special tribunal-2, deferred the hearing on charge framing to September 15.

M Alam Khan Kamal, special public prosecutor of tribunal-2, appealed to the court to defer the date as seven other accused in the case did not surrender to the court.

Advocate Abdur Rashid, Ataulah Nurul Kabir of Ain O Salish Kendra and advocate Nasiruddin Kabir, Nashimul Hasan, Manik Acharya and Akkas Sikdar in their petition prayed for Limon's acquittal from the charge.

Limon, shot and maimed by a Rab team on March 23, left Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital in the capital on Saturday noon to appear before the court in the morning.

Hearing

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In the petition, Khokon said Tarique had earlier filed a criminal revision case with the High Court (HC) against an order passed by another court.

On May 5 this year, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court took into cognizance the charges against Tarique and Mamun and transferred the case to the Special Judge's Court-3 for its quick disposal.

However, as the hearing on the revision is yet to be held, the defendants appealed to the court to reschedule the date for hearing.

Mamun was present during yesterday's hearing while Tarique had earlier gone abroad for medical treatment.

According to the Supreme Court's (SC) verdict on February 9 this year, proceedings of the case against Tarique cannot run under the Money Laundering Prevention Act 2009 as the alleged offence took place before its enactment.

However, the trial can proceed under the 2002 act, the SC added.

On July 6 last year, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) pressed charges against the duo for laundering Tk 20.41 crore in between 2003 and 2007.

It's a plot

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does not withdraw the cases and charge sheets against Tarique and other BNP leaders and workers.

The party will stage demonstrations across the country today.

Fakhrul also accused the government of implicating party leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in the cases, but his name was not on the supplementary charge sheets submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday.

Fakhrul said, "Charges were pressed against Tarique Rahman as part of a conspiracy to destroy the Zia family, and divert public attention as the government is facing people's wrath due to scrapping of the caretaker government system."

The vindictive Awami League government has become desperate to defame the Zia family before the nation, Fakhrul said.

"But the government will not be able to hide its misrule by conducting propaganda, filing false cases or creating confusion."

In a statement, Jamaat-e-Islami city unit chief Rafiqul Islam Khan and Secretary AHM Hamidur Rahman condemned implicating the detained party Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid in the grenade attack cases.

They urged the government to drop his name from the charge sheet in the cases and release him.

Thaksin allies

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election and the Democrats are defeated," Abhisit told supporters at the party's Bangkok headquarters.

The poll was the first major electoral test for the elite-backed government since mass demonstrations by Thaksin's "Red Shirt" supporters last year paralysed Bangkok and unleashed the worst political violence in decades.

A smiling Yingluck earlier addressed jubilant supporters at the Puea Thai Party's headquarters in the Thai capital, saying: "Thaksin has called to congratulate me and said there was a tough job ahead.

"Thank you to the people who came out to vote," added the 44-year-old telegenic businesswoman, a political novice who Thaksin has described as his "clone".

Amid fears that an opposition victory could unleash more deadly protests or even another army takeover, Thaksin called on all sides to respect the outcome of the ballot.

"All parties must respect the people's decision otherwise our country cannot achieve peace," the former billionaire telecoms tycoon told Thai television by telephone from his base in Dubai.

"I think people want to see reconciliation. They want to move forward," he said. "We will not seek revenge."

Tarique faces

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amount of attention and gave rise to much curiosity and widespread criticism through his involvement in much talked about "Hawa Bhaban" activities.

According to the charge sheet submitted by the criminal investigation department, Hawa Bhaban, which was considered the "alternative powerhouse" during the last BNP-led regime, had links with the heinous grenade attack on an Awami League rally in 2004 that killed 24 leaders and workers of the party.

Despite all criticisms, Tarique, currently under treatment in London, is still being dubbed as "the future leader of BNP" by the party's leaders and workers.

His promotion to the post of senior joint secretary general of BNP was in recognition to his contribution to the party's landslide victory in 2001 general election.

But his political opponents always described him as "the epicentre of crime and corruption".

According to his lawyers, Tarique, now the BNP senior vice-chairman, has 14 cases against him, most of which were filed during the last military-backed caretaker government for corruption and extortion.

He was even arrested on March 7, 2007, but released on September 3, 2008 on bail. He flew to London with his family for medical treatment on September 11, 2008. He has since been living there.

At the time of his departure from Bangladesh, he was compelled to sign a

Judge

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not completed.

The BJSC selects candidates for these posts by holding examinations as per government procedure, and the president of the republic then appoints them.

BJSC started the process of recruiting 101 judicial officials in June last year through issuing a circular seeking application from candidates, BJSC sources said.

Three thousand candidates appeared in a preliminary test held on September 24 last year and after that a written test of over 1,600 candidates was held in January for selecting candidates for voice.

The BJSC needs to make the new appointments to cope with the shortage of judges, since around 17 lakh cases are pending with lower courts across the country with only about 1,300 judges to deal with them, said sources.

The present government has so far appointed 207 judges to lower courts through BJSC.

In May 2008, the then caretaker government appointed 394 assistant judges and judicial magistrates through the commission following the separation of the judiciary from the executive.

Topped by the military in 2006 and now living in self-imposed exile to avoid a jail term for corruption, Thaksin nevertheless dominated the election in Thailand, where he remains a hugely divisive figure.

He is adored by rural voters for his populist policies while in powers such as cheap healthcare and microcredit schemes, but hated by the ruling elite who see him as corrupt, authoritarian and a threat to the revered monarchy.

The election is seen as a major test of the kingdom's ability to emerge from its long political crisis, which has seen years of street protests by Thaksin's "Red Shirt" supporters and the rival "Yellow Shirt" royalists.

More than 170,000 police were deployed to secure the vote, but it appeared to proceed peacefully. Long queues were seen at polling stations.

The Puea Thai party has proposed an amnesty for convicted politicians -- a move apparently aimed at bringing Thaksin home, where he faces terrorism charges in connection with the April-May 2010 protests.

More than 90 people, mostly civilians, died in a series of street clashes between mostly unarmed red-clad protesters loyal to Thaksin and government soldiers firing live ammunition in the streets of the capital.

statement in which he said he was retiring from BNP politics. Later at a press conference, Khaleda Zia also announced that Tarique will be away from politics until he fully recovers from his illness.

But he was elected the senior vice-chairman of the party through the fifth national council held on December 8, 2009.

Joined BNP in 1993 as a primary member of the party's Gabtali upazila unit under Bogra district, and became a district committee member the same year.

After becoming the senior joint secretary general, he started holding "grassroots representative conferences" which geared up the party across the country, and made him popular among the party's rank and file.

The accused

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- Former DG of DGFI Maj Gen (retd) ATM Amin
- Former DGFI official Lt Col (sacked) Saiful Islam Joarder
- Khaleda's nephew Lt Commander Saiful Islam Duke
- Former IGPs Ashraful Huda, Khoda Baksh Chowdhury and Shahidul Haque
- Former DC-East of DMP Obaidur Rahman
- Former DC (South) of DMP Khan Sayeed Hassan
- Former SP Ruhul Amin of CID
- Former CID ASPs Munshi Atiqur Rahman and Abdur Rashid
- Haji founder Abdus Salam
- Haji leaders Moulana Sheikh Farid, Moulana Abdur Rouf and Moulana Abdul Hannan Sabir
- Kashmir-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leader Abdul Malek alias Golam Mohammad
- Pakistan based LeT leader Yusuf Butt alias Majid Butt
- Mufti Shafiqur Rahman
- Mufti Abdul Hai
- Hafez Moulana Yahiya
- Babu alias Ratul Babu
- Hanif Paribahan owner Mohammad Hanif
- DCC ward-53 councillor Ariful Islam

2008 CHARGE SHEET

- Ex-BNP deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu
- Moulana Tajuddin
- Moulana Liton
- Haji boss Mufti Hannan
- Mafizur Rahman
- Moulana Abu Taher
- Sharif Shahidul Islam
- Moulana Abu Sayeed alias Dr Abu Zafar
- Mufti Moin alias Abu Zandal
- Abul Kalam Bulbul
- Jahangir Alam
- Arif Hasan Sumon
- Mohammad Jewel
- Hossain Ahmed
- Anisul Mursalin
- Mahibul Muttakin
- Iqbal
- Moulana Abu Bakar
- Moulana Liton alias Jubayer
- Uzzal alias Ratan
- Rafiqul Islam Sabuj
- Khalilur Rahman

After getting president's assent to the bill, they sent the file of the constitution amendment bill to the parliament secretariat for taking next course of action, he said.

According to the constitutional provision, when a bill is presented to the president for his assent he should sign it within the period of seven days after the bill is presented to him, and if he fails to do so he shall be deemed to have assented to it on the expiration of that period.



Kaikobad, MP Mufti Hannan Abdus Salam Pintu Abdus Salam Sheikh Farid Abdul Hannan Rezzakul Haider Abdur Rahim

Tarique among 30 new accused

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aided and abetted the blasts and let the attackers flee the country. Mojahed helped the attackers get out of the place of occurrence by arranging for them ambulances of Al-Markajul Islam, a non-government organisation.

The grenades used in the attack came from Pakistan, he added.

Of the 30 named in the supplementary charge sheets, 11 including Babar, Mojahed and former directors general of National Security Intelligence Major Gen (retd) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury and Brig Gen (retd) Abdur Rahim are behind bars; one is out on bail; and the rest 18 including Tarique, Harris, BNP lawmaker Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad and former DG of Directorate General of Forces Intelligence Major Gen (retd) ATM Amin have yet to be detained.

In response to a plea from the CID, a metropolitan magistrate's court issued arrest warrants against the 18 yesterday afternoon.

Two cases were filed in

connection with the August 21 carnage--one under explosive substances act and the other for killing people.

Earlier in 2008, the CID submitted charge sheets against 22 people including former BNP deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu and 21 Huji men including militant kingpin Mufti Hannan.

However, a Dhaka court on August 3, 2009, ordered further probe, as it observed the investigation had failed to unearth the sources of the grenades used and identify the masterminds

behind the attack.

The supplementary charge sheets have raised the number of accused in the cases to 52. They list 81 people as witnesses.

CID Inspector Samiul Basit submitted the additional charge sheets on behalf of CID's Special Superintendent Abdul Kahar Akhand, also investigation officer of the cases.

A CID team under a huge police escort brought the case dossiers to the court in two large trunks.

Before and after submission of the charge sheets, a group of pro-BNP lawyers

brought out processions on the court premises. They protested the inclusion of Tarique as an accused.

During the BNP-led four-party alliance rule, the then CID investigators tried to mislead the probe to save the real culprits.

They falsely implicated one Jui Miah.

On March 29, 2009, CID ASP Fazlul Kabir filed a case against three former CID investigators--SSP Ruhul Amin and ASPs Munshi Atiqur Rahman and Abdur Rashid--for attempt to mislead the investigation.

ENG ODI SERIES

Lanka take

2-1 lead

AFP, London

Dinesh Chandimal's unbeaten 105 saw Sri Lanka to a six-wicket win against England in the third one-day international at Lord's here on Sunday as the tourists took a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

Sri Lanka, chasing 247 to win, finished on 249 for four.

Chandimal ended the match with 10 balls to spare by striking a four off seamer James Anderson.

England's total of 246 for seven, which featured captain Alastair Cook's career-best 119, never looked enough.

That score was put into perspective by a Sri Lankan second-wicket stand of 112 between Chandimal and veteran opener Mahela Jayawardene, who made 79.

Sri Lanka seamers Lasith Malinga and Suranga Lakmal, as well as leg-spinner Jeewon Mendis, all took two wickets each.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: 246-7 in 50 overs (A Cook 119, Pietersen 41, Kulasekara 30; Mendis 2-40, Malinga 2-54, Lakmal 2-62)

SRI LANKA: 249-4 in 48.2 overs (Chandimal 105 not out, Jayawardene 79; Swann 2-32)

Result: Sri Lanka won by six wickets and lead five-match series 2-1.

Man-of-the-match: Dinesh Chandimal.

WC Qualifiers

will now face Lebanon in another two-leg pre-qualifiers. They travel to Beirut to play the away match on July 23 before hosting the high-profile Middle-Eastern nation in Dhaka on July 28.

Bangladesh, who had been drowned in rain on home soil, looked determined to keep their slate clean against Pakistan with their new Macedonian coach Nikola Ilijevski adopting an attacking approach from the outset with Zahid Hasan and Mithun Chowdhury in up front.

Both sides fought equally in front of a capacity crowd at Punjab Stadium but no one could yield any scoring chances in the first half.

Pakistan, who needed a monumental task of winning 4-0 to keep their World Cup dream alive, put pressure on the tourists after resumption but they could not find the back of the Bangladesh net, marshalled by goalkeeper-cum-captain Biplob Bhattacharjee, who was solid under the bar.

Ilijevski brought in Abdul Baten Komol and winger Zahid Hossain, who scored one of three goals in the first leg, in place of Shakil Ahmed and Monaem Khan Raju after the break. But the play only enabled Bangladesh to adopt a defensive strategy.

Pakistan came close to opening the account in the 50th minute but Azlan Ahmed missed the target narrowly after being nicely set up by Arif Mahmood while Biplob made a superb save, tipping a goal-bound chip from Abbas over the bar.

Pakistan picked up five corners in the second-half but failed to cash in on those while Bangladesh produced a couple of counterattacks and narrowly missed one of them.

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