

# Khaleda goes to court

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spilled over into Victoria Park in the south to Phulbaria area in the north. Vehicular movement from Gulistan to Sadarghat came to a halt as the opposition supporters assembled on the street from Raishahab intersection to Jagannath University to welcome the BNP chief.

Additional police personnel were deployed at and around the court premises to maintain law and order. Due to the traffic congestion, the leader of the opposition in parliament arrived at the court 15 minutes behind her appointment at 11:30am. She had to appear before the court in person as an eight-week bail in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case, which she secured from the High Court in December, expired yesterday. Khaleda also had to appear before another court to face the charge framing

hearing in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. During the proceedings of the cases, she was permitted to sit on a chair. This was the sixth time that Khaleda has appeared in a court in person since 1999. In the Zia Orphanage Trust case, the adjournment came minutes after her counsel filed a petition before the Special Judge's Court-3 seeking time and subsequent adjournment of the hearing on charge framing in the case. Seeking the adjournment, Moudud Ahmed told the court that the HC on October 15, 2009 issued a rule asking the government to explain why the proceedings of the cases should not be quashed. Later on December 14 last year, the HC discharging the rule had cleared the way for continuing the trial as it did not find any cogent ground to do so. As a follow up, Moudud

said, now his client wanted to file a leave-to-appeal with the Supreme Court. Therefore, they needed time, he explained. But Special Public Prosecutor Mosharrif Hossain Kajal opposed the petition. He told the court that it was a long pending case and there was no legal bar to holding the hearing against Khaleda and five others as the HC had discharged the rule. After hearing both the sides, Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain granted Khaleda's time petition and set the date for next hearing. The court also directed all the seven accused in the case including Khaleda and her elder son Tarique Rahman to appear before it on that date. Tarique, BNP's senior vice chairman, is now abroad for better treatment. **ZIA CHARITABLE TRUST GRAFT CASE**

In her first ever appearance before the HC as an accused on December 8 last year, Khaleda secured anticipatory bail for eight weeks in the case. On January 17, the BNP chairperson submitted her bail bond with two guarantors. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), on August 8 last year, filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station against Khaleda and three others accusing them of abusing power in setting up the trust named after late president Ziaur Rahman. **ZIA ORPHANAGE TRUST GRAFT CASE** The ACC filed another case against Khaleda, her son Tarique Rahman and five others with Ramna Police Station on July 3, 2009, for embezzling over Tk 2.10 crore by forming the "fake" organisation, Zia Orphanage Trust.

# Land graft

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get the land," he commented. He directed the officials concerned to submit an accurate list of vested property by this month. "There is no scope to miss the deadline as the government is committed to solving the longstanding issue," he added. He urged the officials at district and field levels to take proper steps to stop harassment of common people seeking land related services. Chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on land ministry AKM Mozammel Huq and Director General of Department of Land Records and Survey MA Mannan, among others, also spoke on the occasion. Mozammel said if the list of vested property is prepared accurately, the nation would be greatly benefited. He also urged the ADCs

(revenue) to regularly oversee the activities of the union land offices, popularly known as "Tahshil Office", for accountability and accuracy. He said the government is going to take initiatives to register public land under different ministries in different ledgers. Citing an example, he said the land of railway might be registered under only ledger number seven. So, if anybody wants to record land of ledger number seven, it would be very easy to identify that the land belongs to the railway, Mozammel added. The field level officials are working to make the accurate list of vested property as the government passed the Vested Property Return (Amendment) Bill, 2011 last year. The gazette of the vested property is expected to be published in April this year.

# Stop 'suicidal game'

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the language of democracy and follow democratic norms," suggested Hasina, who is also chief of the ruling AL. "You [Khaleda] are now staging a movement to get the caretaker system restored. But after the Supreme Court verdict and constitutional amendments, it is not possible," she said. "Is there any guarantee that the next caretaker government, if the system has to be reinstated anyhow, will bring her [Khaleda] to power? What will she do if the caretaker government holds no elections in the country?" The Supreme Court last year declared illegal the 15-year-old constitutional provision that mandates an elected government to transfer power to an unelected non-partisan caretaker administration to oversee the parliamentary polls on the completion of its term. Later, the provision was repealed through an amendment in the Jatiya Sangsad, sparking off protests from the BNP-led opposition. Why was Khaleda so passionate about bringing back the caretaker system even after she was jailed and Tarique and Koko were forced out of the country by the last caretaker regime of Iajuddin Ahmed, Fakhruddin Ahmed and Moeen U Ahmed? Hasina asked. The AL chief urged the BNP chairperson to join parliament and discuss whatever her party wanted to do in the House. The ongoing movements of the BNP-Jamaat alliance were meant to save war criminals and two corrupt sons of Khaleda, Hasina claimed, holding the BNP chief responsible for the recent deaths of five people in Laxmipur, Chandpur and Rajshahi. "The BNP chairperson

will have to answer as to why these people were killed." She said the people of Bangladesh no more wanted to see the corrupt politicians, looters, patrons of militants and saviour of war criminals take office. Khaleda Zia did not believe in fair polls and this was why she was trying to make the situation complex using the army, the PM added. Referring to the 18 December violence in the capital and elsewhere in the country, Hasina asked how much bloodshed does Khaleda needs. As many as 19 coups took place in the army during the regime of late president Ziaur Rahman and Zia hanged more than 3,000 military personnel. In the 2009 BDR mutiny, 74 people, including the 57 bright army officials, were killed, she mentioned, questioning the role of the BNP chairperson at that time. "Why had she [Khaleda] left her cantonment residence early in the morning, at least two hours before the mutiny started around 9:00am? Where had she been hiding for three days after the mutiny? Did she know anything earlier?" During HM Ershad's military rule in 1986, Khaleda was hiding in Hotel Purbani and Ershad had to find her through breaking the door of the hotel, Hasina said. She questioned why a woman like Khaleda had to hide in a hotel. At the meet yesterday, Sheikh Hasina also directed the Awami League leaders to make the party stronger at the grassroots and work for the people. AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam and party leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Kazi Zafarullah, Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Abdul Latif Siddique, Mahbubul Alam Hanif, BM Mozammel Haque and AFM Bahauddin Nasim, were present among others.

# 3 witnesses go missing

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added. They were supposed to testify in the case filed in connection with the Jamaat leader's alleged crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. Sayeede, nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, is among six Jamaat and two BNP leaders facing war crimes charges at the tribunal. Unhappy over the prosecution's failure to produce witnesses, the three-member tribunal led by its chairperson Justice Nizamul Huq passed an order reluctantly allowing an adjournment even though the prosecution explanation was unsatisfactory. After the proceedings, Sayeede's defence counsels told journalists that so far the prosecution had failed to produce 15 witnesses on time. "We find it suspicious," said defence counsel Tajul Islam, adding that the defence believed that the prosecution were taking time to "train the witnesses to give false statements". The prosecution on Wednesday informed the tribunal that it had three witnesses who would testify. And they would be produced before the court on Thursday (yesterday). The court acknowledged it and the defence was duly notified. However, as the tribunal began yesterday's proceedings around 10:30am, prosecutor Rana Dasgupta

appeared before the judges and said the witnesses had gone missing. "Yesterday, they left saying they would be visiting relatives, and have not returned," the prosecutor said. The court then asked the prosecutor whether there was any scope for the witnesses to leave custody under the court's order. Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta said there was not. "Then I must say that the prosecution has failed to obey the court's order," was the reply from the tribunal. The prosecutor then apologised to the court. After a series of exchange of words between the court, defence and the prosecution, the tribunal passed the adjournment order. The tribunal noted that while the three witnesses were allowed to visit their relatives, the court had issued an order that these witnesses be kept in a secret location in the interest of their safety. "We cannot even imagine that the witnesses could leave the custody of the investigation agency in such a manner," the order stated. The order noted the absence of the chief prosecutor and the investigation officer at the tribunal. "Reluctantly, we allow an adjournment to the prosecution, although the explanation is not satisfactory." The tribunal was adjourned until Feb 7.

# Vote of trust for war trial

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accused and that Bangladesh had ratified the Rome statute. Lambert, from the UK Green Party, on January 31 presided over a session of Euro-parliamentarians responsible for policymaking towards South Asia. On the day, the group held a hearing at the European Parliament in Brussels on the ongoing trial of crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War in Bangladesh. The Netherlands-based International Committee for Democracy in Bangladesh and the diaspora and development groups organised the hearing. Members of different non-government and human rights organisations from Europe, the

Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal attended the session. Lambert said the war began with Pakistani military operations on the night of March 25, 1971. In the nine-month long bloody war, an estimated three million people were killed in genocide, arson, rape and other heinous acts. A delegation of human rights campaigners from Bangladesh -- journalist Shahriar Kabir, barrister Tureen Afroz and Zead-Al-Malum, a prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) -- attended the hearing. Peter Custers, president of International Committee for Democracy in Bangladesh, reminded those present that the EU had passed at least three resolutions supporting the war

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sels, to speak. Cadman said he did not oppose the trial nor was a part of any international conspiracy to obstruct the trial, but felt that the 1973 act-- under which the ICT was conducting the trial-- in part did not meet international standards and therefore needed to be amended. Bangladesh's Ambassador Ismat Jahan said the government had reviewed and amended the act to meet universal standards by ensuring a right to appeal by the accused and allowing international observers. She said the trial should not be seen as a vendetta and was not politically motivated. It was rather aimed at discouraging the culture of impunity and strengthening democracy.

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# HC asks govt

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that a textbook titled "Nimno Madhyamik Bangla Byakaron O Rochona (Junior School Certificate Bangla Grammar and Essay)" for class VII and VIII students, says in a page that Ziaur Rahman had declared the country's independence. The book, published by Pragati Press and Publications in 2010, reads in another page that patriot Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman proclaimed the country's independence from Chittagong Betar Kendra on March 27, 1971, and then the Liberation War started. The HC said the judge of the book Ratan Siddique, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) Chairman Mostafa Kamal Uddin and its member Tahera Jahan, publisher of the book Tofazzal Hossain, and co-editors Shahid Uddin Ahmed and Mohammad Abdul Jalil appeared before the bench as per its January 29 order. The court rebuked the NCTB chairman as he said that the distortion of history did not come to his knowledge. Tahera Jahan, however, said that distorted books were published before the NCTB approved those, while Ratan Siddique, Tofazzal Hossain, Shahid Uddin Ahmed and Abdul Jalil said that their books had been pirated somehow as they did not write or publish anything distorting the history. Anamul Haque, a freedom fighter, filed the writ petition on January 29 seeking necessary directives from the HC. Following the petition, the court the same day directed the inspector general of police to seize within 15 days copies of the textbook. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, Additional Attorney General MK Rahman, petitioner's counsel Belal Hossain Joy, and some other lawyers present during the hearing told the court that the persons responsible for distortion of history of Liberation War should be punished.

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## PROFESSIONAL SEARCH

### Finance & Grants Director

PROSHAR is a five-year \$45 million development project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to address food security within Bangladesh. PROSHAR has been developed as a comprehensive action plan to bolster food security in Bangladesh by addressing the following technical areas: the promotion of sustainable livelihood strategies; improved health and nutrition; and enhanced community ability to respond to vulnerabilities and shocks. The project will work to reduce food insecurity in three upazilas in the Khulna division. PROSHAR will apply a long-term approach by leveraging opportunities in a number of value chains based on market analysis, strengthening health systems and empowering communities to prepare and respond to disasters. Additionally, by working with a variety of collaborating partners in a concentrated environment PROSHAR will achieve broad impact and demonstrate methodologies that can be replicated elsewhere in the country.

#### PURPOSE

The Dhaka-based Finance & Grants Director will be responsible for the leadership and management of PROSHAR's Accounting/Finance and Grants Departments. S/he will be a member of the project's Senior Management Team and will provide professional, accurate and timely guidance on all matters relating to accounting, finance and the project's local sub-grantees, who are implementing PROSHAR activities in Khulna. Implicit in the Finance & Grants Director position is the need for a high degree of coordination, both within PROSHAR across departments, and with staff of the project's sub-grantees.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

**Finance:**

- Provide strategic leadership, oversight and management to the PROSHAR Finance/Accounting Department by supervising the accounting staff in the PROSHAR Dhaka office, using hands-on leadership to ensure the maintenance of a high performing and effective team.
- Ensure all project financial transactions are allowable, reasonable and allocable, as well as within the established financial management policies of ACDI/VOCA, USAID and local regulations.
- Play a key role in the preparation of annual budgets and monthly cash flow projections and analysis in collaboration with key program staff and sub-awardees.
- Monitor the project budget for proper accountability of program expenditure and disbursements against appropriate budgets. Facilitate monthly internal budget tracking/programming and exchange of budgetary information among staff.
- Lead the preparation of both Government of Bangladesh and ACDI/VOCA financial reports (including the monthly Overseas Cash Accountability Report (OSCAR) and ensure all program ledgers and accounts records are up to date and accurately represented.
- Maintain accounting systems and procedures that enable prompt and accurate processing of accounting transactions, including monthly payroll to more than sixty staff, following sound accounting principles.
- Maintain an effective internal control system to ensure prevention and detection of fraud and errors.
- Update the project's Accounting and Finance Manual as necessary in coordination with supervisor and HQ.
- Provide assistance and coordination during periodic financial audits.

**Grants:**

- Provide leadership, oversight and management to the PROSHAR Grants Department by supervising the project's Khulna and Dhaka-based grants specialists, ensuring grant activities conform with the organization's policies and procedures as well as its Grants Manual. Ensure all sub-grant transactions are allowable, and compliant to grant terms and conditions.
- Communicate and coordinate with sub-grantees on a daily basis to ensure compliance with the award agreements, ensure mandatory reporting, and be the PROSHAR lead for all other administrative or financial aspects of the sub-awards. Interpret, communicate and enforce PROSHAR policies and procedures.
- Provide capacity building by way of technical assistance trainings on financial management and compliance to local sub-grantees, as needed. Create training tools and develop modules to help build capacity for sub-awardees, using input from USAID rules and regulations and ACDI/VOCA policies and procedures.
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- Lead PROSHAR's in-kind procurement of grant equipment, liaising with the PROSHAR Procurement Department, as required.
- Play a lead role in the sub-grant contracting and/or renewal process. Review sub-award budgets and prepare modifications and contract agreements, when required.
- Communicate with Awards and Compliance staff at ACDI/VOCA's Washington DC Head Quarters when required. Develop, document and communicate best practices in award compliance.
- All other duties as assigned by supervisor

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum Bachelor's degree in commerce, or a closely related subject, with a minimum of five to eight years of proven experience in a senior level finance and/or grants position in an international development organization.
- Experience in working with projects funded by USAID. Title II Food Security experience strongly preferred.
- Experience in directly managing a portfolio of sub-awards is required.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Bangladeshi accounting standards. Knowledge of US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated expertise with USAID rules and regulations, including A-110, A-122, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and A-133. Knowledge of Regulation 11 is a plus.
- Experience working with accounting software packages, such as QuickBooks.
- Excellent skills in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Access, Power point).
- Ability to travel outside of Dhaka up to at least once per month.
- Fluency in spoken and written English and Bangla is required.

#### APPLICATION

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