

Verdict on

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Abdul Hashem Mridha -- prayed for upholding the HC verdict that acquitted his clients.

The other four were executed in 2010 in the Bangabandhu assassination case.

In 2004, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka awarded death penalty to three of the accused for the jail killings and life imprisonment to 12 others for abetting the killings.

The three sentenced to death are Risalder (ret'd) Muslemuddin, Marfat Ali Shah and Abdul Hashem Mridha.

In 2008, the HC upheld the death penalty of one, acquitted six of the convicts and did not say anything about the eight others.

The case was filed for killing four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Quamruzzaman and Captain Mansur Ali -- inside Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

The metropolitan court had awarded life term to Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooq-ur Rahman, Lt Col (ret'd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Maj (ret'd) Bazul Huda, Lt Col (dismissed) Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col (relieved) Shariful Haq Dalim, Lt Col (ret'd) SHMB Noor Chowdhury, Maj (Ret'd) AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Lt Col (ret'd) AM Rashed Chowdhury, Maj (relieved) Ahmed Shariful Hossain, Capt (ret'd) Abdul Majed, Capt (relieved) Kismat Hasem and Capt (relieved) Nazmul Hossain.

The HC upheld the capital punishment of Muslemuddin and acquitted Marfat and Hashem. It also acquitted Farooq, Shahriar, Mohiuddin and Bazul Huda, and did not say anything about the eight others.

In 2011, the SC exempted Farooq, Shahriar, Mohiuddin and Bazul Huda from the case as they were already executed in the Bangabandhu assassination case.

Mahmudur

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three cases.

In one filed with Tejgaon Police Station on December 13 last year, he faces sedition charge for publishing Skype conversations between Justice Md Nizamul Huq, former chairman of International Crimes Tribunal-1, and Ahmed Ziauddin, an expatriate Bangladeshi legal expert.

Yesterday, Mahmudur appointed several lawyers to defend him in the cases. The lawyers submitted two petitions to the court seeking first class division in the jail for the arrestee and his proper treatment.

Defence counsels told the court that their client was tortured inhumanly during interrogation at the Minto Road office of Detective Branch of police.

Moreover, Mahmudur had been fasting for three days demanding withdrawal of a "false" case filed against his mother, release of 19 Amar Desh staff and lifting a ban on publishing the daily immediately, added the lawyers.

The court ordered the jail authorities to provide proper treatment and first class division to the arrestee according to the jail code.

The acting editor was shown arrested in two other cases filed last month with Tejgaon Police Station for acts of violence and assaulting police during hartals.

Meanwhile, another Dhaka court yesterday rejected bail petitions of 19 Amar Desh staff arrested for printing the daily without government permission.

SANGRAM EDITOR SECURES BAIL

The High Court granted anticipatory bail to daily Sangram Editor Abul Asad for six weeks yesterday, four days after he was sued in a case with Motijheel Police Station for illegally printing daily Amar Desh at his newspaper's press in the capital's Moghbazar.

On Tuesday, the same High Court bench granted anticipatory bail to Mahmuda Begum, acting chairman of Amar Desh Publication Limited, in the case.

Aided by Ramna police, the Dhaka district administration on Saturday night raided the Al-Falah Printing Press and office of Bangla daily Sangram and rounded up the 19 staff. The team also seized copies of Amar Desh from there.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia meets ambassadors of Arab countries at her Gulshan office last night.

1,320 MW POWER PLANT AT RAMPAL Dhaka, Delhi to sign deals on April 20-21

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India are going to sign three agreements soon to set up a 1,320 MW coal-fired power plant at Rampal in Bagerhat under a joint venture company of the two countries.

The agreements will be inked during the April 20-21 visit of Indian Power Secretary P Uma Shankar to Bangladesh. The power plant's name is Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Ltd.

During his stay here,

three agreements, namely Power Purchase Agreement, Implementation Agreement and Supplementary Joint Venture Agreement will be signed, said a press release of Indian High Commission yesterday.

According to the officials concerned, Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) and Indian National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will implement the \$1.5 billion project on a 50:50 equity basis. Of the total project cost, 70 percent will be arranged through loans and the rest 30 percent

will be shared equally by PDB and NTPC.

The Rampal project will cost Tk 1,200 crore and it will add 1,320 MW of electricity to the National Grid by 2016. Per unit cost of electricity will vary from Tk 5-7 if the existing international market price of coal is taken into account.

Earlier, on January 29 last year, Dhaka and New Delhi signed a joint venture agreement to set up Bangladesh's biggest power plant at Rampal. The NTPC has already completed feasibility study and other preparations to install the plant.

Fishing

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As the sun sets in these remarkable images, taken in China's Guangxi Zhuang region to record the ancient art of the cormorant fisherman, so to fades the light of a once vibrant and lucrative industry that has taken place in Japan and China for more than a thousand years.

No line, rod, hook nor bait are needed in this time-honoured and mutual union between man and bird.

Instead, the practice involves sending trained cormorants into the water to catch fish and bring them back alive for the fisherman's net.

To control the birds, the fishermen tie a snare near the base of the their throat, preventing them from swallowing larger fish.

HC bail

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The HC bench granted bail only to Pradhan in both the cases filed with Paltan Police Station hours after police raided BNP's central office following explosions in an opposition rally at Naya Paltan on March 11.

The bench of Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hosain passed split orders on the bail petitions filed by Farroque, Aman and Rizvi in the cocktail blast case.

Justice Quamrul granted them bail for six months while Justice Zakir issued three separate rules upon the government to explain why they should not be granted bail in the case.

The bench adjourned for 10 days the hearing on bail petitions filed by ZM Zahid and Shahjahan in the same blast case.

Earlier on April 7, the six leaders filed 12 separate petitions in the cases, seeking bail.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday deferred till April 30 the hearing on charge framing against 148 opposition leaders and activists accused in the police assault case.

Buriganga

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"Because Bangladesh is a country of rivers I am going to propose to Waterkeeper Alliance in New York for more focus on this part of the world for protection of its rivers," Depman added.

Sharif Jamil, member of the Buriganga Riverkeeper and also joint secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Bancho Andolan (BAPA), said a massive campaign is required to save the river from extinction.

During the dry season between October and April the river becomes totally stagnant with its upstream drying up and cutting off its link with the Jamuna. During the seven-month long stagnancy of the river, billions of gallons of toxic wastes from the city industries, mainly tanneries, accumulate in its water, turning the entire 54 kilometer stretch of the river into a septic tank.

For years the government has vowed to fight encroachment and pollution of the rivers around the city, but nothing or little so far has been done to address the problems.

Ctg port still reels

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Shahjahan Khan held a meeting with the leaders of Bangladesh Cargo Vessel Owners Association (BCVOA) and Coastal Ship Owners Association of Bangladesh (COAB) at his secretariat office to end the strike. Later, the minister met some industry owners, but both the meetings ended inconclusively.

Workers enforced the strike on April 4 demanding security in inland waterways and an increase in their wages by 20 percent according to the decision of a tri-party meeting between vessel owners, workers and the shipping minister on January 11.

However, workers of some 150 lighter vessels owned by different industries joined work on April 10 midnight after a meeting between Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and Bangladesh Nourjan Sramik Federation

on that day. They are already receiving the increased wages.

Yesterday evening, 34 mother (cargo) vessels were anchored at the outer anchorage of the port and in deep sea at Kutubdia with over 13 lakh tonnes of goods, mostly commodity items, said port sources.

A total of 261 lighter vessels with around 2.80 lakh tonnes of goods remained stranded on the waterways and at different private ghats across the country due to the strike till yesterday, said sources at the Water Transport Cell (WTC), an organisation that coordinates lighter vessels owned by BCVOA and COAB.

Owners of each of the mother vessels are charged \$15000 as "fixed operating cost" daily for overstay, said Kamal Hayat, senior vice-president of Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association.

Leaders of BCVOA and COAB claimed that they had incurred losses for months as the industrial group owners had been unloading goods by using their (industry owners') own vessels.

BCVOA President Mahbub Uddin Ahmad said they wanted all the vessel owners to be registered with the WTC, which would distribute the cargoes to the vessel owners. But the industrial group owners opposed the idea.

First batch

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He said all the 10,000 workers would go to Malaysia gradually.

In February, the government completed the selection of 10,000 workers out of 36,670 candidates, who applied online.

More than 14 lakh people applied for jobs in Malaysia.

Replying to the reporters' queries about the Saudi Arabian government's general amnesty for illegal expatriates, Khandker Mosharraf said the Bangladeshis who were staying illegally there should take the opportunity for their own sake.

Asked about the reopening of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) job market for Bangladeshis, he said the UAE government was now conducting its routine tracking of illegal residents.

This done, the Bangladeshi workers can go to the UAE without any restriction, he added.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১

গুলার্ফেশা প্লাজা (১১ তলা)

৮, শহীদ সাংবাদিক সেলিনা পারভীন সড়ক

বড় মগবাজার, ঢাকা

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত পণ্য এবং কাজের জন্য শর্তসাপেক্ষে অভিজ্ঞ, দক্ষ এবং প্রতিষ্ঠিত পরিবেশক/এজেন্ট বা সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়, অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।
২।	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	:	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১, ঢাকা।
৩।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৪।	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	:	জিওবি।
৫।	দরপত্র আহিষ্টে মতামত	:	০১টি।
৬।	দরপত্র আহবানের শেষ তারিখ	:	
৭।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	:	ব্যক্তি/যৌথ মালিকানা যাদের দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করার যোগ্যতা বিদ্যমান (টিওএস এবং আইটিবি)।
৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের	:	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১, নাম ও ঠিকানা
৯।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও	:	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১, ঠিকানা
১০।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	:	০৮-০৫-২০১৩ইং বিকাল ০৪:০০ ঘটিকা।
১১।	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৯-০৫-২০১৩ইং বেলা- ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৯-০৫-২০১৩ইং বেলা- ০১:০০ ঘটিকা।

ক্রমিক নং	পণ্যের বর্ণনা	অবস্থান	একক সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	টেন্ডার সিডিউলটির পরিমাণ (টাকা)	কাজের মেয়াদ
১	১টি সিডান কার (ব্র্যান্ড নিউ ৪ দরজা বিশিষ্ট) ১৬০০ সিসির উর্কে নয়	কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১, ঢাকা	১,৫০০/- টাকা	১,০০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ) টাকা	সিডিউল অনুযায়ী

বিশেষ নির্দেশিকাঃ

- সোনালী ব্যাংক, মগবাজার শাখা, ঢাকা এ ১-১১৩৫-০০১৫-২৩৬৬ কোডে সিডিউলের মূল্য জমাপূর্বক দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে। টেন্ডার সিডিউলটির টাকা পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসীলভুক্ত ব্যাংক থেকে কমিশনার কাস্টমস্, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট (আপীল) কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা-১, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে গ্রহণপূর্বক দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- বিবেচনায়ীন দরপত্র পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে। সিডিউলে বিস্তারিত তথ্য উল্লেখিত থাকবে।
- যদি উল্লিখিত সময় ও তারিখের মধ্যে দরপত্র গৃহীত না হয় তাহলে ইহা সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে এবং উন্মুক্ত না করে তা দরপত্রপ্রদাতার নিকট ফেরত প্রদান করা হবে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময় ও একই স্থানে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে। যদি কোন সংশোধনীর বিষয় থাকে তাহলে সেটি দরপত্রের অংশ হবে এবং এটি দরপত্রদাতাকে মেনে নিতে হবে। ভিন্ন ভিন্ন দরের ভিত্তিতে দরপত্র মূল্যায়িত হবে।
- সর্বনিম্ন মূল্যের দরপত্র গ্রহণ করতে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য থাকবেন না। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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