

BISWAJIT KILLING

Hearing on charge framing to begin on May 26

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed May 26 for starting the hearing on charge framing against 21 activists of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in connection with the killing of Biswajit Das.

On December 9 last year, Bishwajit, 24, owner of Amantron Tailors in Shakhribazar area in the capital's Sutrapur, was stabbed and beaten to death during a road blockade programme of the BNP-led 18-party alliance.

Yesterday, the court also rejected a bail petition of detained AHM Kibria as his lawyer was absent.

Earlier in the day, the court accepted the charges brought against the accused.

On March 5, detectives pressed charges against the 21 accused for their alleged



Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the second death anniversary of Al Musabbir Sadi, a sports journalist and former general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

He died of cancer in 2011 at the age of 44. He left behind his wife and two children to mourn his death.

Sadi worked for The Daily Star from 2004 to 2009. He was the first ever paid general secretary of the BFF.

On the occasion, a milad and a doa mahfil will be held today after Asr prayers at the BFF House in the capital.

All relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

United Nations Population Fund Bangladesh Representative Arthur Erken, *third from right*, exchanging documents with Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, after signing an understanding at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Under this understanding The Daily Star will publish two coloured pages once a month highlighting issues related to the rights of the youth, aged between 10 and 30, mainly focusing on women and girls.

PHOTO: STAR



SHUKHARANJAN BALI

HC seeks media reports on detention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the counsel of a writ petitioner to submit to it in two weeks recent media reports on Shukharanjan Bali's detention in an Indian jail.

The order came after hearing on a writ petition claiming that law enforcers had abducted Shukharanjan, a supposed defence witness for convicted war criminal Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee.

The writ said Shukharanjan was abducted from the international crimes tribunals' main entrance on November 5, 2012 and detained illegally.

Shukharanjan's friend Abul Kalam Azad filed the petition on November 7, 2012 seeking HC directives on the government to produce Shukharanjan before the court to show that he was not illegally detained.

When the counsel, Abdur Razzaq, sought time, the HC bench of Justice M Moazzam Husain and Justice Shahidul Karim asked him to place an affidavit in this regard.

Abdur Razzaq told The Daily Star that, on receiving the reports, the HC might pass an order on the legality of Shukharanjan's detention.

According to recent media reports, Shukharanjan is now in a Kolkata jail for entering India illegally.

Citing BBC Bangla Service, The Daily Star on May 18 reported that Indian documents do not support the "reported" personal statement of Shukharanjan from Kolkata jail that he was forced into Indian territory by Bangladeshi security agencies.

The BBC added that there was no mention of any incident of pushing him into India.

BANGLADESH- INDIA LAND BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

Salman Khurshid seeks opposition support

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid urged India's opposition parties to back the land boundary agreement with Bangladesh, saying "we will gain and as a nation we must do it".

"Let somebody convince me that the land boundary agreement is not in India's interest...We are urging our opposition leaders to come on board," he told senior journalists of Indian Express in an interview published yesterday.

"The reality on the ground is that when we drew our boundary, there were parts that we thought were Indian but they remain with them, there were parts that they thought were Bangladeshi but remain with us.

"...if we can't build a fence there, then the very thing you're complaining about can't come to an end, which is the infiltration of people.

"This is in India's interest. This is not in Bangladesh's interest alone. Anything that is in the interest of two friendly countries cannot and must not be described as a compromise or softness," he said.

Khurshid's remarks were part of his answer

when a newspaper journalist asked, "Despite having the friendliest government in Dhaka, it's largely our fault that we've little to show for it. If Sheikh Hasina is voted out, can we avoid a 180-degree turn on Bangladesh?"

Khurshid said, "If I say they're friendly, I create a problem for the Bangladesh government because people there will say, 'India thinks you're friendly, but India doesn't give you anything. It obviously means you are giving India everything and India's not giving you anything'."

India's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) opposed the agreement.

AGP prevented Khurshid from tabling a bill in Rajya Sabha during the recent parliamentary budget session seeking legislative approval for a constitutional amendment to implement the agreement.

Ruling Congress-led United Progressive Alliance lacks two-thirds majority in parliament and must enlist BJP's support to pass the bill.

Besides border demarcation, the deal envisages exchange of 161 enclaves held by both countries.

TAZREEN FIRE

HC orders arrest of owner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed police to immediately arrest Delwar Hossain, owner of Tazreen Fashion Ltd in Ashulia, and produce him before it on May 30 to explain his stance on the November, 2012 fire in the factory that claimed 112 people's lives.

In response to a writ petition, the HC also asked the government to issue a red alert at all land ports and airports to prevent Delwar from fleeing from the country.

It also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to prosecute Delwar for his alleged negligence in protecting the deceased garments workers from the fire.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain also asked the government to explain why its inaction to arrest Delwar should not be declared illegal.

The writ petition was filed by three anthropologists -- Naznin Akter Banu, Saydia Gulrukh Kamal and Mahmudul Hasan Sumon -- on April 28.

It sought HC directives on the government for Delwar's arrest and punishment over the fire and subsequent deaths.

The petitioners' lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua told The Daily Star yesterday that no case was filed against Delwar on specific allegations of being negligent in taking measure to prevent the deaths.

From the fire till date, Delwar has not been arrested, he added.



Heavy traffic clogs Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital's Farmgate yesterday at 1:00pm.

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Detectives free 49 of 53 BNP men held from jail gate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives on Saturday night and early yesterday freed 49 of 53 mid-level leaders and activists of BNP and its different wings who were arrested at the Kashimpur jails' gates after they walked out on bail.

The remaining four were shown arrested in a case filed with Khilgaon Police Station over the torching of an Eagle Paribahan bus and subsequent death of its driver, Badar Ali Beg, 48, in the capital's Khilgaon on April 21, 2012.

A Dhaka court granted a two-day remand prayer for each of the four -- Md Abu Taher, 55, Eshakul Islam, 30, Mizanur Rahman, 36, and Md Liton, 35, said Detective Branch (South) of police Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jahangir Alam.

DB personnel picked up the 53 persons from Kashimpur on Saturday at 1:30pm and took them to the headquarters of the Detective Branch (DB) of police on Minto Road in the capital around 5:00pm.

Among the 53 BNP men, 35 were freed from Kashimpur Jail-1 and the remaining 18 from Kashimpur Jail-2.

They are among the 156 leaders and activists arrested during a drive in BNP's Nayapaltan central office in the capital on March 11.

SC hears appeal against Quader Mollah's verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday heard for the 14th day the government appeal against the ICT-2 verdict which jailed Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for life for the 1971 Liberation War crimes against humanity. The apex court also fixed today to hold further hearing.

Mollah's lawyer Abdur Razzaq told the SC that there was no legal bar for the court to apply international laws in dealing with cases related to the 1971 crimes against humanity since the offences were international in nature. He said the Nuremberg court had applied international laws and conventions. Abdur Razzaq told The Daily Star that the conviction would be cancelled if the SC applies international laws.

PADMA BRIDGE GRAFT CASE

ACC team goes to Canada for investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Anti-Corruption Commission officer along with its legal adviser left Dhaka for Canada yesterday to conduct an investigation in connection with Padma bridge graft allegation case.

Mirza Zahidul Alam, a deputy director of ACC, and also investigation officer of the case; and Anisul Haque, a legal adviser of ACC, are scheduled to reach Toronto, Canada today and stay there till May 23, ACC source said.

After filing of the case on December 17, the ACC is yet to complete its investigation as investigators waited for Canada's response to a request for interrogating three Canadians -- Mohammad Ismail, Ramesh Shah and Kevin Wales whose names surfaced after Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) seized some documents in this regard.

The trio, also former officials of Canadian consulting firm SNC Lavalin who are reportedly involved in Padma graft conspiracy, are now facing trial in a Canadian court.

The ACC filed the case with Banani Police Station against seven persons, including former secretary of Bridges Division Mosharrarf Hossain Bhuiyan.

On June 29 last year, the World Bank cancelled its \$1.2 billion funding for the project, saying it had proof of a "corruption conspiracy" involving Bangladeshi officials, executives of the Canadian firm and some other individuals.

On September 21, the global lender decided to revive the loan after the Bangladesh government agreed to the World Bank's terms and conditions.

However, the government withdrew its request for loan revival on January 31, and the lender complied.

Jamuna Group chairman, family sued for dodging tax

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Jamuna Group Chairman Nurul Islam Babul, his wife advocate Salma Ali and their son Shamim Islam were sued yesterday for dodging over Tk 45.31 crore in income tax.

National Board of Revenue (NBR) yesterday filed seven cases against the trio with a Dhaka court on charge of dodging Tk 4,53,12,888 in income tax from fiscal year 2007-08 to 2011-12.

Three deputy tax commissioners -- Ataul Haque, Zahirul Islam and Dipak Kumar Chakraborty -- of the NBR filed the cases with the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka.

The court fixed May 26 to hold a hearing on whether the charge will be taken into cognisance.

In the case statement, the complainants said as chairman and managing directors, the trio evaded paying income tax.

The complainants also said the accused did not submit their wealth statements of Tk 155,19,14,230 in their tax returns.

The accused had repeatedly provided false information about their real income and expenditure, alleged the NBR statement.

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