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MODIFIED BRINJAL

Court opts to see scientific documents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government and the petitioners to submit by September 19 scientific documents, if there are any, on whether Bt brinjal is harmful to public health and the environment.

It gave the directive while hearing two writ petitions challenging a government move to release the genetically modified (GM) crop -- Bt brinjal -- for the first time in the country.

The HC adjourned the hearing till September 19. The writs were filed by an organiser of Naya Krishi Andolon, Farida Akhter, and Sakiul Millat Morshed, executive director of Shishuk, an NGO.

The petitioners' counsels Adilur Rahman Khan and Shahidul Islam pleaded to the court that the government should not release the GM crop since it is harmful to public health and the environment.

They prayed to the court to issue a rule upon the government to explain why its "failure to analyse and assess the deadly risks of this crop to public health and harm to ecological balance" should not be declared illegal.

Opposing the writ petitions, Additional Attorney

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A train of tanker cars on its way to Dohazari power plant derailed at Baruapara in Chittagong yesterday noon. Inset, a villager collects oil spilling from the tankers.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



Soldier of freedom

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

He was among the first to go to war against Pakistan in March 1971. As the Pakistan occupation army launched its genocide in Dhaka on the

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Abducted, killed by the two

Son of martyred Nazmul testifies against Mueen Uddin, Ashrafuzzaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Murtoza Nazmul, son of martyred journalist Syed Nazmul Haque, yesterday testified that alleged Al-Badr leaders Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan had been involved in killing intellectuals in December 1971.

Murtoza, who was then just five, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that he had learnt from his mother and paternal uncles about the duo's involvement in the abduction of his father from their house in the early hours of December 11, 1971.

"I also learnt from eminent journalist Ataus Samad that the duo [Mueen and Ashraf] were involved in the abduction and killing of my father and other intellectuals," said Murtoza as the seventh prosecution witness in the case against the "absconding Al-Badr leaders".

Earlier, Asif Munier, son of Prof Munier Chowdhury; Enamul Huq Khan, son of Serajul Haque Khan; and Tawheed Reza Noor, son of Serajuddin Hossain had also testified that Mueen and Ashraf had been involved in killing their fathers.

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SQ CHY Prosecution's argument ends today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday asked the prosecution to complete its argument by today in the case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury for committing crimes against humanity.

Yesterday was the last day for the prosecution to complete its argument, but it failed to do so.

Following repeated failure by the prosecution to produce witnesses in the case, the court on July 24

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100 war crimes suspects in UK

Finds home office

BBC ONLINE

The UK Home Office last year identified nearly 100 suspected war criminals who had made UK immigration applications, figures released to the BBC suggest.

The majority of cases involved people already likely to have been living in Britain for a number of years. Suspects originated from countries including Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Rwanda, Serbia and Sri Lanka.

The Home Office says it is determined the UK doesn't become a "refuge for war criminals".

Human rights groups are calling for more criminal prosecutions in Britain as the courts commonly block deportation on human rights grounds if suspects face torture or death in their home country.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with DCCI president Sabur Khan that the police department is responsible for the rise in highway extortion and it is impossible for any group to extort without shelter from the police?

Yes (97%)
No (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 204

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the current Election Commission will be able to hold the next parliamentary polls in a free and fair manner?

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

| Ramadan | July | Sehri | Iftar |
|---------|------|-------|-------|
| 21 | 31 | | 6-45 |
| 22 | 01 | 4-00 | 6-45 |
| 23 | 02 | 4-01 | 6-44 |

PRAYER TIMING July 31

| | Azan | Jamaat |
|---------|-------|--------|
| Fajr | 4-00 | 4-05 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-45 | 6-55 |
| Esha | 8-15 | 8-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

Death spreads like a wave

Scientists discover in worms

MAIL ONLINE

British scientists have captured death spreading like a wave through the body of a worm, by studying the blue fluorescence that travels cell-to-cell until the whole organism is dead.

Researchers from the Wellcome Trust and the Biotechnology and

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