

CTG ARMS HAUL CASES
HC accepts appeals of death row convicts
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday accepted for hearing the appeals filed by four death row convicts, including Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, challenging their conviction in Chittagong 10-truck arms haul cases.

Three other convicts are former director of DGFJ Maj Gen (retd) Rezzakul Haider Chowdhury, ex-director general of NSI Brig Gen (retd) Abdur Rahim and former NSI deputy director Maj (retd) Liakat Hossain.

The HC accepted the appeals but it did not fix any date for hearing.

On January 30 this year, a Chittagong court handed

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"ISI AGENT'S ARREST BY RAW IN DHAKA"
Home boss not aware
 STAR REPORT

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday said he knew nothing about the reported arrest of an agent of Pakistan's intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) by India's RAW in Dhaka.

"I know nothing yet about it. I read it in the newspapers. I'm looking into the matter," he told reporters at the Secretariat, reported UNB.

Citing a Tuesday report of The Times of India, the Bangla daily Prothom Alo reported Wednesday that Ziaur Rahman alias Waqas, an operative of banned militant outfit Indian Mujahedeen, was caught at Dhaka airport and then "spirited away" to India by Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), India's intelligence agency.

According to the Indian daily's report that was entirely based on "sources in the security establishment" and that did not mention the day of Waqas's apprehension, the operative was spotted at the airport by a RAW staffer "who swiftly used his smart phone to photograph one of India's biggest tormentors and relayed it to his superiors".

The Times of India report says, "RAW officers were thrilled when they saw that the six-foot [sic] man being held at Dhaka airport was their elusive quarry. What followed was an intense spy game in which Indian agents managed to spirit him away to India without leaving footprints."

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Death anniversary
 CITY DESK

Today is the 43rd death anniversary of Lt Col Muhammad Abdul Qadir, a martyred freedom fighter.

Qadirabad Cantonment in Natore was named after him for his role in the Liberation War, and a postal stamp of him as a martyred intellectual was released by the government.

His son Nadeem Qadir, head of news at Asian TV, discovered his grave in Chittagong's Panchlaish in 2007. The freedom fighter was reburied with full state and military honour in 2011 at Qadirabad Cantonment on instructions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Special prayers will be offered at Qadirabad Cantonment on the occasion, seeking eternal peace of the martyr's departed soul, says a press release.

PVT HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS
Why should poor not get free services
 HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to explain in four weeks why it should not take steps to provide free services to the poor at private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres.

It also asked the government to show causes why it should not be directed to form a monitoring cell to supervise both the public and private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres and close the unauthorised ones.

The HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar came up with the rule following a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer JR Khan Robin on March 19.

The health secretary, law secretary, home secretary, director generals of Directorate General of Health Services, president and

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Man kills son in capital
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man killed his son in the capital's Rampura early yesterday.

Dulal Mia hit his son Mohammad Alam, 21, with an iron rod in their house at Bagichartek in West Rampura around 5:00am following an altercation, said neighbour Kawsar quoting victim's wife Nadia Begum.

Alam was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after one hour of his admission.

Alam's mother Aleya Begum told The Daily Star that she divorced her husband two years back and lives separately as Dulal married two other women.

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GRAFT CASES
HC starts hearing Khaleda's appeals against indictment
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday started hearing the petitions filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the indictment orders against her in Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust corruption cases.

The HC bench of Justice Borhanuddin and Justice KM Kamrul Kader also set 2:00pm today for resuming the hearing.

A Dhaka court framed charges against Khaleda on March 19 in the graft cases and charged her son Tarique Rahman, also senior vice chairman of the party, in the Zia Orphanage Trust case.

On April 13, the BNP chief filed two revision petitions with the HC seeking cancellation of the indictment orders.

The former prime minister also prayed to the court to stay the orders, get records of the cases from the lower court and examine the charges.

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A doa mahfil will be held at Azad Mosque, Gulshan after Asar Prayer on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for her departed soul.

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