

'MONEY LAUNDERING'  
SC stays  
Mosharraf's  
bail

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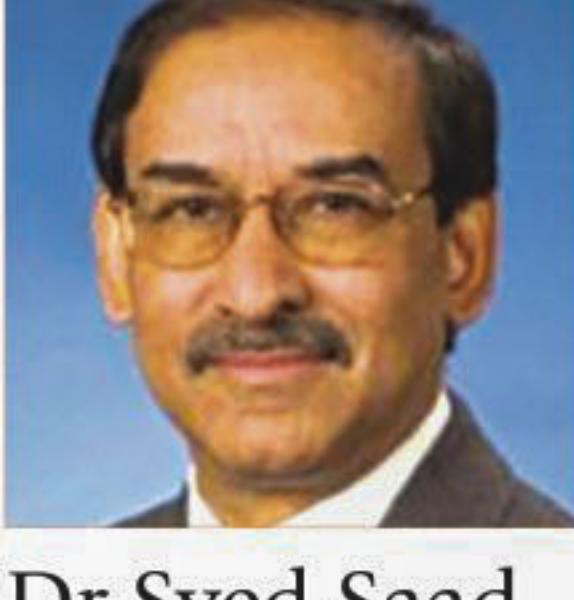
The Supreme Court yesterday stayed till September 2 a High Court order that had granted bail to BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain in a money laundering case.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain passed the order after hearing two separate petitions filed by the government and the Anti-Corruption Commission seeking stay on the HC verdict.

The apex court also directed the government and ACC to file separate leave to appeal petitions with this court against the HC verdict by September 2.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that Mosharraf could not get released from jail until further order from the SC came following its yesterday's stay order.

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Dr Syed Saad Andaleeb new VC of Brac University  
CITY DESK

Dr Syed Saad Andaleeb has been appointed as the new vice chancellor of Brac University.

Before joining Brac University, Dr Andaleeb was a professor of Marketing at the Sam & Irene Black School of Business, Pennsylvania State University, USA.

He completed his PhD in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a BS in Chemical Engineering and MBA from the University of New Hampshire.

He has been the editor of the Journal of Bangladesh Studies since 1999. He had edited several books on socio-economic and political aspects of Bangladesh.

He had presented invited papers at Oxford University, the Harvard School of Public Health and Cornell University's South Asia Program on improving health services in developing countries.

Recently, he presented a paper at University of Berkeley on health metrics for hospitals in Bangladesh.

He had consulted for

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CHEATED 19 RETURNEE WORKERS FROM IRAQ

# They demand compensation

Stage sit-in in front of expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry to compel recruiting agencies to comply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 19 workers, who returned empty-handed from Iraq being cheated by recruiting agencies, yesterday staged a sit-in in front of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment in the capital, demanding that the government compel the agencies concerned to pay them compensation.

"Our Iraqi employer neither provided us with any jobs nor paid any salaries for 10 months. We had lost our money and time, but we are yet to see any government's move to resolve our problem," Mozammel Haque, one of

the returnees, told The Daily Star.

Between January and March last year, four recruiting agencies sent a total of 27 Bangladeshis including these 19 to Iraq to work for the M Kodia Company General Trading Company promising them lucrative salaries.

Each of them had to spend around Tk 4 lakh for landing an Iraqi job with a monthly salary of \$350.

But their Iraqi employer failed to start his construction project and kept them in a camp, restricting their movement, Mozammel alleged.

Later, Bangladesh government brought them back home following a pressure from their relatives.

Of the workers, 11 returned from Iraq in November last year, while another 11 in February this year. Five others still remain missing.

Meanwhile, the victims filed two cases with Airport Police Station against recruiters - Morning Sun Enterprise, Meghna Trade International, and Bangladesh Migrants Foundation - under the anti-human trafficking act after their return from Iraq.

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FOOD ADULTERATION

# Beverage powder mix factory sealed off in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court, backed by Rapid Action Battalion, yesterday sealed off a factory for producing substandard powdered drink mix in an unhygienic environment in the capital's Uttarkhan.

The court also fined its owner Rajib Khan and two employees, Touhid Hossain Khan and Mohammad Mohidul, Tk 1 lakh each.

The factory, Khan Food and Chemical Company, was marketing its product with the name "Twang", close to the international powdered beverage brand Tang, under similar packaging, said Executive Magistrate Anwar Pasha.

The mobile court recovered sacks of expired sodium citrate, an ingredient for the powder, and drums of malodorous mixtures, he added.

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EKRAMUL KILLING CASE  
SC directs prime accused to surrender in two weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed Mahtab Uddin Chowdhury Minar, the prime accused in the case filed for the murder of Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque, to surrender before the lower court concerned in Feni within two weeks.

The SC also stayed a High Court order that granted bail to Mahtab in the case.

Justice Hasan Foez Siddique passed the order after hearing a petition filed by the government seeking stay on the HC order.

If Mahtab does not surrender in two weeks, an arrest warrant will be issued against him, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star.

Ekramul Haque, 45, was shot and then burnt to death in his car in Fenit town on May 20.

Rezaul Haque Jasim, brother of the victim, filed

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SANGBAD JOURNO'S ROAD DEATH  
SC to reassess compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday said it would reassess the amount of compensation for the death of Mozammel Hossain Mantu, former news editor of the daily Sangbad, from road accident around 24 years back.

The SC will mention the amount of compensation and its observations in its full judgment that will be released later, Khalilur Rahman, the lawyer for Mantu's wife Rawshan Ara Begum, told The Daily Star.

Mantu was injured when a mini truck of Bangladesh Beverage Industries Limited (BBIL), hit him at Kakrail in the capital on December 3, 1989. He succumbed to his injuries on December 16 the same year while undergoing treatment.

On January 1, 1991, Mantu's wife filed a case with a Dhaka court, seeking Tk 3.52 crore as compensation from BBIL. The lower court in its verdict on March 20, 2005, directed the company to pay the amount to the wife and two sons of Mantu.

Later, BBIL filed an appeal with the HC, challenging the lower court verdict. After the hearing on the appeal, the HC on May 11, 2010 directed the company to pay Tk 2.1 crore as compensation.

Yesterday, the Appellate Division of the SC disposed of an appeal filed by BBIL challenging the HC verdict.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, however, did not disclose its observations and modifications in the short verdict.

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Roaring flames in the capital's Islambagh that gutted at least 10 plastic manufacturing factories early yesterday. Fire service officials suspect that the fire originated from an electric short-circuit at one of the factories.

PHOTO: COURTESY

## N'GANJ GOVT WOMEN'S COLLEGE Students, parents protest 'admission trade by BCL'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Students and their guardians staged a sit-in outside the entrance of Narayanganj Government Women's College yesterday protesting "the admission trade of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists".

They also demanded that the candidates remaining in the waiting list be enrolled.

Manjur Kader, officer-in-charge of Narayanganj Sadar Model Police, said police had taken position there to avert any untoward incident.

Afterwards, Principal Gopal Chandra Shaha said the Dhaka board permitted the college authorities to increase seats by 90 in three departments - science, humanities and

business studies.

The process to enrol the candidates in the waiting list will start on July 22, he said.

Acknowledging the fact, the students threatened to launch a tougher movement if any admission trade by the BCL and irregularities further took place while enrolling the candidates.

Earlier, while talking to The Daily Star, the principal denied the allegations of taking money for enrolling students.

He, however, admitted that some students had been enrolled in the first year at HSC level outside the merit list due to "political and administrative pressures", not by taking money.

## Protests turn angrier in Bangladesh

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Party of Bangladesh, Uddi Shilpi Goshthi, Khelaghor Ashor held a rally.

Addressing the rally, former mayor of the town, Nurul Absar, said the US was responsible for the ongoing killings in Gaza.

He urged the conscientious people of the world to stand firm against the US-Israel imperialism.

In Thakurgaon, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad held a human chain gagging themselves with black clothes.

## Decision on charges against ex-JP

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liberation till political changeover of August 15, 1975. Jabbar then became active in the politics and was elected lawmaker from Mathbaria in 1986 and 1988 with JP ticket.

According to the war crimes investigation agency, Jabbar has been on run since 2009.

Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha read out the charges one by one.

The prosecutor said that Jabbar along with his accomplices forcefully converted 200 Hindus to Islam at Phuljhuri village in the last week of May 1971. Two freedom fighters of the village were also killed and Jabbar participated in the killing incident.

Apart from that, Jabbar participated in the killing of one person in Phuljhuri and setting fire to 360 houses.

On October 6, 1971, the war crimes suspect and his cohorts detained 37 people of Angulkata and Mathbaria villages in the upazila. Of them, 22 were later killed and the others injured. Jabbar's involvement was also found in the killing of 11 people, and looting of and setting fire to 60 houses in Nolivillage of Pirojpur.

According to the prosecution, Jabbar, the then chairman of Mathbaria Peace Committee, "played a key role" in the formation of Razakar Bahini and led the force to commit crimes in the upazila during the war. He also formed peace committees in every union and led them.

Filing a discharge petition, defence counsel Mohammad Abul Hasan said the formation of Razakar (auxiliary force to Pakistani occupation army) had been done by the then government and his client was not in the position to form such a force.

Claiming that the prosecution has failed to establish Jabbar's direct involvement in the incidents, he prayed the tribunal to exonerate Jabbar from the war crimes charges.

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Meanwhile, the International Crimes Tribunal 2 yesterday recorded the cross-examination of Monowara Begum, the investigation officer of the case against former state-minister Syed Mohammad Qaisar, for the second day.

The tribunal adjourned the case proceeding until tomorrow, when Monowara, also the 32nd and last prosecution witness in the case, will face further cross-examination. The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan also recorded the cross-examination of Md Mohammad Shahidullah alias Shahid, the 21st prosecution witness in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan. Shahid will face further cross-examination today.

Qaisar faces 16 charges, while Subhan faces nine charges for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971. Both of the accused, however, pleaded not guilty before the tribunal.

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