

# SC refuses to vacate its stay order in extortion case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to vacate its order that stayed a High Court order granting bail to Mia Nur Uddin Apu, personal secretary to BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, in an extortion case.

Apu cannot get released from jail following the SC order, Additional Attorney General Momtaz Uddin Fakir told The Daily Star.

Amin Ahmed, proprietor of Al Amin Construction Company Ltd, filed the case against Tarique Rahman and Apu on the charges of extorting over Tk 1 crore from him on December 30, 2006.

Tarique, who is now in London, secured bail from the HC in the same case in 2008.

Apu, who had left the country in 2007, returned home in last June and surrendered before a Dhaka court on June 18 seeking bail in the extortion case.

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# Civil admin sees another reshuffle

20 senior officials transferred

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The government yesterday gave new postings to 20 senior level officials of different ministries and divisions.

Of them, six are additional secretaries and the other 14 are joint secretaries. Separate gazettes have been published in this regard.

Among the additional secretaries, Abdul Kuddus, an officer on special duty (OSD), has been made executive director of Bangladesh Climate Change

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The Dhaleswari river is falling prey to encroachment, a fact revealed from the act of sand being stored for sale by traders beyond the demarcation pillars erected by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority on this portion beside the Dhaka-Mawa highway. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# SC stays bail to land official

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The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for four weeks a High Court order that granted bail to Mohammad Ali, a kanungo (land official) of Dhaka City Corporation, in a corruption case.

Mohammad Ali was sent to jail on September 28, on surrender. Earlier, he illegally managed to produce a person named Ahmed Ali acting on his behalf before a Dhaka court to secure bail in the case filed by the Anti Corruption Commission.

ACC's counsel Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that Mohammad Ali cannot get released from jail following the SC order.

The ACC filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station on August 24 against Mohammad Ali on charge of committing forgery in allocating possessions of shops at Dhaka Trade Centre and misuse of powers between September 2009 and May 2010.

The ACC has reportedly received allegation against

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# Early winter vegetables abundant in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

Varieties of early winter vegetables have started appearing in both local and wholesale markets in Rajshahi region making both sellers and buyers happy.

Farmers in the region, including the vast barind tract, are successfully producing early varieties of winter vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, radish, carrot, turnip, tomato, leafy spinach and red spinach.

Officials at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said almost 1.5 lakh hectares of land has been brought under vegetables cultivation in the region this year. Production target has been set to around 21.5 tonnes from each hectare of land. Around 2.5 lakh tonnes of vegetables are expected to be produced in Rajshahi region this season.

Over one lakh people of 50 villages are involved in cultivating and selling different types of vegetables in the region.

Anwar Hossain, a farmer of Rajabari village in Godagari upazila, said he spent about Tk 750 for cultivating cauliflowers in one decimal of land and got 1.5 to 2 mounds of crops. The wholesale market price of cauliflower is between Tk 1,200 to Tk 1,400 per mound. He said the farmers were making a profit of Tk 450 to Tk 550 per decimal of land by cultivating early winter vegetables.

Large quantities of vegetables are being transported to Dhaka, Chittagong and other major cities from the region.

Abdus Sobhan, a local trader, said some 15 to 20 trucks were loaded with vegetables everyday going to the capital and other cities.

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# Shirin elected Commonwealth Parliamentary Association chairperson

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has been elected chairperson of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. She is the first ever Bangladeshi who contested for the post.

From 175 parliaments in 53 countries, 321 voters took part in the election held in Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon, yesterday.

Sharmin defeated her lone rival Juliana O'Connor-Connolly,

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# Needlework makes rural women self-reliant

BSS, Rangpur

Needlework like embroidering, spangling sarees, ornamental stitching on women's wears has turned into an effective venture for the unemployed and distressed rural women in changing fortune in recent years.

Some 42,000 unemployed, poor and distressed rural females, including housewives, young girls and divorcees, have attained self-reliance through working at home or smaller enterprises in Rangpur division as the prospective venture continues to grow faster.

According to sources at the different government and non-government organisations, needlework adds additional values to female clothes making those high-priced in the country's sophisticated markets, including the capital city.

As a result of continuous success, needlework has been getting the shape of a growing cottage industry attracting local entrepreneurs as well as different organisations to change the rural macro-economy and alleviate abject poverty.

Dozens of the successful rural women have now launched their own enterprises after getting necessary training and assistance from the different government and non-government organisations and local traders.

With the assistances of RDRS Bangladesh alone, more than 2,000 unemployed and distressed women, victims of repression and violence, divorcees, widows and physically challenged women have so far achieved self-reliance through needlework at homes.

Entrepreneur Abu Bakar Siddik has set up mini garment factory at Dimla upazila

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# 3rd Bangladesh-US dialogue Oct 21

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Dhaka will also stress on the importance of allowing duty-free, quota-free access of Bangladeshi products to the US markets.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque will lead a 10-member Bangladesh delegation at the discussion with his counterpart Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs of the United States Wendy R Sherman.

Representatives from the ministries and divisions of foreign, commerce, energy, home, food and disaster management, economic relations and armed forces were included in the

Bangladesh delegation.

The Bangladesh foreign secretary, who is now performing Hajj after attending the 69th UN General Assembly last month, will move for the US from Milan in Italy after attending the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit from October 15-18.

The dialogue will also assess the US-Bangladesh partnership and discuss how it can be strengthened with a strategic direction highlighting the shared values.

The dialogue will be held following the signing of a joint declaration on "Bangladesh-US Partnership

Dialogue" on May 5 in 2012 in Dhaka during former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's visit.

The first dialogue was held in Washington DC on September 19-20 in 2012 and the second was held in Dhaka on May 26-27, 2013.

Partnership Dialogue is the premier forum for further expanding and deepening bilateral cooperation on bilateral and regional issues, including development, civil society and governance, trade and investment, security and countering violent extremism, science and technology, women's empowerment and gender equality.

# Abolish death penalty

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instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

It is essential to realise that any miscarriage or failure of justice in the exercise of death penalty is irreparable and irreversible, said the letter.

"The State, with its particular

responsibility as the ultimate guarantor of all persons' human rights, should not deprive anyone of his or her life," the letter mentioned.

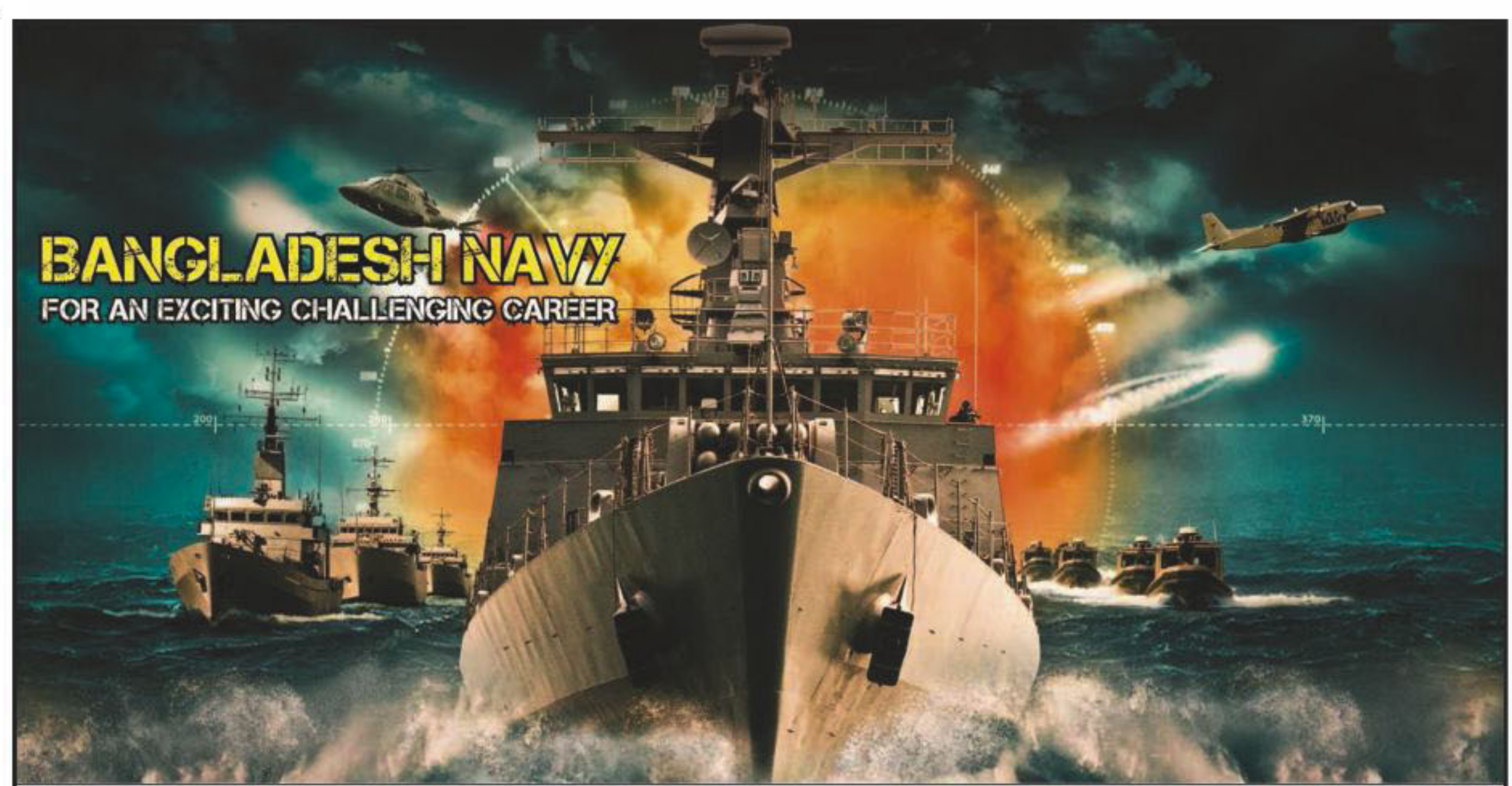
The signatories to the letter are Chargé d' Affaires of the Delegation of the European Union Frédéric Maduraud, Ambassador of Denmark Hanne Fugl Eskjær, Ambassador of France Michel Trinquier, Chargé d'

Affaires of the Embassy of Germany Dr Ferdinand von Weyhe, Ambassador of Italy Giorgio Guglielmino, Ambassador of The Netherlands Gerben de Jong, Ambassador of Spain Luis Tejada Chacón, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of Sweden Karin McDonald and British High Commissioner Robert Gibson.



The same scenario was depicted in a photo published in The Daily Star a few months ago but the urgency for repairing the road, situated north of Malibagh Rail Crossing, failed to draw the attention of the authorities concerned. The new photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী

সরাসরি কমিশন অফিসার পদপ্রার্থীগণের লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল (২০১৫-এ ডিইও ব্যাচ)

বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী কলেজ ঢাকায় গত ১৯ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৪ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত বিষয়লোভিত লিখিত পরীক্ষায় নিম্নবর্ণিত রোল নম্বরধারী প্রার্থীগণ উত্তীর্ণ হয়েছেন:

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