WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Appeal hearing in SC stumbles

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Disposal of the appeals filed by seven convicted war criminals against their death sentences is taking time as the Supreme Court has many other urgent and important cases to deal with, said court sources and lawyers concerned.

The Appellate Division of the SC is yet to start hearing any of the seven appeals. It has disposed of separate appeals filed by three war crimes convicts in around two years.

Of the pending appeals, the top court is now set to deal with the appeal of Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, as it is first in the serial, the sources said. Six other convicts, whose appeals await SC hearing, are

BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami and its leaders Mir Quasem Ali and ATM Azharul Islam, expelled Awami League leader of Brahmanbaria Mobarak Hossain, and former state minister of HM Ershad's government Syed Mohammad Qaisar. None of the state and defence counsels could specifically

say when the SC would start hearing the appeal of Mojaheed, and how much time would be needed for the hearing and disposal of all the pending appeals.

Talking to The Daily Star, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam just said he hoped the Appellate Division would start hearing Mojaheed's appeal next month. He said he would place arguments before the SC for

upholding the ICT-2 verdict that sentenced Mojaheed to death for his wartime offences. "I don't know how much time the Supreme Court will need

to dispose of the appeals filed by the war crimes convicts."

The top law officer of the state said the main legal point SEE PAGE 8 COL 5

Workers selecting and tending dry chilies at the yard of a rice mill in Hat Phulbari of Sariakandi in Bogra. Chilies of Bogra are famous across the country for being hot.

DEATH SENTENCE

Kamaruzzaman to seek review

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Death row convict Muhammad Kamaruzzaman yesterday asked his counsels to file a petition with the Supreme Court seeking a review of its verdict that upheld death penalty for him for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

If the appeal is rejected by the apex court, the convict would then decide on seeking presidential mercy, Shishir Manir, a counsel for Kamaruzzaman, told The Daily Star.

He along with four other lawyers -- Tajul Islam, Ehsan A Siddiq, Moshiul Alam and Matiur Rahman Akand -- met the Jamaat assistant secretary general at the gate of Dhaka SEE PAGE 8 COL 4

HIT BY NONSTOP BLOCKADE

Transport workers in depths of despair

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

The countrywide indefinite blockade and repeated hartals have put a severe financial hardship on around half a lakh transport workers and their families in the district.

Most of the workers have been sitting idle for nearly two months as they cannot operate their vehicles on roads for fear of arson.

Police and transport workers said at least three transport workers were killed and 19 were injured in arson and bomb attacks on vehicles, allegedly by blockad-

ers, in last 40 days.

Livelihood of workers has been hit hard since the BNP-led 20-party alliance enforced the blockade on January 6 demanding midterm polls under a nonpartisan administration.

Transport worker Srinath Kumar, 40, of Chelopara in the town is the only breadwinner for his four-member family. With his source of income practically dried up, he is now borrowing money from a local NGO to buy food and medicine.

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Thousands throng the street in front of the Amar **Ekushey Boi Mela** yesterday taking the opportunity of the Ekushey February holiday. Many of those who went to the fair had either come from the Central Shaheed Minar or were planning to go there afterwards.

> РНОТО: PALASH KHAN

oil depots'

3 Shibir men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three Islami Chhatra Shibir leaders were arrested early yesterday by police on charges of planning to attack depots of three state-run oil companies in Chittagong.

The arrested are Enamul Kabir, human resources development affairs secretary of Dhaka city Shibir, Md Mostafa, 28, library affairs secretary of Chittagong north Shibir, and Mushfique Abrar, 20, Baitul Mal secretary (treasurer) SEE PAGE 8 COL 5

Police unearth | India struggles with plot to attack swine flu outbreak

700 killed since mid-December

BBC ONLINE

Indian health officials are struggling to contain a swine flu outbreak that has killed more than 700 people since it took hold in mid-December.

The number of cases has doubled since last week to more than 11,000.

Critics have accused the government of failing to distribute medicines, but officials insisted the situation was under control. This year's outbreak of the H1N1 virus, which

causes swine flu, is the deadliest in India since 2010. Swine flu is a respiratory disease caused by a strain of the influenza type A virus known as H1N1. Originated

in pigs, it is now a human disease spread by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms are similar to those produced by standard, seasonal flu-fever, cough, sore throat, body aches and chills. Pregnant women, children under five, the over-65s and those with serious medical conditions are especially vulnerable to the virus.

The virus first appeared in Mexico in 2009 and rapidly spread around the world.

The northern state of Rajasthan has been worst affected.

Health authorities across India have launched TV and radio campaigns to tell people about precautions they can take to avoid the flu.

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Russian chocolates taunt the West

BBC ONLINE

Russian confectioners Confael are launching a new range of chocolates ahead of the popular Women's Day celebrations, with a distinctly political flavour. The selection boxes are adorned with famous

Soviet-era propaganda posters, amended by satirical couplets mocking Western sanctions against Russia over its armed intervention in Ukraine. "For Western currency we have no need/A golden

rouble - at full speed!", reads one. Another, showing a World War II female factory worker warning against gossip, says "Don't mouth off, gentlefolk dear/That Obama's bound to hear!" Bumaga news portal notes that the prices have

been slashed "to match the crisis". One box features a photograph of President

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL Do you think it was justified

The Baily Star

for the State Minister Shahriar Alam to say EU delegation did not express concern over the human rights situation in Bangladesh? Yes

(91%) **TOTAL VOTES: 268** TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the Teesta water-sharing issue would be resolved soon as assured by **West Bengal Chief Minister** Mamata Banerjee? PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net



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২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সরনী (৮৬, বিজয় নগর), ঢাকা-১০০০ ফোনঃ ৯৫৫৫৫৩৮, ৯৫৮৬৭২৭, ফ্যাব্রঃ ৯৫৫৫২৩৬ e-mail: info@bmdc.org.bd, admin@bmdc.org.bd Website: www.bmdc.org.bd

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পরিলক্ষিত হইতেছে যে (ক) সদ্য এমবিবিএস অথবা বিডিএস ডিগ্রীপ্রাপ্ত অনেকে বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এভ ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল হইতে সাময়িক রেজিট্রেশন (Provisional Registration) গ্রহণ করার পূর্বেই ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং শুরু করেন। (খ) কেহ কেহ তাঁহাদের সাময়িক রেজিষ্ট্রেশন এর মেয়দ এর মধ্যে (ইস্যুর তারিখ হইতে ১ বৎসর) ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং শেষ করিতে পারেন না এবং বিএমএন্ডডিসি হইতে তাঁহাদের সাময়িক রেজিষ্ট্রেশনের মেয়াদ বৃদ্ধি না করিয়াই ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং সম্পন্ন করিয়া থাকেন। (গ) ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং শেষ হওয়ার পরে পূর্ণ রেজিষ্ট্রেশন গ্রহণ না করিয়াই অনেকে বিভিন্ন চিকিৎসা কার্যক্রমে সম্পুক্ত হন। ফলে উচ্চশিক্ষা অধ্যয়নের জন্য অথবা চাকুরীর জন্য আবেদন করিলে রেজিষ্ট্রেশনবিহীন সময়ে চিকিৎসা কার্যক্রমে নিয়োজিত থাকার জন্য তাঁহাদিগকে জটিলতার সম্মুখীন হইতে হয়।

এমতাবস্থায় এমবিবিএস অথবা বিডিএস ডিগ্রীপ্রাপ্ত সকল চিকিৎসক এবং দন্ত চিকিৎসকগণকে নিম্নোল্লেখিত বিষয়সমূহ যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করার জন্য অবহিত করা যাইতেছে।

- ১। সাময়িক রেজিট্রেশন (Provisional Registration) এর মেয়াদ থাকা অবস্থায় যেন তাঁহারা তাঁহাদের ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং শেষ করেন। কোন কারণে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং সম্পন্ন না হইলে তাঁহারা যেন বিএমএভডিসি হইতে
- সাময়িক রেজিষ্ট্রেশনের মেয়াদ বাড়াইয়া নেন। ২। ইন্টার্নীশীপ ট্রেনিং শেষ হওয়ার পর যেন তাঁহারা পূর্ণ রেজিষ্ট্রেশনগ্রহণ করিতে বিলম্ব না করেন।
- তাঁহারা যেন বিএমএন্ডডিসি হইতে রেজিষ্ট্রেশনপ্রাপ্ত না হইয়া কোন প্রকার চিকিৎসা কার্য পরিচালনা অথবা ট্রেনিং প্রোগ্রামে অংশগ্রহণ না করেন।
- ৪। বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিলের রেজিষ্ট্রেশন ব্যতিত কেহ যদি ইতিমধ্যে কোন সনদ গ্রহণ করিয়া থাকেন তাহা অধ্যয়ন অথবা চাকুরীর ক্ষেত্রে অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ হিসাবে যেন ব্যবহার না করেন, কারণ তাহাতে জটিলতা দেখা দিতে পারে।

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