

SC verdict on provision of death penalty any day

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The Supreme Court will deliver a verdict any day on a government appeal challenging a High Court judgment that scrapped a provision of death sentence under the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Special) Act 1995.

According to Section 6 (2), a person will be given death sentence if found guilty of killing any woman or child after rape.

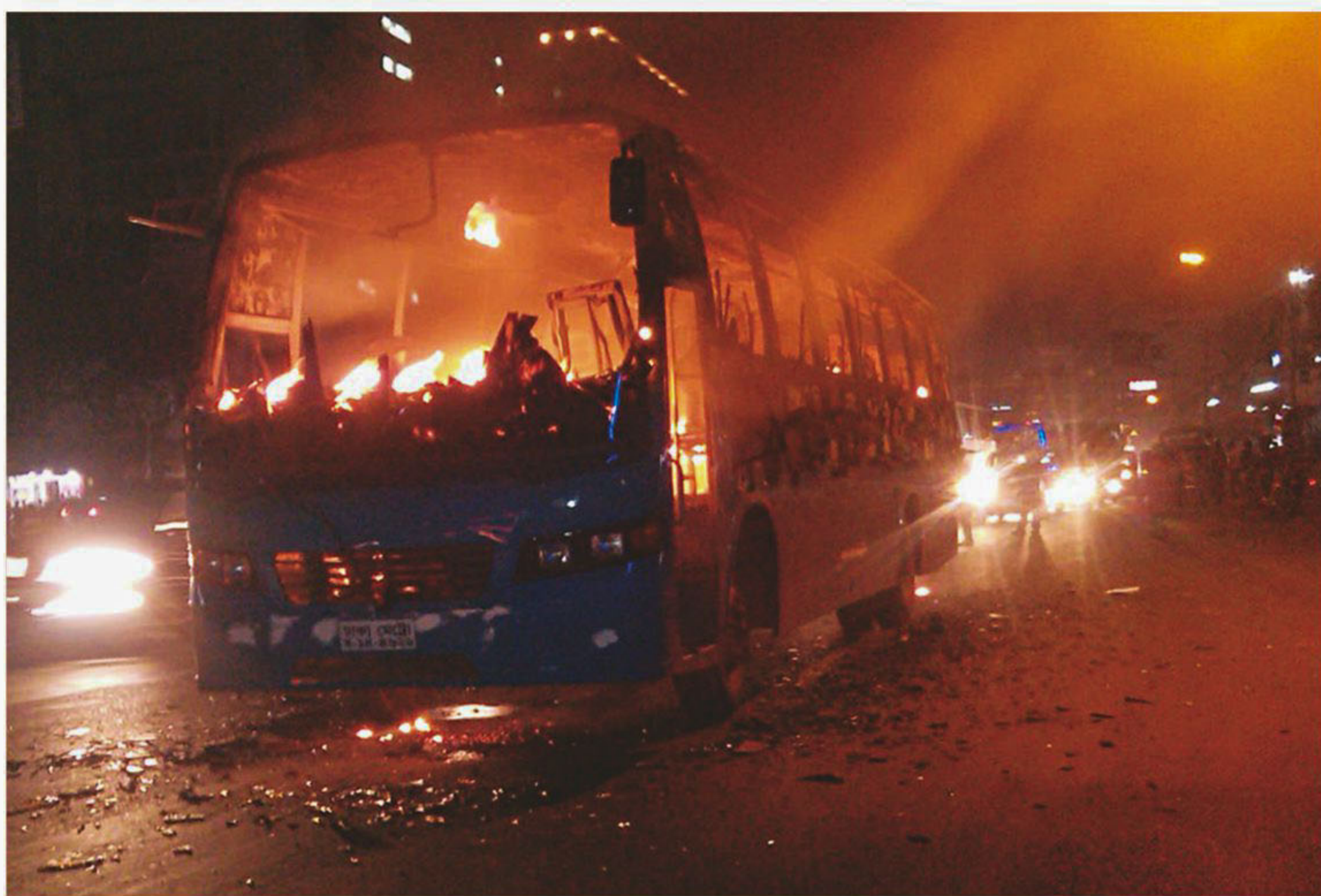
A four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha, kept the appeal waiting for a verdict, as the apex court has earlier concluded its hearing.

The government filed the appeal in 2010 following an HC judgment which, on March 2, 2010, declared the section illegal and unconstitutional, saying that whatever the nature of a crime is, death penalty cannot be the only punishment for criminals as per the constitution.

The HC order came following a writ petition challenging legality of the act which was filed jointly by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, a rights organisation, and Sukur Ali of Manikganj, who was given death sentence on July 12, 2001, in a rape and murder case.

The HC in 2010 also stayed the execution of Sukur's death sentence who is now in Dhaka jail.

Earlier, Sukur filed an appeal with the HC against the death sentence but the HC on February 25, 2004 upheld the judgment while on February 23, 2005, the Appellate Division also upheld the HC verdict.



Unidentified arsonists torched a bus in House Building area of the capital's Uttara last night.

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Climate change threat to fishes

Say experts

BSS, Rajshahi

The adverse impact of climate change coupled with various other manmade catastrophes has been posing a serious threat to the indigenous fish species, particularly the small ones, as most of the water bodies are now dying situation in the region especially in Barind Tract.

Fisheries scientists and experts said breeding and grazing fields of the fish species have drastically been reduced due to the abnormal situation coupled with siltation in the big rivers and their tributaries, water-bodies, floodplains and other wetlands in the area.

Dr Akhter Hossain of the fisheries and aquaculture department of Rajshahi University said the scanty rainfall and scorching heat are causing habitat degradation affecting productivity of the water-bodies, and the unusual situation is significantly detrimental to the native fish species and their population.

He said over-fishing along with injudicious and destructive fishing practice resulting in the depletion of fishery resources and is, no doubt, dangerous for successive elimination of fish stocks.

All varieties of native fishes are on the decline because of drastic fall in surface waters resources.

The sharp fall in production of local fish resources is also widely blamed on the indiscriminate catching of mother fishes as they are falling prey to the fishermen in confined water bodies.

Dr Akhter highlighted various positive aspects of the open water-bodies in conserving the native fish species and said the open water-bodies were important not only for

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It does not apply to BCL

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students protesting against a fee hike and evening master's programmes were attacked by BCL backed by police. The attack injured about 100 students and eight journalists.

Asked, Proctor Prof Tarikul Hasan said BCL took permission from the proctor's office but the left students did not. He added that despite the ban, processions could be brought out with the permission of the university authority.

However, a professor who is closely related to the matters said there was no mention of these relaxations in the notice

banning the political gatherings. Faruk Emon, president of Chhatra Federation at RU, said the proctor had never allowed them to hold gatherings; so they did not ask for permission this time.

Giving a specific example, President of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front at RU Sohrab Hasan said the proctor denied them permission on February 2 this year.

The left student leaders also accused the cops of mistreating them and demanded punishment for AC Rafiqul Alam.

The proctor said he would inform police high officials of the misbehaviour.

Just let me know if

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the microbus in Khilkhet area, said the victim's younger brother, Maidul Hasan Jewel, 24.

"Shuvo phoned me from an unknown number around 4:30pm on that day and told me the whole story. We tried to contact him but he went out of network soon after hanging up," he said.

He claimed that they got confirmation of the abduction after talking to the people at the shopping mall.

Jewel believes that the surveillance cameras will help identify the abductors.

However, Nurul Muttakin, officer-in-charge of Bhatara Police Station, said they did not have information about such an incident, and none had come to the station so far regarding this.

SC stays bail for prime

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Following a bail petition, the HC on Monday granted Minar bail.

Ekrumul, 45, also the president of the upazila unit of Awami League, was shot and burnt to death in his car in the Academy area in Feni town on May 20 last year.

Rezaul Haque Jasim, brother of the slain upazila chairman, filed the murder case with Feni Model Police Station the same day, accusing Mahtab and 30 to 35 unidentified people.



World Women Leadership Congress and Awards confers "Women Leadership Achievement Award" on Romina Dewan, the founder executive director of Livelihood Education and Development Services, in Mumbai, India on February 14.

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Tender Publication Date : March 04, 2015
Tender Floating Date : March 04, 2015
Pre-bid Meeting : March 22, 2015 Time: 10.30 AM at PRP conference room.
Tender Last Distribution Date : March 25, 2015
Tender Submission Date and Time : March 29, 2015
Tender Opening Date and Time : March 29, 2015

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Requirements:
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Executive Chairman, MHW

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Obituary

CITY DESK

JM Bakhtiar, Agrabad branch manager of NRB Global Bank Ltd, died on Sunday. He was 62.



He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter to mourn his death. He was buried at his family graveyard.

The board of directors of NRB Global Bank Ltd and the employees mourned his death.

Siraj Master

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The proceeding was adjourned until today.

Siraj and two other accused Abdul Latif Talukder and Khan Akram Hossain are facing seven charges of crimes against humanity and genocide committed in 1971 in Bagerhat.

Meanwhile, the tribunal-1 yesterday fixed March 22 for hearing the reply of a show-cause notice issued against Tajul Islam, a counsel of war criminal ATM Azharul Islam, and five leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir for their statements on a verdict.

On behalf of the five, defence counsel Nazrul Islam yesterday filed the reply and sought time for the hearing.

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