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Contemnor has right to appeal

Can challenge war crimes tribunal's verdict on contempt of court charge, observes HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Disposing of a writ petition, the High Court yesterday observed that a person could appeal to the Supreme Court against an International Crimes Tribunal verdict convicting him or her of contempt of court. The HC also said a contemnor before the ICT could approach the Appellate Division of the SC, seeking "complete justice" in any case under Article 104 of the Constitution, petitioners' lawyer Rashna Imam told The Daily Star.

order, there was no legal bar for the Tribunal-2 to continue the trial proceedings against the 23 eminent personalities, including the 12 petitioners facing contempt of court charge. The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo came up with the order after hearing the writ petition filed by 12 eminent personalities, challenging the legality of two provisions of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, which does not permit a person to move appeal against the tribunal's judgment convicting him or her in a contempt of court case. Details of the HC order could not be known immediately as the court was yet to release the full text of the order.

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Pakistan opener Mohammad Hafeez sweeps one on his way to scoring 137 runs on the second day of the first Test at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday. The opener's unbeaten knock helped the visitors post 227 for one after Bangladesh were dismissed for 332 in their first innings. Stories on pages 14, 15. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

GRAMEEN BANK HC questions legality of govt notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of a government notice that declared the posts of nine elected directors of Grameen Bank vacant.

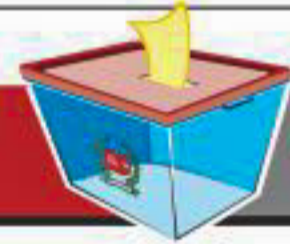
It issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain in 10 days as to why the notice should not be declared illegal. The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Tahsina Khatun, a former elected director, challenging the legality of the notice.

The finance ministry had sent the notice to the government-appointed chairman of Grameen Bank on March 30, saying that the posts of the nine elected directors of the microlender have become vacant since their three-year tenure expired on February 7 this year.

The notice said the chairman along with two other directors nominated by the government would now be sufficient to hold meetings of the board of the bank.

Challenging the ministry's decision, Tahsina submitted the writ petition on April 6, stating that the posts of the elected directors

CITY CORPORATION



ELECTIONS 2015

AL bags most of councillor posts

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

The ruling Awami League-backed candidates won most of the ward councillor posts in Dhaka and Chittagong city corporations. Out of 90 ward councillor posts in two city corporations in Dhaka, the AL favourites won

57 in Tuesday's polls. In Chittagong, 35 AL blessed councillor hopefuls became winners, according to the Election Commission.

The results of three wards in Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) have been suspended.

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BNP gained more than it lost

Party believes caretaker arguments now even stronger

RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP thinks it has gained more than it has lost in Tuesday's elections to the three key city corporations of the country.

Though the mayor candidates it backed were defeated, senior BNP leaders believe they have "achieved" quite a lot that will benefit the party in the long run.

The most notable success it achieved through the polls, marred by widespread rigging and other irregularities, is that the party's demand for a non-party administration to oversee the national elections now stands more justified, they say.

The elections in Dhaka and Chittagong cities, they believe, also exposed "the government's undemocratic nature" and it is a boon for the opposition 20-party combination led by the BNP.

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Victory to boost AL ranks' morale

Say party high-ups

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Despite facing criticism over vote rigging in Tuesday's city polls, the ruling Awami League is happy with the success of its favourites.

Some AL leaders said the results would put the party in a much stronger position in Dhaka city and help it counter any possible anti-government movement by the BNP in future.

According to them, the polls have created an opportunity for the party to bring in a new leadership for the city AL, putting an end to the long-standing dominance of a handful of leaders.

One leader said people would forget about the irregularities in city polls in just three to seven days.

However, a few leaders feared the anomalies in the elections would tarnish the party's image and justify the BNP's claim that no free and fair election was possible under the AL-led government.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০

বাংলাদেশের অর্থনৈতিক অগ্রগতিতে সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ যে মুখ্য ভূমিকা পালন করছে তা জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড অত্যন্ত শ্রদ্ধাভরে স্মরণ করছে। সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অব্যাহত সহযোগিতায় বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতি বৈদেশিক নির্ভরশীলতা হতে বের হয়ে অচিরেই মধ্যম আয়ের দেশে পরিণত হবার পথে অনেক দূর অগ্রসর হয়েছে। রাষ্ট্রের মৌলিক দায়িত্ব তথা প্রয়োজনীয় অবকাঠামো নির্মাণ, শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, নিরাপত্তা ও সুশাসনের নিশ্চয়তা বিধানে প্রয়োজনীয় অর্থের সংস্থানের জন্য সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অধিকতর সহযোগিতা প্রয়োজন।

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১ জুলাই, ২০১৪খ্রিঃ হতে বাড়ি ভাড়া ব্যাংক হিসাবে জমা করার এ বিধান কার্যকর করা হয়েছে। বাড়ির মালিক (ব্যক্তি, ফার্ম, কোম্পানি বা অন্য যে কোন প্রতিষ্ঠান) ব্যাংক হিসাবে বাড়ি ভাড়ার টাকা জমা না করলে প্রযোজ্য করের ৫০% অথবা ন্যূনতম ৫,০০০ টাকা (দু'টির মধ্যে যেটি বেশী) জরিমানা আরোপযোগ্য হবে।

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AMAZON RAINFOREST
1pc of trees hold half of its carbon

BBC ONLINE

About 1% of all the tree species in the Amazon account for half of the carbon locked in the vast South American rainforest, a study has estimated.

Although the region is home to an estimated 16,000 tree species, researchers found that just 182 species dominated the carbon storage process.

Amazonia is vital to the Earth's carbon cycle, SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

Man kills himself, two daughters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the dead of Tuesday night, the father tied his two sleeping daughters and himself with a bare electric cable, lay beside them and connected the wire to a socket. All three were found dead yesterday.

Babul Miah, 40, had been suffering from depression and was heavily burdened with debts he could not pay, said residents in the capital's Kamrangirchar where he lived for six years.

Around 1:00pm yesterday, neighbours saw through the open window the bodies of Babul and his two daughters -- Jannatul Ferdous, 11, and Khadizatul Mim, 9 -- with an electric wire tied around them. They then broke open the door, disconnected the cable and called the police. Locals found the cable stripped off its plastic cover. The

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INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS OF IEB ELECTION FOR THE TERM 2015-2016

Applications are invited for Election of all posts of IEB Headquarters, Centres / All Engineering Division/ Overseas Chapters and Engineers Recreation Centre as outlined in the schedule of posts for the term 2015-2016 Nomination Forms along with instructions and schedule of posts may be obtained from the IEB Headquarters, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 and also from the Local Centres & Chapters on payment of Tk. 200/- . Completed Nomination Forms are to be submitted with payment of Tk. 1000/- for the posts of Executive Office Bearers for IEB Headquarters, Centre, Division and Engineering Recreation Centre and Tk. 500/- for other posts. Nomination Form will be available from **6 May 2015** at the office of the Headquarters, Centres, Sub-Centres and Overseas Chapters. Nomination Forms for all Headquarter posts are to be submitted directly to CEC in IEB Headquarters, Ramna, Dhaka. Nomination Forms for all Centres, Sub-Centres Chapters and Engineers Recreation Centre post shall be submitted to the respective LEC. Nomination Forms shall have to be submitted on or before 20:00 hrs. of **14 May 2015** positively. Nomination forms submitted beyond the schedule time shall not be received at all. The Election will be held on **1 September 2015**. The polling will be started at 09:00hrs and will be closed at 17:00hrs.

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