

SC scraps acquittal

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Maya would remain on bail until the HC disposes of this appeal, said an ACC counsel. The anti-graft body filed the case against Maya, also ruling Awami League leader, with Sutrapur Police Station on June 13, 2007. At that time, an army-backed caretaker government was in power and it was conducting a drive against corruption of high-profile politicians and businesspeople. A special court on February 14, 2008, convicted Maya and sentenced him to 13 years in jail, fined him Tk 5 crore, and ordered confiscation of about Tk 6 crore of his "ill-gotten" wealth. Maya, who was on the run during the trial, did not stand in the 2008 parliamentary elections. He returned home after his party came to power. He filed the appeal with the HC on May 25, 2009, challenging the special court's verdict. He was acquitted by the HC on October 27, 2010.

In 2011, the ACC filed the petition for permission to appeal against the HC verdict. ACC counsel Khurshid Alam Khan yesterday told The Daily Star that the SC came up with the order after accepting his arguments that the HC verdict was not correct, since it did not properly consider the relevant evidence and the corruption allegations against Maya. He added that the HC would now examine whether the lower court had delivered a proper judgment. The ACC counsel said the HC had acquitted several other corruption-accused, including BNP leaders and former state ministers Iqbal Hasan Mahmood Tuku and Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin and his (Nasiruddin) son Mir Helal Uddin, and independent lawmaker Haji Mohammad Selim and BNP leader Amanullah Aman, in separate cases in the light of an SC judgment that acquitted former AL minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir in a similar case. Khurshid said the SC had acquitted

Alamgir, declaring illegal a 2007 ACC notice that asked him to submit wealth statement. The ACC had no commissioners then and Alamgir was in jail at that time. The top court, however, had scrapped several of those verdicts and asked the HC to hold fresh appeal hearings. The HC was yet to fix any date for those hearings, Khurshid said. Maya's lawyer Abdul Baset Majumder told The Daily Star that his client was abroad when the lower court had tried and sentenced him in 2008. The grounds on which the SC cancelled the HC verdict would be known once the full text of the verdict is released. Citing his arguments, Baset said initiation of the corruption case was illegal, since it was filed on the basis of an illegal notice issued by the then ACC secretary. The Daily Star failed to reach the minister for comments. His phone was switched off.

Four nations sign deal today

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Phuentsholing-Jaigaon-Burimari-Mongla/Chittagong, Kathmandu-Kakarvita/Phulbari-Banglabandha-Mongla/Chittagong, Samdrup Jonhkar (Bhutan)-Guwahari-Shilong-Tamabil-Sylhet-Chittagong, Silchar-Sutarkandi-Paturia Ferryghat-Benapole/Petrapole-Kolkata, Silchar-Sutarkandi-Chittagong Port and Agartola-Akhaura-Chittagong Port. Bangladesh's Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, now in Bhutan, said there would be a trial run of vehicles on all the possible routes in October. Talking to The Daily Star over the phone, he said the transport secretaries of the four countries at a meeting yesterday finalised all the formalities for the deal signing. The sub-regional move is an initiative parallel to the proposed Saarc Motor Vehicles Agreement and will be open to other neighbouring countries as well. Meanwhile, Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said the infrastructure of the route would be improved in

about a year. Talking to reporters at the secretariat, he said at the beginning the transit would start in a very limited scale. "Nothing will happen before a year," he said. Routes, custom and immigration procedures along with fees and charges for vehicles are expected to be settled down by December this year. FEES AND CHARGES Apart from the transit fees, commercial charges like the toll for highways and bridges will have to be paid under the 4-nation agreement. Fees and charges for issuance of permit for the vehicles of one member state will be levied at the entry point of the other member country, according to the draft deal. That rate will be decided from time to time by the member states. The draft agreement says the fees and charges would be paid in the currency of the member state the vehicle entering. In case of passenger vehicles, no additional charges will be applicable except the transit fees. The standard accessories of vehicle, essential spares, fuel contained in the

tank will be exempted from duties and taxes. However, for refueling the vehicle will not get the subsidised fuel prices. Muhith also said the transit fees and charges would be fixed on the basis of the rules and regulations of the World Trade Organisation. In 2011, a high-level committee, led by the Bangladesh Tariff Commission chairman, was formed to decide how the transit could be implemented among the four countries. The body recommended that the base fees should be 7 cents a tonne per kilometre of road transit, 3 cents for railway and 2.5 cents for waterways. According to yesterday's conversion rate, 1 cent is around Tk 0.75. For example, the minimum transit fee will be around \$277 (Tk 20,790) for carrying eight tonnes of goods by road for a distance of 495 kilometres from Silchar-Sutarkandi (Sylhet) to Benapole. Asked whether they will take into account the report of the tariff commission while determining the fees, the finance minister said the rate was "absolutely high".

Probe finds 'evidence' of Sakhawat's

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report to the prosecution on June 18, said investigation officer of the case Abdur Razzak Khan. Shakhawat, 61, now involved in Jatiya Party politics, was a central committee member of Islami Chhatra Sangha, student body of Jamaat-e-Islami in 1971, he added. According to the investigation agency, Shakhawat was the commander of Pakistani army's auxiliary Razakar force at Chingri Bazar camp. The investigation officer said they had found the "evidence" of involvement of 11 others during their probe into war crimes allegations against Shakhawat. Law enforcers arrested Shakhawat at his Uttar Khan's house on November 29 last year. Three of the 11 other war crimes suspects were also arrested on May 12, while the rest are at large. The three arrestees are Billal Hossain Biswas, 75, of Nehalpur village, Akram Hossain, 59, of Bhalukgarh Mollapara and Ajihar Morol, 64, of Chingra village. War crimes suspects Ibrahim Hossain of Nehalpur, Sheikh Md Mujibur Rahman and Kazi Ohidul Islam of Shekhpura, Aziz Sardar of Mominpur, Aziz Sardar of Boga, Lutfar Morol of Porchakra, Abdul Khaleq Morol of Altapol and Moshir Rahman of Chingra could not be arrested. Probe in the case started on April 1, 2012. Coordinator of the International

Crimes (Tribunals) Investigation Agency Abdul Hannan Khan in a press briefing at the agency office in Dhanmondi revealed the probe findings before the media yesterday. PROBE FINDINGS 1. At Shakhawat's directive, around 10-12 Razakars forcefully picked up a female SSC examinee of Boga on Ashwin 27 and kept her detained at Chingri Bazar camp for three days. Shakhawat allegedly tortured and raped the girl. 2. On Ashwin 28, Shakhawat accompanied by Razakars caught local Awami League leader Chadtullo Gazi and kept him detained at the Razakar camp for four days. He was later shot dead on the bank of the Kapatakha river. 3. On Ashwin 28, around 10-12 Razakars upon receiving Shakhawat's instruction picked up Nur Uddin Morol around 7:00am and brutally tortured him at the Razakar camp. 4. On a late Ashwin night, Razakars held a source of freedom fighter Malek Sardar from his house at Hijoldanga and tortured the victim at a torture camp. He was later shot dead around 8:00am on Ashwin 28 near the ferry ghat of Chingri Bazar. 5. At the beginning of Ashwin, Razakars upon receiving Shakhawat's instruction went to capture freedom fighter Miron Sheikh around 10:00am. As Miron tried to escape, Razakars shot him and took him to Chingri Bazar camp. As a result of brutal torture, the victim has become crippled and now

moves with the help of a crutch. Shakhawat's candidature in the Jessore-6 constituency was cancelled over war crimes allegations after Jatiya Party had picked him for the January 5 parliamentary polls in 2014. According to the investigation agency, Shakhawat went into hiding after independence and resurfaced in 1986 as a local leader of Jamaat. He contested the 1991 parliamentary polls with Jamaat ticket in Jessore-6 and was elected an MP. Later, he joined BNP and became a lawmaker again in the short-lived parliament formed through the February 15, 1996 elections. When BNP and Jamaat formed an alliance before the 2001 elections, he failed to secure nomination and contested the poll as an independent candidate. BNP later expelled him on charges of his failure to maintain party disciplines and he joined Jatiya Party afterwards.

War crimes suspect held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday arrested a war crimes suspect in Shariatpur, hours after the International Crimes Tribunal-1 issued an arrest warrant for him. Suliman Mollah was arrested at his house in Shariatpur town around 5:30pm, Saifullah Al Mamun, superintendent of police in the district, told The Daily Star last night. The arrestee was an alleged organiser of Shariatpur Peace Committee and Razakar Bahini, two anti-liberation organisations in 1971. Earlier in the day, the tribunal issued arrest warrants for two war crimes suspects, including Suliman, for their alleged involvement in war crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War. The warrants were issued following a petition by the prosecution. Prosecution declined to name the other suspect. Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha told The Daily Star that they had filed the petition as the investigators found evidence of their involvement in war crimes committed in the district in 1971. He said Suliman was also a leader of Nezam-e-Islami, an anti-liberation political party, in Shariatpur. He contested the 1970's election as a candidate of that party but was defeated. The other suspect was a member of Razakar Bahini in Shariatpur, he added.

Text walking

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is the brainchild of a smartphone store based in the city. It says that a significant number of mobile phone breakages happen because of "text walking" collisions. There are now believed to be more mobile phones in the world than people. Figures released by mobile operators and associated companies show that there are about 7.5 billion mobiles in the world, compared to a world population estimated to be 7.2 billion by the US Census Bureau. "You probably walk through the streets while texting or sending Whatsapp messages to your friends and don't really pay attention to your surroundings -- only to whatever is happening on your screen," a spokesman for Mlab, a smart phone laboratory based in Antwerp, was quoted by Yahoo News as saying. "This causes collisions with poles or other pedestrians. You could, unknowingly, even be endangering your own life while you 'textwalk' when you cross the street without looking up." Mlab describes itself as a concept store that carries out phone repairs, sells the latest gadgets or provides expert advice to phone users. Although the "text walking lanes" are temporary, officials say, there is a possibility they will become permanent.

Girl murdered in Kurigram

'Killer' dies of heart attack while fleeing
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram
A suitor died of heart attack while he was fleeing reportedly after murdering the girl in Boalmari village of Roumari upazila, said police. The girl, Arjina, had passed her Secondary School Certificate exams this year. The alleged killer, Ayub Ali, 22, is from Changta Para village. Ayub and Arjina were in a relationship, and he got furious after her marriage was set with another man recently, said Sohrab Hasan, officer-in-

charge of Roumari Police Station. Knowing that no one else was inside Arjina's home yesterday, Ayub along with some of his associates broke into her house and slit her throat with a sharp weapon, claimed the police officer. While fleeing, Ayub suddenly felt sick and fell to the ground. Later, Nasir Uddin, one of his friends, took him to Roumari Health Complex where doctors declared the youth dead, said police. Nasir was being interrogated. Murder case was filed.

IGP criticises ruling

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the recent law and order situation at the Metropolitan Shooting Club in the city's Dampara police lines. He said such activities diminish public support for the government and demean the rule of law. Leaders of the ruling party should not support their men in such activities and police must act as per the law in such cases. He also put emphasis on identifying the people who want to destabilise the country by carrying out subversive activities. Among others, Deputy Inspector

General (Chittagong Range) Shafiqul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong district Mesbah Uddin, president of AL's Chittagong metropolitan unit Mohiuddin Chowdhury, president of AL's district unit (North) Nurul Alam Chowdhury and president of AL's district unit (South) Moslem Uddin Chowdhury addressed the programme. Earlier, the IGP inaugurated RF Police Plaza, a multi-storied shopping mall in Nandankanon area of the port city in the morning.

Forkan verdict kept waiting

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During the prosecution's rebuttal, prosecutor Tureen Afroz cited the verdict in the case against war criminal Syed Mohammad Qaisar, who was sentenced to death for his crimes. In Qaisar's case, the same tribunal handed down death penalty on the former state minister of HM Ershad's cabinet on charge of rape for the first time in the country's history. Tureen said like Qaisar, Forkan, who faces three charges of rape, should also be given death penalty. Forkan's counsel Abdus Salam Khan said his client was neither involved with Razakar force nor in the charges brought against him. "The prosecution have failed to prove the charges," he added. At the last stage of the arguments, Forkan, who was standing in the dock, said he was at his maternal uncle's house for one year from Bangla month of Ashwin in 1970. "I had rather helped freedom fighters during the war," he claimed. The tribunal expressed discontent over the defence for "scattered submission" and asked the counsel to submit his arguments in written within three days. "Otherwise, we will take action against you for misconduct," Justice Hassan said. Son of Sader Mallik and Sonaw Bibi of Sailabunia village under Mirzaganj, Forkan was an active supporter of Muslim League, an anti-liberation party in 1971, the prosecution said. He joined the local Razakar force and carried out crimes including murders and rapes under local Razakar commander, the prosecution charged. On June 25 last year, the Detective Branch of police arrested Forkan at

Rupatali Bus Stand in Barisal in connection with a criminal case. He was later shown arrested in the war crimes case. The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal completed probe into the allegations against him on October 27 the same year. The tribunal indicted him in five charges on December 18. CHARGES Killing of four people including two local Awami League leaders in Mirzaganj on August 12; forceful religious conversion of three Hindu brothers in Subidkhal Bazar and their deportation; abduction, rape and subsequently death of a Hindu girl of Subidkhal Bazar on August 17 and 18; abduction and rape of two Hindu girls of Subidkhal Bazar on August 20 and 21 and deportation of their family; and abduction and rape of a Muslim woman and killing of another. The prosecution produced 14 witnesses including the investigation officer, while the defence produced four witnesses. ICT-1 The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed June 30 to pass an order in the contempt proceedings it had initiated against two top leaders of Islami Chhatra Shibir for their joint media statement about a war crimes verdict. The three-member tribunal led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim fixed the date after AY Masihuzzaman, counsel for the accused, sought exoneration of his clients seeking unconditional apology. The accused are Abdul Jabbar and Atiqur Rahman, president and secretary general of Shibir, the student organisation of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Open sale raises
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the bakery industry, it was seen that some shops were selling sodium cyclamate either in packets or open. A shop at Al Madani Market was charging Tk 200 to Tk 250 for per kilogram of the chemical imported from China. The proprietor of the shop claims that different bakers and ice cream manufacturers purchase the item, and that he buys it from wholesalers in Mitford of Dhaka. Some traders import it along with other items that have similar colour and texture, the shop owner said yesterday. Asked why the shop sells this harmful substance to clients, the shop owner said the government body concerned had not launched any drive against the contraband item. Besides several traders are openly selling it, he added. Alleging that the chemical is being imported under false declaration, Mahub Kabir, a director of Board of Investment, Chittagong division, sent a letter to

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Chittagong customs on May 31 and urged them to conduct cent percent physical verification of any consignment of citric acid before issuing any clearance certificate. On receiving the letter, the authority decided to conduct laboratory test of any imported goods related to citric acid. The director yesterday sent another letter to the Chittagong customs, urging them to follow the same procedure while issuing certificates to the consignments of sodium citrate. "The colour and texture of sodium cyclamate, sodium citrate, citric acid and magnesium sulphate are almost the same," Kabir told The Daily Star. A section of unscrupulous businesspersons takes this advantage while importing the harmful artificial sweetener, he added. Some traders at Jail Road markets in the port city also sell a cheaper version of sodium cyclamate, which comprises different fertilisers. A staff of a chemical shop in the area said they sell the product at Tk 140 to Tk 150 per kg. Kabir also collected the adulterated product from Mitford in Dhaka last week and sent its sample to the Soil Resource Development Institute in Dhaka for testing. The institute confirmed that the sample contained 1.72 percent magnesium and 13.12 percent sulphur, Kabir added.

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১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।	
২	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।	
৩	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।	
৪	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার অবস্থান	১৭-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।	
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৬	সমগ্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।	
৭	দরপত্র নং	বিটিবি/স/স/স(৪)-৫৮/২০১৪-৬০৮ তারিখঃ ১১-০৬-২০১৫	
৮	অর্থের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের সংশ্লিষ্ট খাত হতে।	
৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	১৬-০৬-২০১৫ হতে ২৯-০৬-২০১৫ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। স্থানঃ বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম; বিটিআরআই, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।	
১০	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	৩০-০৬-২০১৫, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম।	
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	৩০-০৬-২০১৫, দুপুর ১২:১০ ঘটিকা, সচিব এর দপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম।	
১২	দরপত্রাদাতাদের যোগাযোগ	সংশ্লিষ্ট টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ড্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর প্রদানের হালনাগাদ প্রমাণক, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধনকরণ সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, এন্ডার্স টার্মস ও পিকুইড এসেট এর তথ্যাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।	
১৩	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	৫০০/- টাকা (অসেন্ডেটযোগ্য) প্রতিটি।	
১৪	লট নং	লটের পরিচিতি	কাজের অবস্থান
		(১)	এইচবিবি রাস্তা নির্মাণ কাজ হালাদা ডালি চা বাগান, নারায়নহাট, ফটিকছড়ি, চট্টগ্রাম।
		(২)	১৪ ইউনিট এক টাইপ কোয়ার্টারের সংস্কার ও মেরামত কাজ বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের গবেষণা ইন্সটিটিউট (বিটিআরআই), শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
		(৩)	চা বোর্ড ক্যান্টিনের মূল গেইটের পিলার ও গার্ডরুম নির্মাণ কাজ বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।
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১৭	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে। খ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বর্জন করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
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Amendment No. 02

BPDB's International Tender enquiry No. Pur-141/11KV Switchgear/Rev/FC/2014-15, dt. 31/03/2015 hereby amended as follows:

Tender enquiry No. & date	Item of original tender notice which amended	Existing	Amended as
Pur-141/11KV Switchgear/Rev/FC/2014-15, dt. 31/03/2015	(Tender Notice Sl. No. 17) Tender selling date	05/05/2015 to 14/06/2015	05/05/2015 to 05/07/2015
	(Tender Notice Sl. No. 18) Tender closing date & time	15/06/2015 at 11:00am (Tenders can be received at any date before 15/06/2015 during office hours)	06/07/2015 at 11:00am (Tenders can be received at any date before 06/07/2015 during office hours)
	(Tender Notice Sl. No. 19) Tender opening date & time	15/06/2015 at 11.30am	06/07/2015 at 11.30am

All other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Md. Abu Yousuf
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