

## KIBRIA MURDER CASE

## Charge framing hearing July 6

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A Sylhet court has fixed July 6 for the charge framing hearing in the murder case of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria.

Acting judge of Sylhet Speedy Trial Tribunal Monirul Islam Patwary, also district and sessions judge, set the date yesterday.

Among the 32 accused in the case, 20, including Habiganj Municipality Mayor GK Gous, were present in the court.

Speedy Trial Tribunal Public Prosecutor Kishor Kumar Kar said: "Court fixed July 6 for the next hearing. The charge will be framed the same day."

On June 11, Habiganj District and Sessions Judge Md Atabullah sent the case to the tribunal. On June 2, Judicial Magistrate's Court of Habiganj transferred the case to the District and Sessions Judge's Court.

On January 27, 2005, Kibria, among five, was killed in a grenade attack during a public meeting in Habiganj.



The Yaba tablets, money, ATM cards and mobile phones seized from an assistant sub-inspector of the Special Branch of police. Rab-7 arrested the ASI and the driver of his car (inset) on Saturday night with 6.8 lakh pieces of Yaba and other items. The photos were taken yesterday at the Rab-7 headquarters in Patenga of the port city.

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## ENCLAVE PEOPLE

## Govt asks them to move by Nov 30

UNB, Dhaka

As part of the implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), interested people living in enclaves will have to go to their mainland either in Bangladesh or India after selling their immovable assets by November 30.

Those want to go either to Bangladesh or Indian mainland will be able to carry their moveable assets, said a PID handout yesterday.

If anyone wants to continue with Indian and Bangladeshi citizenship, he or she will have to complete all the formalities by November 30 and will have to go to either Bangladesh or Indian mainland.

Travel pass will be issued for moving from one country to another at that time, the official release said.

It also mentioned that a joint team will take opinions from the people living in the enclaves in the first and second weeks of July.

The LBA will be implemented with effect from midnight of July 31.

## Incredible

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again as to why he was so difficult to get away.

If his off-cutters were merely appreciated after the first ODI, they were deemed legendary after yesterday's match.

Just to put into perspective the enormity of this victory, one has to point to the fact that this was only the second time in the last five years that India lost two consecutive ODIs in a bilateral series in Asia.

Mustafizur's magic kept Bangladesh's target to a nominal 200 and the hosts buoyed by a responsible half-century from the ever dependable Shakib Al Hasan romped to a win with 9 overs remaining.

The left-hander's carnage began from over number one, when Rohit Sharma, who seemed to be in the mood to take the attack to the hosts right from the word go, played a half-hearted drive that was brilliantly caught at point by Sabbir Rahman. India had lost a wicket without any runs on board.

However, Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan staged a comeback with a half-century stand for the second wicket and for a moment threatened to take the game away. But that's when Nasir Hossain worked his charm. A part-time bowler, the Indian batsmen must have thought and probably took it easy for a while, for there's no other way to explain as to how Kohli missed the line to a straight Nasir delivery.

Nasir didn't just finish there. He also had Dhawan caught behind.

It was then Rubel Hossain's turn to get a piece of the pie as he greeted Ambati Rayudu with a bouncer, which the latter uncomfortably pushed towards point and lost his wicket in the 22nd over.

With the Powerplays on, Mashrafe decided to revert to his golden boy and yet again, Mustafizur weaved his magic.

Mustafizur's first two balls were normal deliveries and they went

straight up. The third delivery of the 35th over though saw him unleash the lethal off-cutter. It bounced, jagged back and all Suresh Raina could do was induce an edge to the keeper.

If the teammates hugged Mustafizur following that wicket, they were busy pouncing on him three overs later as another one of his cutters deceived an Indian batsman; this time it was none other than Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

Dhoni hadn't picked the twist in Mustafizur's wrist and played the drive too early. The result was a mere lob to Soumya Sarkar.

Mustafizur continued to spring surprises as he followed the cutter that dismissed Dhoni, with a full delivery that trapped Axar Patel in front and removed him first ball.

He was on a hatrick for the second consecutive time in the series, but like in the first ODI, he failed to achieve that mark. A cautious Ravichandran Ashwin was smart enough to defend that delivery.

However, the off-spinner, like the rest of the batting order, was deceived by Mustafizur's cutter an over later and edged one to the keeper in the 42nd over.

Eight wickets down and the visitors received a bit of a relief as the match witnessed a break due to rain in the 44th over.

At the break many reckoned that the Mustafizur's magic had come to an end, since he had only one ball remaining.

However, the scrawny left-hander had secretly preserved his best for the last. The game resumed after two hours and Mustafizur bowled a full-length off-cutter to bowl a sorry-looking Ravindra Jadeja.

Eleven wickets in his first two matches -- a world record -- against one of the best batting line-ups in the world; there's not a lot more that the left-hander could have asked for.

After the exchange, Bangladesh, who were chasing a target of 200 tried to begin in the same fashion as they

did in the first ODI and the openers went all guns blazing.

Tamim Iqbal went down the track early on, while Soumya followed suit. However, the excitement of a historic series win must have hampered the top order's concentration as their hunger for quick runs led to three quick wickets.

At 98 for 3, the senior duo of Mushfiqur Rahim and Shakib took the crease and shared a half-century stand to stabilise the chase.

After Mushfiqur got run-out, Shakib ensured that there were no further hiccup and took Bangladesh home with an unbeaten half-century.

Towards the end of the game, Dhawal Kulkarni exchanged a few words with Sabbir in vain, further reflecting the huge amount of pressure that the visitors have been in. It only encouraged Sabbir unleash his power through some baseball-esque boundaries down the ground.

## 3 killed as clashes grip Ukraine

AFP, Kiev

Ukraine yesterday reported the death of two soldiers, while pro-Russian rebels accused Kiev's forces of killing a civilian as fresh clashes preceded peace talks aimed at ending the 15-month war.

Kiev military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said two government troops were killed and six wounded in mortar fire and shelling across swathes of the eastern separatist Donetsk province over the past day.

Lysenko told reporters that "activity had especially picked up" around the industrial Sea of Azov port of Mariupol that the rebels have been trying to seize to establish an export gateway for the steel and coal mines they now control.

Insurgency commander said that shells from Kiev-held positions around the city of Donetsk had killed a civilian and wounded two others in the rebels' main stronghold.

Separatist negotiator Denis Pushilin called the reported attack "a grave violation of the Minsk agreement" that Russia and Ukraine signed in mid-February during talks involving the leaders of Germany and France.

The four countries' foreign ministers are due to meet in Paris tomorrow to try to salvage the accord.

June has witnessed an upsurge in violence that has killed more than 50 people after a three-month lull.

Kiev sounded a pessimistic note about the odds of diplomats being able to reverse that trend.

"Paris must not turn into another blathering session," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said.

"Either we achieve concrete results, or we demonstrate clearly that Moscow does not want to fulfil the Minsk agreements," he said on Saturday.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko will send his personal envoy to Minsk tomorrow to meet Pushilin and other rebels for their own round of European-mediated talks, after a similar meeting last week ended in deadlock.

"With progress like this, the chances of a complete political settlement of the conflict are in grave doubt," Pushilin said.

The two predominantly Russian-speaking provinces of Lugansk and Donetsk have been waging a war for independence from Kiev's new pro-Western leadership since March 2014.

The campaign has claimed the lives of around 6,500 people and driven an estimated 1.3 million from their homes.

## Face law alone

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But last Sunday, the Appellate Division of the SC scrapped the HC judgment and directed it to hold further hearing on and dispose of the disaster management and relief minister's appeal challenging the lower court verdict.

Maya seems to be in a fix after the SC verdict, as he faces a fresh legal battle to have his name cleared of the graft charges.

Several AL leaders told this correspondent that Maya should quit the cabinet to save the government from further embarrassment.

"The prime minister is unhappy with Maya. But the ultimate decision will come from our leader [Sheikh Hasina]," an AL central committee member told The Daily Star, requesting anonymity.

After the SC order, Maya reached out to the PM, who was in London then, through a messenger to seek her advice

as to his next course of action. The PM advised him to face the court as it was his personal matter, party sources said.

They added Maya might even be dropped from the cabinet and also from the Dhaka city AL.

Maya has been the general secretary of the units since 2004.

Maya fell from the prime minister's grace in April last year, after the name of his son-in-law, the now fired Rab-11 commanding officer Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad, came up in the Narayanjan seven-murder case, sources said.

At the time, Maya and his family drew huge flake from in and outside the party. He then avoided appearing in public and skipped cabinet meetings.

But his "controversial" role in the recent Dhaka city elections aggravated the situation as he did not support the party-backed mayor candidates.

The Daily Star called Maya on Wednesday and also yesterday for his

comment, but the phone was found switched off.

Asked, Shahidul Islam Milton, his assistant personal secretary, told this newspaper yesterday that he was not aware that Maya reached out to the PM for her advice. He also said he had no knowledge that the minister would be dropped from the cabinet.

This is not the first time that Maya and his family caused embarrassment for the AL government.

During the 1996-2001 tenure of the AL, Maya's son Dipu Chowdhury was at the centre of numerous controversies.

Dipu's name came up in land grabbing in Uttara, market grabbing in Gulshan and Banani, tender manipulation, extortion and the killing of a contractor in Uttara in 2001.

Maya was state minister for shipping then.

Dipu was eventually arrested in the murder case and served time in jail.

## Tribunal recalls arrest order

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Earlier on June 10, the tribunal found Zafullah guilty of contempt of court and imprisoned him at the courtroom for an hour for criticising punishment of Bangladesh-based UK journalist David Bergman. The tribunal also ordered him to pay Tk 5,000 in fine within seven days, in default of which he would have to serve one month in prison.

However, the Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the tribunal's verdict until July 5 following a petition moved by the convict. Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, chamber judge at the Appellate Division of the SC, also sent the petition to the full bench of the court for hearing on July 5.

Meanwhile, the three-member Tribunal-2 led by Justice Obaidul Hassan on Thursday issued an arrest warrant for Zafullah after the deadline for payment of Tk 5,000 expired on Wednesday.

Neither Zafullah nor his lawyer informed the tribunal about the SC order.

Zafullah yesterday went to the tribunal around 11:15am and submit-

ted the SC order to the tribunal's registrar office.

He said the tribunal "wrongly" and "hastily" issued the arrest warrant although both the electronic and print media widely reported the SC stay order. Besides submitting the SC order, he requested the tribunal to withdraw the "wrongly" issued warrant, Zafullah said.

Attorney General Mahbub Alam on Thursday said it was the responsibility of Zafullah's lawyers to inform the tribunal about the SC order. As the copy of the order was not sent to the tribunal, it rightly issued the warrant against the convict upon expiry of the fine payment deadline.

On December 2 last year, the tribunal found Bergman, editor (special reports) of English daily the New Age, guilty of contempt for writing two blog posts in January 2013 on the verdict in the case against Abul Kalam Azad. The journalist was sentenced to imprisonment till rising of the court that day and fined Tk 5,000.

The daily Prothom Alo on December 20 last year ran a report headlined "50

people express concern over Bergman's punishment". The signatories of a statement said the order would curb freedom of expression, according to the report. One of the signatories, Khushi Kabir, later parted from the statement.

When the tribunal asked the other 49 to explain their statement, 26 of them apologised unconditionally. The court exonerated them from the charge but initiated contempt proceedings against the rest as it was not convinced with their replies.

On June 10, the tribunal pardoned 22 signatories as they regretted their action and "were not well aware of the consequences of the action". But the court punished Zafullah as he committed the same offence twice.

Earlier, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 had found his comment on the war crimes trial contemptuous but pardoned him with a serious caution.

Under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, a contempt convict cannot challenge the order of tribunal. But the High Court has recently observed that a convict can do so.

## Mustafiz

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in Satkhira glued to TV sets.

The nondescript house in the remote Tetulia village had assumed a carnival-like atmosphere ever since Mustafizur grabbed a five-for on his debut on Thursday. The carnival only got bigger and more joyous as the young boy grabbed a six-for yesterday to etch his name in the record books. Mustafizur's father Abul Kashem Gazi watched the match surrounded by his family, relatives and neighbours.

"I am so happy that my son is playing so well. I always believed he would do something like this," said Gazi, who was panting in excitement as he spoke over phone while watching the match. "Everyone here, my relatives and neighbours who have come to watch the match with us, are all happy that our own Mustafizur is contributing so greatly to this victory over India."

The excitement and joy rang in a similar tone in Sonadanga, where Mustafizur's mother was visiting his elder brother Mahfuzur Rahman. When called for comments, Mahfuzur said he always had faith in his brother, but even he was completely taken aback by what transpired over the last few days.

"We all knew Mustafizur was very talented. Whenever any foreign team came to Bangladesh to play, Mustafizur was called to bowl at the nets and people came out with a good word or two about him. And then when he played for the under-19s or the Dhaka Premier League or National League, he always earned the

affection of his coaches, despite being very shy, due to the potential he showed," said an elated Mahfuzur.

"But the way my brother played, holding his nerve and showcasing all of his guile to grab 11 wickets in two matches, even took me by surprise," added the proud brother.

Mustafizur's mother, Mahmuda Khatun, said she was happy like everyone and hoped that her son would continue to serve the country this way for a long time.

Back here in Dhaka, losing captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni reserved the best praise, albeit a technical one, for the youngster at the post-match press conference.

"His [Mustafizur] hand speed is good and there is no difference between the slower one and normal delivery. The slower one travels to the keeper which does not happen in case of other pacers," analysed the India captain.

Dhoni's analysis sums up the reason the touring batsmen failed to get the better of Mustafizur yesterday, even after working on his deliveries thoroughly over the last couple of days. The bowler himself felt unflustered about the possibility of being found out by the opposition because he felt had enough guile in his armoury and enough control to execute effectively.

"During practice, [bowling coach] Heath Streak told me that [the Indian batsmen may have learnt about my strengths]. But I told him not to worry and I just bowled in my natural way," exclaimed Mustafizur.