

Family to meet Mojaheed at Dhaka Central Jail today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family members of condemned war criminal Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed will meet him at Dhaka Central Jail today.

Five members, including his wife Tamanna-e-Jahan and youngest son Ali Ahmed Mabruur, will meet him at the jail around 11:00am for the first time after the Supreme Court released its full judgment, Shishir Manir, one of his lawyers, told The Daily Star.

He said they are now preparing the review petition against the Supreme Court verdict that upheld the death penalty of the 67-year-old Jamaat-e-Islami leader. The petition will be filed with the apex court by October 15, he added.

On October 3, Mojaheed told his lawyers that he will file the review petition with the apex court that had upheld his death penalty for killing intellectuals during the 1971 Liberation War.

The International Crimes Tribunal issued a warrant of execution for Mojaheed on October 1, a day after the apex court released the full verdict.



A health worker, trained under the GlaxoSmithKline-CARE Bangladesh project, provides medical services to a mother and her baby at her home in Sunamganj recently. PHOTO: STAR

Work together to protect rights of poor

FROM PAGE 3 Anisul Huq said the courts are overburdened with lawsuits. "For making the judiciary free from such deadlock there is no alternative but adoption of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) system," he said. He said initiatives have been taken to enable the district legal aid office to provide ADR services to divert disputes from the court system. Fazlul Huq, secretary of the Madaripur Legal Aid Organisation, said mediation, which is a procedure to resolve disputes outside the court though discussions and compromises among parties, should not be formalised through formulating any rule. He informed that his organisation has resolved 1.7 lakh disputes and recovered

around Tk 272 crore for the victims through mediation in peaceful manner in last 30 years. Nobody is punished in mediation, Fazlul Huq added. Sara Hossain, director of Bangladesh Legal Aid Organisation, said mediation can play a significant role in establishing peace in the society. Fawzia Karim Firoze, National Human Rights Commission member; Jerome Sayre, team leader of Community Legal Service; and Sardar M Asaduzzaman, project coordinator of Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh under United Nations Development Programme, among others, spoke at the function where 17 senior assistant judges, who are working as legal aid officials, were present.

DU Kha unit admission test today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test of Kha unit under the arts faculty of Dhaka University for 2015-16 session will be held today, said a press release. Admission seekers have been asked to visit admission.eis.du.ac.bd for seat plans.

Obituary

Saidur Rahman Master, a freedom fighter of Hakimpur upazila of Dinaipur, died of throat cancer at his residence on Wednesday evening. He was 63. He was buried yesterday with state honour.

PM opens two CU halls

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