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No legal basis of caretaker govt verdict

Says SC Bar a day after CJ said writing judgment after retirement unconstitutional

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday demanded restoration of the caretaker government system claiming the judgment, which scrapped the provision, was illegal and unconstitutional.

The SCBA made the call a day after Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said a judge's act of writing a judgment after his retirement goes against the law and the constitution.

"Some judges make unusual delays in writing verdicts while others continue to write it even long after their retirement, which goes against the law and the constitution," the CJ said in a message on Tuesday.

SCBA President Khandker Mahbub Hossain said a Supreme Court bench, led by then chief justice ABM Khairul Haque, had declared the caretaker government system unconstitutional.

The former CJ had signed the judgment 16 months after his retirement, and therefore, that verdict "has no constitutional basis and is illegal", he told a press conference at the SCBA Auditorium.

The previous Awami League government had abolished the caretaker government provision through the 15th

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Malcolm Waller follows the skyward path of one of his big hits during his 23-ball 49, which featured two fours and four sixes and took Zimbabwe to a commanding 187 for six in 20 overs. That target proved too steep for a Bangladesh side featuring four debutants, as they went down by 31 runs in the third T20I at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

MONEY LAUNDERING HC clears way for trial of Mosharraff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower court concerned to continue



trial proceedings against BNP senior leader Khandaker Mosharraff Hossain in a money laundering case.

The court rejected a criminal revision petition filed by former health minister Mosharraff, challenging the lower court's order that indicted him in the case lodged by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Mahmudul Hoque passed the order, considering the petition was not properly placed before it, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told the Daily Star.

He also said there is no legal bar for the Special Judge's Court-1 of Dhaka to continue the case proceedings after the HC order.

On February 6, 2014, the ACC filed the case with Ramna Police Station, accusing the former health minister of amassing over Tk 9.53 crore between 2001 and 2006 and depositing the amount in a bank account in the UK.

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Classes resume at public universities

DU CORRESPONDENT

Classes resumed at all the 37 public universities yesterday after seven days of work abstention by the teachers over "pay disparity" in the new pay scale. The strike was postponed upon assurance from the prime minister.

The students attended classes and exams yesterday, bringing normalcy in the universities which were virtually paralysed by the teachers' movement.

Dhaka University, meanwhile, will take make-up classes at weekends to minimise the student's academic loss due to the strike.

The decision was taken in a meeting at the university's Teacher's Club.

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Saudi accuses Iran of sowing 'unrest, chaos'

Khamenei condemns Saudi embassy attack in Tehran

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Saudi Arabia has accused Iran of a nearly four-decade record of "sedition, unrest and chaos," as the international community tried to calm tensions between the regional rivals.

The accusation came as Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday publicly condemned for the first time the January 2 attack on Saudi Arabia's embassy in Tehran as "a very bad and wrong incident".

Tensions between Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia and predominantly Shia Iran reached a new high this month when Riyadh and a number of its Sunni Arab allies cut diplomatic ties with Tehran. They acted after protesters burned Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran following the kingdom's January 2 execution of prominent Shia cleric Nim al-Nimr.

"Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, Iran has established a record of spreading

sedition, unrest and chaos in the region," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) on Tuesday publicly condemned for the first time the kingdom has maintained a policy of restraint in spite of having suffered -- as have neighbouring countries -- the consequences of Iran's continued aggressive policies."

The official said Iranian policy was based primarily on the idea of exporting revolution. "Iran recruits militias in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen", the official said, further accusing Iran of supporting "terrorism" and carrying out assassinations.

SPA published a 58-point "fact sheet", prepared by the foreign ministry, "to illustrate Iran's aggressive policies" and to refute "the persistent lies" from Tehran, including an article by Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in The New York Times last week.

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Man held in Ctg with stun gun, drone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs intelligence officials arrested a man with a drone and a stun gun at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong Tuesday morning.

The news of the seizure was made public yesterday, as the officials said it took them a day to verify the items, which the arrestee claimed to be toys, with the help of intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

"This is the first ever seizure of a stun gun, an electroshock weapon, which has the capacity of delivering electric shock of up to 1 million volts," said Hossain Ahmad, additional director general of Customs

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IS destroys ancient monastery in Iraq

BBC ONLINE

Satellite images confirm that the oldest Christian monastery in Iraq has been destroyed by the jihadist group Islamic State (IS).

St Elijah's stood on a hill near the northern city of Mosul for 1,400 years.

But analysts said the images, obtained by the Associated Press, suggested it had been demolished in late 2014, soon after IS seized the city.

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A mobile court busts a place in Shaheed Nagar area of the capital's Lalbagh and seizes a huge quantity of fake emulsion paint powder yesterday. Ground chalk and brick are mixed with the powder which is sold Tk 40 per pack with the tagline "Made in Germany".

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Cold wave likely from Saturday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jodi Borshe Magher Shes, Dhonnyo Rajar Punya Desh -- If it rains at the end of Magh (10th month of the Bengali calendar), the kingdom would prosper, said ancient wise soothsayer and astrologer Khona in a popular verse.

Most of her verses deal with weather forecast and agricultural advice. She, however, did not say what would happen if it rains at the beginning of the month.

Although it is a rarity in winter, many areas in the country saw rain yesterday, the seventh day of Magh. A cold wave might sweep the country from next Saturday after the rain, meteorologists said.

The cold wave would continue for two to three days, said

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