

# Finish Ekramul murder trial within six months

SC tells lower court  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed the lower court concerned to finish the trial proceedings of Feni's Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque killing case within six months.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after hearing a government petition against a High Court order that granted bail to Jahangir Kabir Adel, an accused in the case.

The SC also extended its chamber judge's order that stayed the HC order granting bail to Adel.

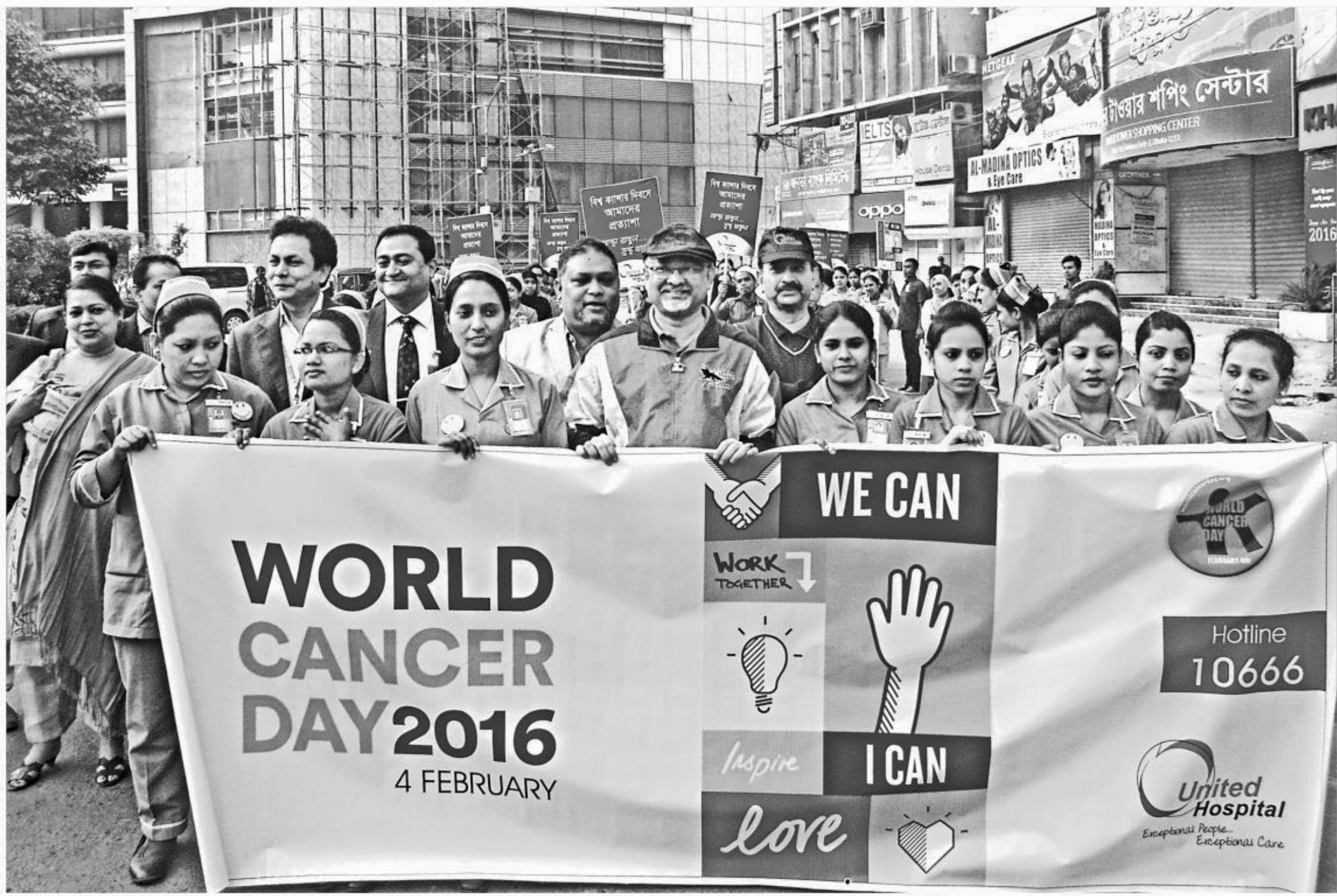
The apex court said the lower court would consider the bail prayer of Adel if the latter cannot complete the trial proceedings within six months, said Deputy Attorney General Khondker Diliruzzaman.

Ekram, also the president of the Fulgazi upazila unit of Awami League, was shot and burnt to death in his car in Feni town on May 20, 2014.

His brother Rezaul Haque Jasim filed the murder case with Feni Model Police Station the same day, accusing 30 to 35 people, including Adel.

Following a bail petition filed by Adel, a local AL leader in Feni, the HC on January 16 last year granted him bail in this case.

Later, the SC's chamber judge stayed the bail order following the government petition against it.



Doctors, nurses and staff of the United Hospital bring out a procession on the occasion of World Cancer Day-2016 to create awareness among people in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

# Experts hope for early detection on World Cancer Day

UNB, Dhaka

Experts at a discussion stressed the need for early detection of cancer to save patients from the deadly disease through proper treatment in the capital yesterday.

They said if cancer is detected at its early stage, it is quite possible to cure the disease.

Roche Bangladesh, an international pharmaceutical company, organised the discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital, marking World Cancer Day.

Cancer specialist Prof Mofazzel Hossain and Prof Selim Reza and singers Bappa Mojumdar, John Kabir and Elita Karim, among others, spoke at the meeting.

The speakers said the main problem of cancer victims in Bangladesh is not to disclose it to physicians at the primary level.

Discussing seven specific issues related to the state of cancer in Bangladesh, the cancer specialists said the symptoms of cancer are hardly removable spots in the body, unnatural bleeding, pain in breast, problem in urine as well as long time cough.

They said cancer treatment is now available in Bangladesh but detection of the disease is very important to fight it.

According to official data, about 15,000 women are affected with breast cancer each year in Bangladesh and over 7,000 of them die. And around 12,000 women are affected from cervical cancer each year.

# Qatar PM promises hiring more Bangladeshis

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Nurul Islam meets him  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qatari Prime Minister Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al Thani has assured hiring more workers from Bangladesh and providing them skill training facilities, said an expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry press release yesterday.

On Wednesday, Qatar Administrative Development and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Issa Saad Al-Jafali Al-Nuaimi showed interest in recruiting about three lakh Bangladeshis over the next two years, said Jahangir Alam, public relations officer of the expatriates' ministry.

The Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training statistics say some 1.23 lakh workers were employed in 2015 and nearly 1 lakh the year before. Now nearly 4 lakh Bangladeshi workers are employed there.

The assurance came during a courtesy call made by Expatriates' Minister Nurul Islam who reached the Gulf country on Tuesday with a nine-member delegation on a three-day official visit.

A joint-working group will meet in Dhaka in the first week of March. Recruiting construction and cleaning workers in recent times, Qatar is now eyeing salesmen, nurses, doctors and engineers.

# Group of 'BCL men' vandalises CU physics dept

Another group beats up 3 students for 'being Shibir activists'

CU CORRESPONDENT

Some 15 second-year physics students, allegedly Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists, vandalised a door and six windows of their Chittagong University (CU) department after an academic committee denied letting them retake their final exam which they had failed.

Meanwhile, three chemistry students had to be hospitalised after another group of alleged BCL activists beat them up in front of the arts and humanities faculty claiming they were Islami Chhatra Shibir activists.

Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury confirmed the accused were BCL activists but CU BCL President Mohammad Alamgir Tipu refuted their involvement with the pro-ruling party's student organisation.

The physics department chairperson, Prof Mihir Kumar, said they did not take any steps against the BCL activists, rather sent some recommendations to the proctor's office.

Rescued by a proctorial body, Nazmul Hasan Tusher, Abu Bakar Siddique and Ujjamul Hoque Bulbul have been admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. They could not be contacted for comment.

The proctor said they would take steps after an investigation.

# Draft broadcast law to be placed at JS in June: Inu

UNB, Dhaka

The draft of a broadcast law will be placed in the next session of parliament in June after getting clearance from the cabinet, said Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday.

The minister disclosed the information while talking to reporters at the secretariat after a meeting with a UNDP official.

"We will get the draft of the law within next two weeks," Inu said.

After getting the copy of the draft, it will be opened to public for feedback and opinions, he said.

The minister also said the law would come into effect in the light of "National Broadcast Policy 2014", and an independent broadcast commission would also be installed under the new law.

Inu said his ministry was going to arrange a two-day media convention where journalists from across the country were expected to participate.

During the convention, journalists will be urged to play significant roles in saving democracy and to work against militancy and terrorism, said the minister.

Earlier, Inu joined a meeting with Resident Representative of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Robert D Watkins.

Inu said UNDP had proposed to train journalists to play a role in dealing with earthquake.

The UNDP has also offered to increase the aptitudes of the community radios, Inu said.

# Chehlum

BSS, Dhaka

The chehlum of Khairul Bashar, a mass communication expert and noted journalist, will be held today after the Asr prayers at his Gopibagh residence in the capital.

He died on December 26, 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the age of 78 due to severe lung disease and was buried at Jurain graveyard in Dhaka.

He was a professor of Mass Communication at Selangor University in Malaysia and was also executive director of Kuala Lumpur-based Asian Institute of Development Communication (Aidcom).

Friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

# Groom students

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donate those to run midday meals or tiffin at schools in their respective areas. Hasina said the Awami League government had distributed some 193 crore free textbooks up to secondary level over the last seven years while some 10,87,19,997 books at primary level this year.

Computer education will be made mandatory in the future at primary level, she added.



Workers of a Gazipur garment factory rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding reopening of the factory and payment of arrears. Organised by Garment Sramik Trade Union Kendra, they also submitted a memorandum to the labour secretary, seeking intervention. PHOTO: STAR

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