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PILKHANA CARNAGE CASE Now wait for HC verdict

Proceedings in country's biggest ever criminal case to end by May

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and SHARIFUL ISLAM

The High Court is likely to finish hearing the death reference and appeals in BDR carnage case in May this year, as it has already completed majority of their proceedings in the last 190 working days.

On completion of the hearings, the court will fix a date for delivering verdict on the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of the number of accused and convicts.

After the verdict, it may take some time for writing and releasing the full verdict and then both the state and defence may move appeals before the Appellate Division of the

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Victims' families for judicial commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The families of the army officials killed in the 2009 Pilkhana carnage have demanded a judicial inquiry to bring to light the masterminds and the motive behind the massacre.

"Since the carnage cases are currently under hearing at the High Court, we will submit a petition seeking a judicial inquiry commission once a verdict is given by the court," said Saquib Rahman, son of Col Kudrat Elahi, one of the slain officers.

Saquib, also the founder of social group "Desh, We're Concerned" was speaking at a programme held at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon.

The programme was held in memory of 57 army

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Dropped on 21, Indian opener Rohit Sharma went on to show how costly a let-off it was for Bangladesh, hammering a 55-ball 83 in the Asia Cup opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Rohit punishes Tigers

BISHWAJIT ROY

A sublime innings by a fortunate Rohit Sharma condemned Bangladesh to a 45-run loss in the Asia Cup T20 in Mirpur last night. It might have been different as the normally T20-reticent Tigers sprang off the blocks with their pacers, who responded brilliantly on a green pitch at Mirpur in the opener to put India under pressure after Mashrafe Bin Mortaza decided to give his four-pronged pace attack an opportunity to exploit the favourable conditions. India limped to 52 for three in ten

overs. Then came that ill-fated over for the home team and the complexion of the game totally changed, with India wresting the initiative away from the Tigers. Young paceman Taskin Ahmed set the tone, bowling brilliantly with good pace and when he was on his toes to celebrate his first success at a crucial juncture of the match in the 11th over, Shakib Al Hasan not only disappointed him but also committed the cardinal sin of dropping match hero Rohit Sharma, who was then on 21 off 25 balls.

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Hailstorm, rain take country unawares

9 including 2 kids dead, dozens hurt in storm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight people, including two sisters, died in incidents triggered by a sudden midday hailstorm that caught many off-guard in the capital and elsewhere in the country yesterday.

Another man died in Patuakhali after being struck by a lightning in the morning.

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A portion of the Supreme Court boundary wall that collapsed during a midday hailstorm yesterday. Strong winds also uprooted a tree there.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

TOP QUOTE

"We had carried out several eviction drives in Gulistan area to make the footpaths hawker-free. But the footpaths were re-occupied that very evening because of a few policemen."

DHAKA SOUTH MAYOR
SAYEED KHOKON
AT A PROGRAMME IN THE CAPITAL

ROAD CRASH IN SYDNEY Two Bangladeshi students killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi students were killed and another was critically injured in a tragic road crash in Sydney of Australia early Tuesday.

The deceased were identified as Fahim Rahman Aunik, 22, son of businessman Aminur Rahman Oli, and Saqlaen Utsha, 22.

They were from Dhaka and were university students there.

A third person aged around 20 was in a critical condition at St George Hospital.

Sufi Al Ahmed Rahi, a friend of them, on his facebook post identified the injured student as Rifaat Mustafa.

According to The Daily Telegraph, shocking footage of what appears to be a street race shows two cars driving side by side at speed in Western Sydney moments before one of them smashed into a power pole, killing two of its three occupants.

The Toyota Camry was crushed beyond recognition and almost ripped in half.

Police impounded the other car, a white Nissan Skyline, after the crash on Canterbury Rd, Belmore.

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Saqlaen Utsha Fahim Rahman

SC completes Mir Quasem proceedings

Verdict on March 8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday set March 8 for delivering verdict on the appeal filed by war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali challenging his conviction.

Earlier in the day, the apex court set March 2 for announcing the verdict.

After a while, the SC deferred the date saying the chief justice would remain busy that day for another programme outside Dhaka.

The five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha set



Mir Quasem Ali

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