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Exporters left in the lurch

Shipments of perishable goods being delayed by lengthy screening at Shahjalal airport; inadequate equipment blamed

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Kawsar Ahmed Sumon took 1,500 kilograms of vegetables and betel leaves to the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on March 25 to export those to Saudi Arabia.

But he missed the flight due to lengthy cargo screening process and eventually had to sell the perishable goods in a local market for a quarter of the price.

"The Biman flight was scheduled to depart at 1:30am on Friday [March 25]. As per the rules, I took the goods at the airport six hours before that. But the screening was not yet done when the flight departed," the vegetable exporter told The Daily Star.

"I myself missed a shipment of 4.5 tonnes of vegetables worth \$13,000 to Qatar yesterday due to the delay in cargo screening... I then had to sell the goods at a throwaway price in Shyambazar."

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\$6,000, he said.

"Their quality was falling with time. Having found no other way, I sold the goods in the city's Shyambazar wholesale kitchen market at 75 percent discount," said Sumon, whose Maisha Trade International started the business just two years ago.

His case is one of the many examples of shipment failures at the Dhaka airport due to the time-consuming physical screening of goods.

Strict screening measures were put in place at the Shahjalal airport on March 21 after the UK government on March 8 imposed a ban on direct cargo flights from

the vegetable Dhaka citing lapses in cargo screening at the airport.

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Judges must sign verdicts promptly

Rules SC; says in exceptional cases, it must be done within 6 months of delivery of judgment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has ruled that its judges must sign the judgments or orders in normal cases promptly and within six months of delivering them in exceptional cases.

"A judge should dispose of promptly the business of the court, including avoiding inordinate delay in delivering judgments/orders... a judgment shall be signed not later than six months of the date of delivery of judgment in exceptional cases," it observed.

The apex court made the observation in its judgment, which on September 16 last year upheld the 2004 dismissal of Syed Shahidur Rahman from the post of additional judge at the High Court.

The then president Iajuddin Ahmed ordered his removal as recommended by the Supreme Judicial Council for receiving Tk 50,000 in bribe to grant bail to an accused in a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

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It's too early to say that the West Indies are on their way to reviving their glory days, but after Sunday's four-wicket win over England in a pulsating ICC World Twenty20 final at Eden Gardens, one thing is for certain; they have taken a giant step towards achieving that lofty goal. PHOTO: REUTERS

BREATH-TAKING BRATHWAITE

sings champion, champion, WI champions

AFP, Kolkata

Carlos Brathwaite hit four consecutive sixes in the last over as the West Indies stunned England to lift the World Twenty20 title in Kolkata on Sunday.

The Windies went into the last over needing 19 to win and with expert death bowler Ben Stokes handed the ball, it looked like England would see out the win.

But Brathwaite held his nerve to fire the Windies to an unlikely four-wicket win with two balls to spare, leaving Stokes devastated on the field.

"To see Carlos play like that at his debut World Cup was just tremendous," an emotional West Indies skipper Darren Sammy said afterwards.

England captain Eoin Morgan refused to blame Stokes. "It's not his fault, we're all in this together, we enjoy our wins, and the pain will be shared tonight," he said.

Marlon Samuels anchored the West Indies' run chase of 156 with an unbeaten 85, including nine boundaries and two sixes, after England had posted 155-9 in their 20 overs.



After being reduced to 11 for three, Samuels single-handedly kept the Caribbean team in the hunt with his 66-ball blitz.

Brathwaite finished on 34 not out off just 10 balls as the 2012 champions completed a hat-trick of titles after the women's clinched their maiden trophy earlier on Sunday.

The Under-19 team had already lifted the youth World Cup in February.

"Everybody in the West Indies is a champion," beamed Sammy.

The Windies also became the first team to lift the World T20 twice.

England's batting hero Joe Root had hit Windies hard with a double strike when he shared the new ball with David Willey to get the West Indies' openers trudging back to the dug out.

Root struck on his first ball as Johnson Charles skied a catch to mid-wicket but the really big wicket came on the

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Bangladesh may enter list of risky nations again

APG warns citing slow implementation of laws on money laundering

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh runs the risk of being reclassified as a country exposed to money laundering and terror financing because of slow implementation of laws on battling illicit flow of funds.

The Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), the global body that ranks countries, acknowledges that Bangladesh has formulated laws but there are problems with their implementation.

If the country cannot improve its rating in at least two indicators of the

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Writ seeks judicial probe

It also wants directives for arrest of culprits within 24 hrs

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With no visible progress in the Tonu murder probe, a Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court, seeking directives to the government to launch a judicial inquiry and arrest the killer(s) in 24 hours.

The petitioner, Eunus Ali Akond, also requested for a rule asking the government to explain why its inaction over arresting the killer(s) should not be declared illegal.

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