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Fast bowler hopes to have bowling action cleared before England's visit

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Tarique convicted, jailed for 7 years

HC in appeal verdict scraps the BNP leader's acquittal in Tk 20.41cr money laundering case

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and SHAKHAWAT LITON

BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and fined Tk 20 crore by the High Court yesterday in a money laundering case which may have an enormous impact on his political career.

The HC overturned a lower court verdict that acquitted Tarique in the money laundering case involving Tk 20.41 crore. This is the first time Tarique, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia,



Govt's political vengeance behind verdict

Says BNP; law minister says it proves lower court verdict was not right

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Denouncing yesterday's verdict on Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case, the BNP said the judgment was nothing but a political vengeance.

The Special Judge's Court-3 earlier acquitted Tarique of the charges since there was no evidence and no witness to testify against him, party leaders said.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Anisul Huq said that through the HC judgment handing Tarique seven-year-imprisonment and fine, it was proved that the lower court's verdict was not right.

The BNP leader had influenced the judge of the

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NO. OF CASES	CHARGE	FILING TIME	STATUS
7	Extortion	Caretaker govt (2007-08)	Stayed by HC
1	Zia Orphanage graft	Same as above	Trial on
1	Bribery	Same as above	Trial on
1	Tax evasion	Same as above	Stayed by HC
1	Money laundering	AL govt (2009)	Convicted
2	August 21 grenade attack	2004 (Tarique charged in 2011)	Trial on
1	Loan default	AL govt (2012)	Trial on
2	Sedition	AL govt (2015-16)	Trial on
3	Defamation	AL govt (2015-16)	Trial on

Warrants for Tarique's arrest were issued in four cases - two over August 21 grenade attack and two for sedition



With law enforcers on high alert to thwart any further militant attack, cops check a car at the entrance of the High Court in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

HC ORDER ON 'ILLEGAL WEALTH' CASE Minister Mosharraf asked to surrender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain to surrender before a lower court in six weeks in a corruption case filed on charges of amassing illegal wealth worth Tk 3 crore.

It also cancelled its 2008 order that stayed the proceedings of the case and granted bail to Mosharraf.



The HC, however, asked the trial court to consider granting the minister bail in accordance with the law if he surrenders before it.

The case was filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission during the military-backed caretaker government rule in 2007.

This is for the first time the HC asked a sitting minister to surrender to a

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GULSHAN CAFE ATTACK 'Woman in video' held Claim police

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Police yesterday picked up a woman from Narsingdi's Shibpur upazila in connection with the July 1 Gulshan terror attack.

The detainee is thought to be one of the suspects seen in video clips of the Holey Artisan Bakery siege, said Khondakar Imam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shibpur Police Station.

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'Missing' but not missing

Many on the Rab list returned home long ago; now facing harassment by law enforcers

RASHIDUL HASAN and RAFIUL ISLAM

A cook at a fishing trawler in Chittagong, Jane Alam went to the house of his first wife in Mymensingh on February 21, without telling his second wife.

Having failed to find him on the phone, the second wife, Nurjahan, filed a general diary with Patenga Police Station in the port city to report that her husband was missing.

Nineteen days later, Alam returned to Nurjahan.

But the 33-year-old is still on the Rab list of missing people, as the family did not inform the police about his return and the police did not contact the family and

update their record accordingly.

On the Rab list released on Tuesday night, Alam's serial number is 109.

The special crime busting force prepared the much-talked-about list of 262 missing men following the July 1 Dhaka café siege and the Sholakia attack in Kishoreganj on the Eid day.

Most of the attackers had remained missing for months.

The Rab list itself mentioned that three of the 262 returned home while family members of some 30 others have told The Daily Star that their relatives either came home or contacted them.

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NRB in Australia 'linked to IS'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have been looking for a Bangladeshi expatriate in Australia with suspected links to Islamic State (IS).

Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, 35, who is from Laxmipur, left the country in 2006 to study computer science in Australia and later settled there, his mother Tahera Begum told The Daily Star yesterday.

Tahera, a teacher at a local high school, lodged a general diary with Laxmipur Police Station on July 9 stating that she had not been able to contact her son for over a month.

Kausar is one of the 10 people whose names came up in the media as missing

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi hold videoconference to inaugurate Petrapole-Benapole integrated checkpost yesterday. Hasina joined the videoconference from the Gono Bhaban and Modi from Indian Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi.

PHOTO: PMO

'Dhaka not alone in fight against terror'

Modi tells Hasina; two leaders inaugurate Petrapole-Benapole integrated checkpost thru' videoconferencing; Mamata joins in

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said Bangladesh should not consider itself alone in the fight against terrorism and reiterated his country's full support to Dhaka.

He and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina were inaugurating through videoconferencing a modern Integrated

Check Post at Benapole-Petrapole, the biggest land port in South Asia.

The Indian PM termed Hasina's leadership an example for the entire South Asian region, according to our New Delhi correspondent.

Modi joined the video conference from the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi and the Bangladesh PM from the Gono Bhaban

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TOP QUOTE

"We are with Bangladesh, we love Bangladesh -- they are our neighbour. We feel sad if they are sad."

WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE AT A RALLY IN KOLKATA'S DHARMATALA.

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