

TK 49.7 LAKH GRAFT CASE  
ACC okays  
charges against  
ex-BNP minister  
Mosharraf  
Deputy controller general  
of accounts arrested  
in another case  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday approved a charge sheet against former health minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, his son Khandaker Mahub Hossain and former line director of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Dr Mahbubur Rahman in a case filed for misappropriating Tk 49.7 lakh from a government fund.

The charge sheet will be submitted soon, said ACC Public Relations Officer (PRO) Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

Funded, among others, by the World Bank, the Health Nutrition and Population Sector Program was implemented by the health ministry and DGHS, of which duration was 2003-2011.

According to the statement of the case filed on September 1, 2008, an operation plan was chalked

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With the first month of summer, Baishakh, only a few days away, guardians with umbrellas try to protect themselves from the scorching sun while waiting for their children around noon yesterday inside the compound of Willes Little Flower School and College in Kakrail area in Dhaka. Mercury rose to as high as 35.7 degrees in the capital yesterday according to the met office.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## BID TO STOP RADIATION Formulate guideline on cell tower operation

HC asks BTRC  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission to formulate a guideline on the operation of cell phone towers in the country in order to stop its radiation harmful to public health.

During hearing a writ petition, the court asked the BTRC chairman to submit a report before it after complying with the directive in eight weeks.

The HC also gave three months' time to the health ministry to obtain separate assessment reports from three international organisations about public health risks from radiation emitted by mobile phone towers set up in different areas across the country.

The organisations are World Health Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, and International

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## Four to die for gang rape

BSS, Lakshmipur

A Lakshmipur court yesterday sentenced four people to death for raping a woman in Rashidpur village of the district in 2013. The convicts are Nasir, 28, Masud Alam, 20, Md Bahar, 24 and Moheen Hossain, 21. Of them, Masud is on the run.

The court also fined each of the four Tk 50,000. Additional District and Session Judge Sidur Rahman Gazi passed the order in presence of the convicts, excluding Masud, after examining witnesses and evidences.

According to the prosecution, on August in 2013, the gang picked up the woman from her house in Rashidpur at night and raped her after taking her to a nearby garden.

Locals rescued her later in a critical condition and admitted her to Lakshmipur Sadar Hospital.

Following the incident, the woman filed a case with Lakshmipur Sadar Police Station.

## Death threat against journo, 2 cultural activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JMB issued a death threat against a journalist and two cultural activists in Barisal yesterday.

They are Sushanta Ghosh, district correspondent of The Daily Star and an activist of Mangal Shobhajatra; Biswanath Das Munshi, president of Udichi, Barisal; and Suvas Chandra Das, another cultural activist.

In a letter sent to Sushanta, the outfit asked the three not to bring out the Mangal Shobhajatra, a colourful procession marking Pehela Baishakh. Otherwise, they will be killed.

Sushanta filed a GD with Kotwali Police Station. Police said they will probe into the incident.

## Why not return seized equipment of Amar Desh

HC asks govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in two weeks as to why it should not be directed to return the seized equipment of Bangla daily Amar Desh to its authorities.

The bench of Justice Miftah Uddin Chowdhury and Justice ANM Bashir Ullah came up with the rule following a petition filed by Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the daily, seeking necessary order on the government to return the equipment.

Barrister Tanvir Ahmed Al Amin, a lawyer for Mahmudur, told The Daily Star that the law enforcers arrested his client at his newspaper office in the capital's Karwan Bazar on April 11, 2013.

At that time, the law enforcers also

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# Mohiuddin, Nasir at loggerheads

ARUN BIKASH DEY and SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, City

Chittagong city unit Awami League president ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and the unit's general secretary AJM Nasir Uddin continued the war of words against each other yesterday.

After slamming the incumbent city mayor Nasir in the Monday's rally, Mohiuddin, a former city mayor, from a press conference yesterday alleged that Nasir "did not have any clear idea" about how to do development work at a cheaper cost.

"But, he [Nasir] does not come to me for advice," said Mohiuddin at the press conference at Premier University in the city, adding, "If he [Nasir] knew how to take income-generating projects, he would not have increased tax."

Mohiuddin said he was also against the increase of holding tax.

Meanwhile, Nasir at his city corporation office told reporters there is no basis for Mohiuddin's allegations.

"Some are saying he [Mohiuddin] has become old and has no control over what he says," said Nasir.

"He [Mohiuddin] wanted to be a mayor and eventually became frustrated once he realised he would not become so in future. Therefore, he is raising baseless allegations."

Nasir also alleged that during Mohiuddin's tenure as a mayor, many "unplanned works" including building markets over drains were done, which remains a main reason for waterlogging in the city.

Nasir said, "He [Mohiuddin] alleged that I bought nomination for the mayoral post...who gave me the nomination? The prime minister gave me the nomination...then who took the money? What did he mean by that allegation...I want to know."

## A HISTORY OF DISAGREEMENT



Mohiuddin



Nasir

Rivalry between Mohiuddin and Nasir is an old issue which started in the 80s when Nasir was a student leader loyal to Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu, a former presidium member of Awami League and former president of Chittagong (south district) unit AL, in the 80s and 90s, and Mohiuddin, a general secretary of Chittagong (city) unit AL. The rivalry between Mohiuddin and Babu was well-known at that time, said party sources. The recent conflict between Mohiuddin and Nasir is a continuation of disagreement between the two leaders over a series of issues in the last two years, report our Chittagong correspondents.

YEAR	ISSUE	NASIR	MOHIUDDIN
2015	Forming a new trustee board for Premier University, Ctg	Supported	Did not
2016	Reassessment of holding tax	Supported	Did not
2016	CTG unit Bangladesh Medical Association polls	Supported Pro-AL Mujib-Faisal panel	Supported Pro-AL Nasir-Min haz panel
2017	Relocation of a wholesale fish market from Firingibazar Monohorkhali to Razakhali	Supports	Does not
2017	Construction of a swimming pool in Ctg Outer Stadium	Supports	Does not



Students of Institute of Fine Arts at Chittagong University preparing colourful paper displays for the Mangal Shobhajatra of Pehela Baishakh celebration. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## PM's INDIA VISIT People's hope not fulfilled

Fakhrul tells discussion  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her recent India visit could not realise any demand as per people's expectation due to her government's "subservient policy".

"People's minimum expectation was not fulfilled during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's India visit," Fakhrul said while addressing a discussion in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. The programme was organised, marking the fourth anniversary of the government's restriction on printing the daily Amar Desh.

In his speech, Fakhrul

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## FARMER MURDER 7 siblings, nephew get life term

BSS, Khulna

A Khulna court yesterday sentenced eight persons, including seven siblings, to life-term imprisonment for killing a farmer in Jessore in 2009.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each in default of which they will have to serve two more years in jail.

Khulna Division Speedy Trial Tribunal judge MA Rob Howlader gave the verdict in presence of the convicts. The convicts are Abdul Gani Sarder, 45; Siddiqur Rahman Sarder, 38; Rafiqul Islam Sarder, 35; Taz Uddin Sarder, 32; Nazrul Islam Sarder, 30; Amzad Sarder, 26; Masud Sarder, 22; and their nephew Asaduzzaman Liton. All of them hail from Moddhyakul Majher Para village of the district.

According to the prosecution, the convicts beat up Moshirur Rahman, brother of victim Mazid Sarder and Moshirur's wife Shahida Begum with sticks on September 30, 2009 over a land dispute.

Mazid also came under attack and was beaten indiscriminately as he tried to save his brother and his wife. Locals took him to Khulna Medical College Hospital where he died.

Following the incident, Babul Rana, victim's son, filed a case accusing 11 persons in this connection.

## VERDICT LEAK CASE SQ Chy's lawyer gets SC bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that granted bail to AKM Fakhrul Islam, a lawyer for executed war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, in a case filed for leaking the draft of Salauddin's verdict a day before a tribunal delivered the judgment.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha gave the order after dismissing a leave to appeal petition filed by the government challenging the HC order.

There is no legal bar for Fakhrul to get released from Dhaka central jail following the SC verdict, his lawyer Advocate Zainul Abedin told The Daily Star.

The HC on April 4 last year granted bail to Fakhrul

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Pedestrians and road users having difficulty using this portion of Ring Road near Shyamoli Club ground as suppliers and customers of a superstore park their vehicles while the developer of an under construction building right next door block the area with construction materials including iron rods. The photo was taken yesterday.

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