

Apex court 'rarely' changes judgement during review

CJ tells hearing of Sayedee, govt's pleas

It is "very rare" that the Appellate Division changes the judgment of sentence following a review petition if it gives the sentence following an appeal, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said yesterday, while hearing two review petitions in a case against war crimes convict Delawar Hossain Sayedee.

He said this does not, however, mean the Appellate Division would reject these two review petitions. Jamaat-e-Islami leader Sayedee, who was sentenced to imprisonment until his death by the apex court, filed one of the review petitions seeking acquittal, while the government filed the other demanding the death penalty for him.

Presiding over a five-member bench of the Appellate Division, which was hearing the two petitions yesterday, the chief justice said the majority of judges of an apex court bench had sentenced Sayedee to imprisonment until his death for war crimes, considering all relevant issues including evidence and documents.

On February 28, 2014, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 sentenced Sayedee to death for killing one Ibrahim Kutti and Bisa Bali in Pirojpur in 1971. The former Jamaat naye-e-ameer was found guilty on all eight charges.

After hearing two appeals filed by Sayedee and the government, on September 17, 2014, the five-member Appellate Division bench, headed by then Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, delivered the verdict based on majority views, commuting Sayedee's death sentence to imprisonment until death.

Of the five, Justice Muzammel (now retired),



Workers sawing logs of a hundred-year-old rain tree in a residential area of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) in Monohorkhali yesterday. CPA sold a number of such trees for Tk 3.5 lakh each, said the contractor who bought the trees.

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Two idols vandalised in Ctg temple

Locals block road in protest; one confesses to the crime claiming mental illness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two idols were vandalised and the broken pieces were put on fire in front of a temple in Gosaidanga area of Chittagong city in the early hours of yesterday.

Hearing the incident, locals blocked a key intersection in the area for around one-and-a-half-hour from 9:00am. They removed the barricade following police assurance of arresting the miscreants.

Meanwhile, around 4:30pm yesterday, a man walked inside the temple and confessed to have

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Halt the extra salt

Suggest experts as two BSMMU studies find higher level of salt consumption in Dhaka city

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The food -- however nutritious or favourite -- can turn bland without salt, at least in this part of the world where taste matters more than anything else when it comes to dining.

The same salt, nonetheless, can be extremely harmful when consumed at levels higher than permissible one as it is linked to hypertension or high blood pressure, a major risk factor for coronary artery disease, stroke, heart failure, vision loss and kidney diseases.

Alarming though, findings of two new studies indicate higher level of salt consumption by the city dwellers.

At least 70 percent of the white bread of various brands marketed in Dhaka city has higher sodium (salt is primarily composed of sodium chlo-

ride) concentration than the maximum allowable level recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), according to a study.

It says 450-milligram (mg) sodium in 100 grams of bread is permissible, but seven out of 10 brands of the white bread marketed in the capital were found having higher level of sodium.

The highest concentration of sodium found in a brand was 625.9mg followed by 609.9mg, 594.2mg and 584.6mg in 100 grams of bread, according to the study conducted by Dr Mohammad Rashidul Alam of the Department of Public Health and Informatics (DPHI) at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

The average salt level was 503.1mg in 100 grams of bread, says the study conducted between January and December

2016 based on three bread samples from each of the 10 selected brands.

Laboratory tests of breads were conducted at the Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR).

"People in urban areas are increasingly consuming bread. Besides, bread is used in many of the processed food, but there is no regulation on the usage of salt. Bakeries also don't write the measurement of salt they use on the labels," Dr Rashidul Alam told this correspondent.

Another study found 90 percent people in Bauniabadh slum of the city consume higher dietary salt than the WHO-recommended level of less than 5 grams a day.

"The dietary salt intake of the study population was 7.8 grams a day, which is significantly higher than the

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ACC has no friends except journo

Says its chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) alone cannot reduce corruption, but pressure from the media can help them take action against the offenders, said ACC Chairman Iqbal Mahmud yesterday.

"The Anti-Corruption Commission has no friends in one sector ... they are journalists," he said at a seminar titled "Corruption and Investigative Journalism" organised by Bangladesh Press Council at its office in the capital.

The ACC boss said they usually get 90 percent

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VESTED PROPERTY RETURN ACT An owner spends Tk 2.27 lakh for getting properties back: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Legal owners in seven districts had to spend about Tk 2.27 lakh each on average for getting back their properties under the vested property return act, according to a study.

Findings of the study, conducted by Human Development Research Centre (HDRC), were revealed during a seminar at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The seminar was jointly organised by the Association for Land Reforms and Development, which was also involved with the research, and the National Vested Property Return Act.

According to HDRC, the primary data were

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Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain receives "Honorary Membership" of Club NotreDamians Bangladesh from Father Benjamin D' Costa, vice chancellor of Notre Dame University and former principal of Notre Dame College, during a reception at Dhaka Club Saturday night. The club of former Notre Dame College students organised the reception for Dr Kamal, marking the veteran politician's 80th birth anniversary.

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HC orders transfer of Zia Orphanage Trust graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday gave order to transfer the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia from the court of Senior Special Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah.

The order came after hearing a petition filed by Khaleda seeking transfer order.

However, it did not instantly disclose the court which will now try the case, Barrister Bodruddoza Badal, a lawyer for Khaleda, said.

The HC will mention the name of the court in its written order, said Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

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