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TK 20-CR MATARBARI GRAFT CASE SC scraps bail for ex-DC, ADC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday scrapped the High Court orders that granted bail to a former deputy commissioner and a former additional deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar in a Tk 20 crore corruption case.

Ruhul Amin, former DC of Cox's Bazar, and its former ADC Zafar Alam now have to surrender immediately to the trial court, said Khurshid Alam Khan who argued in court on behalf of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the orders upon hearing two leave-to-appeal petitions filed by the ACC challenging the HC bail orders.

On November 19, 2014, AKM Kaisarul Islam Chowdhury, a resident of Matarbari, filed the case with the Cox's Bazar Senior Special Judge's Court, accusing the then DC Ruhul Amin, ADC Zafar Alam and 26 others of embezzling Tk 20 crore from the Matarbari coal-fired power plant project.

Ruhul Amin was named as the prime accused. The other accused include Cox's Bazar's land acquisition official Arefin Akhter Noor, Maheshkhali fishery department official Moshir Rahman and project director Mohammad Illias.

The accused had forged documents to misappropriate the money, according to the first information report.

Judge Md Sadiqul Islam took the case into cognisance on the same day and transferred it to the ACC for probe.

On May 10 this year, the ACC arrested Zafar Alam near the Supreme Court premises in the case. Later, a Dhaka court sent him to jail. At the time, he was attached with the public administration ministry as OSD (officer on special duty).

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People use a service staircase yesterday to get onto the Hanif flyover to get on buses illegally, but these must go now. The Supreme Court has upheld a High Court order for removal of the stairs at different points of the flyover. The photo was taken near the Jatrabari Intersection area in the capital.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Remove stairs from Hanif flyover

SC upholds HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

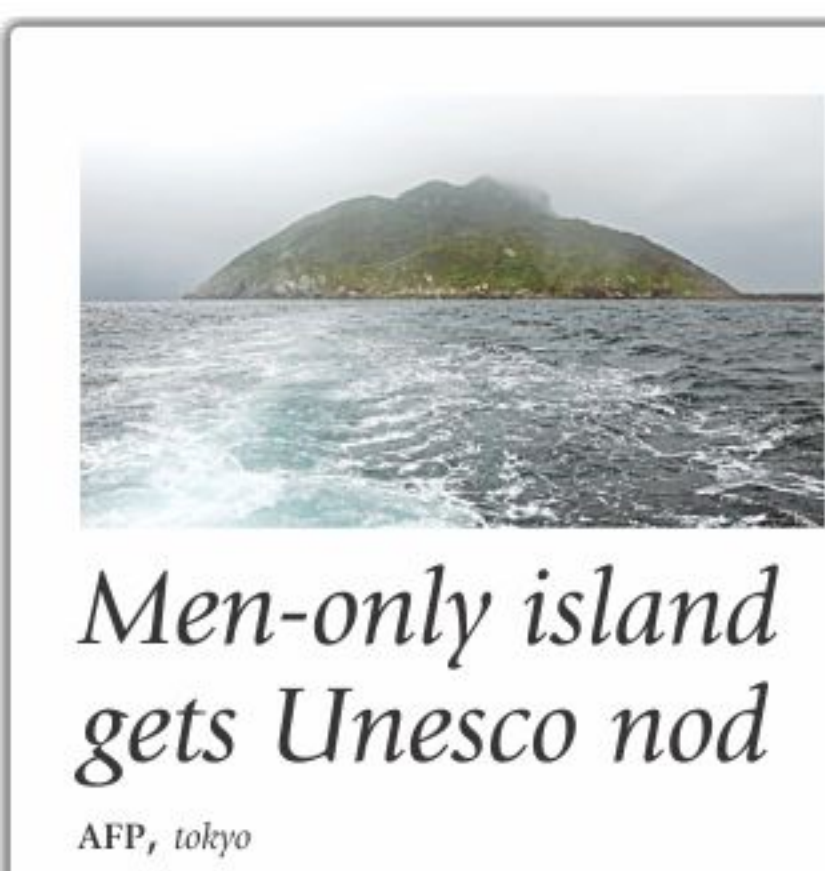
The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that directed the authorities concerned to remove the stairs at different points of Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in Dhaka.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, dismissed a leave to appeal petition filed by Orion Infrastructure Limited, the company that built the flyover, challenging the High Court order.

"I have seen that flyovers in China and Thailand are smooth. There is no obstruction in the flyovers," Deputy Attorney General SM Moniruzzaman quoted the chief justice as saying.

Orion Infrastructure Limited's lawyer Advocate Ahsanul Karim told The Daily Star that the stairs were built at different points

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Men-only island gets Unesco nod

AFP, tokyo

A men-only island in Japan where women are banned and male visitors must bathe naked in the sea before visiting its shrine, has been declared a Unesco World Heritage site.

The tiny landmass of Okinoshima is permanently

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Iraqi troops clear last pocket of IS in Mosul

3,000-4,000 civilians still trapped in a section of Old City

AFP, Mosul

Iraqi forces fought to eliminate the last pockets of Islamic State group resistance in Mosul yesterday after the premier visited the devastated city to congratulate troops on securing victory.

With the jihadists surrounded in a sliver of territory in Mosul's Old City, attention was turning to the huge task of rebuilding the city and of helping civilians, with aid groups warning that Iraq's humanitarian crisis was far from over.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi visited Mosul on Sunday and hailed Iraq's "heroic fighting forces"

after months of difficult battles that have left much of the city in ruins.

The Old City in particular has been devastated, with many buildings reduced to little more than concrete shells and rubble littering the streets.

Upon his arrival in the city, Abadi's office said he was visiting "liberated" Mosul to congratulate troops on a "major victory".

Abadi later said that while "victory is certain", he was holding off on making a formal declaration "out of my respect and appreciation for our... forces that are continuing the clearing operation."

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Trump returns to chaos

NYT reports his eldest son met Russian lawyer during election campaign after being promised damaging info about Clinton

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr, agreed to meet with a Kremlin-linked lawyer during the 2016 election campaign after being promised damaging information about Hillary Clinton, the New York Times reported on Sunday, citing three advisers to the White House.

Trump's then-campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and his son-in-law, Jared



Trump Jr

Kushner, also attended the meeting at Trump Tower on June 9, 2016, two weeks after Trump won the Republican nomination, the Times reported.

In a statement quoted by the Times and later made available to Reuters and other media outlets, Donald Trump Jr acknowledged meeting with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya.

"After pleasantries were exchanged, the

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Allow Ilias Ali's wife to go abroad

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to allow missing BNP leader M Ilias Ali's wife to go to the UK to attend her son's graduation ceremony.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities to explain in four weeks why the immigration officer's action barring Ilias Ali's wife Tahsinur Rashid Luna from going abroad should not be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Faruque came up with

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Children holding Iraq's national flag rejoice as Iraqi forces celebrate in the Old City of Mosul on Sunday after the government's announcement of the "liberation" of the embattled city. Iraq declared victory against the Islamic State group in Mosul on Sunday after a gruelling months-long campaign, dealing the biggest defeat yet to the jihadist group.

PHOTO: AFP

Open help desks on chikungunya

Health ministry asks all public hospitals, medical colleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health and family welfare ministry yesterday directed all medical colleges and public hospitals to open help desks to effectively tackle the already widespread chikungunya disease, transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes.

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim gave the directive and Director General of Directorate General of Health Service (DGHS) Prof Dr Abul Kalam Azad conveyed it to all medical colleges and hospitals, says a press release.

The release adds initiatives have also been taken to set up, if necessary, a joint pain clinic at every hospital to mitigate sufferings of chikungunya patients. From the clinics, patients would be given physiotherapy or medicine, if needed. This service will be given at the medical colleges and hospitals at district and upazila levels, says the release

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