

# SC to hear Sobhan's appeal Oct 16

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The Supreme Court yesterday fixed October 16 for hearing an appeal filed by convicted war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan challenging the final verdict given to him by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2.

The court asked the defence and state counsels to submit their concise statements on the appeal before the apex court in two and three weeks respectively.

The three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order as the appeal came up before the court for an order yesterday.

The ICT-2 on February 18, 2015 sentenced the Jamaat leader to death for committing crimes against humanity, including mass killing, murder and confinement and torture of pro-liberation people during the 1971 Liberation War.



The Election Commission discusses its work plan on the upcoming national election with journalists at the commission's secretariat yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

# Pro-AL, BNP lawyers

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Abdul Baset Majumder, former SCBA secretaries Advocate Mahbub Ali, MP; Advocate Momtaz Uddin Ahmed Mehedi, and former leaders of the bar association Advocate Sanjida Khanam and Azhar Ullah Bhuiyan.

The Law Affairs Secretary Advocate SM Rezauul Karim told The Daily Star that the lawyers had held rallies at 52 of the 73 bar associations across the country.

BNP leader and former law minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed, BNP Vice Chairman Advocate Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, SCBA President and IAF President Advocate Zaimul Absobin, IAF Secretary General Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, SCBA's former secretary Barrister Bodrudzoa Badal, IAF leaders Gazi Kamrul Islam Saraz, Barrister Kaiser Kamal, Advocate Mirza Al Mahmud, among others, spoke at the meeting organised by IAF at the SCBA president's office.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed told the meeting that all the judgement delivered by the then chief justice Khairul Haque have to be scrapped, as the comments he has made on verdict proves that he was not qualified to be the chief justice.

Contacted, Barrister Khokon said IAF leaders and members held protest programmes at 55 bar associations across the country yesterday.

# HC summons Chinese

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management of both liquid and solid waste. Although JLEPC was informed several times of its malpractice, its authorities neither paid any heed nor they submitted their proposal for an effective waste management, Bela said.

Since no punitive action was taken against the firm for the contract violations, the Jannera area in Savar may suffer the same fate as Hazaribagh did, speculated Bela in the petition.

Barrister Fida M Kamal and Advocate Saied Rizwan Hasani appeared for Bela while Advocate Raza Uddin Ahmed stood on behalf of the industries ministry.

# 'Neo JMB militant'

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An operation called "storm 26" was carried out at the six-story building, locally known as Jahaz Bari in Kalyanpur area around 5:45am on July 26 last year.

Nirva suspected militants were killed in firing by law enforcers.

Earlier on August 10, Rashed was confessed to a magistrate court that he had coordinated the arms training of the Gulshan attackers before carrying out the Holey Artisan Bakery attack on July 1 last year.

Rashed, 20, a close aide to Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, the chief coordinator of "Neo JMB", was arrested in Nation on July 28.

CITC has so far arrested six other accused in connection with the case filed over the Kalyanpur raid. They gave confessional statements before magistrates on different dates.

# Dhaka College

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At around 7:00pm, a woman - known to Ripon, Jashim and Al Amin - called Jashim over the phone and said that Al Amin was sick. As Jashim tried to contact Al Amin, the latter's phone was found switched off. Jashim then informed the matter to Al Amin's father.

The same night, Al Amin's flatmates filed a general diary with Shahajampur Police Station.

The next day [Tuesday], Al Amin's father got a phone call demanding Tk 1 lakh, and he then could send only Tk 20,000 through bKash, Jashim said quoting Al Amin's father.

On Tuesday, Mirpur police recovered the body of Al Amin from the house near the National Heart Foundation Hospital.

# Unstoppable

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But didn't lose heart," said a determined Shohag.

He now drives a battery-run rickshaw which has been improvised by him.

"By driving my rickshaw I earn Tk 400 to Tk 600 a day but it is not enough to maintain my large family," said Shohag.

"I have to look after my ailing mother and bear the education expenses of my younger sister and daughter with my income," he said, adding, "I could not study after class-V but I want my sister and daughter to finish their education."

Shohag's wife said, "I feel proud of my husband. He always inspires us to be self-dependent and tries to fulfill all our demands."

For some extra money, Shohag repairs auto-rickshaws beside roads.

"It would have been easier for me to continue this job if I had a workshop," he said.

"Driving a rickshaw is very risky for a person like me. Besides some passengers do not board on my vehicle seeing my physical condition," he added.

"My dream is to establish a motor vehicle repairing workshop and create work opportunities for others. I just need some money for it," said a hopeful Shohag.

Abul Kalam, an auto-rickshaw owner of the area, said, "We always take our auto-rickshaws to Shohag for repair work. At the beginning, he used to do that for free. Now we pay him but he never demands extra."

Shohag could have been a burden for his family, but he did not let his physical disability stop him, said Kalam.

# AG's office seeks copy of verdict

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government will seek review of the SC judgement so that some of the remarks made in the verdict by the chief justice could be expunged.

According to the SC rules, a review petition is to be filed within 30 days after receiving the certified copy from the apex court.

The SC's dismissal of the 16th amendment to the constitution has been a much talked-about topic among politicians from the ruling party as the SC in the verdict strongly criticised the role of the incumbent government.

The ruling Awami League lawmakers are criticising the verdict and the chief justice who delivered it. On the contrary, the BNP, political arch-enemy of the AL, is lauding the verdict saying it exposed the misdeeds of the government.

The AL-led coalition has also voiced its dissatisfaction over some observations made by the SC in the verdict and said it would deal with the verdict legally and politically.

# Muhit to sue two

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One news report says the Economic Relations Department [actually it should be Division], on behalf of the finance minister, sought an additional ticket for either his son or daughter but the Chinese government [apparently referring to UK-based Eurogroup] turned down the request.

Muhit said he was to send his defamation notice to the two news papers yesterday.

The finance minister, however, said earlier he had sued other people for defamation, but the matters were settled through discussions with the newspaper authorities.

# Journos threaten

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Journalist leaders refuted the finance minister's claims.

They said salaries and other allowance of government employees have been increased thrice after the declaration of eighth wage board for journalists and salaries and other allowance of government employees are much more than that of journalists.

There is a huge difference between salaries of an entry level journalist and a government service holder, they said.

Protesting his comment, DUJ on August 11 announced yesterday's programme.

Former secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan and DUJ General Secretary Sobel Haider Chowdhury also spoke.

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