

## PAKISTAN NAT'L ASSEMBLY Bill passed to curb top judge's suo moto powers

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's National Assembly yesterday passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure), Bill 2023, which aims to deprive the office of the chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) of powers to take suo motu notice in an individual capacity. The bill, presented by Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar, was passed hours after the Standing Committee on Law and Justice approved the cabinet's proposed amendments. PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, while addressing the law minister, termed the initiative "too little and too late", and said that it should be called a "judges empowerment" bill. When Tarar spoke, he said, "It is being said that a constitutional amendment should be made. I want them to know there is no need for a constitutional amendment. They should go and read Article 191 of the Constitution, which empowers the Assembly to legislate. The Supreme Court also made their rules according to the Constitution and law since 1980 and it is written on the preamble as well."

## China warns Taiwan leader over US visit

President Tsai hits defiant note;  
sr US officials say no reason for  
Beijing to overreact

REUTERS, Taoyuan

External pressure will not stop Taiwan engaging with the world, President Tsai Ing-wen said yesterday as she left for the United States, hitting a defiant note after China threatened retaliation if she met US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

China, which claims democratically-ruled Taiwan as its own territory, has repeatedly warned US officials not to meet Tsai, viewing it as support for the island's desire to be seen as a separate country.

The United States says such transits by Taiwanese presidents are routine and that China should not use Tsai's trip to take any aggressive moves against Taiwan.

The United States sees no reason for China to overreact to planned transits of the United States this week and next month by Taiwan's president, senior US officials said ahead of Tsai's departure.

### Sultana's death

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the relationship with anyone getting worse? I don't think an accident like this will spoil our bilateral relationship."

Sultana, 38, an office assistant of Naogaon Municipality-Chandipur Union Land Office, was picked up by a Rab-5 patrol team on March 22 while she was on the way to work in the morning.

She died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on March 24, according to hospital authorities.

Momen yesterday said Bangladesh needs no lessons on democracy from others.

"Bangladesh is the only country where 30 lakh people laid down their lives for the struggle of democracy, justice and human rights."

The minister said the democracy in Bangladesh is very strong now.

### They're to see patients

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Daudkandi (Cumilla), Pekua (Cox's Bazar), Chhagalnaiya (Feni), Lama (Bandarban), Sharisabari (Jamalpur), Nokla (Sherpur), Gaforgaon (Mymensingh), Durgapur (Netrakona), Monirampur, Keshabpur (Jeshore), Shreepur (Magura), Kumarkhali (Kushatia), Gurudaspur, Baraigram (Natore), Poba (Rajshahi), Sapahar (Naogaon), Phulbari (Dinajpur), Bodorgani, Gangachara (Rangpur), Domar (Nilphamari), Amtoli (Barguna), Agailjhara (Barishal), Charfashion (Bhola), Sreemangal (Moulvibazar), Golapgani, Bishwanath (Sylhet), Madhabpur (Habiganj), and Chhatak (Sunamganj).

## Prothom Alo journo held at dead of night

Around 1:15pm, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan told journalists at his Secretariat office that a case was filed against Shams over a report published on Independence Day.

Asked why law enforcers told the landlord that the state has an objection about his report, the home minister said it was not about the state's objection.

On Independence Day, Prothom Alo ran a report on its website, and while posting the report on social media, it made a "card" with a quote of a labourer named Zakir Hossain. Although the card contained Zakir's quote, it had the photo of an adolescent boy taken from behind.

The mistake was noticed within 17 minutes, and the card was removed immediately. Besides, corrections were made to the report and the news was again published online mentioning the corrections.

Prothom Alo maintains that the report doesn't mention that the quote was of that boy in the photo. Rather, the report clearly says that it was Zakir who said this.

Shams' mother Korimonnesa, said, "I want my child back in my arms."

Two witnesses said they saw three vehicles stop in front of Shams' ground-floor flat. There were at

least 14 people on board the vehicles, one of which had no number plate.

Shams has been living there for a year. His mother and the widow of his slain brother often visit him.

Ferdous, the landlord, said six-seven people entered the building and introduced themselves as CID officers before asking for Shams.

Then they searched Shams' flat and seized a laptop, two mobile phones and a portable hard disk.

"One of the men was in a police uniform and the rest were in plainclothes. They said that they came from Dhaka," said Ferdous.

The law enforcers then took Shams to Bot Tola area on Jahangirnagar University campus and had sehiri.

Ariful Islam, a local journalist who was in Shams' flat at the time of the incident, said, "The law enforcers came for a second time and made a list of the seized items. They asked Shams to take some clothes and took his photo. They left in 5-7 minutes."

Sudipta Shaheen, the chief security officer of Jahangirnagar, was present when the law enforcers came for a second time, he added.

Sudipta told The Daily Star that a CID Superintendent of Police

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Security Act with Ramna Police Station.

Around 2:00am, Ramna police informed that the case was filed.

The first information report (FIR) of the case mentioned that it was filed at 11:10pm yesterday.

A lawyer named Abdul Malek Mashiur Malek, 61, filed the case under the Digital Security Act.

Malek accused them of using print, online, and electronic media to tarnish the image and reputation of the state, the FIR said.

The FIR also mentioned that the accused spread falsehood on purpose to deteriorate law and order.

The case was filed under the sections 25, 31 and 35 of the DSA.

## Rice, wheat intakes get smaller for poor

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rural areas.

As many as 73 percent of the families have been concerned for some time now regarding the availability of adequate food. The ratio was 41 percent in September last year.

And 18.19 percent of the families said they had to survive a whole day without food in some cases in the last six months. The proportion of families that

passed a day without food for some time was 9.75 percent in September 2022.

Poor households are cutting important non-food expenditures: 60.09 percent have cut back on their health expenses, 92.4 percent on clothing, 57.6 percent on utility services and 45.1 percent on children's education.

As part of the future coping strategy, more than 84 percent said they will


borrow more while over 50 percent said the non-earners in their households will be involved in some form of job.

About 56 percent of the households said they don't think the situation will improve in the next six months, while nearly 18 percent expect their financial condition will change. About 26.13 percent said the situation will remain unchanged.

Raihan, also a professor of economics at Dhaka University, suggested the government expand social protection programmes to ensure food security of poor families.

He also urged the authorities concerned to strengthen market monitoring.

Sayema Haque Bidisha, professor of economics at Dhaka University, also spoke.



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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date
1	807383	Procurement of spare parts and calibration gas of CEMS.	29-Mar-2023	26-Apr-2023 15:45 PM	27-Apr-2023

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1.	Renovation and Modernization of Conference Room and attached bathroom repair work at Sadar Hospital Munshiganj. F.Y: 2022-2023.	805493	Date: 16-04-2023 Time 12:30pm

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