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CONTEMPT OF COURT
Supreme Court
restores petition
against Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday restored a contempt of court petition filed against former Dhaka South City Corporation mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh for his derogatory comments about a former chief justice and civil society for holding a hearing on it (contempt petition).

A six-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Rezaat Ahmed passed the order following an application filed by an SC lawyer Shah Ahmed Badal.

On March 10 this year, an Appellate Division bench headed by Justice M Enayetur Rahim, who resigned on August 10, dismissed the same contempt of court petition against Taposh "for default" as no lawyer for the petitioner appeared before the court.

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This woman sits waiting for the TCB truck to arrive at the designated spot in the Ring Road area of the capital from 7:00am. The truck was supposed to reach at 11:00am but was yet to make an appearance around 12:30pm when the photo was taken yesterday. Amid difficult economic circumstances, TCB trucks have become a beacon of hope for people throughout the country.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

‘8,000 Rohingyas
entered Bangladesh
in recent weeks’
Says foreign adviser

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain has said around 8,000 Rohingyas have entered Bangladesh in recent weeks, as tens of thousands were displaced amid intensified conflicts between the Arakan Army and Myanmar military.

"I have information that some 8,000 Rohingyas entered Bangladesh. In a day or two, we will have serious discussions on how to prevent fresh influx," he told reporters at the foreign ministry yesterday.

Some 7,50,000 Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh after the brutal military campaign against them in Myanmar's Rakhine State since August 2017.

Now, over a million Rohingyas are sheltered in the refugee camps, creating a range of challenges for Bangladesh.

The Arakan Army now controls most of the Rakhine State. Battles between the Arakan Army and Myanmar junta in early August forced the displacement of thousands of the remaining 6,00,000 Rohingya residing in the state.

Several thousands of Rohingyas also took shelter along the Naf River bordering Bangladesh, and there were reports of Rohingyas entering Bangladesh, but no confirmed figure was known until it was disclosed yesterday.

"Various forces are there [along the border]. We cannot deny that there is corruption there," the adviser said in response to how Rohingyas could enter despite border security forces being there.

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2 more murder
cases filed
against Hasina
Quader, Kamal, Inu
also accused

STAR REPORT

Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina was sued in two more murder cases yesterday, over the deaths of two people on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Sreepur in Gazipur.

Hasina is now facing at least 92 cases, mostly for murders during the mass student protests that forced her to resign and flee the country on August 5.

In these two cases, former ministers Obaidul Quader and Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, as well as Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JASAD) president Hasanul Haque Inu, along with several local Awami League leaders, have also been named as accused.

Nuruzzaman, father of the deceased, Shifat Ullah, filed one of the cases against 42 named individuals and 150-200 unnamed persons.

Jamila Khatun, mother of the other deceased Kabir Hossain, filed the second case, implicating 86 individuals along with 400-500 unidentified others, said

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Medical services
to resume in full
swing from today

Say protesting doctors at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After two days of operations on a limited scale, medical services will resume in full swing across all departments of Dhaka Medical College Hospital and other hospitals across the country from today (Wednesday), said protesting doctors of DMCH yesterday.

At a press conference, Dr Abdul Ahad, resident surgeon of Neurosurgery department of DMCH, said, "Considering the visible steps by the government regarding our demands and the overall situation of the country, we are announcing the resumption of all services in hospitals across the country."

"According to our demands, the hospital administration has ensured the safety of doctors and the accused, who attacked doctors, were arrested," he added.

"Formation of Health Police and reforming the Health Protection Act -- our second and third demands -- have been discussed with the health secretary. The secretary assured us that he will take effective steps to implement these demands at the earliest. A committee will be formed in this regard, said Dr Ahad.

Speaking with reporters, Dr Imam Hossain, another resident surgeon of Neurosurgery department of DMCH, said they postponed their protest as they have been assured by the ministry that their demands will be met.

Doctors and medical students went on strike from Sunday

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Drives against
illegal firearms
start today
Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has said the joint force will start operations to recover the firearms today, as yesterday was the last day for submission of illegal firearms, including those whose licence has been suspended.

"The joint forces will start the operation from 12:00am tomorrow [early today] and arrest the criminals," he said while briefing reporters after the first meeting of the advisory council of law and order at the Secretariat yesterday.

Without taking any questions from the reporters, the home adviser said, "You can see the government's action on all issues, including the recovery of arms on the ground." Jahangir also said drug abuse is a big problem. "It is important to control it [narcotics]. Narcotic godfathers will be brought under the law," he said.

Regarding the situation along the Myanmar border, he said, "Work is underway to resolve the border issue there."

Regarding the upcoming Durga Puja, the largest Hindu festival, the home adviser said necessary steps have been taken ahead of Durga Puja.

After the interim government assumed power, it decided to conduct a joint operation, comprising the armed forces, BGB, Coast Guard, Police, Rab, and Ansar, across the country from September 4 to recover the illegal firearms.

3 ex-ministers
don't turn up at
ACC summons
Five more called; new probe
launched against three

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) summoned five individuals, including three former ministers and state ministers, who are accused of corruption, to appear before it yesterday. However, none of them responded to the summons.

Additionally, the ACC yesterday summoned five more top leaders of Awami League to appear before it today.

The ACC has also decided to initiate investigations against two former lawmakers and one other individual on new corruption charges.

According to ACC sources, former minister of shipping Shajahan Khan, former minister of industries Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, former state minister of industries Kamal Ahmed Majumder, former lawmakers Salim Uddin Taralder (Naogaon-3) and Mamunur Rashid Kiron (Noakhali-3) were all asked to appear in person at the ACC headquarters yesterday. However, none of them showed up.

In addition, the ACC yesterday summoned five more individuals, including former chief whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Noor Alam Chowdhury, former

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‘I didn’t see
daylight for
eight years’

Abdullahil Amaan Azmi
shares story of being
held in Aynaghar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brig Gen (suspended) Abdullahil Amaan Azmi yesterday shared his experience during his eight-year imprisonment in Aynaghar.

Azmi said he didn't get to see daylight for the last eight years of his stay in Aynaghar.

"I always thought that they might kill me through crossfire. I used to cry to Allah so that my body could reach my family," he said at a press conference.

Azmi organised the press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, where he appeared virtually.

Dhaka south city of Jamaat telecast the live video on Facebook.

Azmi is the son of former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer late Ghulam Azam.

Azmi went missing on the night of August 22, 2016, his family said.

While describing the experience of his days in Aynaghar, Azmi said, "I cannot express in words how badly I was treated."

In a show of silent protest against the

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Anti-mosquito drives are now running in full swing throughout the capital. After the fall of the Awami League government on August 5, city corporation activities such as these had been halted for a few weeks. The photo was taken in Jatiya Press Club area yesterday.

‘He will remain
alive among
the people’
Speakers tell event
commemorating
Sheikh Muhammad
Shahidullah

DU CORRESPONDENT

Engineer Muhammad Shahidullah was a real hero who protected the nation's wealth and will be alive forever in people's mind for his remarkable works, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They made the remarks at an event commemorating Shahidullah, organised by National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

At the event, Prof Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury of Dhaka University said Shahidullah's work will never die and he will remain alive among the people.

"He (Shahidullah) was not only an engineer but he was a true human being. He had struggled to save the country's wealth before his death. To be a human was most important to him," said Prof Choudhury.

Jahangirnagar University's former professor Anu Muhammad said,

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