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and vehicle exhaust," she  
said.

# Register BDP

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But EC on April 10, 2023, rejected the application citing a reason that the party had no relevant branch organisations, petitioner's lawyer Ehsan A Siddiq told The Daily Star.

The HC has delivered the verdict asking the EC to register BDP as a political organisation in a month after receiving its copy as the party has fulfilled all required criteria to get registration, he added.

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Mamun, a close aide to BNP's acting chairman Tarique Rahman, to 10 years and his wife to three years of rigorous imprisonment in the case filed on charge of amassing wealth worth Tk 111.3 crore illegally.

Following two separate appeals filed by Mamun and Shahina, the HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman on July 30, 2012, acquitted them from the charges of the case and scrapped the trial court judgment against them.

Then, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed two separate appeals with the Appellate Division challenging the HC judgement.

Following the appeals of the ACC, the Appellate Division in 2015 scrapped the HC verdict and asked the HC to rehear appeals of Mamun and Shahina challenging the lower court verdict.

Later on, Mamun and Shahina submitted two separate review petitions to the Appellate Division challenging its verdict.

Mamun's lawyer Sabbir Hamza Chowdhury said the HC acquitted Mamun of the charges, as Delwar Hossain, the then secretary of ACC who had issued a notification to Mamun on February 18, 2007, asking for his wealth statement, was not authorised to do so.

The conviction against Mamun was proven illegal as the corruption case filed against him was based on that illegal notice, he said.

The HC also acquitted Shahina on grounds of implicating her in the case without issuing any notification, he added.

Barrister Fida M Kamal appeared for Mamun and his wife, while Advocate Ashif Hassan argued for ACC.

Mamun walked out of jail on bail on August 6 this year after spending 17 years behind bars.

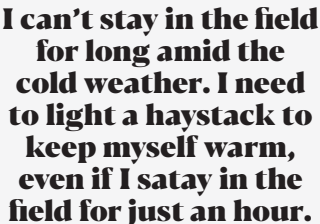
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"I haven't been able to work in the fields for several days due to the severe cold and dense fog, and I don't have proper warm clothes. Without being able to work, maintaining my family has become an ordeal," said Mobarak Hossain, 55 a day labourer from Char Tajpur village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Meherul Islam, 52, another day labourer from the same village, shared a similar plight.

"Many day labourers like me are not venturing out in search of work. We're relying on borrowed money to sustain our families," he said.

Atiar Rahman, a 50-year-old day labourer from the Char Shakhahati village in Kurigram, said as they



**RAMJAN ALI**  
A 60-year-old farmer

Dharla River basin, said, "I can't stay in the field for long amid the cold weather. I need to light a haystack to keep myself warm, even if I satay in the field for just an hour."

If the cold wave persists, it will severely hamper the agricultural activities, he added.

The elderly, too, were affected. Khadiza Bewa, 70, of Sonaikazi village in Kurigram said, "I have no means to buy warm clothes from the market. I don't know how I'll get through the cold months."

According to Rangpur Meteorological Office, the temperature in Lalmonirhat was recorded at 13.8 degrees Celsius at 9:00am yesterday, while it was 14.2 degrees Celsius in Kurigram. Dense fog blanketed the region, keeping the sun hidden until noon.

The District Relief and Rehabilitation Office said the government has allocated 1,000 blankets and Tk 15 lakh in cash for five upazilas in Lalmonirhat, and 1,800 blankets and Tk 27 lakh for nine upazilas in Kurigram.

Contacted, Abdul Hai Sarkar, Kurigram's district relief and rehabilitation officer, said, "The blankets are being distributed among the cold-hit, low-income people by district and upazila administrations along with union parishads. A letter has also been sent to the ministry concerned requesting the allocation of more blankets."

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been accused of acquiring illegal assets worth Tk 19 crore; former state minister for textiles Mirza Azam and his wife have been accused of acquiring illegal assets worth Tk 72 crore.

The new commission has also imposed a foreign travel ban on former rail minister Muzibul Haque, former state minister of foreign affairs Shahriar Alam, former Comilla City Corporation mayor Tasnim Bahar Shuchona, AL leader Amir Hossain Amu, and former lawmaker Alauddin Ahmed Chowdhury Nasim, among others.

The commission also decided to confiscate properties of at least ten people, including former education minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury.

The ACC also decided to confiscate properties of the directors of National Bank Ltd.

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Abul Kalam Azad, former Director-General of the DGHS, acknowledged the limitations of the current healthcare system. "We need to work with what we have, but significant changes will take time," he said.

Dr Shafiqul Rahman Patwary, a cardiologist, pointed to political interference among doctors as a key issue eroding public trust in the healthcare system. He called for a ban on politics in medical colleges and hospitals to restore discipline.

Dr Lenin Chowdhury, a public health expert, suggested that reducing dependency on foreign treatment requires the government to stop seeking treatment abroad, which would help strengthen domestic healthcare.

Dr Ahmed Ehsan of icddr,b highlighted the cost of medical tourism, saying that policy formulation should be based on solid data to reduce the reliance on foreign treatment.

The event was moderated by Dr Abu Jamil Faisal, President-elect of the Public Health Association of Bangladesh.

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factors that could help control the issue. If sustainable plans are adopted, they cannot be implemented overnight. All stakeholders must work together. Businesses, in particular, have a significant role to play, but they must collaborate with civil society and other sectors."

Shamim Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said "Plastic plays an important role in food security. In different forums, we have advocated ending plastic pollution, not plastic itself. Ending plastic use won't solve the problem."

“In 2002, we banned shopping bags. Now, in 2024, we are still discussing the same issue. We should ask ourselves

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security reasons. We are hopeful that something good will happen. The environment [at the court] today (yesterday) is much better than yesterday.”

The senior High Court lawyer told The Daily Star, “Yesterday (Wednesday), the court did not hear me because I did not have the Vakalatnama and because of other lawyers. I have

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Dr Kamal expressed concern about the inadequate mental health support system in Bangladesh. He said that 90 percent of mental health patients do not seek professional help, partly due to the lack of resources.

The paper recommended forming a task force comprising mental health professionals, creating a list of victims severely impacted by the events in July and August, and establishing mental health corners in government and private hospitals at district and upazila levels, among other measures.

Prof. Muzaherul Huq, former adviser of World Health Organization, recalled how many martyrs' contributions were forgotten after the Liberation War in 1971, citing a family where three sisters were killed, and two were injured but later overlooked.

"We must not forget the heroes of 2024," he urged. He called for tracking the affected families to provide

**Legal Notice**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
COMPANY MATTER NO-1644 OF 2024**

**An application under section 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Company Act 1994 AND IN THE MATTER OF**  
**Samar Kanti Saha Son of Palto Chandra Das, Managing Director of Foodtree International Limited at Shankukuli, PO. & PS. Sitakund, Chittagong. ....Petitioner**

**-VERSUS-**

**The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and others .....Respondents**

Notice is here by given that an application under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act 1994 was moved in petitioner to Condonation of delay in holding the 5th and 6th/Annual General Meeting of the Company named and style as Foodtree International Limited Horbale Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail has admitted the said application on 10.12.2024 if interested in the said application may appear on the date of hearing either himself or through his Advocate. A copy of said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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