

ABU SAYED MURDER

4 accused asked to be produced before ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to produce four persons, including two policemen, before it on April 9 in connection with a case over the killing of Abu Sayed, a Begum Rokeya University student, during the July mass uprising.

The tribunal also sought investigation report on the same day.

The four are Assistant Sub-Inspector Amir Hossain, Constable Sujan Chandra Roy, former university proctor Shariful Islam, and "banned" Chhatra League General Secretary Emran Chowdhury Akash.

ICT Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam told reporters after the tribunal's proceedings that ASI Amir and Constable Sujan directly shot Abu Sayed.

He also said former proctor Shariful and BCL leader Emran along with other accused attacked on a procession of students on the university camps in Rangpur on July 16 last year, beat them and forced them out of the campus when police in cold blood shot Sayed though he posed no harm to them.

Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina is the prime accused in the case, he said.



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Despite having a Wasa connection, Chattogram's Patenga area faces frequent water shortages. Moreover, water extracted from tube-wells remains salty due to proximity to the sea. As a result, residents have no other option but to purchase water for cooking and drinking. Small traders are capitalising on this demand, supplying water to residents at Tk 25 per drum. The photo was taken at Narikel Tala, Patenga recently.

SAD leader accused of extortion in Rangpur
Video clip goes viral on social media

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Nahid Hasan Khondokar, a leader of Students Against Discrimination (SAD) in Rangpur, has been accused of demanding extortion money from a person in the district.

A video went viral on social media on Saturday. SAD Rangpur city unit issued a show-cause notice, signed by its coordinator Ali Milon, asking Nahid to explain his actions within three days.

Imtiaz Ahmed, convener of the organisation's Rangpur committee, citing their preliminary investigation, said the video could be a part of an attempt to tarnish Nahid's reputation and discredit SAD. "If any evidence of wrongdoing is found, organisational action will be taken."

Abu Saim, superintendent of police in Rangpur, said no formal complaint has been filed so far.

Contacted, Nahid denied the accusations, claiming it was a conspiracy to tarnish his reputation and discredit the SAD. "I went [to the spot] to investigate illegal sand extraction six or seven days ago. I did not demand a single taka from anyone. They even offered me money, which I did not take," he said.

Nahid alleged the controversy was engineered by a faction of the Jubo League to defame him.

Update list of suspects, take action against them

Govt tells law enforcement agencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has instructed law enforcement agencies to update the list of criminals at police stations and take swift action against them. This step aims to improve the country's law and order, including in the capital.

A crackdown is also underway against muggers, robbers, juvenile gangs, and in crime-prone zones.

The home ministry has made 16 decisions to improve law and order in the capital and across the country, according to a press release issued by Faisal Hasan, public relations officer (director) of the ministry, yesterday.

These decisions come at a time when joint forces, including the army and law enforcement agencies, continue "Operation Devil Hunt" nationwide and intensify a crackdown on criminals in the capital amid a

surge in crime.

Law and order remains a major concern nearly seven months after the interim government took office.

Murder, abduction, robbery, burglary, and theft have all seen a spike

A joint task force comprising the army, various units of the police, and the Border Guard Bangladesh is conducting intensified operations in targeted areas to curb crime.

across the country in January this year compared to the corresponding month over the last five years, according to police data based on the number of cases filed.

Operation Devil Hunt has led to nearly 12,500 arrests so far.

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CARETAKER GOVT
SC hearing on review petitions
May 8

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The Supreme Court yesterday fixed May 8 for holding hearing on four separate review petitions filed challenging its 2011 verdict scrapping the non-party caretaker government system.

A three-member bench headed by Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam set the date after Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman prayed for fixing the date.

On February 11, the SC deferred for two weeks the hearing.

BNP, Jamaat, five citizens and Md Mofazzal Hossain, a freedom fighter from Naogaon, lodged the four review petitions last year to turn down its 2011 verdict that scrapped caretaker government system.

GRAFT CASE

Appeal hearing on Khaleda Zia's acquittal today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday deferred until today the date for hearing the leave to appeal petitions filed by the state and the Anti-Corruption Commission challenging the High Court verdict that acquitted BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia from Zia Charitable Trust corruption case.

A three-member bench led by Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam passed the deferment order after ACC's lawyer Ashif Hassan prayed for an adjournment.

On November 27 last year, the HC acquitted Khaleda in the graft case, in which she was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by a lower court on October 29, 2018.

The HC also scrapped the trial court verdict that sentenced the BNP chief and two others in the case.

The state and the ACC filed two petitions with the SC, challenging the HC verdict in January and February respectively.

In the petitions, they prayed to the apex court to stay the HC verdict, saying that they will move separate appeals before this court against the HC judgement.

SCRAPPING APPOINTMENT
SC to hear state's petition today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed today for hearing a petition filed by the state challenging the High Court verdict that scrapped a government decision to grant appointment letters to 6,531 candidates qualified for the post of assistant teachers of government primary schools.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam set the date after the attorney general prayed for holding the hearing.

On February 6, the HC scrapped the government decision to grant appointment letters to 6,531 candidates, who qualified for the post of assistant teachers of government primary schools as their recruitment process was completed under the 84 percent quota system which was scrapped by the Appellate Division in July last year.

The HC also ordered the authorities concerned to appoint the candidates to those posts in line with the apex court verdict which has ruled that 93 percent jobs in civil service will be merit-based and remaining 7 percent will be from quota.



Fishermen repair their nets near the bank of Kalabadar river in Barishal Sadar upazila yesterday. With the two-month ban on fishing ongoing, fishers are struggling to survive. They have urged the government to increase the amount of rice distributed as aid and provide cash support to them.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Freeze 44 bank accounts of Amu, family
Court orders ACC

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A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to freeze 44 bank accounts of former industries minister and Awami League advisory council member Amir Hossain Amu, his wife Syeda Haque and their daughter Sumaiya Hossain in connection with corruption allegations against them.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain of Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after ACC Assistant Public Prosecutor Abul Kalam Azad, who is leading the inquiry team, submitted an application.

ACC said allegations of illegal recruitment trade, running a tender syndicate, embezzling money from government projects, amassing illegal wealth through corruption have been brought against Amu and the others.

'Rice alone won't solve our problems'

Barishal fishers struggle amid 2-month ban

SHUSHANTA GHOSH

Tongi Bariya Union in Barishal Sadar upazila is home to over a thousand fishermen, many of whom are facing severe financial distress due to the two-month-long fishing ban imposed from March 1 to April 30.

With no alternative sources of income, they are struggling to make ends meet, relying on loans and borrowed money for survival.

During a visit to the fishing communities, several fishermen were seen repairing their nets and boats in preparation for resuming work.

Rina Begum, 52, a resident of Ward 2 and mother of three, said she took a loan of Tk 80,000 from an NGO to sustain her family during this period. "Borrowing money was our only option, but repaying the loans now seem impossible," she said.

Delwar Hossain, 65, said he had heard that the government would provide aid during the ban, but so far, the only assistance received was rice.

"Rice alone would not solve our problems... We need cash support for survival," he added.

Kalam Hawlader, president of the local fishermen's association of Tungbaria Union, said despite over 1,000 fishermen families residing in the union, only 585 had received government-issued fishermen's cards.

According to the Barishal District Fisheries Office, the ban is being enforced across three upazilas - Barishal Sadar, Hizla, and Mehendiganj - as part of a larger conservation effort spanning ten upazilas in Barishal and Bhola divisions.

District Fisheries Officer Ripon Kanti Ghosh said while Barishal has a total of 79,370 registered fishermen, the current ban affects 43,279 fishermen in the three upazilas.

Plans are underway to distribute 80kg rice per household during the ban period. He said authorities were carefully verifying the list of fishermen to ensure that no one was left out of the government's relief programme.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate of Women's Affairs Office,
Day-care Center
Barisal.

Tender Notice

Subject: Conditions of the supply of Foodstuff of 60 (sixty) children to Day Care Center 'Barisal run by the directorate of women's affair's in the monthly installment for the period for the 12 (twelve) months (Except Govt. Holidays).	
1.	The schedule with in details descriptions, related information and the conditions of tender may be collected until the office hour from the following office of the undersigned on payment of taka 400.00 (Four Hundred) on the code 1-3021-0000-2366 through treasury chalan of Sonali Bank submitting main copy are to date 03/03/2025. The schedule won't be sold after the office hour date 16/03/2025
2.	Until 12:00 pm of the date 17/03/2025 the tender must be submitted into the box kept in the front of the office of following undersigned and on the same day the tender box will be opened in the front of the tenderers/suppliers (if anyone remains present) at the following undersigned's office at 12:30 pm.
3.	The attached copy of trade license (up to date), income tax certificate (up to date), vat registration certificate of the company/institutions, bank solvency certificate, certificate of minimum two years experience of food stuff supply and the copy of bank draft must be submitted with the tender.
4.	3% of the projected cost must be submitted through payment order favoring the Districted Women's Affairs officer as earnest money.
5.	Tenderer whose tender will be accepted must submit 10% of the annual price at the rate monthly total price as earnest money which will be deposited in the office until the termination of the agreement and after the termination of agreement the money will be returned. But if the agreement is renewed the 10% earnest money will be deposited until expiration of the renewed time or old earnest money will be returned depositing new earnest money.
6.	Within the seven days of receiving work order, there must be an agreement on non judicial stamp of take 300.00 (Three Hundred) with the said department and have to submit the office of undersigned.
7.	The tender organization must mention the unit price and monthly price of each items according to the schedule.
8.	The quoted price of every item of the tendered must be accordance with market price.
9.	The submitted tender must be mathematically correct and without over-writing and tempering. The authority is not bound who accept the lowest tender.
10.	The bill of suppliers will be paid from the office of Divisional Controller of accountant, Barisal. According to the Government rules the income tax, vat and other taxes must be paid from the bill (Where and what necessary). The payment of the contractor will be delayed if the allocation comes late.
11.	If the contractor breaks the rules or fails to supply the food stuff the work order of the contractor will be canceled with security money. If the contractor is unwilling to supply he has to inform black and white. He has to supply the food stuff till two months onward if the application. Women enterprises are encouraged to attend the tender.
12.	The dry food of every week (Except Govt. Holidays) must be supplied to The Barisal Children's Day Care center, B.M College road, Barisal. Fresh raw items must be supplied every day after tomorrow. If it is not fresh, it must be supplied again according to the Authority's demand.
13.	There is an allocation for 60 (Sixty) children in tender. If there presence is low or the working days are less the supply of food will be less and the bill will be accordingly.
14.	If the address is changed, the contractor have to supply goods, to the changed address.
15.	Three sets of bill have to submitted to the undersigned in every two month. If the standard food is not supplied, the authority may cancelled the work order with earnest money.
16.	The work order will be valid for one year. The authority may increase/decrease the duration of work order without changing the price of the work order.
17.	The work order will be set with adding/avoiding other conditions.
18.	The authority deserves the right to accept or cancel of lowest tender without showing any reason.
19.	It is the necessary to mention to follow the condition/regulation published in the newspapers except the condition of the work order.
20.	If any trouble arises the decision of Director General, The Director Of Women's Affairs's will be final condition of the work order.
21.	This Tender will run under the low of the public procurement regulation.

02/03/2025

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