

SC stays HC bail of 15 pro-AL lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed the High Court orders that granted bail to 15 pro-Awami League lawyers in a case filed over the assault and attempted murder of fellow lawyers during the anti-discrimination student movement.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, passed the order following 15 separate petitions filed by the state seeking a stay on the HC orders of bail.

The apex court chamber judge also sent the state's petitions to its full bench for their detailed hearings on May 5.

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Unilever Bangladesh, in partnership with Chattogram City Corporation and YPSA, celebrated a milestone of its Plastic Waste Management Initiative at an event at Radisson Blu Hotel, Chattogram Bay View yesterday. City Mayor Dr Shahadat Hossain, Unilever Bangladesh Limited Supply Chain Director Ruhul Quddus, its Legal Director and Company Secretary SOM Rashedul Quayum, Director of Corporate Affairs, Partnerships and Communications Shamima Akhter, and YPSA Director of Social Development Department Nasim Banu were, among others, present on the occasion.

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EXPATRIATE VOTING METHOD EC seeks party suggestions by May 15

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The Election Commission (EC) has asked political parties to submit their recommendations by May 15 on a proposed hybrid voting system for expatriate Bangladeshis, combining postal ballots, online voting, and proxy voting.

At a seminar organised by the EC on this issue, leaders of several political parties said more in-depth discussions are needed before finalising any method.

The event, held at the EC office in Agargaon, was attended by representatives from over 20 political parties, university teachers, and media professionals.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said, "One size doesn't fit all," stressing that any final decision must consider the country's socio-economic and political context, along with the general level of education.

He assured that stakeholder input would be considered and emphasised the importance of political leaders' support, without which, he said, the initiative would be futile.

BNP Standing Committee Member Nazrul Islam Khan noted that no voting system is perfect and called for a system that is accessible, efficient, and widely accepted.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Presidium Member Kazi Sajjad Zahir Chandon pointed out that expatriates make up about 10 percent of voters. He said the EC must earn political parties' trust and consult with them before making a decision.

Nagarik Oikya Organising Secretary Shakib Anwar suggested the EC hold more interactive sessions with

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A hospital without doctors

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The Kuakata 20-bed Hospital exists only in name, as it currently has no doctors, severely disrupting healthcare services for both residents and tourists.

Although the hospital is supposed to have six doctors, including four junior consultants, a residential medical officer, and a medical officer, all the posts are vacant.

The last serving doctor left the facility on April 17 to attend a two-month-long course, leaving the hospital without medical staff since then.

According to hospital sources, out of 17

areas, as well as visiting tourists, of necessary healthcare.

"Since the hospital was inaugurated, it has never had full staffing. As a result, we have long been deprived of proper medical services," said Ashraf Ali, a resident of the hospital's adjoining area.

Ruman Imtiaz Tushar, president of Kuakata Press Club, said, "Considering Kuakata's importance as a tourism hub, it is essential to appoint sufficient doctors and fully operationalise the hospital immediately."

Though the hospital was formally inaugurated on February 25, 2012, it has never operated with its full



approved staff positions, 12 remain vacant. The facility currently has five senior staff nurses; and one each of ward staff, lab attendant, ward assistant, office assistant, cook, and cleaner on paper. However, the ward staff has been temporarily transferred to the Kalapara Upazila Health Complex, and the lab attendant is serving at the Patuakhali Civil Surgeon's office, further crippling operations.

As a result, the hospital has been non-functional, depriving hundreds of thousands of residents in Mahipur, Latachapl, and Kuakata municipality

workforce. Often, it ran with just one or two doctors, rendering healthcare services ineffective, he said.

Contacted, Dr JH Khan Lelin, health and family planning officer of Kalapara upazila, said they had already requested higher authorities to post doctors to Kuakata and other healthcare facilities under his jurisdiction.

"Meanwhile, we have deployed a sub-assistant medical officer to keep emergency and outpatient services at the Kuakata hospital somewhat functional," he added.

'Consensus possible by June if NCC shows wisdom' Says Biplobi Workers Party at a dialogue with the commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political consensus can be achieved by June if the National Consensus Commission (NCC) demonstrates wisdom and foresight, said Saiful Haque, general secretary of Biplobi Workers Party, yesterday.

He made the remarks during a dialogue with the commission held at the LD Hall at the Jatiya Sangsad Complex.

A 10-member delegation from his party, led by Saiful, took part in the discussion.

"Since political parties are committed to the public sphere and have made promises to the people, an understanding among them could be reached by June if the consensus commission demonstrates wisdom and foresight. This would lead to consensus on the question of minimum national unity," he said.

He also said, "We do not want to go back to a system that turns a party into an autocracy and its leadership into a fascist regime."

"The mandate of this uprising is to move beyond that era and begin a democratic journey that will ensure the people's voting rights and democratic freedoms," he added.

Referring to the July uprising and what he termed a 16-year struggle against fascism, Saiful added, "People have been waiting for a real election. If reforms and elections are addressed together, Bangladesh will move forward."

He also called for a constitution that guarantees equal rights for all citizens regardless of political, religious, social, or ideological beliefs.

"Every citizen's constitutional and civil rights must be guaranteed by the state," he said.

The party leader also urged the creation of a system of governance rooted in accountability.

"No individual or party should feel entitled to wield

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Confiscate Saima Wazed's Gulshan flat Court orders ACC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to confiscate a flat in Dhaka's Gulshan owned by Saima Wazed Putul, daughter of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, in connection with corruption allegations brought against her.

The court also approved a request to appoint a receiver to oversee the flat.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain of the Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order following an application filed by ACC Deputy Director Md Monirul Islam, who is leading the inquiry, said Md Aktarul Islam, public relations officer of the ACC.

ACC Public Prosecutor Md Rezaul Islam moved the application on behalf of the anti-graft body.

On April 27, the same court ordered authorities to initiate steps to secure an Interpol arrest warrant against Putul in connection with alleged irregularities in plot allocations in Purbachal New Town.

ACC Assistant Director Anan Jannat Keya submitted the charge sheet on March 25, listing all 18 accused as fugitives and seeking arrest warrants against them.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 598 OF 2025
Fahim SinhaPetitioner
= Versus =
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firm and anotherRespondents

On behalf of Fahim Sinha, Son of Afzalur Rahman Sinha, of Village-Duhri, Post Office-Gourgonj Lohjong, Munshigonj and Shareholder-Managing Director of The ACME Agrovet & Beverages Ltd., a Private limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1994, having its Head Office at Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallyanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1207 I have filed an application under Section 81(2) and Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 read with Rules 8 and 263 of Companies Rules, 2009 for condonation of delay in holding 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ACME Agrovet & Beverages Ltd. for the Calendar year 2024. That the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division comprising of his Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel heard the said application and by the Order dated 21.04.2025 was pleased admit the application. The final hearing of the application will take place at the time fixed by the Hon'ble Court. Anyone interested in the matter is requested to collect a copy of the application from the office of the undersigned upon payment of cost.

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