



JULY UPRISING ICT CASE Hearing on charge framing against Hasina, others on July 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed July 1 for the hearing on charge framing against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and two of her top aides in a case filed over crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising.

The two others accused are former home minister Asaduzzaman and former inspector general of police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun.

A three-member tribunal, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, set the date and said a state defence counsel would be appointed for Hasina

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

For over six months, the main road in South Mugdapara has remained unserviceable, as the Dhaka South City Corporation has been working on the drainage system. But with the work moving at a snail's pace, vehicles can't use the road at all, leaving locals in trouble.

Court orders seizure of S Alam couple's foreign assets

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the freezing and confiscation of foreign assets of S Alam Group Chairman Mohammad Saiful Alam and his wife Farzana Parveen in three countries.

S Alam and his wife Farzana own movable and immovable properties in Cyprus, the British Virgin Islands, and the Jersey Islands, according to the applications filed by the ACC.

These assets include a two-storey

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Aedes larvae found in 31% Barguna town homes

Finds IEDCR study, blames pots for storing rainwater

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A government study has found Aedes mosquito larvae in 31 percent of the samples collected from homes in Barguna town.

The study was conducted by the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control, and Research (IEDCR) from June 17 to 19.

"We visited 138 houses and collected 194 samples. Later upon testing, we found Aedes



mosquito larvae in samples collected from 43 of those houses," said Md Tarikul Islam Limon, coordinator of the study team.

Residents of almost all the houses keep large earthen pots on their premises to preserve

rainwater used for cooking.

"We found larvae in many of those earthen pots," Tarikul told The Daily Star yesterday.

Besides, larvae were found in bamboo pole holes, coconut shells, flower tubs, and other water-holding containers. These places are ideal breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes, he said.

Not only in houses, larvae were also found in public places and open areas, he added.

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Jamaat gets registration with EC, polls symbol back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday reinstated the registration of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami along with its electoral symbol -- Daripalla (balance scale).

An official gazette notification was issued in this regard, signed by the EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed.

The notification means the Jamaat can now contest

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wants to unleash" on the blockaded strip.

But deadly violence continued with little respite.

Marwan Abu Naser, of the Al-Awda Hospital in Nuseirat in central Gaza, said it had received 19 dead and 146 injured from crowds who tried to reach a nearby aid distribution centre of the US-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. Abu Naser told Reuters the casualties resulted from gunfire.

Philippe Lazzarini, head of the United Nations' Palestinian aid agency UNRWA, told reporters in Berlin yesterday that the new mechanism was an "abomination" and "a death trap".



Women workers of TNZ garment factories, which shut down in November last year, demonstrate for their unpaid wages in front of the Department of Labour in the capital's Bijoy Nagar. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

46 pushed in thru Sylhet, Lalmonirhat borders

STAR REPORT

India's Border Security Force (BSF) pushed 39 Bangladeshi nationals back into the country through border areas in Sylhet's Jaintapur upazila and Sunamganj's Chhatak upazila early yesterday morning, according to the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

Lt Col Nazmul Haque, commanding officer of BGB 48 Battalion, said 19 individuals from three families, including six men, six women, and seven children, were pushed in through the Minatila border in Jaintapur.

Additionally, 20 more individuals from three other families, including

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People of W Bengal being branded Bangladeshis

Says Mamata, blames BJP-ruled
states of persecution

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday said Bangla-speaking people from the state were being branded as "Bangladeshis" in some BJP-ruled states.

She told reporters in Kolkata that she knew 300-400 Bangla-speaking migrant labourers were confined to a building in Rajasthan even after showing valid documents.

"Is it a crime to speak in Bangla -- the language of Rabindranath Tagore and Swami Vivekananda among other luminaries? I think Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not aware of this development. I will draw his attention," she said.

Mamata claimed that apart from Rajasthan, such incidents also took place in BJP-ruled Delhi and Madhya Pradesh in the past.

She said West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj

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