

SC stays

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The review petition was submitted on May 19 this year.

Advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir represented the petitioners, while Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman appeared for the state.

On January 3, 2018, the apex court accepted the disciplinary rules, saying that the rules will uphold the supremacy of the SC, and it has not lost its powers over the subordinate courts because of them.

On December 11, 2017, the law ministry, as per the SC directive, issued a gazette notification on the rules titled "Bangladesh Judicial Service (Discipline) Rules 2017" for the lower court judges.

Under the rules, the president will make necessary decisions in consultation with the SC, and the law ministry will then implement those.

The president can also appoint an investigation officer or form a three-member committee to conduct probe into any allegations brought against a lower court judge.



Children playing football in the rain in Khulna. At a time when many children are growing increasingly attached to mobile phones and digital devices, scenes like this -- of outdoor play and carefree laughter -- offer a refreshing contrast. The photo was taken on the field of Mujarghuta Government Primary School in Dumuria yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

ICT complaint filed against 62

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The complaint was submitted by Jonny's father Yakub Ali and BNP's National Executive Committee member Salahuddin Khan. "My son was shot 16 times, though it takes just one bullet to kill a man," Yakub told The Daily Star after filing the complaint. He said they filed a

case with Khilgaon Police Station after the July uprising last year, but no arrests have been made.

"We have now turned to the ICT prosecution, hoping to get justice," Yakub added.

The accused also include Dipok Kumar Das, then sub-inspector of the DMP's Detective Branch, and Krishna Pada Roy, who

was deputy commissioner of the Detective Branch at the time. Several other law enforcement officials and political figures have also been named.

On February 6, 2023, a Dhaka court dismissed a case filed against 15 police officials, including the former DMP commissioner, over Jonny's alleged custodial death.

Judge Md Asaduzzaman of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order, citing lack of sufficient grounds to proceed, Additional Public Prosecutor Tapash Kumar Pal told The Daily Star in that time.

Contacted, Saber Hossain declined to comment on the matter.

5 killed in two

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Rahman said Fahim Uddin and Naimul were cousins and Javed was their uncle. They went to Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital to see one of their relatives, and while returning to Khilkhet, they were hit by the truck. In another incident around 4:00am, the motorbike carrying Sajjadur and Md Fahim was hit by a microbus at the Bijoy Sarani intersection, said Abdullah Al Mamun, OC of Kafrul Police Station. The motorbike was heading towards Jahangir Gate when the microbus made a sudden turn.

Both riders died on the spot. The microbus driver fled the scene.

"We are trying to identify the vehicle using CCTV footage," the OC added.

Redwanur Rahman, Sajjadur's uncle, told The Daily Star that Fahim had returned from Dubai a few days ago. "Around 2:00am, they went out for a ride on the motorbike. In the morning, we heard the tragic news."

We want land

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Alam; and several tea garden leaders and workers.

Speakers called for the inclusion of the tea workers' demands in the manifestos of political parties ahead of the next national election.

They said land rights and a fair wage of Tk 600 are no longer just demands, they are necessities.

They also stressed the need for improved housing and education for families of tea workers.

Organisers said the conference marks the beginning of a broader movement aimed at mobilising the collective strength of tea workers in their fight for dignity and justice.

Education in remote

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Echoing her, other teachers at the seminar urged the government to provide infrastructure grants, and examination support.

They also expressed concern about whether the new curriculum is a replacement or an add-on, and warned of policy paralysis in the absence of clear directives.

Nahid Parvin of the BRAC Institute of Educational Development said the government's revised two-year pre-primary curriculum, focusing on play-based learning and creative classroom setups, is ready for rollout.

The participants also discussed the issue of children from shoals (char), wetlands (haor), tea gardens, and other climate-vulnerable areas often being denied adequate access to education.

Shafaat Ferdous of Friendship NGO said, "We

operate 43 schools in 79 shoals, most of them located in remote areas. There's no specific model for communities from such shoal areas, nor any reliable data or dedicated policy."

Farhad Alam, deputy director (PEDP4) of the Directorate of Primary Education, said the government is set to launch a revamped school feeding programme in 165 upazilas.

"Three days a week, children will get bread and eggs; one day bananas or local food; one day fortified biscuits," he added.

He also said the next Primary Education Development Programme (PDEP-5) will focus on pre-service teachers' training, digitised monitoring, and residential schools for children in remote areas.

Fahmida Begum, deputy director of the Bureau of Non-Formal Education, and NETZ Bangladesh director Shahidul Islam also spoke.

HC asks govt

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Port Authority (CPA) and chief executive officer of Public Private Partnership (PPP) Authority have been mentioned as respondents in the petition.

Earlier, petitioner's lawyer Ahsanul Karim told The Daily Star that the CPA's action to initiate the process for awarding the container handling contract of the NCT to DP World, which is a 100 percent foreign company, without holding any open tender is arbitrary and a violation of the Bangladesh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2015, and the Policy for Implementing PPP Projects through Government to Government Partnership, 2017.

He said the previous government had decided

to award the container handling contract of the NCT to DP World in 2019 and the current government has initiated a process to finish the job.

3 of a family

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get the appointment, they decided to stay overnight at the hotel.

"In the morning, Monir called his relatives and informed them that all three of them were feeling unwell and vomiting. The relatives rushed to the hotel and called police," said the DC.

Preliminary findings suggest that two of them died at the city hotel. Monir was taken to the ICU of a nearby hospital but was later declared dead, he added.

Indict 8 cops for crimes against humanity

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in custody, while the others are absconding.

Two defence lawyers sought more time to prepare, while two others requested bail for their clients. The tribunal adjourned the hearing until July 3 for defence arguments.

The tribunal had accepted the formal charges against the accused on May 25.

The other accused officials are Sudip Kumar Chakraborty, then DMP joint commissioner; Sha Alam. Mohammad Akhtarul

Islam, former additional deputy commissioner; Mohammad Imrul, former assistant commissioner of Ramna Zone; Arshad Hossain, former inspector (operations) at Shahbagh Police Station; and constables Sujon, Imaz Hossain, and Nasirul Islam.

Of them, Arshad, Sujon, Imaz, and Nasirul are currently in jail.

According to the prosecution, Habibur, along with Sudip, Akhtarul, Imrul, and Arshad, bore command responsibility and were involved in a joint criminal enterprise. The

prosecution accused them of incitement, abetment, and complicity in the killings.

Citing the case dossier, Tajul said Habibur deployed 40-45 armed police personnel in Chankharpul and nearby areas to stop protesters heading towards Shahbagh from the Central Shaheed Minar. He allegedly arrived at Shahbagh Police Station around 5:00am and ordered the operation.

The deployment was supervised by Sudip, while Akhtarul oversaw field execution and logistics, said the chief prosecutor.

Imrul coordinated the units and allegedly instructed them to open fire. Arshad enabled the conditions for targeted shooting, the prosecution said.

Constables Sujon, Imaz, and Nasirul then used rifles to shoot protesters in Chankharpul and surrounding areas, resulting in six deaths between early morning and 2:30pm.

The victims were identified as Shahriar Khan Anas, Sheikh Mahadi Hasan Junaid alias Mostakin, Md Yakub, Md Rakib Hawladar, Mohammad Ismamul

Haque, and Manik Mia alias Shaharik Chowdhury.

The prosecution claimed that audio evidence supports allegations that Habibur issued shoot-to-kill orders, which were documented in a general diary by Constable Sheikh Shafiq Mohammad, wireless operator of the DMP control room.

The prosecution contends that these actions constitute murder, attempted murder, abetment, incitement, and complicity in crimes against humanity, which are punishable offences under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CRLIWM-CHT) Sector Project
Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, Rangamati

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)(Firm/NGO) (National)
for

Consulting Services for Agriculture Implementation NGOs (A-NGOs) (Package No: CRLIWM/SD-48, ADB Package No: CHT/NGO-Agri/SD-01

- The Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) under the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MoCHTA), has been allocated public fund from Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the "Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CRLIWM-CHT) Sector Project". A portion of the GoB and ADB fund is intended to be used for payments under the contract for Recruitment of Consulting Firm(s) for which this Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is being issued.
- The overall objective of the services is to support the implementation of the project's Output 3: Agriculture production, storage, processing and marketing improved, an Implementing Agriculture NGO (A-NGO, which can be a consortium) will be contracted to support men and women farmers in the upazilas where the project will operate. Details are included in the Terms of Reference (ToR)
- The main scope of services is the A-NGO consortium will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and managing all project interventions related to agriculture production, storage, processing, and marketing across the CHT region and selected upazilas. Key tasks include establishing operational protocols, identifying high-potential produce, mobilizing and training farmers, forming producer groups, and facilitating market linkages with buyers in CHT, Chittagong, and Dhaka. Additionally, the consortium will collaborate with government and private sector stakeholders, conduct technical studies, ensure capacity building, and provide regular reporting to PMO/DPMO while adhering to project guidelines for monitoring and evaluation.
- The Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) now invites national eligible consulting firms (NGOs) to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the required services.
- The consulting firm(s) should be nationally reputed and may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications. No firm should form more than one association or joint venture (JV). If a firm submits more than one EOI forming more than one JV/association, all EOIs submitted by forming JV/association with that firm and also EOI submitted by that firm will be rejected.
- The Consultant will be selected under Consultant Qualitative selection (CQS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the ADB Procurement Policy 2017 ("Policy") and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers 2017 ("Regulations"):

<https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>
<https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-adb-borrowers>

'Short-listing' of the Consulting Firms submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) will be done by Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) based on the complete information submitted in the Standard EOI form by the intending Consulting Firms through the Consultant Management System (CMS) as mentioned in sl. 8. Intending Consulting Firms shall have, but not limited to the following competences-

a) Management competence: Firm's management and organizational strength, financial strength, number and capabilities of permanent employees and key staff, etc.

b) Technical Competence:

- Firm's specialization compared with the sectoral focus of the assignment;
- Firm's specific experience the NGO consortium must include at least one representative from each hill district with proven experience in CHT's agricultural sector, along with staff fluent in local ethnic languages to cover all priority upazilas. The partnership should feature at least one women's NGO (if not a specialized women's organization) and demonstrate 10+ years of CHT development experience, including 5+ years in agricultural capacity-building projects. Additionally, the consortium must show the ability to recruit technical experts in agriculture, livestock, and fisheries, with at least 70% of project staff from CHT ethnic communities, ensuring balanced representation;
- Firm's experience in ADB/World Bank funded similar projects will be given priority.

c) Geographic Competence: Experience in similar geographic area (i.e. country experience, regional experience).

- In addition to the above, the list of the experts along with their CVs are required for the Consultants' Qualifications Selection evaluation. For CQS selections, proposed experts during the EOI stage will be evaluated using the Personal Evaluation Sheet template, like (i) General Qualifications, (ii) Project-Related Experience, and (iii) Experiences with international/development partners organizations or in their projects.
- Only EOIs submitted electronically through ADB's CMS using ADB template will be evaluated. EOI submitted using other than ADB templates will not be evaluated.
- Interested consulting firms are requested to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) electronically, using standard EOI template available through ADB's CMS by 11:59 PM (Manila Local Time) and by 09:59 PM (Dhaka Local Time) on or before 28 July, 2025 through the link of <http://csm.adb.org> [Project Name: Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project, Package Name: Consultancy Service regarding "Agriculture Implementation NGO" (Package No: Package No: CRLIWM/SD-48, ADB Package No: CRLIWM/CI/Agri/NGO/SD-4]. Please note that only online submission of EOIs in ADB's CMS is allowed. Any offline or manual EOI submission is not permissible and will not be considered.
- Only the first ranked short-listed firm will be invited to submit a "Request for Proposal (RFP) for Technical & Financial Proposals which will be evaluated by the Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) of CHTRC.
- Under no circumstances will ADB or CHTRC, be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI. Interested consulting firm(s) is/are requested to submit relevant documentary evidences in support of their competence in EOI submission.
- Interested consulting firm(s) may obtain further information including Scope of Works and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Consultant Management System on the ADB website at <http://csm.adb.org> or from the office of the undersigned during regular office hours on all working days before deadline of submission. The EOI notice will also be available at the following websites www.cptu.gov.bd.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.

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