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S Alam still a Bangladeshi citizen: HC

Court stays govt acceptance of his nationality renunciation application

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed a government decision that accepted the renunciation application of Bangladeshi nationality of S Alam Group owner Mohammed Saiful Alam on July 19, 2020.

The HC order means that Saiful Alam is a Bangladeshi citizen.

The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain why it should not be directed to take necessary steps through diplomatic means for extradition of Saiful Alam from Singapore and/or elsewhere for compelling him to repay liabilities of the banks and also to face pending criminal charges.

In the rule, the court asked the government to show cause why their inaction to bring him (Saiful) back to Bangladesh to compel him to repay liabilities of the banks and also to face criminal charges should not be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Sikder Mahmudur Razi and Justice Raziuddin Ahmed came up with the order and rule following a writ petition filed by Islami

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Police stop and seize battery-run rickshaws in front of Science Lab intersection, as many such vehicles continue to ply the main roads despite the ban. Battery-run rickshaw pullers said they had to pay fines starting from Tk 600 to free their vehicles, putting financial strain on them. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

ICT orders exhumation, recognition of uprising victim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday directed the authorities concerned to exhume and hand over the body of Abul Hossain, who was identified through DNA testing as one of the victims burned in front of Ashulia Police Station during last year's July uprising.

The tribunal also ordered that his name be included in the government's official list of July martyrs.

The directive came after a petition filed by the prosecution on behalf of his wife, Lucky Akter.

According to the petition, Abul Hossain, a resident of Cumilla's Muradnagar upazila, was shot dead on August 5, 2024, and later his body was set on fire. His remains were buried as an unidentified body at the Ambagan graveyard in Ashulia. After DNA tests confirmed the body was his, the family appealed to the tribunal for exhumation and formal recognition.

After the court proceedings, prosecutor Mizanul Islam told reporters, "We filed a petition seeking the tribunal's order to exhume and hand over Abul Hossain's body to his family. The tribunal has granted the petition and directed the Dhaka district magistrate to carry out the order."

2ND DAY OF EC DIALOGUE

Parties flag concerns over referendum, 'invisible forces'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday resumed its electoral dialogue, meeting 12 more registered political parties at its headquarters in Dhaka's Agargaon as part of consultations ahead of the 13th national election scheduled for February next year.

Political leaders at the discussion urged the EC to demonstrate neutrality and ensure a fair and credible election through strict enforcement of laws and rules, without yielding to irregularities or "invisible forces".

Termining the commission a "referee" in conducting a free and impartial election, Chief Election

Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin called on parties to adhere to the code of conduct.

On November 13, the EC began its electoral dialogue, meeting 12 parties on the opening day.

The first session yesterday ran from 10:30am to 12:30pm and was joined by representatives of Gonoforum, Gonofront, Islamic Front Bangladesh, Islami Oikya Jote, Bangladesh Supreme Party (BSP), and Bangladesh Jatiya Party.

Two factions of Islami Oikya Jote -- one led by Mufti Sakhawat Hossain Razi and the other by Mufti Abul Hasanat Amini --

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Political parties still failing women

Say rights groups

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women's rights organisations yesterday said political parties are still failing to take women's rights seriously, and called for clear, time-bound commitments on gender equality ahead of the national elections.

The remarks came at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity, where Naripokkho presented the full set of outcomes from its 7th National Conference of Women's organisations.

Naripokkho President Gita Das said parties have repeatedly failed to honour their own pledges on women's political representation.

"We campaigned for 33

DEMANDS

Women's rights must move from pledges to action

Ensure 33% women's nomination, direct polls to reserved seats

Stop policies limiting women's work hours

End political use of religion; reform family laws, strengthen equality

percent nominations for women and direct elections to all reserved seats. Parties pledged even 5 percent, yet failed to honour it," she said.

She also criticised a recent proposal by a political party to

limit women's working hours to five hours a day "in honour of women".

"This is not an honour. This is confinement. Women want equal opportunities in national development, not restrictions disguised as care," she said.

Gita called for constitutional reforms, equal family laws and an end to the political use of religion.

The two-day conference, held on November 14-15 at Gonoshasthaya Kendra in Savar, brought together nearly 300 participants from all 64 districts, including grassroots organisers, young activists and district-level leaders.

Kamrun Nahar, programme

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NAGAD-DRU

Three Star journos win best reporting award 2025



From left, Helemul Alam, Shariful Islam, Dipan Nandy.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three journalists from The Daily Star have won the Nagad-DRU Best Reporting Award 2025 in two print media categories.

Shariful Islam and Dipan Nandy jointly received the award in the "Crime and Law and Order-Print" category for their investigative report titled "Mia, wife concealed assets in tax returns".

Helemul Alam won in the "Urban Problems and

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