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PURBACHAL PLOT SCAM

Hasina gets 21yrs in 3 graft cases

Court also jails Joy and Putul for five years in one case each



EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

A special court yesterday convicted deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her two children on corruption charges, handing them different jail terms in three cases filed over plots in

for herself and her family members by "abusing her position and authority", despite their ineligibility.

The jail terms of 78-year-old Hasina will run consecutively, Judge Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun of the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka said in a packed



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Workers renovating Dhaka University's Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall, one of the old and vulnerable halls that underwent a post-earthquake inspection, yesterday. An engineering team led by Buet Professor Ishtiaq Ahmed began inspecting risky DU halls on Sunday. Other such halls are also expected to undergo renovation.

5 quakes in a week worry Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five earthquakes in a week, all originating in Narsingdi, a district near Dhaka, have rattled residents of the capital and surrounding areas.

On Friday, a 5.7-magnitude quake jolted Dhaka and parts of Bangladesh, killing 10 people. Since then, four tremors have been felt in the region.

The latest struck Narsingdi and nearby areas yesterday afternoon.

"We have never seen anything like this since we began monitoring earthquakes in 1954. Though most of the quakes were minor, we have never recorded five earthquakes originating

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HASINA'S CONVICTION GROUNDS

- Abused authority to secure 6 Purbachal plots for herself, family
- Facilitated illegal allotment of another 50 kathas of Rajuk land
- Violated regulations and concentrated state resources in one family

Dhaka's Purbachal.

Hasina was sentenced to 21 years' rigorous imprisonment -- seven years in each of the three cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission this year. Her son, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, and daughter, Saima Wazed Putul, were co-accused in separate cases -- one each -- and were given five years' imprisonment.

The court found Hasina, who is now in India, guilty of illegally securing plots

courtroom while delivering the verdicts in the absence of the three accused.

He began delivering the verdicts at 11:23am amid heightened security in the court area.

Hasina's sentences came 10 days after the International Crimes Tribunal-1 handed her a death sentence for crimes against humanity committed during last year's July uprising.

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RESHUFFLE IN POLICE, ADMIN

BNP questions the govt's intention

'Officials loyal to certain party given priority'

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

BNP has questioned the transparency, timing, and motives behind the government's recent reshuffles of field-level officers, including superintendents of police, deputy commissioners, and upazila nirbahi officers, ahead of the national election.

Senior BNP leaders said the reshuffle, carried out even before the election schedule was announced, is unusual

and demanded explanations from the government.

On Wednesday, the government appointed or transferred SPs to all 64 districts through what it described as a "manual lottery". It also appointed new UNOs to 166 upazilas and recently posted 50 new DCs.

BNP leaders allege the lottery was "for show", claiming officers with "special

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ACC to have five commissioners, up from three

Govt okays 4 ordinances

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Advisory Council yesterday approved the final draft of the Anti-Corruption Commission Ordinance 2025 that aims to strengthen and enhance the commission's effectiveness in combating corruption and make it "a more effective organisation".

According to the new draft law, the ACC will publish its work report online every six months, while the ACC officers directly involved in anti-corruption investigations must submit their asset statements to their authorities,

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