

**District: Barishal.**

**In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
High Court Division  
(Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction)**

**Present:  
Mr. Justice Mohammad Ullah  
And  
Mr. Justice Md. Toufiq Inam**

**Death Reference No.72 of 2018.**

The State.

-Versus-

Md. Yusuf Sikder.

----- Condemned-Prisoner.

Mr. M. Masud Rana, DAG with  
Mr. Mohammad Zeeshan Hyder, D.A.G, and  
Mr. M. Soliaman Hossain, A.A.G.  
Mr. Md. Habibur Rahaman Sarker, A.A.G.  
Mr. Kazi Mohammad Moniruzzaman Dablu A.A.G.  
Mr. Md. Al Amin, A.A.G. and  
Mr. Sarwar Alam Chowdhury, A.A.G.

----- For the State.

Mr. Mirza Salah Uddin Ahmed, Advocate, with  
Ms. Helena Begum, Advocate, and  
Mr. Mirza Zia Uddin Ahmed, Advocate,

--- The Condemned-Prisoner.

With

**Criminal Appeal No. 6532 of 2018.**

**And**

**Jail Appeal No. 214 of 2018.**

Md. Yusuf Sikder, ---- Condemned-Prisoner-Appellant.

-Versus-

The State.

.....Respondent.

Mr. Mirza Salah Uddin Ahmed, Advocate, with  
Ms. Helena Begum, Advocate, and  
Mr. Mirza Zia Uddin Ahmed, Advocate

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----- For the Respondent.

**Advance order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025.**

It is hereby ordered as follows:

- A) Death Reference No.72 of 2018 is rejected.
- B) Criminal Appeal No. 6532 of 2018 is allowed and the connected Jail Appeal No. 214 of 2018 is disposed of.

The judgment and order dated 26.06.2018, passed by the Judge of the Nari-O-Shishu Nirjatan Daman Tribunal, Barishal, in Nari-O-Shishu Nirjatan Daman Tribunal Case No. 205 of 2016 [arising out of Hizla Police Station Case No. 04 dated 12.02.2016, corresponding to G.R. Case No. 14 of 2016 (Hizla)], convicting the accused-appellant Md. Yousuf Sikder under section 11(ka) of the Nari-O-Shishu Nirjatan Daman Ain, 2000 (as amended in 2003), and sentencing him to death along with a fine of taka 50,000/- (fifty thousand taka), is set aside.

- C) The Accused-Appellant, Md. Yousuf Sikder, son of Md. Harun Sikder, village-Induria, Police Station-Hizla, District-Barishal, is acquitted of all charges. He shall be released from jail custody forthwith, unless he is required to be detained in connection with any other case or legal proceeding.

The detailed judgment shall follow.

Let a copy of this advance order be sent to the jail authorities at once for urgent compliance.

**(Justice Mohammad Ullah)**

**(Justice Md. Toufiq Inam)**