District- Satkhira Tender No.90441

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

Criminal Misc. Case No. of 2024

In the matter of:

An application under section 498 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

-And-

In the matter of:

Md. Kashem Molla

.... Accused-Petitioner

-Versus-

The State

.... Opposite Party Mr. Md. Aktaruzzaman, Advocate For the accused-Petitioner. Mr. Noor Us Sadik Chowdhury, D.A.G. with Mr. Moududa Begum, A.A.G. Mr. Mirza Md. Soyeb Muhit, A.A.G. Mr. Mohammad Selim, A.A.G. Mr. Zahid Ahmed (Hero), AAG For the State.

<u>Present</u>: Mr. Justice S M Kuddus Zaman And Mr. Justice A.K.M. Rabiul Hassan

The 6th May 2024

This is an application under Section 498 of the Code of

Criminal Procedure for bail.

In this case under Sections 302/201/34 of the Penal Code the petitioner allegedly murdered his wife and the petitioner has made a confession under Section 164 of the Penal Code.

On consideration of above materials on record we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this point of time but we feel it necessary to pass a direction upon the Trial Court below for conclusion of the trial of the case expeditiously.

Accordingly, we are directing the learned Additional Session Judge, 2nd Court, Satkhira to conclude the trial of the case within 6(six) months from the date of receipt of this order without allowing any adjournment beyond 15(fifteen) days.

The days covered by the adjournment at the instance of the accused be excluded from above period.

But if the learned Judge fails to conclude the trial within above period he will have to explain in writing to this Court through the Registrar General, Supreme Court of Bangladesh as to why the trial could not be concluded. The learned Judge shall also consider the petition for bail if any filed by the petitioner with sympathy and in accordance with law.

The Superintendent of Police, Satkhira is directed to ensure that the prosecution witnesses are produced before the Trial Court on the date to be fixed by the Court without any fail.

The Additional Public Prosecutor, Satkhira is directed not to submit any petition for adjournment if any prosecution witness appears to give evidence.

Let copies of this order be sent to the Registrar General, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, learned Additional Session Judge, 2nd Court, Satkhira, Superintendant of Police, Satkhira and Additional Public Prosecutor, Satkhira at once.

With above direction this application is disposed of.

MD. MASUDUR RAHMAN BENCH OFFICER