

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION ON ..... OF 2011

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Article 102 of the  
Constitution of the People's Republic of  
Bangladesh.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

1. Advocate Manzill Murshid, Supreme  
Court Bar Association Building, Hall No. 2,  
P.S. Shahbag, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

.....Petitioner.

**-V E R S U S-**

1. Bangladesh represented by The Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Affairs  
Bhaban, Segunbagicha, P.S.: Shahbag,  
District: Dhaka.

2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Bangladesh Secretariat, P.S.: Shahbag,  
District: Dhaka.

3. The Secretary, Bangladesh Jatio Sangsad  
Secretariat, Sangsad Bhaban, Sher-E-Bangla  
Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

4. The Director General, Passport, Passport  
Office, Agargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh.

..... Respondents.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

For a direction upon the respondents to  
include the title ‘Chief Justice’ before the

name of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and  
include the title "Justice" before the name of  
the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of  
Bangladesh, in Passport and National ID  
card.

To,

Mr. Justice Muzzamel Hossain, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of  
Bangladesh and his companion Judges of the said Hon'ble Court.

The humble petition of the above named  
Petitioner most respectfully-

**S H E W E T H:**

1. That the petitioner is a regular practitioner of this Hon'ble  
Court. He is the president of the organization "Human Rights And  
Peace For Bangladesh (HRPB)" which is working to establish rule of  
law and supporting the victims of human rights violations. The  
Petitioner is a human rights activist and conscious citizen. The  
petitioner was informed that at the time of issuing passport and ID

card of the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh including the Hon'ble Chief Justice the title 'Justice' is not written, so during the travel in abroad their Lordship might be faces some difficulties in respect of their identity as a Judge.

2. That the Respondent No. 1 is Bangladesh represented by The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat, P.S.: Shahbag, District: Dhaka. Respondent no. 2 is The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat, P.S.: Shahbag, District: Dhaka. The respondent no. 3 is The Secretary, Bangladesh Jatio Sangsad Secretariat, Segunbagicha, P.S.: Shahbag, District: Dhaka.. The respondent no. 4 is The Director General, Passport, Passport Office, Agargaon. That the addresses of the respondents, given above are correct for the purpose of service of notices.

3. The petitioner being conscious citizen and respectable member of the Bar is seeking direction upon the respondents to include the title

“Justice” before the name of Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh while their Lordships name appears on Passport and National ID card. The petitioner seek to bring this application by invoking Article 102 of the Constitution as public interest litigation in order to ensure that the proper title of their Lordships’ appears on the Passport and National ID Card.

4. That it is stated here that the Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh holds the higher post of judiciary and holds an important constitutional post. Their Lordships are required to be addressed properly in the country and abroad.

5. That it is stated here that the post of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is a constitutional post. If their Lordship title “Justice” does not appear before their lordships’ name then in many places their lordships’ will not get their due respect, proper address and decorum. For that it is very essential to include the title “Justice”

before the name of any Judges of Supreme Court of Bangladesh. It may be mentioned here that the title “Justice” before the names of Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh of India, Pakistan and Srilanka is mentioned in their Passport. The demand was raised from different corner for including the title “Justice” before the names of the Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

6. That it is stated here that if the title of their Lordships does not appear before their name on their Lordships’ Passport and national ID card then they will not be entitle to the designated decorum in airport and in abroad. For which their lordships will have to prove that they are Judges of Supreme court of Bangladesh. Such as the senior Judges of Supreme Courts are entitle as VVIP in our all international airports, if their title are not their before their Lordships’ name then they have to prove that they are Judges of Supreme Court and entitle to get the designated decorum, which is undesirable for such respected post holder.

7. That it is submitted here that it will be illegal if the title of the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is not mentioned on their Passport and national ID card.

8. That it is submitted that the Hon'ble Judges are entitle to certain decorum unless or until their title are not appeared on their passport and national ID card they may not be entitle to the due decorum, which may in certain situation is embarrassing, thus it is very essential that their lordship title to be appeared before their name in their passport and National ID card to avoid such unwarranted situation.

9. That being aggrieved by and dissatisfied with the failure of the respondents to include the title of the Hon'ble Judges in the Passport and ID card and having no other equally efficacious remedy the petitioners beg to move your Lordships on the following amongst others:-

-G R O U N D S-

I. For that it will be illegal if the title of the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is not mentioned in their Passport and national ID card.

II. For that the Hon'ble Judges are entitle to certain decorum unless or until their title are not appeared on their passport and national ID card they may not be entitle to the due decorum, which may in certain situation is embarrassing, thus it is very essential that their lordship title to be appeared before their name on their passport and National ID card to avoid such unwarranted situation.

III . For that if the title of their Lordships does not appear before their name on their Lordships' Passport and national ID card then they will not be entitle to the designated decorum in airport and in abroad. For which their lordships will have to prove that they are Judges of Supreme court of Bangladesh. Such as the senior Judges of Supreme Courts are entitle as VVIP in our all international airports, if their title



are not their before their Lordships' name then they have to prove that they are Judges of Supreme Court and entitle to get the designated decorum, which is undesirable for such respected post holder.

IV. For that the post of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is a constitutional post. If their Lordship title "Justice" does not appear before their lordships' name then in many places their lordships' will not get their due respect, proper address and decorum. For that it is very essential to include the title "Justice" before the name of any Judges of Supreme Court of Bangladesh. It may be mentioned here that the title "Justice" before the names of Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh of India, Pakistan and Srilanka is mentioned in their Passport.

Wherefore, it is most humbly prayed that your Lordships would graciously be pleased to:-

a) Issue a Rule Nisi calling upon the Respondents to show cause as to why a direction should not be given upon the respondents to include the title “Chief Justice” before the name of The Hon’ble Chief Justice and title “Justice” before the name of the Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, in Passport and National ID card.

b) Pass such other and further order and/or orders as may seem fit and proper to your Lordships.

- c) Upon hearing the cause if any shown  
makes the rule absolute.

And for this act of kindness Your Petitioner as in duty bound shall  
ever pray.

**AFFIDAVIT**

1, Manzill Murshid, Advocate , Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Hall  
No. 2, Supreme Court Bar Association Building, Dhaka, Bangladesh,  
aged about 52 years, by faith –Muslim, by occupation –Lawyer, by  
Nationality -Bangladeshi by birth, do hereby solemnly affirm and say  
as follows:-

1. That I am Petitioner in this case and acquainted with the facts  
and circumstances of the cases and competent to swear this affidavit.

2. That the statements made hereinabove in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Prepared in my office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Manzill Murshid  
গব্বরজ তগব্বিতম`  
Advocate

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEPONENT)

THE DEPONENT IS KNOWN TO ME  
AND IDENTIFIED BY ME

\_\_\_\_\_  
Manzill Murshid  
গব্বরজ তগব্বিতম`  
Advocate

SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED BEFORE  
ME THIS THE .....DAY OF  
.....:2011 AT..... AM/PM

COMMISSIONER OF AFFIDAVITS  
SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

WRIT PETITION NO. .... OF 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Advocate Manzill Murshid

.....Petitioners.

**-V E R S U S-**

Bangladesh and others.

.....Respondents.

**I N D E X**

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Description of the paper or document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Page</b>
1.	Power		
2.	Writ Petition		
8.	Back Sheet		

Manzill Murshid  
গব্বরজ তগবি তম`  
Advocate  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

WRIT PETITION NO.        OF 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Advocate Manzill Murshid

.....Petitioner.

-V E R S U S-

Bangladesh and others.

.....Respondents.

Manzill Murshid

Advocate  
For the Petitioner.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

WRIT PETITION NO.....OF 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Advocate Manzill Murshid

.....Petitioner.

**-V E R S U S-**

Bangladesh and others.

.....Respondents.

To,  
The Learned Attorney General  
The Peoples Republic of Bangladesh

Dear Sir,

Please take notice that an application under Article 102 of the constitution of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, will be filed and moved before this Court, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind information.

Regards-

Manzill Murshid  
মনজিল মোরসেদ  
Advocate  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh.