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## Jamaat takes action after govt move

# Decision on Azam deferred as PM for 'other options'

By Staff Correspondent

The government decision on legal steps against Golam Azam has been deferred till today pending Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's return home from USA. Highly placed government sources say the issue will be discussed in today's cabinet meeting after which the government will arrive at the final decision. Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) sources said government did not take the decision yesterday to honour the wish of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister was contacted on Saturday night and was briefed in details about the situation. Begum Zia, according to sources, advised her colleagues to consider other options including a political dialogue. BNP is considering two options. These are: Taking Golam Azam into protective custody or serving show cause notice on him why he should not leave the country. Sources further said Article Three of the Special Powers Act will be applied if he is

asked to leave the country. Meanwhile, Muhammad Quamruzzaman, Publicity Secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami central committee, told the Daily Star that they would decide their course of action after the government decision is finalised. A Jamaat source informed this correspondent a move to sue the government for restoration of citizenship of Golam Azam has meanwhile been shelved to allow the government to take the decision first.

## S Africa rue the rules

SYDNEY, Mar 22: England advanced to Wednesday's World Cup cricket final in controversial circumstances as rain ruined South Africa's desperate run chase Sunday, reports AP.

In a chaotic finish South Africa's run target was amended from 22 off 13 balls to 21 off one ball, drawing outrage from the 28,410 Sydney Cricket Ground crowd.

Rain began to drizzle in the 43rd over with South Africa chasing England's 252-6 off 45 overs. Umpires Steve Randell of Australia, and Brian Aldridge of New Zealand offered the conditions to batsmen Brian McMillan and David Richardson and when they turned it down the officials approached England captain Graham Gooch.

Gooch led his side off, play was held up for 12 minutes and, under the rules governing rain delays in this tournament, that equated to two overs last with the target remaining the same.

South African manager Alan Jordan said he and coach Mike Procter were told by the umpires that the target would be

22 off seven balls, but the umpires admitted they were wrong soon after.

"They initially told us there were seven balls left, then they came back and said 'It's wrong, we've miscalculated, there's one ball', said Jordan.

There was a two minute delay when the players returned as Gooch spoke to the

news. They were outraged when the SCG scoreboard put up the impossible target of 21 off one, throwing garbage on the playing arena and yelling abuse at the umpires and England players.

Gooch defended his decision to take the team off when it rained, but said it was not an easy one to make.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't think that maybe we should stay on but then again it was pouring rain. The ball would have been soaking wet and that would have reduced our chances of winning" he said.

South African captain Kepler Wessels said he would have made the same decision, but suggested the umpires had not been correct in offering the rain.

"When we bowled it rained a similar amount at one stage and we stayed on" said Wessels.

"But I definitely would have come off if I'd been in his position. I would have done exactly the same thing."

Gooch admitted it was not the best way to advance to the final against Pakistan at the 108,000 seat Melbourne Cricket Ground. See Page 12 Col 8



umpires. "I assumed that there were seven balls to be bowled and the umpires told me there was one. I suggested to them that it might be a good idea to announce it to the crowd" said Gooch. The crowd had been told seven balls were remaining after the delay and booted that

## 'Public court to give verdict not sentence'

by Sabir Mustafa and Masud Hasan Khan

Jahanara Imam, convenor of the National Coordination Committee for the Realisation of the Ideals of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of '71, dismissed criticism of the People's Court Sunday, by saying the 'Court' was not designed to challenge the government of the country nor the established legal system.

Speaking to The Daily Star, the mother of shaheed freedom-fighter Rumi said the People's Court would pass the people's verdict on Pakistani citizen Golam Azam, who is charged with crimes of war crime and abet-

ment of genocide offences. "The Court will pass its judgement on Golam Azam, but it will not sentence him. We will then go to the government and say, 'This is the verdict of the people, the same people who voted you into power, now you implement the verdict,'" Imam said.

The Committee, set up Jan 20 last following the announcement re-appointing Golam Azam as the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami last December, will hold the trial on March 26, the country's 21st Independence Day, at the

modalities of the People's Court, Jahanara Imam told The Star that it would leave the final verdict on each of the charges up to the people gathered in the open park next Thursday.

### Procedure of the trial

According to the organisers, there will be a Bench composed of three to 15 judges. One of them will preside over the trial. Besides, a jury, comprising at least seven prudent personalities from different sections of the society, will assist the Bench in giving

Explaining the details of the

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## No force can stop public trial, says Hasina

GOPLAGANJ, Mar 22: Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina Sunday called on the people to unitedly resist the killers and collaborators of 1971 and safeguard the country's independence, reports UNB.

Addressing a gathering at Tungipara this afternoon, she said the people of all strata have overwhelmingly support to the great initiative of the "Ghatok Nirmul Committee" for holding trial of Golam Azam at a "people's court" on March 26.

"No force or quarter can dissuade the patriotic people from holding this trial... War criminal Golam Azam must be punished," said Hasina.

The Awami League President accused the government of taking recourse to repression on the democratic and patriotic forces in a bid to

protect the "collaborators" from people's wrath.

Recalling the blood-stained war of liberation war in 1971, she said Bangladesh emerged as an independent nation at the cost of supreme sacrifice by millions of freedom loving people.

Hasina said Al-Badr, Razakars and Al-Shams had collaborated with the Pakistani occupation army in genocide and killing of intellectuals, rape, looting and arson during the nine-month war.

The Bangabandhu's government, she said, had punished the identified collaborators and razakars and cancelled citizenship of many arch rajakars, including Golam Azam, on specific charges.

"But after the assassination of Bangabandhu, the post-75 government of Ziaur Rahman

## 1 killed, 12 hurt as rival groups clash in Magura

MAGURA, Mar 22: One person was gunned down and 12 others were injured in a fierce clash between two rival groups at village Veilakandi in Madhukhali upazila today, police said, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Asaduzzaman who belonged to a group known as Tofazzel.

Those injured, some with bullet, were named Omar Ali (26), Yakub Hossain (34), Tofazzel Hossain (28), Mousa (35), Murad (22), Kanai (28) and Masum (30).

They were admitted to Magura Hospital, where conditions of Masum, Omar and Yakub were stated to be critical.

The fighting erupted at about 9 am following an altercation between Razaque Master and T-fazzel over the last UP election, police said.



South African wicket-keeper David Richardson (left) catches the ball in a belated attempt to run out England's Fairbrother (right) in yesterday's semifinal at Sydney, Australia. AFP photo

## Khaleda returns today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia returns home this morning, ending her five-day visit to the United States at the invitation of President George Bush, reports BSS.

Begum Zia yesterday made a brief stop-over in London on her way back from New York.

Prime Minister attended a civic reception given to her by the Bangladeshis living in USA at Downtown Manhattan Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister called upon Bangladeshis living in USA to contribute to the strengthening of democracy in the country.

She said, "we have to work together to make the democracy meaningful and achieving socio-economic uplift."

The Prime Minister also detailed the development programmes undertaken by her government in different fields including education, women's development and advancement of forming community. Earlier, the Prime Minister

## UNHCR donates Tk 1.5 cr for Rohingya refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has donated Tk. 1.5 crore to the Ministry of Relief for the Rohingya refugees, reports UNB.

The donation is a part of UNHCR assistance for emergency relief for tens of thousands of the Rohingya refugees who have crossed into Bangladesh, escaping persecution by the Burmese government.

Darjoush Bayandor, chief of UNHCR's Dhaka office, formally handed over a cheque for the amount to the Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Relief M A Hakim at his office Sunday, an official handout said.

## 115 Rohingyas die so far of diseases

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 22: A total of 115 Rohingya Muslim refugees died so far of various diseases at different camps here, official sources said, reports BSS.

According to unofficial sources, the death figure is over 200. Most of the refugees died of diarrhoea, dysentery, malaria and malnutrition.

The sources said that the number of medical teams had been increased to 16 and that so far 60,946 persons were threatened at different camps.

A number of voluntary medical teams are also engaged in extending medical services, but still the overall medical services were inadequate in consideration of the large number of refugees, said a medical worker.

## Another Star Special

For the first time, a Bangladeshi newspaper, *The Daily Star*, is conducting an opinion survey to assess the performance of the government of Begum Khaleda Zia and that of the opposition, in a number of specified fields. The same survey will also focus on some of the key issues of urgent concern to a cross section of the people.

The survey is being conducted by *The Daily Star*, in association with the foremost marketing and social research company of Bangladesh, MRC-MODE which has exclusive affiliation with Yankelovich Clansy Shulman (YCS) of USA, the well known pollsters for the Time magazine and CNN.

The findings of the survey will be published soon.

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## DCC white paper deals with 'corrupt' Mayors

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) remained bogged down in corruption, abuse of power and nepotism, involving financial irregularities worth crores of Taka, during former President Ershad's nine years' rule, according to a departmental White Paper circulated on Saturday.

The 15-page White Paper published Sunday documented innumerable anomalies in employing people, spending corporation money, contracting the projects and leasing out the DCC land.

The major anomalies, the White Paper disclosed, were done during the period of three mayors — Major General (Retd) Mahmudul Hassan, Colonel (Retd) Abdul Malek and Nazim Rahman — all of them were the mayors under Ershad's rule.

The three mayors employed 953 people in different posts of DCC violating the corporation rules and procedures in between 1986 to 1990.

The highest number of people (542) were appointed by Abdul Malek, it added. Mayor Malek diverted Taka six crore from the flood protection fund to general fund which was against the corporation laws. Under the existing laws the corporation money should be

deposited with a special bank by Nazim Rahman during his mayorship deposited Taka 70,00,000 with the Bank of Credit and Commerce and International (BCCI).

The money is not yet realised as the bank is frozen.

During the reign of M A Malek 119 project works were done without tender at a cost of Taka 4,35,66,795 while Nazim Rahman bought 80 wireless sets incurring loss of Taka 15,00,000.

Nazim Rahman also procured 5,000 sodium light sets at a cost of Taka 2,65,00,000 which incurred the corporation a loss of Taka 62,00,000, the White Paper showed.

The Taka 35,83,75,960 Nagar Bhaban project was contracted 14 per cent uprate to the Bengal Development Corporation but only 50 per cent work was completed in stipulated three years. The project remained suspended for about one year.

The White Papers said that there is no record of corporation's assets.

Anomalies were also found in constructing 245 passenger's shades in and around the capital. The DCC lost about Taka 50,00,000 for the shades rented to three organisations for their advertisements. See Page 12 Col 7

## Nepal won't allow Tibetan campaign

KATHMANDU, Mar 22: Nepal has promised China it will bar 15,000 Tibetan refugees from campaigning for their homeland's independence, reports Reuters.

Nepal borders the Himalayan plateau of Tibet and is the main exit route for the tens of thousands of Tibetans who have fled since an abortive uprising against Chinese rule in 1959 drove their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, into exile.

A joint Sino-Nepali communiqué issued today said Prime Minister Girtija Prasad Koirala, ending a week-long visit to Beijing, had pledged that Nepal would not let the Tibetans engage in any anti-China political activities on its soil.

Tibetan refugees kept a low profile in Nepal for three decades when the monarchy wielded absolute power. But they have become more vocal and more visible since King Birendra bowed to popular revolt in 1990 and became a constitutional monarch.

They have celebrated their festivals publicly, held political demonstrations and alleged that China violates human rights in Tibet. The communiqué said Nepal interpreted human

rights slightly differently from the West, "for developing countries, the most important human rights include the right to independence, the right to subsistence and the right to development," it said.

Accepting Beijing's view of Tibet's status, the communiqué added: "The Nepali side reiterated that Nepal has always recognised that Tibet is an autonomous region of China."

It also said Beijing had asked King Birendra to visit, his first invitation to travel abroad since the 1990 revolt.

## Police raid SM Hall: 2 arrested

By DU Correspondent

Police raided SM hall of the Dhaka University Sunday and arrested two outsiders.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police Sunday raided the hall at around 4-30 pm and arrested Jasim and Nazrul, both HSC students respectively of Tejgaon College, Dhaka and Gauranadi College, Barisal from room no. 90.

However, no weapons could be recovered. Police entered the hall in presence of the Hall Provost.

## রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ

রাজউক ভবন, ঢাকা

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