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## Golam Azam a citizen under law: Counsel

Jamaat chief Golam Azam's counsel A R Yusuf, Bar-at Law yesterday submitted before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court that his client was a citizen of Bangladesh by operation of law under the provision of the Bangladesh Citizenship Act of 1951 read with the Bangladesh Citizenship (Temporary Provisions) Order of 1972, reports BSS.

Giving his arguments during the eighth day of hearing of the government appeal against the verdict of the High Court division restoring the citizenship of Azam, Yusuf said Golam Azam was born in this country, was a permanent resident of Bangladesh on March 25, 1971 and continued to be so from March 26, 1971 to November 22, 1971.

Yusuf submitted that if December 15, 1972, is taken to be the material date for judging continuity of residence, as required under the Article 2 (1). Azam's citizenship is protected by the concept of domicile and permanent residence.

Therefore, Azam's temporary absence is covered and he is a citizen of Bangladesh, Yusuf argued. Alternatively, he submitted, that the proviso to Article 2 of the act covers the absence of Golam Azam and maintains the continuity of his permanent residentship of Bangladesh.

Yusuf referred to some reported decisions of the Dhaka High Court and the Appellate Division in support of his argument. He also cited an English decision reported in the 1947 Law Report 1, Chancery Division.

He submitted that the concept of permanent residence is akin to that of domicile and in order to examine whether Golam Azam had abandoned his permanent residence by going to Pakistan one has to see as to how domicile is abandoned.

Yusuf, in support of his contention, referred to the book 'Dicey and Morris on

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Mahtab, Chairman of the Board

of Directors A T M Alamgir

Kabir, MP, Chairman of Bang-

ladesh Krishi Bank, Ata Khan,

Chairman of Janata Bank, Mir

Nasiruddin also took part in

that in addition to the indus-

trial sector, the banks and

DFIs should provide loan to

agriculture, fisheries, livestock

and crop diversification sec-

DFIs should extend loan to

these sectors even if necessary

by liberalising the lending

the milk production in the

stantially following promotion

should finance for setting up

milk processing units along

with the provision of refriger-

ated vehicles for marketing of

milk in order to maintain and

encourage the current enthu-

siasm and efforts to increase

milk production in the coun-

The Finance Minister iden-

tified the construction and

building sector as another po-

tential sector for stimulating

the national economy. He sug-

gested that the banks should

further activate their invest-

ment programme on medium

and small house building pro-

pleaded that the banks should

continue, their support to the

people in the flood prone areas

for regaining the losses caused

by the onslaughts of floods. To

help out the poor and affected

farmer in the flood affected ar-

eas, "I think the banks can lib-

eralise their policies," Saifur

About the debt recovery,

the Finance Minister asked the

banks and the DFIs to intensify

their efforts in persuading the

'big' defaulters for paying back

their loans before the end of

of the banks and DFIs of filing

cases against the small bor-

rowers while sending propos-

als for rescheduling the loan

Dwelling on the huge po-

tentialities in the textile and

leather industrial sectors, the

Finance Minister called for

more investment in these

the banks and DFIs were mak-

ing inordinate delay in pro-

Referring to allegations that

He was critical of the trend

the current financial year.

for the big defaulters.

sectors.

The Finance Minister also

He pleaded that the banks

country had increased sub-

The Finance Minister said

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The Finance Minister said

the deliberations.

tors on priority basis.

of dairy farms.

International Private Law'. He also referred to a decision in the Dhaka Law Report (DLR) 40 in which Justice M H Rahman, in a dissenting judgement, held the view that the concept of domicile is akin to permanent residence

Replying to a query from the court. Yusuf submitted that the onus is upon the government to prove that Golam Azam had abandoned his permanent residentship.

Referring to the argument of the Attorney General that Golam Azam could have taken a 'Nansen' passport from London, Yusuf said the name of such passport was never heard.

Replying to Yusuf. Attorney General Aminul Huq explained before the court what a 'Nansen' passport is. He said this passport was introduced in 1926 by F Nansen, the ther High Commissioner for refu gees of the League of Nations. This passport was issued as a travel document for the refugees who became stateless at that time, he added.

Yusuf said the newspaper clippings submitted by the Attorney General purporting to show the conduct of Golam Azam could not show that Golam Azam had uttered one word against the then East Pakistan which later became Bangladesh.

Whatever was reported in The Daily Sangram could be considered under the Collaborators Act which no longer exists and the government had declare clemency to collaborators, Yusuf argued.

Yusuf, was assisted by Abdur Razzak, Bar-at Law and Nawab Ali, Advocate, while Attorney General Aminul Huq was assisted by Deputy Attorney General A F Hasan Arif, assistant attorneys general Sharifuddin Chaklader and Mir Hashmat Ali, Obaidur Rahman Mustafa and Sirajul Huq, advo-

The court resumes hearing when it reopens after the Eidul Azha vacation on May 30.

cessing the loan cases for tex-

tile and leather sectors, the

Finance Minister said such de-

lay in processing bank loans

would hamper the growth in

Bank, the Asian Development

Bank and other international

financing agencies were inter-

ested to finance in the textile

of the promotion of private

sector investment in the coun-

try, the Finance Minister reit-

erated his call to different

ministries and government

agencies for off-loading their

shares and certificates in the

stock exchange by June this

investment in the private sec-

tor it would be difficult to

He said if we fail to develop

Underlining the importance

and leather sectors.

He said that the World

Industrial loans



With Eid-ul-Azha only days away, the Gabtoli cattle market, traditionally one of the biggest on the outskirts of the city, was yet to attract either sacrificial animals or buyers yesterday.

#### Navigational equipment. seized at Ctg

CHITTAGONG, May 17: Law enforcing agencies seized around four hundred items of navigational and communication equipment worth about Taka two crore from two godowns of a joint venture fishing company — Sea Resources Ltd — at Sadarghat here today, official sources said, reports BSS.

Customs and Navy personnel sealed two godowns of the company on April 26 when the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate issued a search warrant against the company, following a report submitted by the Port Police.

Police earlier recovered four MF and SSB wireless sets from the home of the company's resident director Chammanpean Peaktr, a Thai national.

Four persons were earlier arrested in this connection.

## Miss Universe pageant live on Doordarshan

BOMBAY, May 17: Doordarshan will telecast live from Manila on May 21 the '1994 Miss Universe pageant' in which Miss India 1994 Sush-mita Sen will be vying for the coveted title along with 80 young women from around the world, reports PTI.

The telecast will be on the Metro Channel (DD-2) from 0810 to 1010 hours IST (0840 to 1040 am BST).

#### Farewell

From Page 1 Col 7 yet and he can't leave without handing over charge to a responsible officer. In fact, Al-Omar's deputy here is an attache and hence cannot be made the charge d'affaires.

The other reason, he said,

those things were settled.

But nobody seems to have

any precise knowledge of his

overstay in Bangladesh. The

Foreign Office appears baffled.

"It's really mysterious," an offi-

cial said, "and we've never

been told of why is he linger-

longest serving ambassador

who came here nearly ten

years ago. In a matter of weeks

after he presented his creden-

tials in 1985 he became a

close associate of former

the President made him

among the most sought-after

diplomats in Dhaka. He was

often seen on television shar-

ing the rostrum with General

Ershad and Maulana Mannan,

making speeches at politically

motivated religious gatherings.

But the high-flying ambas-

sador suddenly fell from grace

and was forced into hiberna-

tion after Bangladesh sided

with Kuwait when it was gob-

Al-Omar felt terribly be-

He was last seen Jan 24 on

television making his farewell

call on President Biswas. That

call was supposed to mark the

end of his long, eventful career

Now it seems that's not the

bled up by Iraq in 1990.

trayed by Gen Ershad.

in Bangladesh.

His unrestricted access to

President Ershad.

Zawhir Al-Omar was the

ing here.

fetch foreign investment in the could be that the Iraqi govcountry. ernment can't provide enough Referring to government foreign exchange for him to measures to stimulate investproceed to his next posting in ment in the private sector, the Cuba. Squeezed by interna-Finance Minister said two suptional sanctions, Iraq is having port funds, one for the export a hard time earning foreign promotion and the other for currency. If that was the case, the private sector, would be diplomatic observers say, he set up soon. could have delayed his farewell call on the President until

About the management of the banks and financial institutions, the Finance Minister said that the board of directors of each banks should deal with the operational aspects rather than administrative matters. Each chairman should take special care whether their banks were operating properly in terms of disbursing and re-

covery of loans. The Finance Minister saidthat all out efforts should be made to develop a banking culture free from security or collateral hazards.

#### Pak Navy chief in city

Chief of Pakistan Naval Staff Admiral Saeed M Khan arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a fourday goodwill visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He is accompanied by his wife Begum Raana Saeed M Khan and a two-member delegation.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam, Begum Shirin Islam, and senior officers of the naval headquarters received the guests at the Zia International Airport.

Pakistan High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Kemal and other high commission officials were also present at the airport.

Kigali, reports Reuter. The resolution on the

troops was adopted unanimously by all 15 SC members. to curb the killings.

be supplied with armoured personnel carriers, might not get there for at least a week or two. UN officials said. It is also uncertain how many African nations are willing to contribute troops to the main op-

#### to protect Rwandans UNITED NATIONS, May 17: about 400, if warring parties agree to UN control of the air-

10 children massacred in Kigali

UN okays peacekeepers

Security Council (SC) today authorized 5,500 peacekeepers to protect Rwandans from slaughter and ordered the immediate dispatch of 150 military observers and about 500 troops, most of them to

including the United States. But it was not certain when the first soldiers would arrive The Ghanaians, who must

The first contingents are to go to Kigali to bolster the current small UN operation of port.

The United States submitted last minute amendments that would have committed the Council to making a new decision on each phase of deployment, which is not the case in other peacekeeping operations. As a compromise the resolution speaks of "further review and action as required" on future phases. AP adds: Machete-wielding

attackers killed a UN employee and 10 children she was caring for in an area of Rwanda's capital controlled by government troops, an official said Tuesday. The United Nations and aid

groups estimate that up to 200,000 Rwandans have been killed in six weeks of ethnic slaughter and fighting between Tutsi rebels and Hutu-led government troops.

## Fatima, lucky little

See Page 12 Col 6 Hafizuddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram - in his time one of the star players who donned the famous black-and-white colours of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club - said the lack of sponsors was the main obstacle to the development of football and the football clubs in the country.

The BNP MP appreciated the role of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Limited sponsors of the quiz, and hoped this would encourage more companies to patronise the football clubs.

The function was also addressed by Manzur Hassan Mintu, Anwarul Hug Helal, an official of the Mohammedan Sporting Club, Sheikh Akmal Hossain, General Secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation and Kazi Mishu, Secretary of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association.

In his address of welcome, A S Mahmud, Chairman of Transcom Electronics and Managing Director of Mediaworld Limited, the holding company of The Daily Star, said the newspaper was playing a vital role in the development of journalism and encouraging interest in sports.

"The World Cup Quiz competition will encourage the youths and promote the development of sports in the country," said Mahmud.

Well-known sports com-

#### Dhaka College-polls From Page 1 Col 3 marked by some sporadic vio-

lence with clashes between supporters belonging to the JCD, the student wing of the ruling BNP, and the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), their main rivals. Several gunshots were also

heard around the campus in the afternoon. Police, however, rushed to the spot and posted a heavy guard around the campus, preventing the situation from going out of hand.

Dhanmondi Thana, when contacted late last night, said there were no reports of any serious injury.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), in a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club in the evening. claimed that JCD activists had attacked them and caused injuries to several of their supporters, including their VP and GS candidates - Golam Rabbani Chinu and Sabir Ahmed respectively.

mentator Manjur Hassan Mintu, who is a Commissioner of Taxes (Training) and was a brilliant goalkeeper in the 1950s and '60s, said that by organising the quiz competition. The Daily Star had con tributed immerisely to the development of sports con-

sciousness in the country. On behalf of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association, Kazi Mishu, who is also the General Secretary of the Brothers Union Club, thanked The Daily Star for promoting the cause of sports and games in the country.

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, presented a vote of thanks.

The function was very well attended despite an inclement

#### weather. DUTA condemns ransacking of departments

By DU Correspondent The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday condemned the students who had recently damaged some furniture of the departments of the Arts Building demanding rescheduling of the examination dates. The examinations are due to begin next

At a meeting yesterday, the DUTA said any decision regarding fixing and rescheduling the examination dates should be taken by the Academic Council.

month.

The teachers urged the university authorities to take necessary measures to stop the recurrence of such incidents Meghna-Gumti Bridge

#### Oli to link last span today Communications Minister

Oli Ahmed will formally link the last span of the underconstruction 1410-metre long Meghna-Gumti Bridge this morning at Daudkandi, reports The 17-span bridge having

a 9.2 metre width including 7.2 metre carriageway is nearing to completion fast under the Japanese grant of Tk 243 crore. Eighty-eight per cent works

of the bridge has been completed. The bridge is expected to be opened to vehicular traffic in mid-November this year, 15 months ahead of the schedule.

#### Nor'wester hits Ctg, Sirajganj: 20 injured

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 17: A nor'wester this evening accompanied by rainfall lashed the port city packing a speed of 55 miles per hour.

Met office here said the squalls and shower had lasted for half an hour.

Although no casualty was reported, the storm uprooted some trees and destroyed few slums in the city, police sources said.

However, the rainfall provided relief to the city dwellers from the hot spell.

UNB adds, a nor'wester swept over six thanas of Sirajganj Tuesday that left some 20 people injured, two of them seriously, and caused damages to kutcha houses and trees.

### Consensus helps establish multi-racial govt in SA'

By Staff Correspondent Broader consensus among the political parties on the main national issues and a sense of welfare of all were the main driving force behind the general elections that established a multi-racial, democratic government in South

Sharing experience of their visit to south Africa as observers, Dr Kamal Hossain and Fakhruddin Ahmed said the election made the transition a reality through the process of educating the electorate. Bangladesh Institute of Law

and International Affairs organised the discussion on the South African Election. Dr Kamal and Fakhruddin spoke.

Dr Kamal witnessed the South African polls as a mem ber of the Commonwealth Observers Group while Fakhruddin Ahmed was a UN observer

## Arafat calls holy war to free Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, May 17: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has issued a call to Muslims to launch a holy war or Jihad to liberate Jerusalem from Jewish rule, according to an audio tape broadcast by state radio, reports AFP.

"You have to come and to fight and to start the Jihad to liberate Jerusalem, your first shrine," Arafat urged Muslims in the tape recording of a speech he gave in a mosque in Johannesburg on May 10.

# The Midnight File

#### Explosion kills 11 in Kazakhstan

MOSCOW, May 17: Eleven people were killed when a huge explosion ripped through out buildings of the regional administration in the Kazakhstan city of Uralsk today. Itar-Tass news agency said. The agency said the blast wrecked a garage where dozens of cars were kept and maintained. It said the explosion probably arose from an accident during welding work, reports Reuter.

#### France plans to withdraw 2500 troops from ex-Yslava

PARIS, May 17: France plans to withdraw 2,500 of its peacekeepers from the former Yugoslavia by the end of the year unless there is a breakthrough in peace talks, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. The announcement, by the country with the largest contingent of UN peacekeepers in the Balkans, appeared aimed at increasing pressure on negotiators to compromise, reports AP.

#### Storm disrupts ferry services at Aricha

MANIKGANJ. May 17: Some 6,000 passengers remained stranded at Aricha, Daulatdia and Nagarbari ghats as ferry services were disrupted by a severe storm that damaged beckons in the river routes today, reports UNB.

storm also dragged away four ferries and two BIWTC survey Three of the ferries were

BIWTC sources said the

salvaged by rescue workers. But another, Kaminy, marooned at Elabipur char in Shibalaya thana, was yet to be salvaged, the sources said.

#### Budget session From Page 1 Col 5

the national budget would be questioned if it is passed by Parliament without the Opposition's deliberation on it. Suranjit Sengupta said the

budget session is an important session where the Opposition's participation is a must to take account of the financial activity of the government. "The budget is an economic

agendum while the issue of a caretaker government is a political one. So, the national political issue should be given priority over the other," he said, urging the government to settle the political issue first by bringing a Constitution amendment bill providing for a caretaker government to conduct general elections.

Qader Mollah of the Jamaat said all opposition parties were united on the issue of a caretaker government. "It will be difficult for us to join the budget session if the government fails to take initiative to settle the matter."

#### Essentials From Page 1 Col 3

Powder milk Red Cow sells at Tk 368. Dano at Tk 373. Celia at 335, Nespray at 360 and Anchor at 356. The prices of mushur and

mug pulses has also risen by

two taka per kg and that of Najir Shai rice by Tk 12 to Tk 15 per kg. **BSRS** 

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trend of loan recovery continues and such a short term loan for 'revamping' the BSRS can in no way 'salvage' the Sangstha, the official said.

Apart from the Tk 108 crore debt to the government, the BSRS also owe about Tk 100 crore to its foreign donors.

Managing Director (MD) of the BSRS Al-Amin Chowdhury. however, said that it would not be difficult for the Sangstha to repay the new loan since the terms of the repayment could be revised. In the first three years, the BSRS would repay only the interest, not any portion of the principal amount, he said and added that if the repayment of entire loan seemed to be difficult at the end of the stipulated time period, it would ask for loan servicing'.

The MD also said that the loan recovery of the Sangstha had improved substantially and a total of Tk 30 crore is expected to be recovered from the borrowers by the end of this fiscal year.

He also said that the corporation was not a 'debt-ridden' organisation since it had a good record of repaying loans to the government. The Sangstha has so far paid Tk 233 crore to the government as debt service liability (DSL) and it has also been paying the DSL to the donors regularly, he

## আসন্ন ঈদুল আযহা উপলক্ষে কোরবানীকৃত পশুর উচ্ছিষ্টাংশ সুষ্ঠুভাবে অপুসারণের মাধ্যমে পরিবেশ দূষণ প্রতিরোধ সংক্রান্ত বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- পশু জবাইয়ের পূর্বে গর্ত করে নিন। গর্তের মধ্যে রক্ত ও অপ্রয়োজনীয় অংশ পুঁতে রাখুন।
- জবাইকৃত পত্তর রক্ত এবং অপ্রয়োজনীয় অংশ नर्ममा किश्वा यथात स्मात रम्नात रम्ना এতে পরিবেশ দৃষিত হয়।
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