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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 residence 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



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. — Star photo

## 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 Pprt Police.

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

Four persons were earlier arrested in this connection.

## 10 children massacred in Kigali UN okays peacekeepers to protect Rwandans

UNITED NATIONS, May 17: 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 Kigali, reports Reuter.

The resolution on the troops was adopted unanimously by all 15 SC members, including the United States. But it was not certain when the first soldiers would arrive to curb the killings.

The Ghanaians, who must 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 operation.

The first contingents are to go to Kigali to bolster the current small UN operation of about 400, if warring parties agree to UN control of the airport.

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 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.

## 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 Sushmita 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).

## Fatima, lucky little

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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 Huq 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 Metropolitan 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 commentator Manjur Hassan Mintu, who is also 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 contributed immensely to the development of sports consciousness in the country.

On behalf of the Dhaka Metropolitan 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.

## Farewell

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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, could be that the Iraqi government can't provide enough foreign exchange for him to proceed to his next posting in Cuba. Squeezed by international sanctions, Iraq is having a hard time earning foreign currency. If that was the case, diplomatic observers say, he could have delayed his farewell call on the President until 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 official said, "and we've never been told of why he is lingering here."

Zawhir Al-Omar was the longest serving ambassador who came here nearly ten years ago. In a matter of weeks after he presented his credentials in 1985 he became a close associate of former President Ershad.

His unrestricted access to the President made him among the most sought-after diplomats in Dhaka. He was often seen on television sharing the rostrum with General Ershad and Maulana Mannan, making speeches at politically motivated religious gatherings.

But the high-flying ambassador suddenly fell from grace and was forced into hibernation after Bangladesh sided with Kuwait when it was gobbed up by Iraq in 1990.

Al-Omar felt terribly betrayed by Gen Ershad.

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 in Bangladesh.

Now it seems that's not the case.

## Dhaka College-polls

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marked by some sporadic violence with clashes between supporters belonging to the JCD, the student wing of the ruling BNP, and the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-L), 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-L), 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.

## 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 Africa.

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 member 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 Ural'sk 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-Y'slava

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 beacons in the river routes today, reports UNB.

BIWTC sources said the storm also dragged away four ferries and two BIWTC survey ships.

Three of the ferries were salvaged by rescue workers. But another, Kaminy, marooned at Elabipur char in Shibhalaya thana, was yet to be salvaged, the sources said.

### Budget session

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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 agenda 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.

Gader 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."

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 added.

## Industrial loans

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Mahtab, Chairman of the Board of Directors A T M Alamgir Kabir, MF, Chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Ata Khan, Chairman of Janata Bank, Mir Nasiruddin also took part in the deliberations.

The Finance Minister said that in addition to the industrial sector, the banks and DFIs should provide loan to agriculture, fisheries, livestock and crop diversification sectors on priority basis.

He said that the banks and DFIs should extend loan to these sectors even if necessary by liberalising the lending terms.

The Finance Minister said the milk production in the country had increased substantially following promotion of dairy farms.

He pleaded that the banks should finance for setting up milk processing units along with the provision of refrigerated vehicles for marketing of milk in order to maintain and encourage the current enthusiasm and efforts to increase milk production in the country.

The Finance Minister identified the construction and building sector as another potential sector for stimulating the national economy. He suggested that the banks should further activate their investment programme on medium and small house building projects.

The Finance Minister also 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 areas, "I think the banks can liberalise their policies," Saifur said.

About the debt recovery, the Finance Minister asked the banks and DFIs to intensify their efforts in persuading the 'big defaulters' for paying back their loans before the end of the current financial year.

He was critical of the trend of the banks and DFIs of filing cases against the small borrowers while sending proposals for rescheduling the loan for the big defaulters.

Dwelling on the huge potentialities in the textile and leather industrial sectors, the Finance Minister called for more investment in these sectors.

Referring to allegations that the banks and DFIs were making inordinate delay in pro-

## Pak Navy chief in city

Chief of Pakistan Naval Staff Admiral Saeed M Khan arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a four-day 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.

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

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