

Razakars, Al-Badrs should be punished: Mir Shawkat

Liberation War Hero and BNP leader Lt Gen Mir Shawkat Ali (retd) Bir Uttam has said that war criminals including Razakars and Al-Badrs should be tried for committing genocide, arson, rape and looting during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

In an interview with BSS in Agartala, General Shawkat, who led the war as one of the sector commanders, said if any government held trial of the war criminals - Razakars and Al-Badrs, even after 30 years of independence, it would not be wrong. The Razakars and Al-Badrs should be punished. Otherwise, in future none would hesitate to betray the nation and work against the people, he observed.

About the holding of trial of the war criminals like Prof. Golam Azam and Matiur Rahman Nizami by Gono Adalat, led by Shaheed Janani Jahana Imam in 1992, Mir Shawkat said such a Gono Adalat represents only a section of the society.

Recalling his wartime memories at Rabindra Centenary Hall, the venue of the just concluded three-day Mukti-Juddho Utsav, Gen. Shawkat said at that time he was a major in the Pakistan army. He along with fellow soldiers revolted against the occupation

forces following crackdown. Since then he put up resistance against the occupation army in Chittagong and Comilla areas under the command of General M A G Osmani and finally reached Agartala on May 2 in 1971. At Agartala he met Gen Osmani, Major Khaled Mosharraf, Major Shafulla, Major Zia, Major Rafique and others.

"We were prepared for a long term war," Gen Shawkat said. When asked what made it possible the liberation of the country in nine months' war, he said that the entire people of the country, excepting a few betrayers, Muslim leaguers, Jamaat-e-Islami - Razakars and Al-Badrs had taken part in the Liberation War which cornered the occupation forces from all sides. "We could liberate our country by ourselves, but Indian help expedite the victory," he said.

Obituary

Alimur Rahman, a retired superintendent of Primary Training Institute (PTI) died of old age ailments at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) on Tuesday night. He was 79, reports UNB.

Later Rahman was buried at Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard after Zohr prayers yesterday. His qulqul will be held at Army Officers Quarter on Friday after Asr prayers.

Rubi Aziz, wife of Lt Col (retd) Azizur Rahman, died of a cardiac arrest at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the city yesterday. She was 60, reports UNB.

She is survived by two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives.

President of Bangladesh Mohila Awami League Begum Ivy Rahman and the Awami League central committee publicity secretary Abdul Manan are the other delegation members.



Artistes rendering chorus at a function organised by Sonar Bangla Jubo Parishad at the National Press Club yesterday. The programme was held to mark the Home-coming Day of Bangabandhu.

- Star photo

Zillur to attend Nepalese Congress Party convention

Awami League General Secretary and Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman leaves Dhaka today on a four-day official visit to Nepal at the invitation of Girija Prasad Koirala, Prime Minister of Nepal and President of Nepalese Congress Party, reports BSS.

He will lead a three-member Bangladesh delegation at the Nepalese Congress Party national convention.

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Rotary confce begins tomorrow

The 17th Annual Rotary District Conference will be held at the Winter Garden of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on January 19 and 20, says a press release.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will formally inaugurate the two-day meet on January 19 at 9 am.

Eminent lawyer Dr. Kamal Hossain, BGMEA President Anisur Rahman Sinha, Past District Governor Rtn. Iftekharul Alam Kitchlew and District Governor Rtn. Hasan Maniruzzaman will speak on various aspects of national interests at the inaugural ceremony, while Rtn. A.R.M. Shamsuddin will preside over the function.

About 1200 Rotarians and their family members from different parts of the country are expected to attend the Conference.

Meanwhile, Rtn. Jocelyn I Bolante and his wife Frank I Devlyn from Philippines, have already arrived Dhaka to attend the conference as Rotary International President's personal representative.

Signature campaign launched against air pollution

Hundreds of school children have launched a signature campaign against the Dhaka's suffocating air pollution under the auspices of Democracy Environment Society (DES), reports BSS.

"We don't want a city which is like a gas chamber," said the signature sheet of the campaigners who have been collecting the initials of cross-section of people at different offices and communities since December last year.

DES officials said the signatures will be submitted to the authorities later.

Rotary News

North West meeting today

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at 5:00 pm at Supreme Court Auditorium, says a press release.

It will be joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Mohamgan North West.

Installation ceremony

The 14th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Mananagar North West will be held at 5:00 pm today at the Bangladesh Supreme Court Auditorium at Ramna, says a press release.

Md Abdul Hamid MP Advocate, Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, will be present as chief guest.

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1) Sealed tenders in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Construction Division, BAPEX/PETROBANGLA, for the following works of Srikai Exploration Project at Srikai, Thana-Muradnagar, Dist-Comilla.

SI No	Name of works	Estimated Amount in Tk	Completion time	Cost of tender paper (non-refundable) Tk	Enlistment category
1.	Sinking and installation of 100mm-dia shallow tubewell and 38mm dia hand tubewell	4,99,842.00	45 days	750.00	B & C
2.	Construction of Prayer house and club	8,49,910.00	60 days	1000.00	A
3.	Construction of surface drain and drainage system and supply and installation of drainage pump	9,94,420.00	60 days	1000.00	A
4.	Construction of Project Office	15,76,069.00	90 days	1000.00	A
5.	Sinking and installation of 4 (four) inch dia shallow tubewell with pump, construction of drain and supply and installation of drainage pump	9,63,987.00	60 days	1000.00	A
6.	Construction of workshop, machinery's shed, and generator shed	9,60,743.00	60 days	1000.00	A
7.	Construction of well site yard	17,75,020.00	90 days	1000.00	A
8.	Construction of toilet, safety tank, soak well and mud pit at well site	4,43,855.00	60 days	750.00	B & C
9.	Construction of surface drainage system and supply and installation of rain water drainage pump	5,27,625.00	60 days	750.00	A & B
10.	Sinking and installation of 2 (two) nos deep tubewell with water supply system and pump house	21,85,174.40	90 days	1000.00	A
11.	Construction of internal road connecting main road, well site and camp site	16,62,346.00	90 days	1000.00	A
12.	Construction of walk way within camp site	4,69,237.00	60 days	750.00	B & C
13.	Construction of staff shed 2 (two) units, (Group-C)	17,20,440.00	90 days	1000.00	A

2) Intending contractors may obtain tender schedule from 28-01-2001 to 08-02-2001 from the following offices of:

- Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.
- Accounts Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
- Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, Titas Bhaban, 105, Kawran Bazar C/A, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.
- Bakhraband Gas Systems Ltd, Chapapur, Comilla.
- Jalalabad Gas T&D Systems Ltd, Gas Bhaban, Mendibag, Sylhet.
- Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd, Court Road, B'baria.
- Sylhet Gas Fields Co Ltd, Chikmagul, Sylhet.
- Gas Transmission Co Ltd, Sector-3, Road-12, House-1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka.
- Zonal Office Complex, BAPEX, Halishar, Chittagong.
- Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd, Chovhali, PS-Parbatipur, Dist- Dinajpur.
- Maddypara Hard Rock Mining Company Ltd, Vill & PO- Maddypara Via Fulbari, Dist- Dinajpur.
- Pashchimanchal Gas Company Ltd, Nalika, Sirajganj.

3) Tender for the above works shall be received in the tender box kept in the above offices at (i) to (xi) of item 2, including Construction Division, BAPEX, HBFC Building (8th floor), 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka, on 11-02-2001 up to 12.00 Noon.

4) The intending contractor may submit his bid at any of the offices mentioned above at his convenience irrespective of buying the Tender Documents from any of the above offices.

5) Tenders will have to submit earnest money 2.5% of their total quoted amount, if the quoted amount is less than 5% of the estimated amount the contractor will have to submit itemwise rate analysis of the works in support of their quoted amount and an additional earnest money 10% of the quoted amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Commercial Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (BAPEX) along with their tenders, without which tenders will be summarily rejected.

6) Tender shall be opened simultaneously at 12.30 PM on 11-02-2001 in presence of the tenderers (if any one remains present) in the abovementioned offices.

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