

Try war criminals under special tribunal

Speakers say at FFs' reception in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a reception to freedom fighters yesterday demanded trial of war criminals to establish rule of law in the country and fulfil the dreams of martyrs.

The war criminals should be tried in a special tribunal, they said, adding that many countries brought the war criminals under trial after forming special tribunals.

Muktijoddha Sontan Command (a platform of the children of freedom fighters) of Rajshahi University unit accorded the reception and awarded 'Freedom Fighter Award-2008' to 28 freedom fighters in Rajshahi city and Rajshahi University campus at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium yesterday.

The war criminals should be brought under trial for their crimes against humanity during the

Liberation War in 1971, speakers said, adding that dreams of freedom fighters are yet to be materialised while no political government in the past took any step for trial of war criminals.

Speakers urged the chief adviser to ensure and preserve freedom fighters' quota in all job sectors, including government service and higher educational institutions.

They urged the government to form a special tribunal for trial of the war criminals and barring the war criminals from general elections.

They urged the government to take necessary steps for rehabilitation of freedom fighters and ensure their respect.

Several hundred people including teachers and students of Rajshahi University and other educational institutions, freedom fighters and family members of the

martyred were present at the reception programme.

The award recipients are -- RU teachers Prof Abbas Ali, Prof Molyo Kumar, RU staff Ershed Ali, Rafiqul Islam, Azizul Haque, Golam Nabi, Motiur Rahman, Shahidullah Chali, Golam Kibria, Ilias Hossain, Moslem Uddin, Inal Ali, Sham Mohammad, Fazlul Haque, Azhar Ali, Jahangir Alam, Bodrul Alam, Abdus Samad, Shahidul Islam, Abdul Hannan, Shahabuddin Sarker, Shahidulla, Tajemul Haque, Golam Mostofa, Lutfor Rahman, Abul Kalam Azad, former district commander Shafiqur Rahman Raja and divisional Muktijodha coordinator Abdul Malek Chowdhury.

Brig Gen (retd) Gias Uddin Ahmed (Bir Bikram) handed over crests to the valiant freedom fighters.

Brig Gen (retd) Gias Uddin Ahmed (Bir Bikram) was present as

the chief guest while Prof Shamsul Alam (Bir Bikram), department of geography and environment science of RU, captain (retd) AB Tajul Islam, convener of Muktijodha Projonmo, Rezaun Nabi Duda, acting mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, Nazrul Islam Khoka, district commander of Muktijodha Sangsad, Nur Hamim Rezvi, (Bir Pratik) Rajshahi city commander of Muktijodha Sangsad, and Abul Kalam Azad, RU unit member, were present as special guests.

Mehedi Hassan, convener of Muktijodha Projonmo, was present as the main speaker while Masud Rana, convener of Muktijodha Sontan RU Command presided over the reception programme.

Later freshers' reception and cultural programme was held at the same venue.

LG seized in Mohalchhari

4 UPDF men sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

An army team yesterday recovered an LG and a three not three rifle bullet from remote Hazachhara under Mohalchhari upazila in Khagrachhari district.

Sensing the presence of army terrorist fled away, Mohalchhari police said.

The three UPDF men arrested on Sunday have been sent to jail yesterday while another bullet-injured person was admitted to hospital for treatment at Laxmichhari upazila in hill district Khagrachhari. They are Chatallah Chakma 24, Bimol Tripura, Mitu Marma, 22, and bullet-hit Kayaching Kahala Marma, 25.

Under interrogation, they admitted to their involvement with toll collection on behalf of UPDF in the area, police said.

Language hero Syed Ashraf laid to rest in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Language Movement veteran and a key organiser of the Liberation War in Patuakhali, former law-maker Syed Ashraf Hossain was laid to eternal rest beside his mother's grave at Dhulia village under Baufal upazila in the district yesterday.

He passed away at Eastern Hospital at Lalmatia in the capital on Saturday night at the age of 78.

His body was brought to Patuakhali from Dhaka yesterday and kept first in front of Patuakhali Shahid Smriti Pathagar and then on the premises of central Shahid Minar in front of the municipality office in the town where political, social and cultural leaders and different organisations showed their last respect.

At about 11:30am his namaz-e-janaza was held at central Eidgah where several hundred people including Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner AGM Mir Moshir Alam, former MP Shahjahan Mia, ASM Feroz took part.

The deceased was buried with state honour beside his mother's grave in their family graveyard at Dhulia village in Bauphal.

Patuakhali district Muktijodha Sangsad will keep its flag at half-mast for the next three days to pay respect to the Language Movement veteran and freedom fighter.

Ashraf Hossain left behind his wife, only son and thousands of friends and admirers to mourn his death.

School runs with doors, windows closed

Stinky smoke, dust blow in from brick field 30 feet away



Children attending class in a room with its window permanently closed to ward off reeking smoke from the adjoining brickfield.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The school runs with all doors and windows closed. Inside classrooms, children often cough as they feel suffocated due to smoke and stink coming from an adjoining brickfield.

The brickfield is only about 30 feet from Samannopur Primary School in Santhia upazila in the district.

"Heavy smoke billowing from the brick field at times blurs visibility on the (school) compound", its headmaster Md. Nazimuddin said while talking to this correspondent during a visit this week.

"We take classes shutting doors and windows", he said. The Mollah Brick Field owned by Md. Siddik Ali was set up in 2004. A road divides the school compound and the brick field.

The primary school is in Santhia upazila and the brick field is in adjoining Sujanager upazila.

"Some of the children often suffer from allergy. Often the air is stinky as soyabean waste is burnt in the brick field as fuel. Dust also causes sufferings", the headmaster said.

"We also informed the upazila administration but nothing has been done" the headmaster said.

Contact, Santhia Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Akbar Ali said, "I sent a report to the district administration suggesting steps for the sake of student."

But brick field owner Siddik Ali said, "I got permission from the authorities through legal ways", he said.

KCC executive engr held in graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police yesterday arrested executive engineer of Water Works Department of Khulna City Corporation (KCC), Md Abdul Hannan, from Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) headquarters.

The arrested KCC engineer is one of the 13 accused in a case filed on April 20 for misappropriation of Tk 10 crore filed with Khulna Sadar Police Station.

The procurement officer of KCC's Municipal Services Project (MSP), SM Hafizur Rahman, who was suspended on charge of corruption in September last year, filed the case against detained city mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, his wife Laila Rahman and eleven others accusing them of misappropriating Tk 10 crore in the name of purchasing chlorine gas required for water purification.

Sub-inspector Azfaruzzaman of Khulna Sadar Police Station who is investigating the case, said the executive engineer was arrested on the basis of evidence to prove his involvement in the misappropriation.

The arrested executive engineer was arrested when he went to KMP headquarters to talk with the police commissioner about solution of a social problem.

He was sent to Khulna district jail through Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in the afternoon.

Khulna mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman and suspended chief engineer Liakat Ali Sharif, who are also accused in this case, are already in jail.



Children at an art competition, arranged by NGO Development Wheel, at Zainul Abedin Museum in Mymensing recently.



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TENDER NOTICE

For Purchase of Modems and Networking Accessories

01. Sealed tenders are invited from bona-fide suppliers for supplying following modems and networking accessories:

Group - 1

- Network Termination Units (Modems)
- Brand : Alcatel
- Alcatel 2801 MainStreet HDSL Data Transmission Unit
- Alcatel 2753 MainStreet IDSL Data Transmission Unit

Group - 2

- Networking Accessories
- Brand: Cisco
- 4-Port Async/Sync Serial HWIC
- 2-Port Async/Sync Serial WIC
- V.35 Cable, DTE Mail to Smart Serial, 10 Feet
- 2-Port FE Routed Port

02. The participating company must have at least 3 (three) years' proven experience in supplying computers/peripherals/software in any scheduled bank in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Bank or must have previous record of successfully supplying computers/peripherals to BASIC Bank. Copy of previous work order(s) must be supplied along with the tender as proof in this regard.

03. The participating company must be an authorized dealer/distributor of the items offered in the tender.

04. 2.5% of the quoted price has to be submitted with the tender through PO/DD in the name of BASIC Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka as earnest money. Failing to deliver items as per terms and conditions of the tender schedule will result in forfeiture of earnest money.

05. The participating company may submit tender for the items in any or both groups and must offer all the items in that/those group/groups. Partial offer for any group will not be accepted.

06. The tender schedule may be obtained from IT Division (Peoples Insurance Bhaban - 5th Floor, 36 Dilkusha C/A) of BASIC Bank Limited between 10:00 A.M. and 01:00 P.M. of all working days at a cost of Tk. 1,000/- only. No schedule will be sold after 01:00 P.M. of May 15, 2008.

07. Sealed tenders have to be dropped in the tender box kept at Head Office (Sena Kalyan Bhaban - 6th Floor, 195 Motijheel C/A) of BASIC Bank Limited on or before May 18, 2008 by 03:00 P.M., and the tenders will be opened at 03:05 P.M. on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.

08. Other terms and conditions can be found in the tender schedule.

Deputy General Manager
IT Division



TK 2.5CR ILLEGAL WEALTH
'Charge against Ariful, wife based on documents'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) case against detained Sylhet city BNP chief Ariful Haque Chowdhury and his wife Shama Haque Chowdhury was filed after investigation found that they possessed assets and property beyond their known sources of income.

This was stated by ACC Deputy Director Md. Nasir Uddin in his deposition before the court of District and Sessions Judge Md. Abdul Gafur yesterday.

Deposition in the ACC case against Ariful and his wife began in the court on Sunday, Md. Nasir Uddin, DD of ACC's Sylhet regional office, is also the complainant of the case.

The court on April 22 framed charges in the case. Ariful was a close aide to former finance minister and BNP stalwart M. Saifur Rahman.

There are 27 witnesses including the complainant in the case, court sources said. The ACC DD told the court that specific charges based on documents were made against the accused for accumulating property illegally.

The ACC filed charge sheet against Ariful and his wife Shama for accumulating wealth worth over Tk 2.5 crore through corruption.

ACC Assistant Director in Comilla regional office Shahin Ara Moratj filed charge sheet in the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate court in Sylhet on March 3.

Ariful also faces another case for hiding wealth worth about Tk 1.5 crore in his statement submitted to ACC earlier, sources said.

Ariful was on the first list of corruption suspects, announced by the ACC. Absconding for weeks after the 1/11, Ariful surrendered at joint forces camp at Sylhet Stadium on February 25 last year.

Soon after, several extortion cases were filed against him. Ariful is also a ward commissioner of Sylhet City Corporation (SCC). He was also chief of the development sub-committee of SCC.



Fareast Islami Life Insurance Company Ltd.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (RE-TENDER)

SEALED TENDERS are hereby invited by the undersigned for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 2x500 KW diesel generator for Fareast Islami Life Insurance Company Ltd, at 35, Topkhana Road, Dhaka from Contractors who have the following qualification.

01. Contractors Qualifications: Firms (single/joint ventures), who have proven experience in successful supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of similar work within the past 5 (five) years in a single tender in any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous/ Private Organization of Tk 4 (four) Million. The intending bidders shall have to apply in their letterhead pad along with the following documents duly attested by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer in support of their eligibility and obtain permission for the issuance of the Tender Document.

- Photocopies of valid Trade License, Tax Identification number with up to date tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.
- Photocopies of satisfactory completion certificate from employer(s) for supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance, within the last 5 (five) years in a single tender in any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous/Private Organization, of similar supply. The experience certificate shall be accompanied by the respective "Work Order".
- Photocopy of valid ABC class Electro-mechanical Contractor and Supervisory license issued by the Bangladesh Electricity Licensing Board.

02. The intending Contractor shall have to apply in their letterheads along with a copy of above mentioned documents to the undersigned for issuance of Tender Documents.

03. Tender Documents will be issued only to the contractors or their authorized representatives who will apply for issue to Tender Document as under para-1 above on cash payment of Tk. 2,000/- (Taka two thousand) only from Accounts Department of FILIC at T K Bhaban (13th Floor), 13 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, from 06.05.2008 to 26.05.2008 during office hours.

04. No Tender Documents will be issued after 26.05.2008

05. Earnest Money at the rate minimum 2.5% (two point five percent) of the total bid amount in favour of Fareast Islamic Life Insurance Company Ltd. in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh must be submitted along with the tender without which the tender shall be rejected outright.

06. Tender will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 12:30 hours on 27.05.2008 and will be opened on the same day at 14:30 hours in presence of Bidders who may like to be present. No Tender shall be received after the above designated date and time.

07. The Tenderers must quote rates for item of works both in figures and in words clearly and legibly.

08. Tenderers must visit the site and get acquainted with conditions of the site, the scope of works and available space before tendering.

09. For any clarification regarding preparation and submission of Tender the tenderers may contact the undersigned or the consultant of the project, BCL-DECON, House No. 95A, Road No. 4, Block-F, Banani, Dhaka-1213. Telephone: 986 2713-6.

10. The work must be completed in all respect within 8 (Eight) Calendar months.

11. Fareast Islami Life Insurance Co. Ltd. reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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