

AUGUST 17 SERIAL BLASTS IN 2005

JMB Ctg chief, aide get 10 years RI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

The Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal here yesterday sentenced Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Chittagong divisional chief Javed Iqbal alias Mohammad and one of his associates to ten years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a case for August 17 serial bomb blasts in 2005.

Javed also faces a few more cases in the Chittagong Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal that awarded Javed a total of 195 years of imprisonment in several cases, said Public Prosecutor (PP) Ayub

Khan.

With this, JMB leader Javed has received a total of 224 years' imprisonment in different bomb blast and arms cases, said the PP.

Pronouncing the verdict yesterday, Tribunal Judge Shafiqul Karim awarded JMB Chittagong divisional chief Javed and Alauddin alias Rubel, another JMB cadre, ten years' imprisonment for a blast that injured a person in front of Apollo Shopping Complex under Kotwali Police Station on August 17, 2005.

Sub Inspector Balayet Hossain of Kotwali PS filed the

case on the day of bomb blast.

Main accused in the case, top JMB leaders Shaikh Abdur Rahman, Siddiqur Rahman alias Bangla Bhai and Ataur Rahman Sunny were executed in Jhalakathi Judges' murder case on March 29 in 2007.

The tribunal acquitted JMB cadre Arshadul Alam alias T Alam, another accused in the case, from the charges.

Earlier the court heard 16 witnesses in the case. Charge sheet of the case was submitted on January 14 in 2007 accusing six people and the charge was framed on April 16 the

same year.

Arshadul, who got acquitted in this case, was earlier convicted in another case for bomb blast in the city, PP Ayub Khan said.

JMB militants used Arshadul's bank account at Agrabad branch of Islami Bank for transaction of money to use for their activities, sources said.

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested militant commander Javed and his associate Jafar from a house in the city's Kattali area on December 14 in 2005 and seized huge quantity of explosives and bomb making materials.

Trial of 4 Khulna serial blast cases still incomplete

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Four years into the serial bomb blasts by Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in Khulna, trial of the four cases in connection with the blasts has remained incomplete.

During their countrywide serial bomb blasts on August 17 in 2005, JMB operatives exploded bombs at six spots under Sadar, Sonadanga and Daulatpur police stations in Khulna city and one spot under Batiaghata Police Station.

The cases filed with the three police stations of city are still under trial in the Court of Joint District and Sessions Judge (fourth court) while the case filed with Batiaghata Police Station is under trial in the court of Sub Judge (2nd court) of Khulna.

Deposition of prosecution witnesses of these cases is yet to be completed although charges against the accused were framed around middle of the last year, court sources said.

Several senior lawyers said weak investigation by police and shortage of judges are main reasons for buying time to complete trial of these four cases.

Of the seven accused facing trial in the four cases, Mohammad Shahidullah alias Lokman, Mahabubur Rahman Liton and Ruhul Quddus alias Khalid Hasan are in Khulna district jail while four others -- Hafez Mahmud, Asadul Islam, Tanvir Hossain and Saiful Islam -- are still at large.

Shahidullah and Mahabubur Rahman made statements to court under Section 164 confessing to their involvement in the serial bomb blasts.

SNIPPETS

Two die in Habiganj jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two prisoners died in Habiganj District Jail on Friday and Saturday. They are Mujen Miah, 38, son of Abdul Miah of village Shippasha under Ajmiriganj upazila and Motabbir Hossain Sadhu, 63, son of late Zahur Ali of village Kaorakandi in Chunarughat upazila. According to jail officials, the deaths were normal. Mujen Miah is an accused in Apel Chowdhury killing case. Apel was nephew of the former IGP Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury. Jail officials said Mujen went sick on August 14 morning but doctors at Habiganj hospital said they had no scope to treat Mujen as he was brought dead to the hospital. Police said Apel Chowdhury was killed in a clash between rival groups of villagers at Shippasha on February 16, 2008. Chief judicial magistrate of Habiganj on August 10 refused his bail prayer and sent him to the jail. Motabbir Hossain Sadhu fell sick as he went to take a bath on Saturday afternoon. According to jail sources, he died on way to the hospital. He was serving life term in two murder cases.

Tornado injures 20

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

At least 20 people were injured and two fishermen went missing in the nearby river when a tornado lashed Kamarjagi village under Ghior police station yesterday. The 30-minute storm that started around 12:00 noon also damaged 25 kutcha houses, a mosque and uprooted a number of trees, Singuri Union Parishad chairman said. All the 20 were injured due to tree falling or house collapse, the officer-in-charge of Ghior police station said.

Father kills daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A mentally ill father killed his girl child at Khesba village in Nachole upazila yesterday. Police, however, arrested Monirul Islam, 24, son of Erfan Ali, for killing his one and a half years old daughter Suraya. Locals said, Monirul beat up her girl child with a bamboo stick in the morning. They rescued seriously injured Suraya and sent her to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital but doctors could not save her life. Golam Kibria, sub-inspector of Nachole police station said, as the victim's grandfather Erfan Ali lodged a murder case, police arrested Monirul.

Lightning kills two

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two farmers were killed by lightning at two separate villages yesterday noon. Sahir Ali Munsil, 48, of Hajiganj village under Aditmari upazila was struck by lightning at noon when he was planting aman in his field. Hasem Ali, 30, son of late Mirazul Bapari of Sree Rampur village under Patgram upazila was killed by lightning when he was preparing soil for cultivation of aman paddy in his land, the victim's family sources said.

2 get life for killing boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court yesterday sentenced two persons to life imprisonment for killing a boy in Zakiganj upazila. The convicts are Rubel Ahmed and Abul Hossain. According to the prosecution story, Zakiganj police on February 16, 2002 recovered the body of Shihabuddin, 15, from a ditch at his village Borhanpur. Shihab's brother Khasrul Haque filed a case with the police next day. Police, on investigation, submitted chargesheet against Rubel Ahmed, Abul Hossain and Shahjahan Kabir of the same village on September 29. The judge awarded life term to Rubel and Abul and fined them Tk 25,000 each, in default, to suffer three more months in jail. Shahjahan was acquitted of murder charge.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

A procession demanding election to three district councils in Chittagong Hill Tracts parades the main streets of Khagrachhari town yesterday.

BCL enforces strike at Rangpur medical

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Academic activities other than examinations remained stopped at Rangpur Medical College (RMC) yesterday as a faction of the RMC unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) enforced a strike demanding punishment to the attackers on three college students on Saturday.

Several activists of BCL said RMC students Raton, Zakaria, and Rana were injured as a number of outsiders led by BCL activists Rifat and Miraz attacked them at about 4:30pm on Saturday.

"We urged the college authorities to take action against Rifat and Miraz. As the authority failed to take action, BCL called strike on the campus," said BCL RMC unit President Irfan Nawroze Noor Tamim.

'Elect fresh councils in three hill dists'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Hundreds of processionists yesterday protested alleged corruption in the three hill district councils (HDCs) and demanded formation of fresh HDCs in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) through direct election.

A protest rally under the banner of "Parbatya Zila Parishad Nirbachon Dabi Committee" was held in the town following the procession that paraded the main streets.

In the rally, convener of the committee Nirapod Talukder said no election was held in three hill district councils in the last 17 years.

As a result, the HDCs are continuing their operations with interim councils. It was started by BNP-Jamaat led government in June 25, 1992 and is now being extended every 6 months. The caretaker and AL governments also formed similar interim coun-

cils to run the HDC activities.

Taking advantage of the situation, the interim council chairman and members misappropriated huge government funds while representation from both tribal and non-tribal at the HDCs were greatly hampered, he said.

Mohammad Shane Alam, member of the committee, said the HDCs have now become 'platform for rehabilitation of political leaders'.

Development in the hills has become a far cry as the three hill district councils are inactive, he said.

Among others, Ananta Bihari Khisa, Abdul Gafur Talukder and Bakul Chakma also addressed the rally. Later, they handed over a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through Deputy Commissioner Abdullah demanding steps to resolve the issues.

RU indigenous students place 5-pt demand

RU CORRESPONDENT

The indigenous students at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday demanded residential facilities at the university.

The indigenous students led by Adibasi Students Association of Rajshahi University (ASARU) president Mukul Kisku met RU vice chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan at his office and placed their five-point demand.

Their demands include residential facilities from first year classes for the indigenous students at the dormitories, considering second class as qualification for indigenous students for admission in research, more scholarship for indigenous students and equal opportunity in education and government services.

The indigenous student leaders thanked RU VC Prof Abdus Sobhan for increasing the admission quota for indigenous students this year from 20 to 30.

After the meeting, Kisku told newsmen that the VC assured them of taking necessary steps in favour of their demands.

One held with forged notes

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Police arrested one person along with fake notes at Miaerbar in Sadar Dakshin upazila yesterday.

Arrestee Md Amanullah, 38, is son of Salimullah of Dumoria village of the upazila.

A police team led by ASI Abu Taher raided Amanullah's house and recovered fake notes of Tk 500 and 100 denominations worth Tk 8,000 from his possession.

Police said, Amanullah might be linked to human trafficking and gangs involved in fake money trading.



PHOTO: STAR

Leaders of Sector Commanders Forum and Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque pay homage to the Liberation War martyrs by placing wreaths at Gallamari memorial yesterday.

SCF to press govt to try war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Leaders of the Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF) yesterday said they will mobilise public opinion to put the war criminals on trial if the government fails to keep its pledge.

They said this while addressing a rally of freedom fighters at Zia Hall in city. Over 1500 freedom fighters from ten districts of Khulna division attended the rally with Lieutenant (ret'd) Gazi Rahmatullah Dadu, Bir Pratik, organising Secretary of Khulna divisional unit of SCF in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by Major General (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah, Major General (ret'd) CR Dutta, Lt General (ret'd) M Harun-Rashid, Major General (ret'd) M Masudur Rahman and Publicity Secretary of SCF central committee Harun Habib. KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque attended the rally as the chief guest.

The KCC mayor in his speech said the present government will fulfill its election pledge to put the war criminals in the dock. There is no

problem for this government to try the war criminals as people have given mandate to Awami League in the last national elections with this end in view, the mayor said.

The first chief of army staff of independent Bangladesh Major General (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah said the Sector Commanders' Forum would mobilise public opinion for war criminals' trial if the government does not meet its election pledge.

The SCF is determined to bring the war criminals to book as they opposed the Liberation War in 1971 and were involved in killing freedom fighters with the help of Pakistani occupation forces, he said.

BDR MUTINY IN SYLHET

Charge framing now on Sept 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet Mohammad Momin Ullah yesterday deferred charge framing against 34 BDR mutineers of Sylhet sector headquarters.

Earlier, the charge framing was deferred thrice.

As the accused were produced before the court yesterday, the additional public prosecutor prayed for time extension.

The judge granted the prayer fixing the next date on September 5. It is the first case against BDR men in Sylhet in connection with the February 26 incident at Pilkhana in the capital.

Additional PP of Sylhet told the Daily Star yesterday that on May 31 Chief Judicial Magistrate ATM Musa sent the case records to the district judge for starting the trial process. As we need adequate preparation for the sensitive case, we submitted the prayer for more time, he added.

Two other cases filed against the BDR men in Sylhet were also sent to the district

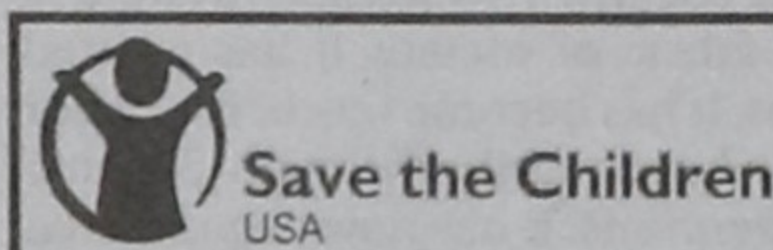
judge. In total 108 BDR jawans have been made accused in the three cases.

Officer-in-charge of Sylhet Kotwali Police Station Syeduzzaman filed three separate cases with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on May 17 against the BDR men of Sylhet sector and two different battalions, stationed in Sylhet on charge of joining the mutiny.

Among them, 51 are in 21 Battalion, 57 in 38 Battalion and 34 are in Sylhet sector headquarters.

On February 26 morning, the jawans in Sylhet took control of the Sylhet sector and the two battalions located in the city's Akhlaia area on Sylhet-Sunamganj highway allegedly apprehending movement of army to the BDR sector.

They also torched some vehicles including three private cars of the BDR officials kept in front of the battalion headquarters. They put up a barricade on the road in front of the 21 Battalion headquarters' main gate and stopped vehicular traffic. They also fired at least 200 gunshots in the air.



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INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER

Save the Children USA, an International non profit organization invites quotations from manufacturers/suppliers for purchasing of Anti-Retroviral drugs which are to be delivered by October 12, 2009 for its HIV/AIDS program as per the quantities given below. This is a national scale HIV/AIDS Prevention program in collaboration with National AIDS/STD Programme funded by The Global Fund.

Product	Strength	Pack size	Quantity (in bottle)
AZT/3TC/NVP	FDC	60 tab/pack	1492
AZT/3TC	FDC	60 tab/pack	1825
Efavirenz	600 mg	30 tab/pack	2434
Lamivudine	150 mg	60 tab/pack	34
Zidovudine	300 mg	60 tab/pack	32
Nevirapine	200 mg	60 tab/pack	8
Lamivudine/ Stavudine	150 mg / 30mg	60 tab/pack	609
Stavudine	30 mg	60 tab/pack	10
Lamivudine oral solution	10mg/ml	100ml/pack	1825
Nevirapine oral solution	10mg/ml	100ml/pack	1825
Zidovudine oral solution	10mg/ml	100ml/pack	1825

Interested manufacturers/suppliers are requested to send their quotation, C&F Price, Zia International Airport, Bangladesh in US dollar or BDT (for local agents only) for each item in sealed envelop with the following supporting documents.

- Organizational Profile
- Valid Trade License and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certification from National Drug Regulatory Authority (NDRA)
- TIN & VAT Registration Certificate
- Credential and Certification of WHO Prequalification/Registration with International Conference on Harmonization (ICH)
- Authorization certificate as local agent/permission to sale product in Bangladesh etc.

The quotations should be addressed to Manager, Supply Chain, Save the Children-USA, House No. 1A (2), Road No. 91, Gulshan-2, Dhaka -1212. The quotation submitting date is on or before August 20, 2009 between 08:30 am to 2:30 pm. Tender will be opened on August 20, 2009 at 3:30 pm on the presence of the bidder(s) (if any).

Interested manufacturers/suppliers are requested to visit www.bdnasp.net for detail information. Save the Children management reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation and increase/decrease quantity requirements of the item without assigning any reason whatsoever. Please write "Quotation for ARV Drugs" at the top of the envelope.

Dhaka City Corporation				
Computer Cell, Level-11 Nagor Bhaban, Dhaka www.dhaka.gov.org				
Invitation for Tender				
1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Rural Development & Cooperatives/Local Govt Division.			
2. Agency	Dhaka City Corporation.			
3. Procuring entity name	System Analyst, Computer Cell.			
4. Procuring entity code	None.			
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6. Invitation for	Supply of Computer, Printer, UPS in DCC.			
7. Invitation ref. no.	Comp/842/08/09.			
8. Date	12/08/09.			
KEY INFORMATION				
9. Procuring method	Open tendering method.			
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10. Budget and source of funds	DCC's own fund.			
11. Development partners (if applicable)	None.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	None.			
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	None.			
14. Tender package no.	None.			
15. Tender package name	None.			
16. Tender publication date	On or before 13/08/09.			
17. Tender last selling date	26/08/09.			
18. Tender closing date and time	27/08/09 up to 12:00 hours (noon).			
19. Tender opening date and time	27/08/09 at 2:00pm, tenderers and their representatives are allowed to attend.			
20. Tender validity time	120 days.			
21. Name & address of the office(s)	Computer Cell, Level-11, Nagor Bhaban, Dhaka City Corporation.			
- Selling tender document (principal)	Accounts (bill Income & Expenditure, Account Section, Nagor Bhaban, Dhaka City Corporation.			
- Selling tender document (others)	Computer Cell, Level-11, Nagor Bhaban, Dhaka City Corporation.			
- Receiving tender document	Computer Cell, Dhaka-1000.			
- Opening tender document	Computer Cell, Dhaka-1000.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22. Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: a) The provision laid down in the "Public Procurement Regulations-2008" must have in strict compliance. b) The bidder must submit attested up-to-date income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate, trade license & bank statement of last six months. c) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of overall experience supply of goods in the tender.			
23. Brief description of goods or works	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in Taka (non-refundable)	Tender security amount in Taka (five thousand only non-refundable, payable in DCC's Current Account No-10-30-1 Sonali Bank, Nagor Bhaban Branch, Dhaka)
Supply of Computer, Printer, UPS in DCC	Dhaka City Corporation		500/- (five hundred) only non-refundable, payable in DCC's Current Account No-10-30-1 Sonali Bank, Nagor Bhaban Branch, Dhaka	5,800 (five thousand eight hundred)
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
24. Name of official inviting tender	Omer Al Sayeed Mohammed			
25. Designation of official inviting tender	System Analyst, Computer Cell, DCC.			
26. Address of official inviting tender	System Analyst, Computer Cell, Nagor Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.			
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without mentioning the reason and is not bound to accept the lowest tender.				
28. Special terms & conditions	Described in the TOR.			
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System Analyst Computer Cell Dhaka City Corporation				