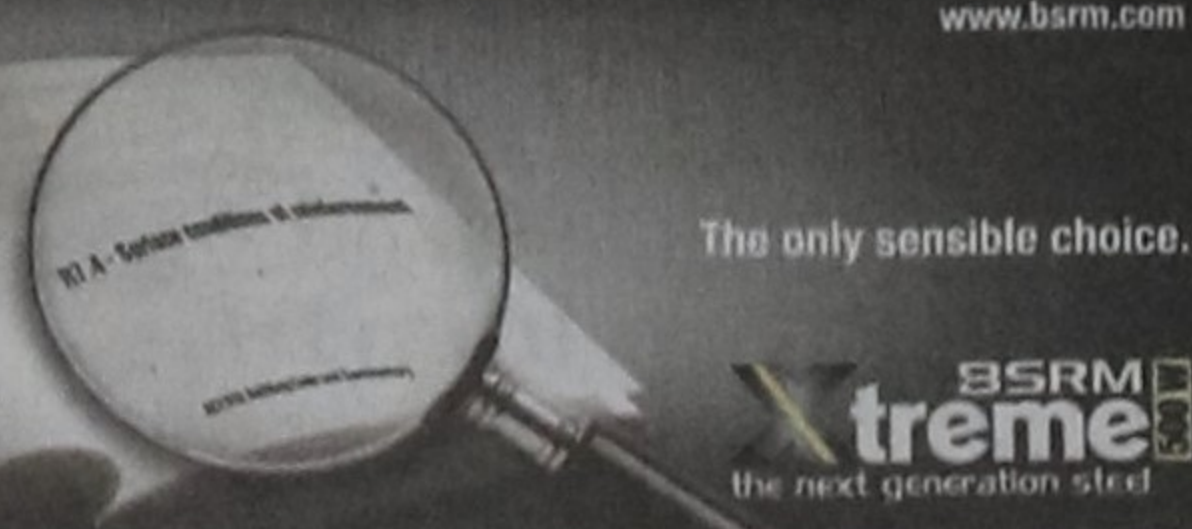


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Hundred days' probe gets job well done

Complainant feels shame will go only after execution of verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both the complainant and investigation officer (IO) of the Bangabandhu murder case are eager to see the earliest execution of the killers of Bangabandhu and want the government to bring back the six absconding killers as quickly as possible to ensure their punishment.

Complainant of the Bangabandhu murder case AFM Mohitul Islam says the verdict has reflected his expectation. "I believe the way I am delighted by the verdict the rest of the country feels the same," he told The Daily Star at the Supreme Court premises soon after the verdict was delivered.



AFM Mohitul Islam

"The verdict has partially wiped away the shame brought upon the whole nation through the killing of Bangabandhu in 1975. It will be completely gone on the day this verdict is executed," he said.

"I now expect that this verdict will come into effect as soon as possible and the absconding killers would be brought back soon and be meted out punishment," Mohitul pointed out.

IO of the case, Additional Superintendent of Police at the Criminal Investigation Department Abdul Kahar Akand said, "I am satisfied with this verdict. My hard work in this case has been rewarded."

"It took 100 days for me to investigate this case. It was a very hard task, especially because I had to collect evidence and witnesses after long 21 years of the assassination," he said.

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PHOTO: SHAFIQU ALAM

A person rejoices waving victory sign in a gathering on Bangabandhu Avenue after the historic verdict was announced yesterday.

IFAD grants Tk 280cr for Bangladesh

HASAN JAHID TUSHER, from Rome

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has assured

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Prayer Timing		
November 20		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	6-05	6-40
Juma	1-30	2-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Rule of law prevails

Cross section of people reacts to verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cross section of people yesterday hailed the Supreme Court (SC) verdict on Bangabandhu murder case saying eventually justice has prevailed.

Expressing immediate reactions to the verdict many city dwellers in different public places said the nation was relieved to hear the judgement of the apex court of the country.

The SC yesterday upheld the High Court (HC) verdict that had sentenced 12 retired and dismissed army men to death in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassination case.

Expressing satisfaction over the verdict, many city dwellers demanded immediate

execution of the persons involved in the horrendous crime while some city residents expressed their concern for the possible trouble ahead of execution of the verdict.

Dhaka University Prof Aminul Islam said the verdict has a historic significance. It will help establish the rule of law in the country in future, he said adding, "It is a matter of great relief and satisfaction."

Mannan Talukdar, a businessman involved in garment accessory trade, said, "It is high time the killers got what they deserve. Enough and enough has been talked about the death of a family. Now all should accept the verdict regardless of differences of opinion and ideology."

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Hasina gets Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been chosen for the prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year for her "outstanding contribution to the promotion of democracy and pluralism".

An international jury with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the chair made the decision, the Indira Gandhi

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Lone sacrifice vindicated

Feels Col Jamil's daughter

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

She remained almost unnoticed in a crowd of hundreds of curious people gathered at the Supreme Court yesterday to hear the historic judgement in Bangabandhu murder case.

The woman is a daughter of the lone army officer, Col Jamil Uddin Ahmed, who sacrificed his life trying to save Bangabandhu on the dark night of August 15, 1975.

Jamil was killed at Sobhanbagh while he was on his way to

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Convict Maj Mohiuddin's house set afire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Several hundred locals allegedly set fire to the house of Bangabandhu murder case convict Maj AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed at Galachipa in Patuakhali after the final verdict was delivered yesterday.

Witness said several hundred agitating people, shouting 'Joy Bangla', reached the house at Sher-e-Bangla Road area and made the attack, reducing the housing and its

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Verdict as they view



"Unless culprits and offenders are properly punished, the society can't be free of evils."

-- National Professor Kabir Chowdhury

"The verdict proves people's faith in democracy, but against political killings. The verdict has thwarted the vested quarter's attempts to save Bangabandhu's killers."

-- Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman



"Such a verdict was expected, now the main thrust of the authorities should be ensuring justice for the common people.... There is still a sense of impunity in our socio-political sphere where ordinary people are deprived of justice."

-- Prof Muzafer Ahmad

"The prolonged trial in the High Court is a matter of shame. If any judge felt embarrassed to hear the case or if there was any shortage of judges, such problems could have been solved by appointing judges on an ad hoc basis under the constitution, but in the last six years no such appointment was given."

-- Dr Kamal Hossain

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Attorney general gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam received a letter threatening death yesterday afternoon a few hours after the announcement of the verdict in Bangabandhu murder case.

He received the letter containing a piece of white cloth (alluding to a shroud) with a chit at his office around 3:30pm from Rajshahi.

In the chit, the writer threatened to kill Mahbubey Alam and other prosecution lawyers in the Bangabandhu murder case by November 22 if the verdict was pronounced on November 19.

In the chit the writer using the name of a lawyer at Rajshahi court as sender asked AG to refrain the justices from delivering the verdict or to acquit the accused for avoiding the threat.

The letter was sent on November 17. The writer claimed to be a leader of an unknown Islamist organisation "Jamia Islamia Al-hulhulia Bangladesh," police said.

Kabir Ahmed, office assistant of Mahbubey Alam, filed a general diary with Shahbagh Police Station yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge of Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim confirmed the incident.

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19 killed in Pak court bombing

4 militants die in US missile strikes

AP, AFP, Peshawar

A suicide bomber killed 19 people yesterday outside a courthouse in northwestern Pakistan, the latest attack in an onslaught by Islamist militants fighting back against an army offensive in the nearby Afghan border region.

The bombing was the seventh attack in less than two weeks in and around Peshawar, the largest city in the northwest. The attacks have killed more than 80 people.

The bomber, who arrived in a taxi, was being searched by police officers at the gate of the city's lower court when he detonated explosives on his body, government official Sahibzada Anees said.

Several damaged motorbikes were strewn about the site, and firefighters sprayed water on a charred, smoking white car.

Dr Saib Gul of the city's Lady Reading Hospital said 19 people were killed in the attack and 51 had been wounded. At least three

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OnlinePoll

Do you think the annual corruption perception index released by the Transparency International truly reflects the picture of lesser corruption in the country?

Yes (34.1%) No (63.1%)

No Comments (2.8%)

Total votes: 1207

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government should now put an all-out effort to bring the fugitive killers back following the final verdict on the Bangabandhu assassination case?

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