

## Try war criminals to ensure nat'l security

Speakers tell seminar

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday said the war criminals of 1971 have to be brought to book immediately in order to ensure security of the country and its people.

The culprits, who had committed crimes against humanity and genocide during the liberation war, also made different attacks, including grenade attacks at Bangabandhu Avenue in 2004 and serial bomb blasts on court premises in 2005, they added.

If the criminals were not tried immediately, they would be repeating such actions in order to destabilise the government following the execution of five killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Justice Mohammad Ghulam Rabbani said the 1972 constitution has to be restored in order to establish socialism, democracy and secularism in the spirit of the liberation war.

He said this while presiding over the seminar

on 'Trial of war criminals against the present backdrop' organised by Projonmer Chetona at the Central Public Library in the city.

Barrister M Amir-UI Islam said the rule of dictatorship is established when religion is used as an instrument of politics.

Former army chief Lt Gen (ret'd) M Harun-ur Rashid apprehended that when the trial of war criminals will begin, the culprits will commit incidents like Pilkhana carnage to make the government unstable.


He called on the people to boycott the war criminals and their family members socially, politically, economically and culturally.

Projonmer Chetona Convener Golam Nabi Hossain said the war criminals had committed 17 offences of war crimes, 13 offences against the humanity and four offences of genocides during the war.

Journalist Harun Habib and Rasha, popularly known as Bhaskor Rasha, also spoke.




Participants at a roundtable on 'Climate change: The biggest health threat coming our way' jointly organised by The Daily Star and Health 21 at the office of the daily in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)



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