



## Vow to cooperate with govt in war crimes trial

BSS, Dhaka

Writers, intellectuals and political and cultural leaders yesterday pledged to extend all-out cooperation to the government in holding the trial of the war criminals.

They were addressing the inaugural function of a 'Gonochitra' titled 'Juddhyaparadhi- Sampradaik Apashakti Rukhe Darai' organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote at the central Shaheed Minar in the city demanding trial of the war criminals.

Writer and journalist Faiz Ahmed, General Secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Mujahidul Islam Selim, President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Hasanul Haque Inu, General Secretary of BSD Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan, former general secretary of Workers Party of Bangladesh Bimal Biswas and cultural personality Ramendu Majumder spoke at the function.

Organising Secretary Hasan Arif moderated the function with Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yusuf in the chair.

Faiz Ahmed urged all political and socio-cultural organisations to demand trial of war criminals. "We have to work together for completing trial of war criminals properly," he added. Mujahidul Islam Selim said there is no place for war criminals on the soil of Bangladesh. The people of the country had played a vital role in War of Liberation in 1971, he said, adding that they also should come forward to try the war criminals.

Nasiruddin Yusuf said the cultural activists are active workers of all socio-political struggles of the country. This 'Gonochitra' will create a mass awareness across the country for demanding trial of war criminals, he added.

Inu called for continuous movement in the country until trial of war criminals is completed.

Four noted artists Shishir Bhattachariya, Nisar Hossain, Sheikh Afsal and Md Maniruzzaman painted the 160-foot long 'Gonochitra' to create mass awareness demanding trial of war criminals.

The 'Gonochitra Abhijatra' started from the Central Shaheed Minar and it paraded Palashi, Nilkhet, Science Laboratory, Satmasjid Road, Asad Gate, Mirpur Bangla College, Farmgate and Rampura Natun Bazar. It ended at the central Shaheed Minar.

Hasan Arif said the Gonochitra will be projected across the country, including Dhaka city, from Pahela Baishakh.

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A 'Gonochitra' titled 'Juddhyaparadhi- Sampradaik Apashakti Rukhe Darai' organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote was inaugurated at the central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

## Anti-liberation forces out to foil war crimes trial

Says state minister

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All the financial institutions of the anti-liberation forces should be brought under the control of the government so that they cannot use funds from the institutions to foil the trial of war criminals, State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam said yesterday.

The war criminals are wealthy and they might use a huge amount of money from their institutions such as Ibn Sina and Islami Bank to foil the trial, he said at a discussion on 'Com-

bating terrorism and militants: Regional cooperation in maintaining peace' organised by the World Peace and Human Rights Movement Bangladesh at the National Press Club.

The state minister said the anti-liberation forces are hatching conspiracies in order to make the country unstable in order to foil the trial of war criminals.

"The anti-liberation forces started hatching conspiracies after the process of the trial of war criminals began. They may launch terrible attacks to foil

it," he said.

He also said that restoring the constitution of 1972 would pave the way for establishing a non-communal democratic country.

He blamed the previous BNP-Jamaat government for nurturing terrorism and militancy in the country during its tenure.

Speaking at the seminar, lawmaker Hasanul Haque Inu, also the president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, urged all pro-liberation forces to maintain unity to try war criminals

successfully.

He also demanded a ban on the religion-based politics in the country.

Emphasising regional cooperation in combating terrorism and militancy, Inu suggested forming a network among the South Asian countries to this end.

Organisation president Jamal Uddin Sabuj presided over the seminar while its general secretary Phanindra Sarkar, adviser Rokon Uddin Ahmed and columnist Tarapada Acharya also spoke.



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State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam speaks at a discussion at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.



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Local residents wait in a queue at Kazipara in the city's Mirpur area to collect water from a water trailer yesterday. The army men arranged the distribution of water as city dwellers have been suffering from acute water crisis.

## 'Peace Committee formed on Apr 10 in '71 to resist birth of Bangladesh'

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A 'Peace Committee' was formed on April 10 in 1971 led by the then president of East Pakistan Council Muslim League Khwaja Khairuddin to save Pakistan and to resist the emergence of Bangladesh.

Khaja Khairuddin, who lost his security deposit in national election in 1970 to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhaka city, became convener of the Peace Committee.

AQM Shafiqul Islam, Moulvi Farid Ahmed, Prof Gholam Azam, Peer Moshin Uddin Dudu Miah, Mahmud Ali, ASM Soliman, Abul

Kashem and Atauul Haque Khan were members of the Committee.

A 140-member central Peace Committee was formed primarily.

Earlier formation of the Peace Committee, a 22-member delegation of political leaders led by Nurul Amin and another delegation led by Hamidul Haque Chowdhury and Prof Gholam Azam met General Tikka Khan, who led the genocide of Bangladesh, on April 5 and 6.

The news was published with photographs in the 'Daily Sangram', the mouthpiece of Jamaat on April 7.

## BCL cadres rob 2 Ctg polytech students

UNB, Chittagong

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) cadres robbed two students of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute after injuring them at Nasirabad in the port city yesterday.

The victims were identified as Rifat Al Faisal, 22, a final year student of Electrical Engineering Department, and Osman Gani, 18, a second year student of Civil Construction Department.

Witnesses said a group of BCL cadres attacked Faisal and Gani with rods and hockey-sticks at about 1:45pm while they were returning to their hostel after saying Juma prayers at a local mosque.

The attackers beat them mercilessly and took away their mobile phone sets and cash money.

The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

## VIOLATION OF SEC 144 4 Barisal Jamaat, Shibir activists arrested

BSS, Barisal

Police yesterday arrested four activists of Jamaat-Shibir as they bought out a procession in the city streets violating Section 144 imposed by Barisal Police Commissioner.

The authorities imposed 144 banning any rally, meeting or gathering on the Barisal Women Club premises to restore law and order.

The arrested activists were Abdus Samad, 55, Saiful Islam 25, Nesaruddin and Rezaul Karim.

Police issued the order as three organisations announced separate meetings on Barisal Women Club premises at the same time.

However, no meeting or gathering was held on the club premises and the situation was normal.

At a press conference at its city office yesterday, District Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Advocate Moazzem Hossain Helal urged the government to act democratically.

The ban on any rally or procession was imposed as Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh Chhatra League and Muktiyoddha Sangsad made separate announcements to hold their programmes at the same time on Barisal Women Club premises.

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