

26/11 MUMBAI ATTACK

'Killing machine' to be sentenced tomorrow

AFP, Mumbai

A Pakistani who is the lone surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai attacks will be sentenced Thursday, the judge in his case said yesterday amid prosecution calls for the "killing machine" to be executed.

Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab's trial in a special prison court in Mumbai heard arguments from the defence and prosecution yesterday over the appropriate penalty and the judge adjourned until Thursday to consider his decision.

Public prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam maintained his vigorous advocacy for the ultimate penalty to be imposed on Kasab, convicted of murder and waging war against India on Monday -- crimes punishable by hanging.

"It would be a mockery of justice if the death penalty is not imposed," Nikam told the court. "He is an agent of the devil himself, a disgrace to society and the entire human race."

Speaking after the adjournment, he told reporters that the former labourer and school dropout was "a killing machine and the factory for the killing machine was in Pakistan."

India believes the atrocity was plotted and executed by the Pakistan-based Islamist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and elements in the Pakistani military and a number of suspects were convicted in absentia on Monday.

Kasab took part in the bloodiest episode of the November 2008 assault which left 166 people dead and more than 300 wounded and led India to suspend peace talks with neighbouring Pakistan.

Dressed again in a long white shirt from his native state of Punjab, he sat with his head bowed but showed little reaction as the court

discussed his sentence yesterday.

Ten gunmen attacked three luxury hotels, the railway station, a popular tourist restaurant and a Jewish centre during a 60-hour siege of the city that began on November 26, 2008.

The trial, which first opened in April last year, has been keenly-watched given the psychological impact of the attacks, which are often compared in India to the September 11, 2001 assault on New York and Washington.

Many Indians, including the families of some of the victims, have long called for Kasab's execution and the clamour grew stronger after his conviction.

"Butcher of Mumbai Guilty" screamed the front page of the Mail Today tabloid, with the news of Kasab's conviction that has dominated media coverage and public debate of the last few days.

"Kasab should be hanged and we should show him no mercy," said Smita Salaskar, the widow of Vijay Salaskar, a police marksman killed as Kasab and an accomplice fled the railway station, scene of the deadliest assault.

However, the imposition of the death penalty could trigger a lengthy and potentially open-ended appeal, observers say.

India has not carried out an execution since 2004 and only two since 1998.

In reaction to the conviction on Monday, defence analyst K. Subrahmanyam echoed a popular sentiment in India that the country had acted maturely and demonstrated its respect for the rule of law by putting Kasab on trial.

"The public trial and provision of legal defence for Kasab enhanced the reputation and credibility of the Indian judicial system," he wrote in The Express newspaper.



A Sri Lankan media activist shouts slogans at a rally protesting against the disappearance of cartoonist and political journalist Pradeep Eknaligoda in Colombo yesterday. It has been 100 days since Pradeep disappeared on the eve of the country's January presidential election. International press freedom and human rights groups say Sri Lanka is one of the world's most dangerous places for journalists to work.

Photo: AFP

NEPAL STRIKE

Food, fuel running short on Day 3

AP, Katmandu, Nepal

Armed police escorted fuel and food trucks into Nepal's capital yesterday on the third day of a crippling general strike called by former Maoist rebels demanding the prime minister's resignation, officials said.

Home Ministry official Jaya Mukunda Khanal said a few trucks loaded with essential goods were brought into the city during the early hours of yesterday. They were escorted by police vehicles on the highways and arrived without incident.

Maoist supporters yesterday vandalised several shops in Katmandu that had defied the strike and opened for business, Khanal said.

In the capital, Katmandu, thousands of Maoist supporters continued to protest on the streets and enforce the general strike. Thousands of police in riot gear also kept close watch.

The opposition Maoists have imposed an indefinite general strike -- banning all travel and preventing businesses and schools from opening under threat of violence -- since Sunday demanding Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal resign and a new Maoist-led government take power.

The strike has shut down most ground transport, schools, and businesses, grinding daily business down to a standstill.

Maoists have allowed food shops to open for two hours in the evening, but stock is running low since the strike forbids trucks from bringing in goods on the highway or to the shops from wholesalers.

The government was also working on a plan to transport people who need to be immediately moved such as those who need medical attention, Khanal said.

The strike comes as Nepal is struggling to draft a new constitution by a May 28 deadline, when the term of the Constituent Assembly -- which is to draft the charter -- expires.

The Maoists and the political parties in power have failed to reach any agreement despite several meetings between their leaders on Sunday and Monday.

City cop found dead

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Dhaka-Tangail Highway, some 50 kilometers off his working place, said our Tangail correspondent.

Police said the body was sent to Tangail General Hospital for autopsy.

In a span of 14 days two Dhaka Metropolitan Police officials were killed.

On April 20, sub-inspector Gautam Roy, also the second officer of Bangshal Police Station, was gunned down at Dholaikhal on way to his residence from the police station.

Constable Mohammad Suruzzaman of Nayatola Outpost said ASI Mizanur returned to the outpost from his foot patrol duty around 4:15am. He went to the wash-room and then left around 4:45am leaving his uniform, service arms and walkie-talkie.

Sub-inspector Enamul Haque, also the in-charge of the outpost, said Mizanur along with two constables -- Zahir and Lal Mian -- went out for foot patrol duty at 10:00pm on Monday and returned to the outpost around 4:15am.

Yesterday around 10:00am a DMP official informed him that Mizanur's body was found at Charpara of Mirzapur in Tangail.

Constable Zahir who accompanied Mizanur said they were on duty on the DIT Road, Malibagh Rail Gate, Mirbagh, Madhubagh and surrounding areas on Monday night.

When they reached in front of Abul Hotel at Malibagh around 4:00am, Mizanur told them that he would have to respond to the call of nature and he immediately left for the outpost, he added.

Deputy Commissioner Krishna Pada Roy of Ramna Zone of DMP said they had formed a one-member investigating committee with Assistant Commissioner Mona Lisa of Ramna Model Police station.

The committee was asked to submit its report as early as possible.

ASI Mizanur had a baby girl just seven days back. He comes from Mirujpur village of Madhupur in Tangail. He lived at his Nakhapara house in the capital.

Meanwhile Adabar police recovered the body of an unidentified man from inside a plastic drum from in front of an inter-district bus counter of AK Travels in Shyamoli area in the city.

The victim appeared to be 50 years old and was wearing white shirt and a pair of black pants.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. DMCH morgue sources said the man was strangled.

Shimul Sarder, a peon of AK Travels, said that he spotted a blue coloured plastic drum capped with steel plate around 10pm Monday on one side of the counter.

As passengers left the counter at 12 o' clock at night and the drum was still there one of the employees of the bus counter opened it around 12:30am and found the body. They informed the police of the matter immediately.

Adabar Police Station Sub-inspector Sagir Uddin said counter manager Ibrahim filed a murder case with the police

station yesterday.

Counter sources said as no bus entered the counter after 10pm Monday it was believed that the drum was not unloaded from any bus. Someone might have left it there.

In another incident police rescued a wounded man aged about 22 years from Uttar Shahjahanpur at 5:00am yesterday.

Police took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at 7:00am. The victim was wearing a pair of khaki pants.

Motijheel Police Station Officer-in-charge (OC) Tofazzal Hossain quoting local people said unidentified miscreants brought the body by a rickshaw and quickly fled the scene after dumping him there.

The OC suspects that the victim might have been a security guard or a member of community police. Miscreants might have killed him in a bid to destroy evidence of their crime, he said.

A post mortem on the body was carried out at DMCH morgue. Morgue sources said the youth was beaten to death.

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