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War crimes suspects cannot go abroad

List of 40 sent to immigration offices at airports, land ports

KAILASH SARKAR and MOHSIN MILON

The government has recently sent a list and photographs of 40 war crimes suspects to immigration offices across the country to prevent them from leaving the country.

The photographs of the suspects, including former Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Golam Azam and its detained chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, have been put on display at immigration offices at the international airports in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet and also those in border areas, immigration officials said.

Of the suspects, 38 are Jamaat and two are BNP leaders. They are suspected of committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

The government has already formed a spe-

cial tribunal to hold the trial of war criminals. Home Minister Sahara Khatun last night said the government had imposed a ban on the exit of the suspects from the country and sent their names and photographs to immigration offices.

She however did not say whether the suspects would be arrested soon or not.

A senior immigration officer at Dhaka Shahjalal International Airport said, "We have received a list of war crimes suspects and their photographs. The government directed us to prevent them from leaving the country."

Ali Azam, immigration officer-in-charge at Benapole check post, said the land port has been put on alert soon after they received the list of the suspects and their photographs.

Latif Siddiqui's comments draw sharp reaction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqui's Saturday's comments on war crimes trial, media and Chhatra League have drawn the ire of the government high-ups and ruling Awami League ranks.

His remarks about noted lawyer Rafique-ul Huq, who was a counsel for Sheikh Hasina during the last caretaker government rule, have astonished many a ruling party leader.

The issue would be raised at AL central working committee meeting on July 16. Leaders there would demand that the party chief go for punitive measures against the

Telcos can appeal only against fine

JS body revises its recommendations on proposed law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a change of mind, a parliamentary committee yesterday recommended that telecom operators and ICT-based companies should be allowed to appeal against fines, but not against any other action by regulators.

This marks a major shift in the committee's position on a new telecom bill tabled in parliament on June 13.

The parliamentary standing committee on post and telecommunications ministry decided on July 5 to recommend a provision for the telecom operators to file appeals against any action by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

(BTRC) or the government.

The July 5 recommendation had come amid growing concern among sector leaders that they would be defenceless against any charges under the new law.

The bill seeks to amend the Bangladesh Telecommunication Act 2001 with some new provisions. One of the provisions allows punishing telecom operators for wrongdoings without giving them scope for appeal.

The latest change came after the telecom ministry disagreed with the parliamentary committee over its draft report, members of the committee said. The difference of opinion prompted the committee to alter its proposal

BDR MUTINY Special court starts trying 735 accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As a Bangladesh Rifles special court in its Pilkhana headquarters yesterday started trying a record number of 735 accused in a single mutiny, the prosecutor narrated how brutally some of them killed commanding officers, and tortured some other officers and their family members.

Lt Col Md Badrul Alam, prosecutor of the case, told the

OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think BNP's decision Not to stand by its ally Jamaat-e-Islami over several issues will help rebuild BNP's image?

Yes (40.5%)
No (57.6%)
No Comments (1.9%)

Total votes: 739

TODAY'S POLL

What do you think of Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddique's comment that BCL activists should fight the opposition instead of fighting themselves?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Banker robbed of Tk 50 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of muggers snatched Tk 50 lakh from a private bank manager after intercepting him in the capital's Jatrabari yesterday.

Sources said a gang of five bikers, halted the vehicle carrying Mahbub Alam, Narayanganj Sadar branch manager of One Bank Ltd, at around 10:30am on Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

Mahbub said he drew the amount from Jatrabari branch of the bank and was heading to Narayanganj when the muggers attacked him.

The gang shot in the windowpanes of the car and robbed him. They fled the scene before people could come his rescue, said the manager.

However police suspect the manager's statement. They held

Jamaat declares fresh demo for leaders' release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday announced fresh agitation programmes from tomorrow demanding release of its top three and other leaders and activists.

Acting secretary general of the party ATM Azharul Islam announced the series of programmes at a press conference at its central office.

The programmes include rallies and demonstrations across the country from

Tahrir adviser tells of Jamaat link

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Detained adviser of banned Hizb-ut Tahrir Bangladesh Prof Syed Golam Maola yesterday told interrogators that their link with Jamaat-e-Islami was established when the immediate past caretaker government approved the National Women Development Policy in 2008.

Speaking anonymously, a top detective claimed the connection between Jamaat and



Golam Maola

Tahrir was strengthened after the ruling Awami League assumed power.

Quoting Maola, the interrogator from Detective Branch said Jamaat Publicity Secretary Tasneem Alam coordinated their first meeting in 2008 to discuss a joint campaign against the National Women Development Policy.

He added that the most recent meeting was coordinated by Jamaat Assistant

Detained Jamaat-e-Islami Nayebe-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee was shown arrested yesterday in connection with a case for attempt to kill late Prof Humayun Azad in February 2002.

Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hossain passed the order after the Criminal Investigation

Prayer Timing

July 12		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

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