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Khmer Rouge prison chief gets 30yrs for war crimes

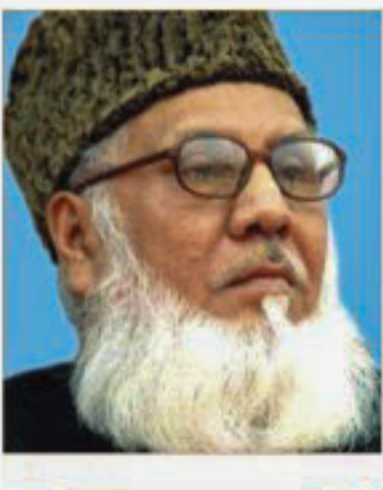
AFP, Phnom Penh
 In a historic first, a UN-backed court yesterday sentenced a Khmer Rouge prison chief to 30 years in jail for crimes against humanity over mass executions during Cambodia's "Killing Fields" era.
 Kaing Guek Eav, better known as Duch, is the first Khmer Rouge cadre to face justice in an international tribunal over the deaths of up to two million people through starvation, overwork and execution under the 1975-1979 regime.
 But to the dismay of survivors and relatives of victims, the court took into account the years he had already served



4 DETAINED JAMAAT LEADERS Arrest order for 1971 genocide

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and ASHUTOSH SARKAR
 The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday issued arrest warrants against already detained four Jamaat-e-Islami leaders on charges of committing genocide and crimes against humanity and peace during the Liberation War.
 "Warrants of arrest should be issued against these four people to ensure effective and proper investigation," Tribunal Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq said allowing the prosecution prayer after submission of Chief Prosecutor Golam Arif Tipu.
 The four Jamaat leaders are Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid and senior assistant secretaries general Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla.
 The tribunal directed to send copies of the arrest warrants to the detainees' addresses and also to their place of detention. A notice was issued to the Dhaka

metropolitan Police commissioner yesterday afternoon from the Tribunal to implement the order.
 The Tribunal also directed to serve a copy of allegations available in the petition of the prosecution to the four Jamaat leaders at the time of execution of arrest warrants and fixed August 2 for submitting the execution report.
 This would be the first ever arrest in the country's history for committing offences under the section 3(2) of the International Crimes Tribunal Act, 1973, which is non-bailable as per the law.
 Offences including war crimes and genocide, and crimes against humanity and peace like murder, abduction, confinement, torture and rape fall under this section of law.
 Yesterday's move was the first proceedings (pre-trial) of the Tribunal set up at old High Court building since its formation on March 25. Additional security measures were taken in and around the court.
 Several lawyers including Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, a number of observers and freedom



Landmark power deal signed with India

250MW to be imported from late 2012
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Bangladesh yesterday signed a 35-year power transmission agreement with India aiming to import 250 megawatt electricity from the neighbour, starting from late 2012.
 Representatives of the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL), and Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) signed the deal at a ceremony in Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka last night in presence of the Bangladesh finance minister, energy adviser to Bangladesh prime minister, and other officials of both countries.
 The agreement keeps the provision for Bangladesh to export power to India in the future, and the transmission system will have the capacity to exchange 500 MW of power soon after the system is launched.
 "This is a small step for Bangladesh and India, but a giant leap for regional cooperation," said Bangladesh Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury.
 The agreement is the result of a memorandum of understanding signed on January 3 this year during Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Delhi.
 Bangladesh Finance Minister AMA Muhith termed the signing as "a dream of regional cooperation coming true", and lauded the fast pace of reaching the agreement. "I hope the pace will continue in implementing the project," he added.

RMG WAGE Final meeting not held as owners' rep absent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The final meeting of the wage board to fix minimum wage for garment workers was postponed yesterday due to absence of the owners' representative.
 The meeting had been rescheduled for 2:00pm today at the board office in the

RMG workers go on rampage

Death of worker sparks clash; 50 hurt
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Agitating workers of a garment factory in Savar yesterday went on the rampage following the death of a fellow worker.
 They vandalised different floors of the factory and clashed with police that injured at least 50 people, police and locals said.
 According to police, Humayun Kabir, 25, quality inspector of Dress World Ltd under Vertex Group in Hemayetpur, died at his residence while the workers alleged that he died inside the factory.
 Around 3,500 workers of the garment factory burst into fierce demonstrations after lunch hour hearing the death news of Humayun, a resident of city's Shonir Bil in Mohammapur.

Jamaat slates warrants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami has criticised and protested issuance of warrants of arrest against its four top leaders who are now detained in jail.
 In a statement yesterday, Jamaat said the issuance of warrants of arrest by the International Crimes Tribunal is "politically motivated as members of the prosecution team are loyal to the government".
 The tribunal starts its

HC ORDER Shut down toxic poultry, fish feed factories

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The High Court yesterday directed the government to shut down for three months those factories and business enterprises at Hazaribagh in the capital which are responsible for use of raw tannery waste as ingredients in producing poultry and fish feed.
 The court also issued a rule upon the government asking it to explain within three weeks why it should not be directed to take effective steps to stop use of tannery waste in poultry and fish feed.
 An HC bench comprised of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain came up with the directives in response to a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).
 The writ was filed following a report headlined "Toxic poultry


Shab-e-Barat tonight

BSS, Dhaka
 Shab-e-Barat, the night of forgiveness and fortune, will be observed across the country tonight with due religious fervour and devotion.
 The devout Muslims would spend the night at mosques and homes offering prayers, reciting from the holy Quran and seeking blessings from Allah for long life, peace,


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