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Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon forms a human chain in front of the National Museum in the city yesterday demanding steps to ensure road safety and stop plying of old vehicles and reckless driving.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

'Decision to issue arrest warrant right'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal's decision to issue warrant of arrest against four Jamaat leaders in connection with 1971 war crimes was right as per the rules of relevant law, said leaders of Antorjatik Aporadh Tribunal Dhaka Sohayak Mancha (AATDSM).

AATDSM is a platform for supporting International Crimes Tribunal Dhaka.

Convener of AATDSM Shahriar Kabir and its member secretary Barrister Tureen Afroz in a statement on Thursday said the tribunal can issue warrant of arrest against anybody for the interest of "effective and proper" investigation into allegations on request of its investigation agency as per Section 9(1) of its (tribunal) Rules of Procedure.

The tribunal has powers to formulate Rules of Procedure as per the Section 22 of International Crimes Tribunal Act 1973, they said.

The tribunal has issued the warrant of arrest against the four leaders of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islam on the basis of Section 9(1) of Rules of Procedure, they said, adding that the use of this section is not depended on framing of charges by the tribunal against any accused.

AATDSM leaders said investigation into the allegations against the four Jamaat leaders is going on, and it is a matter of pre-trial. So, the use of Section 11(5) of International Crimes Tribunal Act, 1973 is not applicable in this regard.

The statement came following a remark made by Advocate Anisul Huq who recently said that the tribunal's decision to issue warrant of arrest against four Jamaat leaders before framing charges against them was not right as per Section 11(5) of the act.

The AATDSM leaders condemned Anisul Huq, chief prosecutor in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman murder case, for his comment.

NURUL ISLAM'S DEATH

Fresh probe demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally demanded a fresh and quick investigation into the fire incident that killed former Ganotantri Party president Nurul Islam, and exemplary punishment to those responsible for it.

They also rejected the government's final probe report on the fire incident at Nurul's house on December 3, 2008, that also killed his son Islam Tamohar.

Dhaka University Class-IV Employees Association organ-

ised the rally at Central Shaheed Minar on Thursday marking Nurul Islam's 68th birth anniversary. Veteran politician Nurul Islam was also the founder president of the association.

The speakers criticised the newspapers saying that they were presenting the "murder" of Nurul Islam as an accident.

"There was no scope for the fire to be originated from an electric short circuit because the fridge identified as a source of fire was out of order and without any connection to

electricity for years," said Sikder Bulu Mia, president of the association.

The speakers hoped that the government would soon launch a fresh probe as the prime minister herself alleged that "the incident was nothing but a planned murder."

Dhaka University (DU) Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Treasurer Mizanur Rahman, Nurul Islam's wife Rubi Rahman, MP, and Ganotantri Party General Secretary Mahmudur Rahman Babu spoke at the rally.

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