## NEWS

## Children toil

Lalbagh, Azimpur, Jurain and

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Syedabad areas there are about 2,000 moulding workshops employing over 4,000 children under the age of 13. Their weekly wages range from Tk 200 to 500. These factories supply bulk of the country's demand for bathroom fittings, toilet accessories, hardware, electric appliances and vehicle parts.

Inside the factory, in the sweltering heat the toxic smoke and soot rising from the furnace envelop Nayeem. As he toils through the day perspiring and coughing, Nayeem visibly shows signs of fatigue and breathlessness.

"When it hurts at night, my mother tightly wraps the part of my body with a piece of cloth," said Nayeem. "My mind tells me to go home and rest. But I can't. I work with pain," says Nayeem, in a dirty T-shirt and worn out trousers. "I feel very tired." Nayeem showed infection developing around his navel and signs of burn on his elbows and abdo-

Naveem's childhood, away from school, playground and a proper living, looks doomed. He is the younger of two children of a family renting a shack in a slum nearby. Naveem refuses to take this correspondent to his house. His father Chan Mia is an angry man, a wellknown loafer of the area who azes around and counts the weekly wages of his two sons.

"I have to hand over all my income to my father. He only gives me Tk 10 a week and provides for my food and lodging," says Nayeem.

Mantu complains of repeated jaundice, cold, fever and decaying of spinal cord. 'Nayeem's future in this profession depends on himself. Some can make it well till the end and some can't," said Mantu taking a look at Nayeem who mimics the same gestures Mantu made about 30 years ago.

Tajmeri SA Islam, chairperson of the chemistry department at Dhaka University, says it is highly probable that a layer of particulates from the atmosphere inside the factory is getting lodged into Nayeem's

"This can dangerously expose the child to lung cancer and also accelerate his ageing metabolism by the time he steps into 40," Tajmeri adds.

Chemist Prof Nilufar Nahar of Dhaka University says it is possible that the metals, which are getting molten, are contaminated with lead and mercury. "The extreme heat in the process of melting would then release ead and mercury particulates, which would definitely damage anyone's kidneys and fill lungs' pores, causing severe respiratory

problem," Nahar says.

In this hazardous environment, a child has to work for 14 hours a day, handling up to 100kg of brass, an alloy of zinc and copper.

"The high temperature inside the workshop is set to hamper oxygen intake and expose the workers to severe health hazards," says Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, an associate professor at Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital.

Professor ARM Luthful Kabir, director of Institute of Child and Mother Health, says, "Long hours in such environment will cause dehydration, high blood pressure, osteoporosis -- a disease in which bone gets decayed-and respiratory diseases including pneumoconiosis creep in."

This year the government formulated the National Child Policy, 2010 that bans employment of children under the age of 14 in any institutions. It also bans employing children under the age of 18 in any hazardous

By "hazardous job" it means working more than 43 hours a week, which is considered detrimental to a child's physical and mental

Bangladesh Labour Law, 2006 in its section-34 bans employment of children under the age of 14 in any profession or institution. Section-35 of the law also bars parents from engaging children in any employment. Punishment for the viola-

tion of the code is a fine of Tk 5,000 for the employers and Tk 1,000 for the parents.

Similarly, the Employment of Children Act, 1938, and the Factories Act, 1965, state that none under the age of 15 and 14 respectively can be appointed in any institution. Bangladesh also ratified

United Nations conventions on the Rights of the Child, 1989 and the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 that bans employment of children under 14 in any institution and children of 18 in hazard-

'If the government strictly bans child labour, hundreds of families will live unfed as many are dependent on their children," said Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Children Begum Badrunnahar.

"Under our socioeconomic condition the government has to think cautiously about child labour, and we are working on the issue," she added.

Nonetheless, the povertyridden children will not have an escape from the vicious cycle of getting employed in the increasing number of moulding factories. Once someone acquires a cash capital of about Tk 1 lakh, he may establish a new factory which employs at least two children at the beginning.

immediate aftermath of the

When asked why police did

not record a murder case that

Rina was trying to file, the

commissioner said no murder

case can be recorded before an

investigation of a relevant

Five days into the incident,

On September 2, police

unnatural death case is over.

## Cops question

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When asked why police did incident, said the commisnot arrest Shaon, although the victim's wife implicated him in the killing, the DMP chief said police do not arrest any one without investigating culpability.

He made the comments at a media briefing in his office following a monthly DMP conference on crimes.

Ibrahim's brother Masum Meanwhile, Rina told The Ahmed filed a murder case with a Dhaka court accusing Daily Star yesterday that the Shaon, Kala, and 15 others. commissioner was out of

bounds in his comments.

while the two had been strug-

gling over possession of the

Rina earlier alleged that

the investigators forced Kala

to confess to killing her hus-

band, just to let Shaon off the

Shaon told reporters ear-

lier that he instructed Kala to

file an unnatural death case

in connection with the death.

Kala also made a similar

Replying to a question as

to why police are not filing a

case against Shaon on charge

of attempting to derail the

case by instructing Kala to file

an unnatural death case, the

DMP chief yesterday said the

lawmaker was not present at

the scene of the crime, so he is

death case with Sher-e-

Bangla Nagar Police Station

as Ibrahim's family members

were not willing to come

forward to file any case in the

Kala filed the unnatural

statement.

not culpable.

filed a murder case after She said it is incumbent being instructed by the court. upon her as the widow of the victim to fight for justice, and she has the legal right as well.

sioner.

The commissioner, at yesterday's briefing, said if someone is killed by a Shaon's chauffeur Kamal licensed gun that does not Hossain Kala already conmean the owner of the fessed to shooting Ibrahim

weapon is guilty of murder.

When reporters asked why there was no fingerprint found on the gun, he said Kala kept the pistol in his pocket after the incident, which resulted in erasing of fingerprints.

The DMP chief avoided responding to a question as to why Shaon's men did not take wounded Ibrahim to nearby Suhrawardi Hospital instead of Sumona Clinic in Old Dhaka and then to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

He also declined to disclose the details of the findings of Shaon's interrogation by the Detective Branch.

## Criminals kill

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areas for interrogation following the incident.

The victim's body was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Duke

FROM PAGE 1 him to jail after a four-day remand by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the case.

Earlier on August 26, the CID arrested Duke for his alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue six years ago. The attack killed 24 Awami League leaders and workers.

Former naval officer Duke, who was also the personal secretary to former premier Khaleda Zia, allegedly helped militant leader Moulana Mohammad Tajuddin, who supplied the explosives.

#### Special body FROM PAGE 1

ready to sit with the special committee. The meeting is likely to be held when she returns home on September 29 after attending a UN session, the sources added. Asked about it, Chief Whip

Abdus Shahid, who was present at the BAC's meeting, said the special committee sought to meet the prime minister for talks on constitution amend-Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury

and Suranjit Sengupta, chair and co-chair of the special committee, and some of its members are also members of the BAC.

Meanwhile, the special committee will hold three meetings on September 19 to 21. The September 19 meeting will be held in camera as some critical and sensitive political issues relating to constitutional amendment are likely to be discussed.

The committee however might not be able place its amendment proposals in the upcoming parliament session that will be a brief one.

The session begins on September 20 and will continue till October 5, according to the BAC decision. The House sitting will begin at 5:15 pm every day except on Fridays and Saturdays. A total of 15 bills including

five new ones are likely to be passed in the session.

On the ruling alliance's move to bring the BNP-led opposition back to parliament, Shahid said he visited the office of Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farrouque yester-

"Through him, I requested the opposition lawmakers to return to parliament and raise their demands," Shahid added.

## Derailment

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withdrawn at about 11:30am. The agitators withdrew the barricade and freed the tracks after Officer-in-charge Zahirul Islam of Kosba Police Station assured them to meet their demands by negotiating with the railway authorities.

Meanwhile, rail communication on the Dhaka-Jamalpur route remained severed for nearly five hours yesterday morning after a compartment of a passenger train derailed at Piyarpur in Mymensingh.

Railway sources said a compartment of the Jamalpur-bound Bhawa Express from Dhaka veered off the tracks at about 7:30am, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

The rail link was restored after a rescue train from Mymensingh rushed to the spot at about 12:00pm to carry out the salvage operation.

No casualties were reported.

## Sayedee

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In the case statement. Masuma said Sayedee, also a former Jamaat lawmaker, evaded Tk 56,45,812 in income tax on Tk 2,27,40,120 earned from different sources. He repeatedly provided false information about his income and expenditure, the state-

ment said. Sayedee was arrested on June 29 this year in a case filed for hurting religious sentiment of Muslims. Later, he was shown arrested in a number of criminal cases including three for allegedly killing people during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

Meanwhile, the same court yesterday again directed officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi police station for execution of the arrest warrant issued earlier against Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali in a tax evasion case.

NBR Tax Commissioner Moniruzzaman filed the case against Kashem on August 19 for dodging income tax amounting to Tk 11.27 lakh in the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The statement of the case against Kashem says that he evaded Tk 11,28,235 in income tax on Tk 34,85,866 earned through Keari Limited as its chairman and director. It also states that Kashem repeatedly misinformed NBR about his actual income.

## UNGA speech

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Briefing reporters on the PM's visit, Dipu Moni yesterday said Hasina will also project Bangladesh's position on terrorism and militancy, the Palestine issue and its commitment to the free movement of labour.

On the sidelines of the UNGA, the premier will attend a high-level plenary meeting on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on September 20. The first roundtable on 'addressing challenge of poverty, hunger and gender equality' will begin on September 20.

There will be six MDG roundtables from September 20-22, and the PM will preside over one session where she will underline the issues of poverty alleviation, food security and empowerment of women.

Bangladesh has already attained the target of eliminating gender disparity in primary and secondary school enrolment under MDG3 and is set to achieve the targeted two-third reduction in infant and child mortality rates under MDG 4.

The country has also increased net primary school enrolment from 61 percent in 1990 to 92 percent in 2008 and expects to meet MDG 2, which is to do with education, by

On September 21, Hasina will attend the heads of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) breakfast meeting on MDGs, where Nepal will chair the session. She will emphasise trade and duty-free access and international support for the LDCs to reach the MDGs tar-

Bangladesh will sponsor the Saarc heads of governments meeting on 'Climate vulnerability and its impact on MDGs'. The PM is expected to chair the meeting.

She will also attend receptions to be hosted by US

## Mutiny trial

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The February 25-26 mutiny last year killed at least 74 people including 57 army officers. The mutiny erupted at the force's Pilkhana headquarters and spread out at its other divisional headquarters across the country.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) is passing through a critical time since then, the BDR chief observed.

He was speaking after inaugurating a Border Sentry Post at Khanpur border under Dinajpur sadar upazila.

President Barack Obama and UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon.

Asked if there is any possibility of the PM's meeting with Obama, Dipu Moni said there is no fixed meeting as such, but like last year, she may have interactions with Obama at different meetings on the sidelines of the UNGA.

About any bilateral meetings with any country as happened in the past, she said no such meetings have been confirmed as yet; they will be worked out in New York. On her way to New York

Hasina will have a stopover in Brussels. Asked if there will be any meeting with EU leaders in Brussels, the foreign minister ruled out the possibility, pointing out that the stopover will be on a weekend.

The PM will leave New York for Dhaka on September 28.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Planning Minister Air Vice-Marshall (retd) AK Khandaker, Health Minister AFM Ruhal Haque and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni will be part of the highpowered delegation.

#### BNP may back FROM PAGE 1

Zainul Abdin Farroque at the parliament media centre.

Salauddin Quader, who is a standing committee member of BNP, said, "A few sensitive issues have been created, and we think the party stance on these should be put on record. Keeping this in view, we will go to parliament."

He mentioned that the BNP parliamentary party has not taken any decision to boycott the House. Replying to a question, the

opposition leader said, "BNP will not go for a movement in a traditional way. It will start a movement from every place including parliament," he said. Party chief Khaleda Zia is

now focusing on a strategic, broad-based and timely movement." Meanwhile, Khaleda was

present in the House for five days and her party lawmakers were present for 43 days out of 158 days of five sessions of the present parliament. During Ramadan, she

announced repeatedly that an anti-governemnt movement will be announced after the Eid.

Party insiders said she is now considering a return to the House as party lawmakers think it is tough to mobilise public opinion for a movement without active participation in parliament session.

## 6 Bangabandhu killers

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for bringing back the convicted killers of the father of the nation.

According to the constitutional provision, the tenure of the current government ends in January 2014.

The law minister said there has been "some progress" in bringing the killers back. The government will do everything necessary in this regard,

he added. Shafique, however, would not elaborate further on the issue for what he called were strategic reasons. He also did not disclose the outcome of the meeting with the

taskforce. Presided over by himself, the meeting was attended by Home Minister Shahara

Khatun, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam, Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandaker, secretaries to the ministries of law, home and foreign affairs and Additional Attorney General MK Rahman.

Earlier on January 27 this year, five convicts -- Syed Farooq Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan Mohiuddin Ahmed, Bazlul Huda and AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed -- were executed following the Supreme Court

The apex court found these convicts guilty of killing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members on August 15 1975, to capture state power.

## 3 outlaws killed

FROM PAGE 16 scene, the OC said. Two police constables were also injured during the incident, reported our Kushtia correspondent.

After the gunfight, police recovered two rifles, one revolver, eight bombs and 19 bullets from the spot. Mannan was accused in six

cases including five for murders while Mohammad Ali in five cases including four for murders, police sources said. The cases were filed with Kushtia sadar and Islamic University police stations.

With yesterday's case, a total of 10 shootouts took place in Kushtia in the last eight and a half months since January 1, and 11 alleged criminals died in the incidents while the figure was 42 last

Meanwhile, Khushbu was shot dead in a gunbattle between his gang members and a team of Rab-7 in Chittagong.

Mirersharai upazila of Mostafizur Rahman, senior assistant superintendent of police (ASP), said a gang was holding a meeting in Domkhali cross-dam area. As

the Rab team reached there

members opened fire at the elite force members. Khushbu came in the line of fire when the Rab personnel retaliated and died on the spot while the other gang members fled the Khushbu was an accused in three murders and 16 other

cases, the ASP said.

around 1:30am, the gang

A light gun (LG), a singlebarrel gun, two rounds of cartridges, two lethal weapons were recovered from the spot. With the incident, seven

shootouts took place in Chittagong in the last eightand-a half-month period and seven criminals were killed. Senior Assistant Director of

Sohrab in 2000.

added.

Rab-7 Captain Tamzid Abdur RAJSHAHI: Some 150 fami-Rahman said Khusbu was an accused in several cases including a case for a gang rape in Sandwip in 1996, a robbery at the house of union parishad chairman Sufian of of the Padma rose. Kalapania union the same year and the murder of Sandwip Jubo League leader

Khusbu was also accused in a triple murder case filed with Companyganj Police Sirajganj, Bogra, Khulna, Barisal, Kurigram and Rajshahi Station in Noakhali in 2007, he contributed to the report.

#### Freed American stays out of spotlight FROM PAGE 16

AP, Muscat

in Oman

American Sarah Shourd stayed out of the spotlight for a second day yesterday, resting privately in Oman's sunny seaside capital after more than 13 months in an Iranian It is unclear how long the

32-year-old plans to stay in

Oman. The Gulf Arab sultan-

ate played a key role in secur-

ing her release by acting as intermediary and handling the details of her \$500,000 bail. Since arriving at a royal airfield aboard a private jet here late Tuesday, Shourd has had a medical checkup and spoke briefly by phone with the mothers of two other Americans -- Shane Bauer and

Josh Fattal -- also detained

along Iraq's border with Iran

last year. The U.S. Embassy in Muscat said yesterday it has been told by Shourd's family that she would not be speaking to the media in Oman except for a statement she plans to make immediately before leaving the country.

The mothers of the other jailed Americans -- Laura Fattal and Cindy Hickey, Bauer's mother -- said Wednesday they were encouraged by Shourd's release and hope their sons will be freed soon as well. They spoke with Shourd by phone for a few minutes Wednesday after-

## 3 lakh marooned

Daily Star that water began to

recede quickly from the affected The affected districts are Jamalpur, Rangpur, Kurigram,

Sirajganj, Sherpur, Bogra, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Faridpur, Tangail and Rajbari. Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) officials said flood situation in most of the districts will improve today while it will probably

Moulvibazar. FFWC Executive Engineer Amirul Hosain said the water level of the Padma and Jamuna rivers would decrease in the next one or two days, but slightly rise in Meghna.

A bulletin of FFWC yesterday

deteriorate in Sylhet and

said that out of 73 point measured, water is flowing above the danger level at 11 points while water level is rising toward the alarming level at 34 points. The Jamuna was flowing 47 cm above the danger level at

Sirajganj point and the Padma 70cm and 62cm above that level at Bhagyakul and Goalundo points, said the bulletin. SIRAJGANJ: flood induced different types of water-borne diseases in the affected areas of

the district due to shortage of drinkingwater. Over 76,000 people of five upazilas got affected by the flood while over 10,000 resi-

dences were damaged. District relief and rehabilitation office yesterday distributed Tk 3 lakhs and 132 tonnes of rice among the people.

of Sonatala, Sariakandi and Dhunat upazilas have been left marooned due to flood. River erosion at Sariakandi

upazila has increased the suf-

BOGRA: Over 70,000 people

ferings of people. KHULNA: flood inflicted sufferings on at least 6,000 families in 13 villages of Sutarkhali and Kamarkhola unions under Dakop upazila because of the collapse of two newly constructed ring embankments Wednesday

The family members are facing lack of drinking water.

afternoon.

Sheikh Abul Hossain, chairman of Dakop upazila parishad, said the upazila administration is taking necessary steps to provide drinking water.

BARISAL: Over 1000 betel

leaf gardens, fish-enclosure and

farmlands in Gouranadi upazila

were inundated yesterday due

to heavy rain and the inrush of KURIGRAM: A total of 3,400 hectares of land of transplanted Aman paddy went under water after the town protection embankment at Rajibpur

upazila broke down yesterday. According to the union parishad chairmen and administration sources, about 30,000 people of three upazilas have been affected by flood.

lies have been left stranded at Panchaboti and Talaimari near the town protection embankment in Rajshahi city for the last three weeks after the water level AWater Development Board

official, however, said the situation is improving as water started receding and the town protection embankment is safe. Our correspondents from

the senior leaders is likely be more complicated and politically sensitive because some current Cambodian leaders

## Cold shoulder

Many meat lovers in the capital are avoiding their favourite foodstuff in fear of getting infected.

Number of cattle coming to the city has dropped sharply. Many butchers have hung 'no meats available' signs in front of their shops while others have barely managed to sell their stock.

A seasoned butcher from Moghbazar said he used to slaughter eight to ten cows on the night before Eid-ul-Fitr every year.

"I could not slaughter a single cow this year because there were no buyers," he added.

which usually bustle with cows and goats, were also seen literally void of them. This correspondent found only one or two cows mooing in tents where over 150 cows are usually lined up for sale. The Gabtoli cattle haat

yesterday had very few cattle as compared to its usual stock. Traders told The Daily Star that most of the cows were taken back after Eid, which remained unsold for several They appealed to the

authorities to bring the situation under control before the Eid-ul-Azha as their livelihood depends on the sale of these cattle. The few buyers who are purchasing the cattle still refuse to take those home

without examination. The

market authorities have

brought a veterinary surgeon

from Savar recently to make

sure the cattle are being exam-According to Bidhan Chandra Das, assistant director (health and administration) of Department of Livestock, about 34 cattle have died of anthrax so far. Another

#### Govt to reactivate FROM PAGE 16

shortage worldwide that resulted in sharp rise of food prices, the then caretaker government decided to reactivate the anti-hoarding act, but the move eventually died down.

has revived the initiative considering the volatility of food prices in the recent times. According to the East Bengal (Food Stuff) Price

Control and Anti-Hoarding

Order 1953, importers could

The present government

hoard highest 20,000 tonnes of rice or wheat for 120 days. The food ministry proposed that the time is reduced

to 90 days. The order allowed wholesalers to stockpile highest 5,000 tonnes of wheat or rice Monitoring Cell of Bangladesh for 45 days. The food ministry proposed the amount to be 2,000 tonnes for 45 days,

At retailers' level, the order says, 50 tonnes of rice or wheat could be stockpiled for 30 days.

meeting sources said.

Participants at the meeting, however, said the ways to implement the anti-hoarding law should be given due importance before reactivating it, a food ministry official

67 infected cows have been slaughtered, he added. Das described the current

outbreak as the biggest in the country's history. Health officials are on high alert for the infection that has

been confirmed in ten districts so far. Vaccines have already been sent to all the affected districts. IEDCR director Mahmudur

are not anthrax as many panicky people are dubbing regular infections or skin abnormalities as anthrax infections. "Those cannot be con-

firmed as anthrax infections until comprehensive examination are done," he said. City's major cattle markets, Photographs of the victims

and their infected parts are scanned and sent to the IEDCR along with their medical reports, which are examined to confirm a diagnosis, he "Almost 95 percent of

confirmed infections have already been cured and the rest are under treatment," said Mahmudur. Anthrax is a potentially lethal bacterium that exists naturally in the soil and com-

monly infects livestock, which ingest or inhale its spores while grazing. It can be transmitted to humans who handle or eat infected animals.

#### Mother, daughter FROM PAGE 1 Jahura's husband Abu Bakar

Siddique, a scrap material trader, told The Daily Star his wife took their daughter for a stroll in Baridhara Park. He said his daughter wanted to go out in her new Eid clothes and since her mother was unable to take her out during Eid holidays she took her to the park yesterday.

He said they fateful accident happened on their way back home. The family resided in Naya

Nagar of Badda. Gulshan Police Station chief Kamal Uddin said they seized the bus and arrested

driver Mojnu, 21. Assistant Sub-Inspector Golam Rabbani of the police station told The Daily Star that around 5:55pm the bus was speeding and the driver saw the mother and daughter on the road but did not slam on the brakes and failed to avoid

them. The bus rammed them against the central reservation before running them over.

They died on the spot. Almost three quarters of people killed in road accidents in Dhaka city are pedestrians while mostly minibuses are

involved in these accidents. According to Accident Road Transport Authority and Dhaka Metropolitan Police, 377 people died in 620 accidents in Dhaka metropolitan area in 2008. Of them, 283 were pedestrians. Another 79 walkers were seriously

injured. In 2007, the total number of accidents in the city was 696 that caused deaths to 451 people. Among them 336 were pedestrians. At least 108 persons were also seriously

were once lower-level Khmer

Cambodia caused by the

group's radical policies during

its 1975-79 rule is beyond

doubt. Towns and cities were

depopulated in a disastrous

agrarian experiment that

shunned technology and

persecuted the nation's edu-

cated classes. Perceived oppo-

nents of the regime, even

within its own ranks, were

the regime's workings may

make it harder to establish

But the opaque nature of

The devastation to

Rouge cadres themselves.

## 4 leaders indicted

injured.

FROM PAGE 16 Several other major Khmer Rouge figures have already died, including supreme leader Pol Pot in 1998, adding pressure on the tribunal to expedite proceedings against

the four indicted yesterday.

Nuon Chea and Khieu

Samphan have high blood

pressure and have suffered

strokes. Ieng Sary has a hear problem and Ieng Thirith suffers from chronic menta and physical illnesses, according to defense lawyers. The indictments follow the conviction in July of the regime's chief jailer, Kaing Guek Eav, also known as Duch, on charges of war crimes crimes against humanity, torture and murder. He was sentenced to 19 years in

lenient. Prosecutors are appealing for a longer sentence, while Duch has filed his own appeal seeking an acquit-Duch, 67, (pronounced DOIK) was the first defendant to be tried. He supervised the

many Cambodians as too

notorious S-21 prison where as many as 16,000 people were tortured before being executed. Duch cooperated with prosecutors and the meticulous record-keeping at S-21 made his trial more straightforward. The upcoming trial of

complicity of the accused. "Given the magnitude of the crimes committed" under the Khmer Rouge, the case will focus on "a specific selection of sites and criminal activiprison -- a term criticized by ties," the tribunal said in a

ruthlessly purged.

more than 10 years and \$100 million in the making -- has been credited with helping the traumatised nation speak out publicly for the first time about atrocities committed three decades ago, it has been criticized as well. The government insisted

Though the tribunal --

Cambodians be on the panel of judges, opening the door for possible interference by current leaders -- including the prime minister -- who were once low-level members of the Khmer Rouge. It also sought to limit the number of suspects being tried -- to avoid, some

say, implicating its own ranks.

# Rahman said all of these cases