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7TH AMENDMENT
SC appoints 3 amici curiae
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday appointed three senior lawyers as amici curiae for giving expert opinions on the legality of the seventh amendment to the constitution that had legitimised the military rule by HM Ershad.

The lawyers are advocate Mahmudul Islam, barrister

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WAR CRIMES INTERROGATION

Mojaheed 'regrets' role, denies killing link

Claims Pak army threatened him; Nizami, Sayedee appeal to tribunal against any more quizzing

RASHIDUL HASAN

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed yesterday said he regrets his anti-liberation role in 1971 and explained that it was played "out of emotion", said the agency probing war crimes.

The Jamaat leader made the statement

during a daylong interrogation by the investigation agency at a "safe home" at the capital's Dhanmondi.

He, however, denied his involvement in killing and other crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

Jamaat-e-Islami, an anti-liberation force, remains unremorseful and



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Abbottabad house 'was Qaeda hub'

Pak cities cover for the terror group

AGENCIES

Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden was in active control of the terror network from his compound in northern Pakistan, US intelligence services now believe.

Reversing assessments that bin Laden lived a nomadic existence, the US says his Abbottabad house was a command and control centre.

Abbottabad, the garrison town tucked in hills where bin Laden may have lived in secret for years, is just the latest Pakistani city with a strong military presence that some of al-Qaeda's most-wanted have called home.

The three-storey compound where bin Laden lived with three wives and 13 children is hundreds of miles from the Afghan border areas where the CIA last year doubled drone attacks in the war to defeat al-Qaeda.

Following the raid that killed him, the US has released five videos of bin Laden watching TV and giving speeches. Officials say he was deeply involved in al-Qaeda



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LATEST WIKILEAKS
ISI allowed terrorists to attack India

NDTV ONLINE

In revelations that could further embarrass Pakistan, WikiLeaks has released a fresh set of US diplomatic cables that show how the country's spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), allowed militants to go to India to carry out strikes on targets chosen by the Pakistan army.

The revelations are part of nearly 800 interrogation reports of suspects held in Guantanamo Bay prison.

WikiLeaks, in one of the several cables that exposes ISI's links to terror groups, quotes a US cable as saying that an Algerian al-Qaeda militant arrested in 2002 said that his mission was to "kill Indians in India".

It further quotes the militant saying that the ISI "allowed" fighters to travel to India where they conducted bombings,

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Fruit shop looted in city
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals in the guise of policemen looted Tk 2.80 lakh from a wholesale fruit shop at the capital's Mirpur early yesterday.

A private car carrying four to five stopped in front of Five Star Fruit Supplier at Mirpur-1 at about 3:00am, police sources said. The criminals introduced themselves as law enforcers when a security guard

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Rajuk to allot 1,250 plots in Jhilmil project

Applications to be invited for the third time soon

HELEMUL ALAM

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) is set to invite applications for a third time for allotting around 1,250 plots in its Jhilmil Residential Area project in Keraniganj within a few days.

Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda said the Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MHPW) has already approved new guidelines for allotting the three and five katha plots.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) will conduct a lottery for allotting the plots, he added.

Rajuk will also construct around 10,000 flats in the area and a Development Project Proposal has already been sent to MHPW for approval, stated Huda adding, they will go for tender after getting the nod.

Sources in Rajuk said the town planner took the initiative in 1997 for developing the housing project adjacent to

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BNP's demo today for midterm polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP will demonstrate across the country today calling on the government to quit and hold a midterm election.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the LDC Group at the Lutfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre in Istanbul, Turkey yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

ONLINE POLL

Do you think actions will be taken against the Rab officers who shot and maimed college student Limon in Jhalkathi?

Yes 24.6%
No 73.5%
No Comments 1.9%

TOTAL VOTES : 415

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think BNP will be able to hold its planned agitation programmes without any obstruction from the government or ruling Awami League?

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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT Special body to place report in next JS session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment yesterday decided to place its report along with a draft bill for bringing changes to the constitution in the next parliament session beginning on May 22.

The report will be prepared soon in line with the proposals placed to the committee during its recent talks with political parties, eminent jurists, intellectuals and editors of national dailies, committee sources said.

"We want to place the report in parliament at the beginning of its next session ... The speaker will decide the next course of action," Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair of the special committee, said yesterday.

Suranjit, also spokesman of the committee, was speaking at a press briefing at the parliament media centre after the House body met at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban to review the proposals placed before it.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, some members of the committee however said after its report is placed in

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Schools asked to campaign against militancy

M RAHMAN

Teachers must hold discussions on militancy and sexual harassment before playing the national anthem at daily assembly to create awareness among students against these problems.

The government yesterday made it mandatory for teachers of schools and madrasas across the country.

Considering militancy as a national threat, imams have also been asked to hold discussions on the issues during "khutba" in juma prayers.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Huq Tuku revealed this at a press

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PRAYER TIMING May 9

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15 4-50
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	4-45 5-00
Maghrib	6-31 6-35
Esha	8-00 8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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