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Army officials lined up, killed

Eighth witness tells court how BDR mutineers carried out massacre inside Darbar Hall

SHARIFUL ISLAM

A Border Guard Bangladesh officer's testimony yesterday shed light on how the then BDR director general and other high-ups were taken hostage, and how the killings began at Darbar Hall of Pilkhana BDR headquarters on February 25, 2009.



Lt Col Zahid Hassan

Lt Col Zahid Hassan, commanding officer of BGB battalion in Teknaf and the eighth witness to the carnage case, gave a

Dhaka court an account of the February 25-26 mutiny and the killings of BDR officials.

Zahid, who was posted in Sylhet as a major at that time, said BDR DG Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed and other officials were taken out of the Darbar Hall in a line for killing.

He also gave a description of the carnage that left 57 army officers, including Shakil, his wife and 16 others,

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Myanmar Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin welcomes Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Nay Pyi Taw airport yesterday during her official tour of Myanmar. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: PID

Carbon emissions show record jump

THE GUARDIAN

Carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels have increased by half in the last 20 years, giving the world much less chance of avoiding dangerous climate change, according to new data.

The research was published as lead negotiators were arriving at the UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa, where prospects of a new global treaty on climate change appeared to have stalled, with deep divisions between developed and developing countries.

Last year, emissions from burning fossil fuels rose by 5.9 percent bringing the total rise since 1990, the baseline year for calculating emissions under the Kyoto protocol, to 49 percent, an average rate of increase of about 3.1 percent a year.

Prof Corinne Le Quéré, director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change

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Time ticks away for thorny issues

INAM AHMED, from Durban

The UN climate conference on Monday enters its second week as thorny issues like rich nations agreeing to a second phase of cutting emission and creation of a green climate fund remain unsettled.

There seems to be no guarantee that negotiators and their ministers will be able to sort them out in the four days left of the talks starting Tuesday.

The 194-nation process is facing, for the second time in two years, the prospect of a bust-up, even as scientists warn against the mounting threat of disaster-provoking storms, droughts, flood

and rising seas made worse by global warming.

As the climate conference in Durban is tangled in a thick mesh, the Bangladesh delegation and a number of civil society organisations today expressed deep frustration and concern at the slowness and non-committal stance of the rich countries.

"To date, we do not see some of the major parties coming forward with firm commitments and generosity," Bangladesh Environment Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud told a press briefing at the conference venue.

"The inactions of those parties profoundly frustrate us since we

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HC asks govt to explain fuel price hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government, asking it to explain in four weeks why its latest move raising fuel prices should not be declared illegal.

The rule came following a writ petition filed by three lawyers -- Redwan

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CAMBODIA WAR CRIMES TRIAL Khmer Rouge not 'bad people'

Says top accused, denies role in genocide, crimes against humanity

AFP, Phnom Penh

The Khmer Rouge were not "bad people", the regime's highest-ranking surviving member said yesterday as Cambodia's UN-backed war crimes tribunal began hearing evidence in a long-awaited atrocities trial.

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The Khmer Rouge number two, Nuon Chea, at the UN-backed hearing in Cambodia.

The Daily Star

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Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Rumana's ex-husband dies in prison cell

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hasan Sayeed Sumon, who had been detained on charge of torturing his ex-wife Dhaka University teacher Rumana Manzur, was found dead in the bathroom of his prison cell at BSMMU Hospital yesterday.

His body was found lying on a blanket in the bathroom around 6:00am, said jail sources.

On November 23, detained Sumon was transferred to the prison cell at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital from Dhaka Central Jail as his condition deteriorated due to poor eyesight.

Sumon's cellmate, a member of Border Guard Bangladesh, could not say anything about his death, Altaf Hossain, superintendent of Dhaka Central Jail, told The Daily Star.

Contacted, Sumon's younger brother Faruk Sayeed Shaon said he had last met his brother on Saturday. "It is hard to believe that my brother has committed suicide."



Hasan Sayeed

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4 JAMAAT LEADERS Formal war charges now on Dec 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday deferred till December 11 for submitting formal charges against four top Jamaat-e-Islami leaders for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

Earlier on November 1, the tribunal directed the prosecution to submit formal charges against the four -- Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and assistant secretaries general

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