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## WAR CRIMES TRIAL

# 50 to testify for Sayedee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee's counsels yesterday submitted a list of 50 witnesses before the International Crimes Tribunal in connection with his crimes against humanity charges.

The prosecution had earlier submitted a list of 68 witnesses to prove that Sayedee had committed war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

Cross-examination of the first prosecution witness, Mahbubul Alam Hawlader, who testified on Thursday last, continued for the fourth day yesterday during which the defence tried to discredit the witness.

Hawlader faced questions on various details on the Sundarbans Freedom Fighters' Camp where he used to deliver information as a spy. The defence tried to suggest that he was a fake freedom fighter.

Defence counsel Mohammed Kafil Uddin Chowdhury yesterday asked Hawlader about two letters he sent in 2004 and 2005 to the government and the local Freedom Fighters Command Council asking for assistance in building his home.

He asked if his pleas were recommended by Sayedee.

Hawlader said Sayedee had recommended those as the local ruling-party lawmaker, not personally.

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People still cross the Singrirpara canal in Sonatala of Bogra using a bamboo bridge since the bridge next to it, built eight months ago at a cost of Tk 5 lakh, does not have approach roads.

PHOTO:  
HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU

## 'Cluster bomb' for cancer developed

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli medical researchers say they have developed a new technique for blasting cancer tumours from the inside out which reduces the risk of the disease returning after treatment.

Tel Aviv University professors Yona Keisari and Itzhak Kelson are about to start clinical trials of a pin-sized radio-active implant that beams short-range alpha

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## Clarification

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) in a clarification to a news report headlined "Rajuk has to be reformed" in this paper on December 11, said the report missed a phrase "in the past" while quoting one of its members.

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## facebook to help prevent suicide

AP, California

Help is just a few clicks away on Facebook for people expressing suicidal thoughts.

The social networking site launched a new feature Tuesday that enables users to connect with a counselor through a confidential chat session triggered after a friend reports distressing content.

The new tool has several benefits, experts say. First, it brings quick

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# Worker, environment safety not ensured

## SC asks govt to amend ship-breaking rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed the government to amend the recently framed ship breaking and recycling rules, as they do not ensure protection of workers and the environment.

It asked the administration to publish a gazette notification on the amended rules and place it before the court by January 12. A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Md

Muzammel Hossain also fixed the day for passing further order on the issue.

The SC directive came after Fida M Kamal, a counsel for Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), had pointed out that the safety issue was missing in the rules. He said the rules had been formulated in light of Hong Kong International Convention that has not yet come into effect.

He said the rules were framed considering only the interest of the

ship-breaking industry and owners, while the Ministry of Industries did not send the Ministry of Law the rules for vetting before issuing the gazette notification.

Examining the rules, the court said it had been stated in the preamble of the rules that the government had framed the regulations as per directives of the court. However, the government should have come up with the rules on its own in order to

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# Don't try to save war criminals

## Hasina urges Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged Leader of the Opposition in parliament Khaleda Zia to refrain from trying to save the war criminals as people might one day seek her trial if she takes a stance in favour of these criminals.

"Don't try to save the war criminals by betraying the bloods of thousands of people who had sacrificed their lives for the independence of the country. One day people may demand your [Khaleda] trial for assisting the war criminals," she said at a discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

"You [Khaleda] tried a lot to save the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, but you could not do it. You won't be able to save the war criminals too since the people have been raising their voice for trying the war criminals," said Hasina, also president of the ruling Awami League.

Trial of the war criminals would be held on the soil of the country, she told the discussion organised by the AL to mark the Martyred Intellectuals' Day.

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# Toxic liquor kills 40 in India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

At least 40 people died and dozens fell ill after consuming toxic home-made liquor in 24 Parganas district of India's Paschimbanga state, officials said yesterday.

The victims drank adulterated liquor late Tuesday night from local liquor joints.

Ten people died at the spot in the early hours of yesterday while thirty others died in two hospitals where they were admitted, official sources in Kolkata said.

Local residents ransacked four breweries earlier yesterday after some of the deaths were reported in Sangrampur, some 30 kilometres from Kolkata, the officials said.

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## DCC POLLS EC cites 3 reasons over its inability

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday in a letter informed the local government ministry of three reasons as to why it decided not to hold the split Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) polls.

The present EC is not getting the stipulated 90

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## ZIA TRUST CASE Khaleda's plea turned down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's appeal to it to stop the proceedings against her in Shaheed Zia Charitable Trust corruption case. Delivering the verdict on a petition, the court said trial of the case against Khaleda will proceed in the lower court in accordance with the law.

On what grounds the HC rejected the petition could not be known as the copy of the verdict was not released.

The attorney general, however, said the HC served the ruling on the grounds that the trial court would settle


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Locally made vehicles like this one, built with a water pump engine, ply the roads of Bangladesh without any papers. Though illegal, the menace of these unsafe vehicles has not been stopped. The photo was taken from Manirampur of Jessore.

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Do you agree with Khandker Ibrahim Khaled that the government is trying to hide something about the stockmarket scam like it did in 1996?

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No (5.6%)  
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