Call to form more

Veteran Awami League (AL) leader Tofail Ahmed yesterday

called for setting up more tribunals to complete war crimes

if necessary, by setting up more tribunals and assigning more

qualified persons," said Tofail Ahmed at discussion in the city.

ity, took away sons from fathers and husbands from our sisters,"

trial of war criminals who had committed crimes against

ing to commemorate late AL leader Abdur Razzak at Jatiya Press

saidTofail also a member of advisory council of ruling AL.

Club with its President Mirza Abdul Jalil in the chair.

humanity during liberation war in 1971.

"Trial of war criminals has to be completed within this year,

"We must try those who committed crimes against human-

He made the call amid people's demand to expedite the

Bangladesh Krishak League organised the discussion meet-

AL Acting General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said

"But no matter how many conspiracies you hatch, you

Refuting Khaleda Zia's recent comment on secret killing,

He also blamed BNP for bringing arms in the student

Hanif said the demise of Abdur Razzak is not only a loss

AL's Women Affairs Secretary Fazilatunnesa Indira, Krishak

Opposition Leader in the parliament Khaleda Zia never belief

in the spirit of the liberation war. So, she came out to save the

(Khaleda) will not be able to foil the war crimes trial," said Hanif.

Hanif claimed that incident of secret killing in the country

started in 1975 when Ziaur Rahman took power after the

assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

for the Awami League but for the whole nation.

politics and for the emergence of extremism in the country.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

tribunals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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war criminals.

#### Lawyer fined over contempt of court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fined a lawyer of Dhaka Metropolitan Bar Association Tk 100 for contempt of court.

Judge Mohammad Akhteruzzaman of the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court handed down the verdict after Advocate Mohammad Selim hurled abusive words at him (judge) during the hearing of a case relating to a cheque bounce.

Advocate Selim submitted a petition for recalling the complainant of the case even though the complainant was cross-examined elaborately. The court rejected the petition as yesterday had been fixed for delivery of the judgment of the case.

Following the order, the lawyer became angry and misbehaved with him and hurled abusive words at him which were contemptuous. Later, the judge issued a show cause asking the lawyer to explain as to why the proceedings would not be drawn up against him for his derogatory remarks.

But the reply against the show cause notice by the lawyer was not satisfactory.

Later, the judge finally brought a charge of contempt of court against the lawyer and fined him Tk 100.

### Man dies at workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A worker of an engineering workshop at Matuail in the city's Jatrabari area was killed after he was hit by an iron dice yesterday. The victim was Mizanur

Rahman, 30, hailed from Lalmohan upazila in Bhola, residing at Rayerbagh in Kadamtoli.

Iliyas Hossain, manager of the workshop Hafez & Brothers, said Mizanur was working in the workshop around 11:00am when the incident happened.



PHOTO: STAR

### Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (Rajuk) demolishes illegal structures at Fakirapool and DIT extension road in the city yesterday. League General Secretary Motahar Hossain Molla also spoke. Arrest warrant issued to

foil Ctg road march: BNP be of international standard, unquestionable and transpar-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The arrest warrant against Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jubo Dal presidents and 15 others has been issued to foil the party's Chittagong road march to be held this month, said BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday.

Blaming Awami League for torching vehicles and exploding bombs last December 18, he warned the government of massive movement of toppling down if it tries to thwart BNP's programme.

He made the remarks at a rally, organised by Dhaka metropolitan unit BNP before the party office in the city's Nayapaltan, protesting hike of fuel price and mass-transport fare.

Mentioning that Awami League released 195 "real war criminals" in 1971, Fakhrul said the government will be brought to book on that charges.

"We (BNP) also want trial of war criminals. But it should

ent," he said.

"Awami League knows that it will be defeated in the next national poll if it is held under a caretaker government," said Fakhrul.

It becomes difficult for common people to lead their livelihood due to fuel price hike, he said adding the government did not do anything in the last three years except suppressing BNP leaders and activists. The BNP acting secretary general claimed that the gov-

ernment is misappropriating a huge amount of money in the name of quick rental power.

Opposition Chief Whip Joynal Abedin Faruk asked the government to withdraw all the "false cases" against its activists and leaders.

Activists from different parts of the capital took part in the rally that apparently blockaded traffic movement at one portion of Naya Paltan road.

BANSKHALI CARNAGE Deposition recording

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court, for the second time, yesterday deferred the recording of a witness' deposition in connection with an arson attack in Banshkhali on November 18, 2003, leaving 11 members of a minority family dead.

Prosecution lawyer and Chittagong District Public Prosecutor Abul Hashem said the date was deferred as an accused could not be produced before the court

January 22 was fixed as the new date by the court of 3rd Additional District and Sessions Judge (acting) Syeda Hosne Ara

Begum. The first date for the recording, October 17, 2011, was deferred following a time petition by pros-

ecution lawyers, said sources. The arson attack on Tejendra Shil's house left a lone survivor, Tejendra's

son Dr Bimal Shil, who filed a case a day after the incident accusing 30 to 35 unidentified people of committing the crime. On September 12, 2011

a Chittagong court framed charges against 38 people including BNP leader Aminur Rahman

There had been allega-

### DECEMBER 18 VANDALISM

## HC recalls bail orders to 66 BNP leaders, activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday recalled its orders of bail to 66 BNP men, including its former lawmaker Ilias Ali, in six cases filed in Sylhet and Sirajganj on charges of vandalism and preventing police from discharging duties on December 18 last year.

The court "recalled" the orders, since the accused persons did not mention in their bail petitions that charge sheets have already been submitted in the cases against them, said Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Khondker Diliruzzaman.

He also said the HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Shahidul Karim yesterday fixed today for passing further orders on the bail petitions.

Earlier yesterday morning, the bench granted anticipatory bail to the accused BNP men for two months in the cases after hearing 10 separate bail petitions filed by them

on January 1. The petitioners also appeared yesterday before it seeking bail in the cases. In the afternoon, DAG Diliruzzaman told

the court that the police have submitted charge sheets against the accused before the courts concerned, and now their bail petitions cannot be entertained at the HC. Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokon, a lawyer

for the accused persons, told the court that they did not know that the police have submitted the charge sheets against his clients before filing of the bail petitions.

The charge sheets have not yet been accepted by the court concerned, he said, adding that the HC can grant bail to his clients.

DAG Diliruzzaman told reporters that police of six police stations in Sylhet and Sirajganj have submitted charge sheets before the trial courts concerned against the accused BNP men on December 27 and 28 last year, and they filed the bail petitions on January 1 this year.

### student. (Story on Page 1) PHOTO: STAR Eighth PW gives false statement

### Say Sayedee's counsels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counsels of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee yesterday said eighth prosecution witness in the case filed against the Jamaat leader in connection with war crimes gave false statements out of "political vengeance".

On Sunday, Mostafa Hawlader, one among 68 prosecution witnesses in the case, testified against Sayedee before the International Crimes Tribunal formed to try people who committed crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

During the court proceedings yesterday, defence counsel Manjur Ahmed Ansari told Mostafa, "You support Awami League and that is why you gave false statements in a false case on advice of the ruling party lawmaker from your area [Pirojpur] to

publicly humiliate Sayedee." "It is not true," was the response of

56-year-old Mostafa. The three-member tribunal led by

its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq yesterday finished recording the cross-examination of Mostafa.

Students of Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (Buet) stage a demonstration on the campus

yesterday demanding expulsion of three students for their alleged involvement in the assault on a senior

Two 'commit'

suicide in city

Two persons including a housewife allegedly committed

with a scarf from the ceiling of her residence at Uttar Bishil

around 9:00am, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Anisur Rahman

Aklima Khatun, 22, a garments worker, hanged herself

Her husband, Mohammad Russel, a mason, has been

Neighbours told police that the couple had a quarrel over

Next day, Russel went out around 9:00am and, on return-

Meanwhile, the body of an unidentified man, in pant and

Being informed by the park's security guards, police

recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College

Morgue sources said the man committed suicide.

ing back an hour later, found his wife's hanging body, he

shirt, aged about 30 years, was found hanging from the

branch of a Bakul tree inside Ramna Park at 2:00am yester-

Russel's negligence to work on Sunday night, he said.

day, said OC Rafigul Islam of Ramna Police Station.

suicide at Shah Ali and Ramna Park in the city yesterday.

absconding since the incident, the OC said.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

of Shah Ali Police Station.

added.

morgue, he said.

Sayedee was taken to the dock as the court started its proceedings at 10:44am. He was seen reading from a small

book most of the time and allowed to lie down as he was complaining of back pain.

the cross-examination by asking the witness whether he knew a number of people from Parerhaat area of Pirojpur. Mizanul also asked Mostafa if he

knew collaborators Delawar Sikder (son of Rasul Sikder) and Delawar Hossain Mallick.

know any of them but knew Delawar Hossain Sayedee.

The witness, in his testimony, had

LiberationWar.

said Sayedee was known as Delawar Hossain Sikder in the time of the

Uddin Chowdhury then took over and told the witness that there had been a collaborator by the name Delawar Sikder who had lived in the house of Chila Sikder near Sohrawardi College

in Pirojpur town.

Kafil added that the collaborator had been killed after the independence by a freedom fighter, Abed Ali Hossain, and the witness was trying to His counsel Mizanul Islam began implicate Sayedee in crimes committed by Delawar Sikder.

Mostafa refuted the allegation. Counsel Monjur Ahmed Ansari

then said the allegations Mostafa brought against Sayedee in his deposition were false. He claimed Sayedee was not in

In reply, Mostafa said he did not Parerhaat or Pirojpur from March to mid July of 1971 whereas the witness accused the Jamaat leader of committing crimes against humanity in the area during the period.

Mostafa denied this as well. The counsel concluded the cross-Another defence counsel Kafil examination by suggesting that

Moftafa was jobless in 1971, and his [Mostafa] claim that he had been a snacks vendor was false.

Mostafa rejected the suggestion. Earlier the day's proceedings progressed with an exchange of arguments between the prosecutors and the defence counsels.

The prosecutors kept objecting to the counsels' line of questioning while the defence lawyers complained about the constant intervention.

The tribunal had to intervene many times to keep the proceedings going. At one stage, the tribunal told a

prosecutor, "Today we find you very excited. Please keep quiet." After the cross-examination of the

eighth witness, the tribunal adjourned at 3:10pm, around an hour before the scheduled time, as the defence lawyers told the court they were too tired to continue.

Ninth prosecution witness Altaf Ali Hawlader will give his deposition today.



PHOTO: COURTESY

A group of students under the banner of Jagoron, a social welfare association, distribute warm clothes among the street people in the city recently. The chilly weather hit the capital again yesterday following a gap of a few days.

# deferred for second time

from jail.

Chowdhury.

tions that the then BNPled government influenced the probe into the case.