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The German Nobel laureate in a poem accuses the country of threatening global security

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Same old antics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's court theatrics turned out to be the highlight for the audience at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday although his indictment was the feature of the day. The outspoken BNP leader exploded on multiple occasions, insisted that he had placed his applications instead of his defence, and on several occasions exchanged verbal spats with the tribunal chairman.

It began with Salauddin Quader's defence counsel Fakhru Islam taking the

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JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday framed 23 specific charges against detained BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in connection with genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War of 1971.

The charges include murdering civilians; collaborating with the Pakistani occupation army to kill and torture unarmed people, looting of valuables and torching of houses and other properties;

SQ Chy indicted

23 war crimes charges framed amid laughter from the BNP leader; trial starts April 29

persecuting people on religious and political grounds; and committing atrocities on the Hindus.

According to the charges, legislator Salauddin was involved in the killings of more than 200 people, including the much-talked-about killing of Nutan Chandra Singh, founder of the herbal medicine brand Kundeshwari Oushadhalaye.

Tribunal Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq, while reading out the charges against Salauddin, said on the morning of April 13, 1971, Salauddin led the Pakistani

CHARGES :

Murder, torture, genocide, abduction, confinement, deportation, persecution on religious grounds, looting and arson

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Nutan Chandra Singh

army to Kundeshwari Oushadhalaye of Gahira in Chittagong and entered Nutan's home.

"At that time he [Nutan] was performing his prayers in the temple: he was dragged out by

you [Salauddin] from his prayer room," read the presiding judge of the tribunal, while Salauddin, aged 63, sat in the dock.

"You [Salauddin] told the Pakistani army that you had

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3 NRB banks get approval

Central bank unhappy with ranking of local aspirants, sits again Sunday

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The central bank yesterday approved three new banks sponsored by non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) on condition that they will double their earlier proposed capital.

The meeting of the Bangladesh Bank Board of Directors that took the decision was adjourned till Sunday. When it resumes, proposals for local and private banks may be considered, meeting sources said.

As some Board members became sceptical about ranking of the proposals made by the central bank officials, they instructed the BB staff to make a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the matter at Sunday's meeting.

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A Saudi official examines the spot in the capital's Gulshan-2 where an official of the Saudi embassy in Dhaka was shot dead on March 6. An eight-member Saudi delegation is in Dhaka now to see progress in the investigation.

Killers must be arrested

PM assures Saudi team; Shahara says visitors not investigators

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has assured the visiting Saudi delegation that the killers of the Saudi embassy official must be tracked down after proper investigation.

The premier gave the assurance when the eight-member delegation met her at Ganobhaban in the capital yesterday evening.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Shahara Khatun said the visiting Saudi delegation is not an investigating team.

"They [delegation] are in Dhaka to

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NARSINGDI 'SHOOTOUT'

Mugged businessman remains a mystery

Rab reveals his name, cell number; mobile found to be switched off; rights chief plans to probe death of six

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Law enforcers remain clueless about the whereabouts of the businessman who tipped off Rab about the six alleged muggers who were killed in a "shootout" with the elite force in Narsingdi on April 2.

Maj Khandker Golam Sarwar, deputy director of Rab-11, disclosed the name of the businessmen to journalists at his office in Narsingdi.

He said businessman Maruf Hossain made a call from a cell phone and told Rab that muggers snatched Tk 40,000 from him in Shalikka area. The elite force conducted the raid on the basis of Maruf's tip off. But Maruf could not be traced or reached over the cell phone since then.

Maruf's mobile phone was found switched off yesterday.

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WB decision proves Padma bridge graft Says BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank's temporary ban on a Canadian company, which participated in the bidding of Padma bridge project, proved that corruption had plunged the project to uncertainty, BNP leader Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

The acting general secretary of the party also criticised the government

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False declaration alert at Ctg port

Customs finds alarming rise of corruption in import

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

Customs authorities have detected an alarming number of false declarations about import consignments at Chittagong Seaport recently.

Irregularities were detected in the declarations for 367 consignments in the first seven months of this



Two falsely declared BMWs in a container at Ctg port.

fiscal year, while only 58 such consignments had been detected during the same period in the last fiscal year.

In January this year alone a record 122 cases of false declarations were detected.

A section of importers and their clearing and forwarding (C&F) agents are

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DESTINY-2000 ACC starts investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday started investigating the irregularities of Destiny-2000 Ltd, a controversial multilevel marketing company, said an ACC official.

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Grabbers occupy 90pc public land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Influential land grabbers occupy nearly ninety percent of the country's khas (public) land as identified so far, said Abul Barkat, a Dhaka University professor, at a workshop in the capital yesterday.

Total amount of khas land identified so

far all over the country is five million acres, of which agricultural land and water bodies constitute 1.2 million acres each, he said.

Land grabbers, mostly the real estate developers, illegally occupy around

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