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Dalai Lama fears Chinese agents have trained fake female devotees to kill him with poison

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Manchester City wins the English title after 44 years staging a comeback in stoppage time to beat QPR 3-2

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Ghulam Azam indicted

5 war crime charges framed against him; trial to start June 5



Ghulam Azam, former head of Jamaat-e-Islami, is assisted by security personnel as he enters the International Crimes Tribunal-1 in the capital yesterday.

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

Ghulam Azam, considered by many as the symbol of war crimes during the Liberation War of Bangladesh, was yesterday indicted on five charges of crimes against humanity.

After framing the charges, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 set June 5 for the trial to begin with opening statement from the prosecution.

The charges against Ghulam Azam include involvement in murder and torture of unarmed people; and conspiracy, planning, incitement and complicity to commit genocide and crimes against humanity during the 1971 war.

The charges were based on 60 incidents of crimes against humanity.

Ghulam Azam was the ameer of East Pakistan Jamaat-e-Islami during the Liberation War. He campaigned across Bangladesh and even

in Pakistan (then West Pakistan) in an attempt to foil the liberation efforts.

He played a key role in forming Shanti (peace) Committee and Razakar, Al Badr and Al Shams forces, which actively helped the Pakistani forces in committing massacres across the country. Three million people were killed and over two million women were raped during the nine-month war.

Yesterday, Tribunal-1 Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq read out the charges with an introduction to the formation of the tribunal, a brief history of the Liberation War, a profile of Ghulam Azam and submissions of the prosecution and the defence along with the court's views on the case.

Justice Md Anwarul Haque and AKM Zaheer Ahmed are the other members of the three-member tribunal.

'I was on list of collaborators'

Says Ghulam Azam, claims he was not war criminal

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Ghulam Azam yesterday said he was on the list of collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces. But he denied that he was a war criminal. The 89-year-old said these after

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Anti-Bangladesh before & after '71

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

Ghulam Azam's crusade to thwart the emergence of Bangladesh had continued even after the nine-month-long blood-spattered Liberation War in 1971, as he tried to revive East Pakistan and spread propaganda against Bangladesh for several years.

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Ghulam Azam speaking at a Jamaat programme during Liberation War.



A car in front of the BNP office at Nur Ahmed Sarak, Kazir Dewry burns after the opposition activists flip it over and set it ablaze during clashes with police in Chittagong yesterday. Inset, police fire tear gas shells to disperse the opposition activists who were throwing brickbats at the law enforcers. More on page 5. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Violence rattles Ctg

100 hurt, 3 cars burnt, around 50 vehicles smashed as BNP-Jamaat men clash with cops over obstruction to procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A series of clashes between BNP-Jamaat-e-Islami supporters and law enforcers in Chittagong yesterday left at least 100 people including

police personnel and journalists injured.

During the two-hour-long clashes, which took place mainly near the BNP's city unit office at Kazir Dewry, commuters were rush-

ing in panic for safer places as the one-kilometre area stretching from Almas Cinema to Enayetbazar and the nearby lanes, turned into a battlefield.

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I'm different than Yunus

Dilip hits back at Rafique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday hit back at barrister Rafique ul Huq for his comment that the minister is not worthy of even Prof Yunus' nail.

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RAILWAYGATE SCANDAL

Suranjit not involved

Discloses a controversial departmental investigation; another probe confirms irregularities in recruitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A departmental probe has given a clean chit to former railway minister Suranjit Sengupta in the Tk 70 lakh scandal that involved Suranjit's aide Omar Faruq Talukder and two railway high-ups.

"We did not find any link between the former railway minister and the cash haul. His APS Faruq claimed that the money he was carrying in his private vehicle belonged to him," Bangladesh Railway Director General Abu Taher, who headed the probe body, told the media after submitting the probe report yesterday.



Faruq, the sacked APS of Suranjit, previously told the Anti-Corruption Commission that of the Tk 70 lakh seized from his vehicle, he earned Tk 45 lakh from legal practice and received the rest from his expatriate brother-in-law. The ACC asked him to submit proofs in support of his claims in 15 days, but he didn't

appear before the ACC.

Though Taher told journalists that the money belonged to Faruq, the probe report said the matter should be sent to the ACC to verify the source of the money.

The railway DG said it was not the

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Surrender to trial court by May 16

HC asks leaders of BNP, allies; decision on arson charges against them May 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has finally ordered BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and 44 other leaders and activists of the 18-party alliance, accused in a case for torching a bus during hartal on April 29, to surrender before a trial

court in Dhaka by May 16.

A third bench of the HC gave the order yesterday, and also fixed today for hearing and passing its order on the bail petitions filed by Fakhru and other leaders of the BNP-led opposition alliance accused in a case for bomb blast on the hartal day.

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Gallup poll findings far from truth

Says BNP; also trashes railway probe report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has rejected the survey report of a US-based agency that found 77 percent people still have confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"It [report] is far from the truth. This survey report has been made public only to make people confused," Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, acting secretary general of BNP, told a press briefing last night.

"Usually, any government tries to make such kind of report public at the end of their tenure," he told the briefing held at the party chairperson's

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PEPSICO

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS STAY VIVID FOREVER

Warmest congratulations to Latifur Rahman, Chairman and CEO of Transcom Group, on receiving the highest honor in the area of ethical business practices; The Oslo Business for Peace Award 2012.

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