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There is room for further scrutiny on several issues

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Nizami finally calls it a genocide

*But denies his involvement*

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that genocide was carried out during the Liberation War in 1971, but denied his involvement in the war crimes. Jamaat and its student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha, historically known as an anti-liberation force, actively collaborated with the Pakistani occupation army that committed nine-month atrocities to foil the birth of Bangladesh in 1971. But they always refrained from saying anything about the mass

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# WAR CRIMES TRIAL

## Nizami, Mollah indicted

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and its Assistant Secretary General Abdul Quader Mollah have been indicted separately for crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War. The two international crimes tribunals that had been formed to deal with such crimes framed 16 specific charges against Nizami and six against Mollah yesterday. Trial against Nizami will start at Tribunal-1 on July 1 while trial against Mollah will begin at tribunal-2 on June 20. Both Jamaat leaders, however, pleaded not guilty. If the charges against them are proved, the duo could face death sentence, the maximum punishment for such crimes.



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Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami has been charged for involvement in murders and torture of unarmed people during the Liberation War in 1971, along with hatching conspiracy, planning, incitement and complicity to commit genocide and crimes against humanity during the war.

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16  
charges

After framing 16 charges against Nizami, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 set July 1 for beginning his trial with the opening statement from the prosecution.

The charges are based on 16 separate incidents of crimes against humanity, in which at least 601 unarmed people were killed and 31 women raped during the War.

The 69-year-old Jamaat leader was the president of Islami Chhatra Sangha (ICS), student wing of Jamaat in 1971.

Members of the ICS were used to form the AL Badr -- an auxiliary force formed to collaborate with the Pakistani military that committed genocide and mass killing during the nine-month-long war.

Nizami headed the infamous Al Badr force and also campaigned across the country in an attempt to foil the birth of

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TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

A war crimes tribunal yesterday framed six charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for involvement in murders and mass killings during the Liberation War in 1971.

According to the charges, Mollah "actively participated" in the killing of at least 381 unarmed people in Dhaka's Mirpur and Keraniganj areas in six different incidents. He also aided the Pakistan army to kill and rape civilians.

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## UK wants free, acceptable polls

British Minister Alistair Burt met separately with the prime minister and the opposition leader in Dhaka yesterday. During the meetings he stressed the need for a credible election to ensure Bangladesh's stability.



## Polls under AL not questioned

Says PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her firm commitment to sustain democracy as she said no country could achieve its desired goal without continuation of democratic process.

"The government has taken various steps to strengthen democracy and give it an institutional shape," she said when visiting British Minister for South Asia Alistair Burt called on her at her official Gono Bhavan

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## Doctor tricked into abduction

*Police rescue him with serious injuries*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals abducted a Mitford hospital doctor after taking him out of his chamber in Old Dhaka on Sunday pretending that they needed him to see a critical patient.

They demanded Tk 20 lakh in ransom for release of the doctor, Sunirmal Roy, an assistant professor at Sir Salimullah Medical College.

In the early hours yesterday, police rescued Sunirmal from Azimpur and nabbed one of the abductors -- Shahidul Islam, 25.

Sunirmal, stabbed by the kidnappers in the left hand

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## Non-stop power supply on

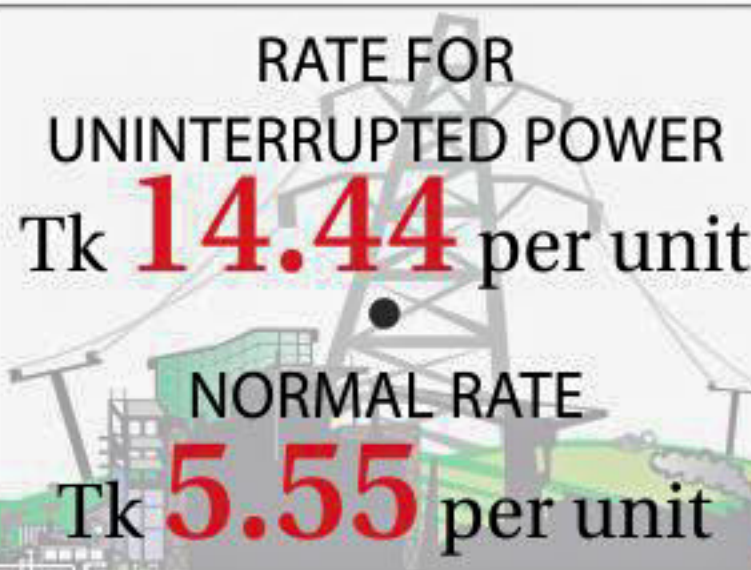
*Industries grumble over the higher rate effective from June 1*

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (Berc) yesterday announced an uninterrupted power supply scheme for industrial use fixing charge for per unit of electricity at more than double the existing price.

The idea has triggered mixed reaction among businesses as they welcomed it but termed the price fixed "too high".

Currently, the average price of per unit of power for industrial use is Tk 5.55. The Berc set the average price of per unit electricity for the premium



connection at Tk 14.44.

The new rate will come into effect from June 1. However, the uninterrupted power supply is still an option, not mandatory, to industries.

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## Non-party govt, name no issue

*Says Khaleda about polls*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday reiterated that her party was ready for a dialogue with the government on its demand for a non-party neutral government to hold the next general elections.

The name of the government is not an issue of the party's concern, she said at a meeting with Alistair Burt, UK's foreign office minister for South Asia, at her Gulshan residence in the capital.

Earlier on Sunday, Ruling Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam said the government would hold a discussion with BNP if it came up with a

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BNP standing committee member MK Anwar speaks to journalists after coming out of Dhaka Central Jail yesterday evening. Story on Page 20.

## Brutal attack on bdnews jurnos

*3 injured*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants stabbed two journalists of online news portal bdnews24.com and injured several others storming into their office in the capital's Mohakhali area last night.

Toufique Imrose Khalidi, editor-in-chief of the online news portal,

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## TORTURE OF LENS MEN

### Govt asked to punish cops under CrPC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman yesterday sent letters to Home Minister Shahara Khatun and Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker for taking action under the criminal procedure code against

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