GHULAM AZAM'S TRIAL Sultana Kamal to testify on

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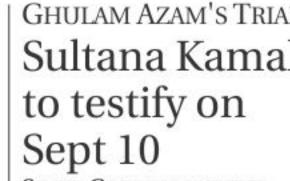
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday set a new date (September 10) to record the deposition of Sultana Kamal, executive director of rights body ASK, in a war crimes case against former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam.

government, was to testify yesterday, and she attended the court as per schedule. But the tribunal headed by Justice Md Nizamul Huq said

it had to complete the crossrecording her testimony.

proposed the new date. Nizamul Huq adjourned the proceedings against

allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.



Sultana Kamal, also former adviser to a caretaker

examination of the investigation officer of a case against Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee before After the tribunal asked

the prosecution to produce the witness after August 26, Prosecutor Zead Al Malum

27 and asked the prosecutor to produce another witness on that day. Ghulam Azam and Sayedee are respectively facing five and 20 charges for

Ghulam Azam until August

BDR mutineers did not let minister see Darbar Hall

Says former IGP

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Nur Mohammad, ex-police chief and a key witness to the 2009 BDR Pilkhana carnage, yesterday said despite repeated requests, mutineers did not show the home minister the Darbar hall where most of the army officers were killed hours into the mutiny's outbreak.

"But we could not put pressure on rebels as they were carrying heavy weapons and the situation was not normal as well," said Nur Mohammad who entered Pilkhana around 1:00am with Home Minister Shahara Khatun and State Minister for Law Quamrul on February 26 after the rebels agreed to surrender following a negotiation.

The former IGP, whose son-in-law Capt Mazhar was slain during the massacre, was giving his deposition before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, set up temporarily at Bakshi Bazaar in the capital to hold the trial of the carnage case.

Now Bangladesh Ambassador to Morocco, Nur Mohammad said that after entering Pilkhana, they asked the BDR jawans to take them to the officers and their family members, but they were making delay.

"Five to seven jawans started addressing a gathering of jawans before us, saying they would not surrender until their demands are met," he said, adding that then the home minister and the state minister for law also addressed and requested them to surrender. But the BDR jawans did not heed and were dilly-dallying. "At one stage, the rebel jawans took us to cote (arsenals)

and surrendered only three to four firearms," he told journalists after coming out of the court. He said the surrender was nothing but an eyewash. As soon as they entered Pilkhana, he said, a group of BDR

they met several hundred BDR members. It seemed that they had no leader, he added... At one stage, the BDR soldiers took them to different quarters where they found the residents scared, he said, adding that they

members led them to the gallery of the Parade Ground where

brought as many people out of Pilkhana as they could. Nur Mohammad also said that to inquire about his daughter, they went to officers' mess from where the state

minister for law brought his daughter with some others. Around 4:00am, the team came out of Pilkhana, he said. About his son-in-law, Nur Mohammad said he last talked to him [Capt Mazhar], an ADC to slain BDR chief Maj Gen

Shakil Ahmed, around 9:30am on February 25. He informed him of the heavy gunfire inside Pilkhana. He also said they searched for Mazhar inside Pilkhana, but could not find him. Later, Mazhar's body was found near

a sewer at Nawabganj in the capital along with the bodies of other officials. Fifty seven top and mid-ranking army officers along with 15 other people were killed during the February 25-26

After his deposition, defense counsels cross-examined the former IGP.

mutiny and massacre in Pilkhana.



A woman goes through jewellery to see if there is one to her liking at Gawsia Market in the capital yesterday. Many city dwellers like her have already embarked on their shopping spree marking Eid-ul-Fitr.

LAND GRABBING Action against Hallmark urged

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The government should take stern actions against Hallmark Group as it continues to grab lands violating a High Court order, green activists demanded at a human chain yesterday.

They also demanded the industrial company to stop its activities, which are detrimental to the environment.

The activists made the demands at the human chain programme organised by Paribesh Bachao Andolan (Poba) in front of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University, said a press release.

Despite a High Court order to stop construction work for four months in Savar-Hemayetpur residential areas, the company continues to grab land illegally and harass the landowners, alleged speakers.

আমানতের উপর উৎসে কর কর্তন সংক্রান্ত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড কর্তৃক জারিকৃত নতুন সার্কুলার অনুসারে জুলাই ২০১২ হতে টি.আই.এন রয়েছে এমন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের ব্যাংক সুদ/মুনাফার উপর ১০% হারে এবং টি.আই.এন নেই এমন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের ব্যাংক সুদ/মুনাফার উপর ১৫% হারে উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন প্রযোজ্য হবে। তবে যে সকল সঞ্চয়ী ব্যাংক হিসাবে অর্থ বছরের যে কোন সময়ে মোট স্থিতির পরিমান ১ লক্ষ্ণ টাকার বেশী না হলে উক্ত ব্যাংক হিসাবের সুদ/মুনাফার উপর ১০% হারেই উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন প্রযোজ্য হবে।

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকগনকে হালনাগাদ টি.আই.এন সনদের কপি অথবা ট্যাক্স রিটার্ণ জমার রশিদের কপি আমাদের সংশ্লিষ্ট শাখায় জমা দেয়ার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।



