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## PARTY CONSTITUTION

# Jamaat told to recast it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday asked Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami to bring some more changes in its constitution and submit those to the EC by December 5 to meet the criteria for retaining its registration.

In a letter to the Jamaat secretary general, the EC specified some provisions stipulated in the party's charter which do not conform to the country's constitution and Representation of the People Order (RPO), sources in the commission said.

The RPO clearly stipulates that a political party will be disqualified from getting registered if any provision in its charter contradicts the country's constitution and the RPO.

Registration with the EC is a prerequisite for any political party to contest parliamentary polls.

The commission gave the Jamaat a fresh time frame as it did not make the necessary changes although the deadline for doing so expired around three years ago.

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A man rides on a motorcycle at the capital's Kakrail as it drizzles across the city yesterday. Story on page 1.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Akhtaruzzaman passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



Awami League presidium member and lawmaker from Chittagong

g-12 Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu died of kidney failure early yesterday. He was 71.

He breathed his last at Mount Elizabeth Hospital

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## GOLD SMUGGLING Aviation security supervisor held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Caab security supervisor at Shahjalal International Airport, detained on Saturday, had been the key player of a smuggling syndicate that attempted to smuggle in 13.6 kilograms of gold through the airport on September 10.

Detectives investigating the haul arrested Khandaker Nizam Uddin on information provided by four other persons who were arrested earlier in this connection. They named Nizam as the ring leader.

"We arrested Nizam after we became certain about his

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## Abul Kalam indicted

*Trial of his 8 war crime charges to start Nov 14*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday indicted expelled Jamaat-e-Islami member Abul Kalam Azad with eight charges of crimes against humanity, including genocide, murders, rapes committed during the Liberation War.

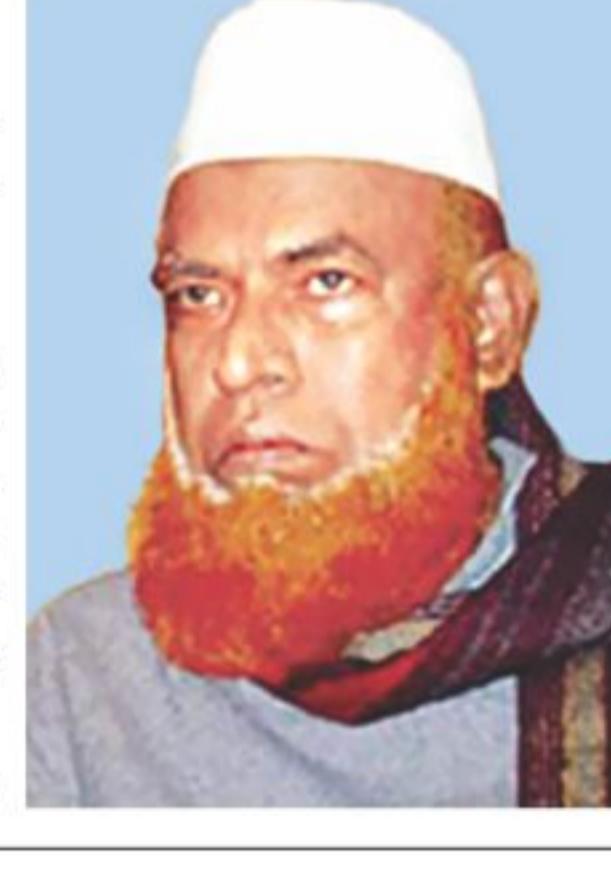
The charges were based on eight incidents that left at least 12 unarmed people dead and two women raped in Faridpur during

the nine-month-long war.

This is the first time an international crimes tribunal in Bangladesh is holding a trial with the accused absent.

Framing the charges, the three-member tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge M Shahinur Islam, fixed November 14 for the opening statement of the prosecution.

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## GHULAM AZAM, MOLLAH Defence completes cross-examination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The crimes against humanity trials against Ghulam Azam and Abdul Quader Mollah reached a new stage yesterday with the completion of prosecution witness cross-examination.

The trials of Ghulam Azam and Abdul Quader Mollah are 60 percent done, said Prosecutor Mohammad Ali.

He said out of the six stages, four stages had been completed in the two trials.

According to him, the six stages are:

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## Talks to pave ways for fair polls

*Hopes US envoy*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US envoy to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena yesterday suggested that the country's major political parties hold dialogues to pave the way for holding a fair and participatory election next year.

"I am very hopeful the major parties will undertake successful dialogues

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## KHALAF MURDER Court gets statement from 3

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three more prosecution witnesses gave their statements before a Dhaka court yesterday regarding the killing of Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali.

The witnesses - Sub-Inspector Abu Azhar and constables Abdul Baset and Shafiuzzaman - gave their depositions and

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Puppeteers manipulate likenesses of US President Barack Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney during the Million Puppet march in support of public broadcasting in Washington on November 3, 2012.

PHOTO: AFP

## GRAMEEN BANK Director asks selection panel chief to quit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tahsina Khatun, a director of Grameen Bank, called for Shamsul Bari's resignation as the chief of the selection committee formed to choose a managing director for the Nobel-winning microcredit organisation.

"I urge you [Bari] to resign from the post by

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## JAIL KILLING CASE SC to hear appeal Dec 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed December 11 for hearing of an appeal filed against a High Court verdict that acquitted six former army personnel in the jail killing case.

The government filed the appeal last year challenging the HC verdict in the case filed for killing

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## Dhaka, Hanoi for better ties

*PM encourages Vietnamese businesses to explore prospect in Bangladesh*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Hanoi have agreed to enhance cooperation in security and defence and to fight together against transnational crimes and human trafficking.

Dhaka reaffirmed that it would create a favourable condition for Vietnamese companies to explore opportunities here and work with Bangladeshi industries, including those owned by the military.

It also assured Vietnam of providing all logistic support, according to a 14-point joint communiqué issued in Hanoi yesterday at the end of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's three-day visit to Vietnam.

Hasina and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung also agreed to strengthen cooperation in trade and investment, information, communication and agriculture.

They pledged to hold the second meeting of Vietnam-Bangladesh Joint Commission and the first ever Political Consultation between the two foreign ministries.

The agreements signed between the two countries laid necessary legal foundation for relevant agencies and

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The Daily Star



ONLINE POLL

Do you think the major reshuffle in the higher-tier of police administration would bring any significant changes in the police department?

Yes (10.0%)

No (89.0%)

No Comments (1.0%)

TOTAL VOTES: 123

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Moudud Ahmed that Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has turned into a government agent?

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PRAYER TIMING November 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Magrib	5-30	5-34
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



## Condolence

We here at **PARTEX GROUP** are extremely sorry and deeply shocked at the sad demise of **Mr. Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury**, MP who breathed his last in Singapore on 4th November 2012 (Inna Lilahi-Wa-Inna-Elahi-Raajun). We would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolence to the members of the grieved family.

We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul and the courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved family to bear with this irreparable loss.

M.A. Hashem

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## ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS

# Police super closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Selim Md Jahangir, Cox's Bazar superintendent of police, was closed and attached to the police headquarters yesterday evening amid allegation of his inaction during the Ramu mayhem in September.

A police headquarters official seeking anonymity said

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