

Prosecution seeks

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crimes against humanity on October 3, 2011, but yesterday prosecutor Syed Haidar Ali prayed before the tribunal to drop charge-20 as they could not provide any evidence on it.

"Among the 20 charges, I believe I have been successful in proving 19 charges. Therefore, I pray for the highest punishment," said Haidar Ali.

Following the failure of the defence to produce witnesses, the tribunal on October 23 closed recording testimonies of defence witnesses and fixed November 5 for the prosecution's closing argument, which ended yesterday.

The court yesterday also fixed November 18 for the defence to place its closing arguments.

After the closing arguments are done with, the tribunal would deliver a verdict.

According to the charge-20, which the prosecution

could not provide evidence for, Sayeede got information at the end of November, 1971, that thousands of people were fleeing to India to save their lives.

A group of 10-12 razakars under Sayeede's leadership then attacked the houses of Talukdar Bari at Indurkhan village and detained a total of 85 people and looted valuables from there.

Of the 85, all but 10-12 people were released in exchange for money negotiated by Fazlul Huq, an alleged razakar. Male detainees were tortured and females were raped by Pakistan soldiers at a camp, the charges said.

At one stage of the closing argument, the prosecutor told the tribunal that 195 Pakistan army officials, who according to the prosecution were identified war criminals of the Liberation War, could be tried under the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act, 1973.

The tribunal agreed.

Rights bodies

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involved in forced disappearance and extrajudicial killing, which were threats to the country's democracy and rule of law.

People's confidence in law enforcement agencies and the judiciary was decreasing owing to culture of impunity, she added.

Placing the report, Zakir Hossain, chief executive of Citizens' Initiative, said the government had not implemented any of the 43 recommendations it had promised to do in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) meeting in 2008.

The HRF prepared its report based on the observations and reports of its member organisations and in consultation with different stakeholders including the government.

The forum has submitted its report to the UNHCR last month which will be discussed in the UNHCR meeting in Geneva in May next year. In that meeting, the government will have to reply on the human rights situation of the country and the promises it made before the UNHCR four years ago.

Meanwhile, the government and National Human

Rights Commission (NHRC) have also sent the UNHCR separate reports on the issue.

"In the 2008 UNHCR meeting, Bangladesh government promised to show zero tolerance to extrajudicial killing and to any kind of political repression. But it did not keep the promises," said Sultana Kamal.

The HRF in its report expressed concern over the attacks on the opposition political parties, labour rights activists, and the minorities and dalits.

Replies to a query, Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh Iftekharuzzaman said the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the NHRC had to work under the government's political and administrative pressure.

He said, "The recent pace in the ACC activities came due to the international and donor countries' pressure over the corruption in Padma bridge construction and the Hall-Markscam."

The HRF report, however, said the government had made some progress in ensuring people's economic and social rights, women's rights and the trial of war criminals.

China unveils new leadership

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The message was one of a clean start, with the outgoing leader, Hu Jintao, giving up the chairmanship of the central military commission immediately; his predecessor, Jiang Zemin, took two years to do so.

Xi will be first among equals in the top decision-making body. Li Keqiang, who will replace Wen Jiabao as premier, has already served one term on the committee with him.

It has been cut from nine members to seven, apparently to make decision-making more effective. Some think that may prove harder than expected because Jiang's influence has helped to win more places than expected for his protégés.

The new body includes conservative figures such as Zhang Dejiang, who trained in economics in North Korea, and the pro-

paganda official Liu Yunshan.

The other members are Yu Zhengsheng, party chief in Jiang's stronghold of Shanghai, Zhang Gaoli, in charge of Tianjin, and Wang Qishan, who has taken the discipline portfolio.

The move has been variously interpreted as a sign that the party will get tough on abuses after years of promising to do so or an attempt to ensure his financial expertise does not lead to him overshadowing Li when the latter becomes premier.

Crucially, two leaders seen as more sympathetic to reform, the Guangdong party secretary, Wang Yang, and organisation department head, Li Yuanchao, failed to reach the top body.

Zhang Gaoli was impulsive as he surveyed the audience from the red-carpeted platform, but other leaders smiled as Xi

introduced them during the session, which lasted less than 20 minutes.

All the new members of the body are older figures, meaning that under existing rules they should have to retire in five years' time, while Xi and Li carry on to another term.

But Zhang Jian, a political scientist at Beijing University, argued: "I don't think the other five guys will just sit there ... I expect to see perhaps a little bit more paralysis."

After numerous scandals over corruption, most notoriously over former Politburo member Bo Xilai -- now facing prosecution following his wife's conviction for murdering British businessman Neil Heywood -- it was perhaps inevitable that Xi would have to address the issue of official abuses and growing public cynicism.

"Inside the party there

are problems that need to be addressed, especially the problems of corruption, taking bribes, being out of touch with the people, undue emphasis on formalities and bureaucratism, which must be addressed by great efforts," he pledged.

But there was no hint that Xi would embrace new methods of tackling the problems. Many believe greater transparency and accountability are needed to root out corruption.

Xi is not only the "princeling" son of a venerated revolutionary figure, Xi Zhongxun, but enjoys strong connections across the party and with the military thanks to his previous roles.

His second wife, Peng Liyuan, is a famous military singer who was better known than her husband for many years. They have one daughter, who is currently studying at Harvard.

Ensure security

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Keraniganj, and his family until further orders.

Responding to a petition, the court also issued a rule upon the government to explain in 12 days why it should not be directed to ensure security and protection of Parag and the family.

Secretary to the ministry of home affairs, inspector general of police (IGP), deputy commissioner of Dhaka, director general of the Rapid Action Battalion and its director (intelligence wing), commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, deputy IGP, Dhaka range; superintendent of police of Dhaka, and officer-in-charge of Keraniganj Police Station were made responsible to the rule and order.

During the hearing on the petition filed by Nazim Ahmed, editor of weekly Shoptoporno, the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury

Manik and Justice Farid Ahmed appreciated the government move to recover the schoolboy from the custody of abductors and to arrest some suspected criminals.

Justice Manik said the government had reportedly made a very sincere move to recover Parag unhurt and expressed hope that it would also be sincere in preventing such criminal activities in future.

Advocate Eunus Ali Akond appeared for the petitioner while Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder represented the government.

Criminals on November 11 abducted Parag, shooting his mother, sister and the driver of their car at Shuvadda Paschim Para in Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital.

The boy was found at Atibazar in the locality in the early hours of Wednesday.

5 suspects freed

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seizure of the arms cache.

When Sabbir said that the high-ups of the then government were informed about the matter, Ahadur argued it would be risky for both of them if no case is filed over the matter, as the news of the arms cache had already spread at home and abroad through the media.

Being convinced by the argument, the CMP commissioner permitted Ahadur to file the cases -- one each under the special powers act and arms act.

The now retired OC was the first investigation officer (IO) in the cases, which were later handed over to Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Chittagong on instructions of the higher authorities.

On April 2, 2004, around 1,500 wooden boxes containing submachine guns, AK-47 assault rifles, submachine carbines, Chinese pistols, rocket shells and launchers, hand

grenades and bullets were seized from two vessels at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited.

"When I reached the CUFL jetty, sergeant Alauddin and sergeant Helaluddin produced Abul Hossain and Hafizur Rahamn before me. Abul and Hafizur said the high-ups of the then government were aware of the matter and we [police] should release the arms cache brought for Ulfa," mentioned the witness.

In the mean time, havildar Golam Rasul of Bandar police outpost and sergeant Helaluddin nabbed five suspected Ulfa activists, but later they were freed on the orders of Lutfuzzaman Babar, he added.

Ahadur later came to know that Abul Hossain was National Security Intelligence (NSI) director Major Liakat Hossain.

"During the investigation of the cases, I found

that smuggler Hafizur Rahman, NSI field officer Akbar Hossain Khan, DG Brig Gen Abdur Rahim and directors Wing Commander Shahabuddin Ahmad and Major Liakat Hossain were involved in the incident," he told the court.

Earlier on July 6, 2005 and January 17, 2006, Ahadur had testified in the court as the plaintiff and IO in the cases.

He told the court that he could not disclose this information in his earlier depositions due to pressure from the then government.

After completion of his one-and-a-half hour deposition around 5:00pm, the court adjourned its proceedings till November 26.

Eleven accused in the cases including Lutfuzzaman Babar and former industries minister Matiur Rahman Nizami were in the dock during yesterday's proceedings.

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Question 4: What is FREE for STAR customers?
Answer: A. SIM Replacement

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Answer: C. 3 months

Question 7: How can you check your STAR Status?
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Thank you!



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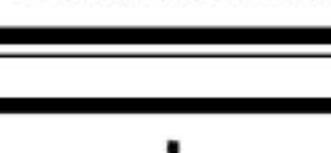
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Amendment of Tender Notice

(Amendment No-2)

Tender Name, Ref. No. & Date	Subject to be Amended	Existing as (1 st Amendment)	Shall be Amended as
Project Title: Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalgonj	Last Date Selling of Bid Document	18 November, 2012 at 5.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	18 December, 2012 at 05.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Ref No. EDCL/PD-Gopalgonj/Turn-Key/2012/06	Tender Closing Date & Time	19 November, 2012 at 12.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	19 December, 2012 at 12.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Dated: September 09, 2012	Tender Opening Date & Time	19 November, 2012 at 12.30 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	19 December, 2012 at 12.30 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
	Duration in months from the effective date of contract	24 Months (Time for Completion)	24 Months (Time for Completion)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

(Dr. M. Kadru Huda PhD)

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Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalgonj

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