

# Witnesses testify against Azad, Kamaruzzaman

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Faridpur on May 16, 1971. Majibar Rahman Khan Panu, the 14th prosecution witness in the case against the Jamaat Assistant Secretary General, testified that Kamaruzzaman and his cohorts apprehended him at his home in May, 1971.

They kept him detained for four days. Kamaruzzaman had even suggested that a Pakistani army major kills Majibar inside the army camp. However, Majibar was let go at the mercy of the army official, said the 58-year-old tailor.

"Al-Badr Commander Kamaruzzaman used to torture and kill freedom fighters and their relatives picking them up at different parts of Sherpur town," said Majibar, brother of a freedom fighter.

On June 4, the tribunal indicted Kamaruzzaman with seven charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

At the beginning of his 65-minute testimony yester-

terday, Mojibar said he had stitched the national flag with Bangladesh's map on it on March 26, 1971, under the instruction of student leader Amjad Hossain.

"Kamaruzzaman and Kamram [an alleged Al-Badr leader] were my acquaintances because they used to get their clothes made at my shop," said the witness.

After the Liberation War began on March 26, Majibar along with many others took training in operating rifles under the supervision of EPR Subeder Hakim, said Majibar.

After the Pakistani army set up its first camp in Sherpur, he along with 13-14 of his associates left the country for India, he said.

Majibar returned in the first week of May, 1971, after hearing about his mother's illness, he said, adding that his brother Ansar Ali Khan Mantu and Mansur Ali Khan were home.

"My brother Ansar Ali Khan used to repair vehicles of the Pakistani army and that's why my brother

had a good rapport with Pakistani Major Riaz," said Majibar.

"I came to know from my brothers and others that the Al-Badr camp was set up at Surendra Mohan Saha's house. Kamaruzzaman Shaheb was Al-Badr commander. Pro-liberation people were picked up from deferent places, killed and their bodies were dumped under the Seri Bridge," said Majibar.

Al-Badr, an anti-liberation force, collaborated with the Pakistani military in committing genocide across the country in 1971, according to prosecution documents.

Seven days after Majibar came home, Kamaruzzaman, Mintu Khandakar, Advocate Tara, Hali Mia and four-five others surrounded Majibar's home around 7:00pm and took Majibar to Bantia Building.

They kept him detained there, said the witness.

Bantia Building was a Razakar camp where one Liakat was already detained, said Majibar,

adding that Abdus Sattar and Chhana Master were also taken there later on.

At night, Kamaruzzaman directed Tara to take the detainees to Sherpur Police Station and around midnight the detainees were taken there, said Majibar, adding that several others from Tikarchar were also there.

"Around 11:00am, after two days and nights spent there, four-five Pakistani army men took us to the Ahmednagar camp and made us, 11 detainees, stand on the road on the east of Ahmednagar School," said Majibar.

He said one army man asked their names. He slapped and kicked them and when it was Majibar's turn, he hit him with a rifle.

After some time, the detainees were placed next to a big and deep hole and a few minutes later, an army officer asked them to stand up, said Majibar adding, "After his order, we started praying."

"After 10 minutes, Major Riaz, Kamaruzzaman and

Kamran arrived there on a jeep and Major Riaz prohibited them from shooting us and asked our names," said Majibar.

"Kamaruzzaman Shaheb then told Major Riaz 'they shouldn't be released. They are freedom fighters. If they are released, it would be too harmful for us,'" said Majibar adding, "Kamaruzzaman told the major two or three times to 'Halak' [finish] us."

Kamaruzzaman and Kamran left the place and around 5:00pm, Majibar and Liakat were released on the major's directives, said Majibar, adding that Major Riaz directed him to show up at the army camp everyday.

"The following day, I went to the army camp and learnt from detained Sattar that Kamaruzzaman and Kamran had gone to the camp again after Liakat and I were released," said Majibar.

"Under Kamaruzzaman's instructions, four people [detainees] of Tikarchar were shot dead inside the large hole," said Majibar, adding, "The remaining five were released in my presence at the camp."

Majibar said Kamaruzzaman, Kamran and some others picked up Sherpur College Principal Syed Abdul Hannan in May, 1971, and took him to Surendra Saha's house, the Al-Badr camp. Hannan was forced to

walk through Sherpur town with his head shaved, said Majibar, adding, "I saw this myself."

At the end of May, 1971, Majibar had a chat with Golem Mostafa on his way to the camp.

"After coming home from the camp, I came to know from my brother Ansar Ali that Kamaruzzaman and his cohorts picked up Mostafa and took him to the Al-Badr camp," said Majibar.

"The next day, I learnt that the body of Mostafa was left under Seri Bridge," he added.

The three-member Tribunal-2 headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge M Shahinur Islam recorded Majibar's testimony and part of the cross-examination before adjourning the case proceeding until today.

Meanwhile, Bhakta Ranjan Biswas, son of martyr Madhab Chandra Biswas, told Tribunal-2 that Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu Razakar had killed his father in Faridpur on May 16, 1971.

Bhakta said on the same day and spot Azad killed Ganendra Mondal, a relative of Bhakta's neighbour.

"I have seen the incidents [killings] and my neighbours Prafulla Kumar Mondal, Tusta Kumar Mondal, Sunil Kumar Mondal and many

others witnessed it too," said Bhakta, the sixth prosecution witness in the case against expelled Jamaat member Azad.

"I want justice for my father's killing," Bhakta appealed to the tribunal as tears rolled down his cheeks.

During his 20-minute testimony, the 65-year-old witness from Purua village of Faridpur said around 11:00am on May 16, 1971, Azad along with cohorts surrounded their home.

Bhakta's father, who was an Awami League supporter, tried to run away but they detained him, said the witness, adding, "They looted the house of money and gold ornaments."

Taking his father about 300 yards west of their home, Azad shot Madhab dead with his rifle, said Bhakta.

After the killing, some 500-600 Hindus fled the country, said Bhakta.

Amir Hossain, a college-mate of Azad and the seventh prosecution in the case, also testified against Azad yesterday.

He said Azad in association with the Pakistani army, used to torture and kill pro-Awami League people and Hindus in 1971.

During his 43-minute testimony, Amir, a war-wounded freedom fighter said after the Pakistani army arrived in Faridpur on April 21, 1971, Al-Badr commander of Faridpur Azad occupied the house of

Hiralal Mukter and made it an Al-Badr training centre.

Amir said on July 27, 1971, some Razakars captured him at Faridpur town and handed him over to the Pakistani army at Faridpur stadium. He was detained for one month at the camp.

"Bachchu used to accompany Pakistani army Major Akram Koreshi and as a classmate, I thought that he might help me get out. Instead of doing that he told Koreshi [in Urdu] 'he is a freedom fighter. Kill him,'" said Amir.

"Afterwards, the Pakistani army men tortured us all [everyone detained there]," he added. Amir escaped the torture taking advantage of a fire incident at the camp, he said.

State-appointed defence counsel Abdus Sukur Khan completed cross-examination of both the witnesses before the court adjourned the case proceeding until December 3. Azad is on the run.

Meanwhile at Tribunal-1, defence counsel Abdur Razzaq placed closing arguments in the case against Delawar Hossain Sayedee. Razzaq said the intention of holding the trial against the Jamaat leader after 40 years was politically motivated.

Defence has spent 11 sessions for placing closing arguments and it will continue today.

# Kishoreganj farmer first

**FROM PAGE 1**  
She is missing and presumed dead.

Bakul Miah, the father, yesterday filled up a form with his contact information at the lab.

Bakul told The Daily Star his only wish was to find the grave of his daughter so that he could visit it occasionally and pray for the eternal peace of her soul.

Work on DNA profiling from samples collected from the bodies of 59 unidentified victims started yesterday.

Fifty-three of the unidentified victims were buried at Jurain Graveyard on Tuesday. The bodies of six victims were handed over to their

relatives after they identified their dear ones at the DMC morgue.

The DNA samples from all 59 bodies were collected on Monday and kept at the National Forensic DNA Profiling Laboratory.

Ahmad Ferdous, scientific officer at the laboratory, told The Daily Star that the lab had collected samples and had tagged the bodies with numbers before they were buried in tagged graves.

He said the laboratory would make a database of DNA samples collected and match those with the parents or children of the victims.

He said teeth, tissues and bones of the victims

had been collected as samples for DNA profiling.

However, one to three months could be required to make DNA profiling of the samples collected. DNA profiling of relatives of the victims would take less time, he said.

Ferdous added that the lab authorities were keeping contact information of the victims' relatives. If their DNA profiles matched with that of a body, they would inform the authorities concerned and the relatives of the matter.

Relatives of many Tazreen employees, who are missing and are believed to be dead, are at a

loss as to how and where to go for DNA sampling.

Nilufar Begum, who lost her parents, brother and brother's wife in the blaze, was trying to get to the laboratory yesterday but could not as she did not have proper information.

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) molecules are informational molecules encoding the genetic instructions used in the development and functioning of all known living organisms and many viruses. Genetic information is encoded as a sequence of nucleotides in DNA, according to Wikipedia.



## SME Foundation is looking for Managing Director

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The Foundation is mandated to promote, support, facilitate, finance and advocate rapid expansion of the small & medium enterprises, which are increasingly perceived as an engine of economic and social growth in Bangladesh. The new MD is expected to be a visionary leader and principal spokesman whose voice would have to be heard by the government, the financial institutions and business leaders, for rapid development of SMEs in Bangladesh. His/her substantive professional experiences and records of achievements will preferably include work in the private, non-government and SME sectors. S/he should be able to identify the principal constraints in SME development in the targeted areas/sectors/clusters and formulate as well as implement necessary business plans, operational budgets and work programmes of the foundation. He/She will be immediately responsible to the Board of Directors and its Chairperson, for implementation and performance of all mandated functions of the MD, according to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of SMEF.

It is expected that the age range for the position will be between 45-57 seven years. S/he should have very good academic track record with post graduate educational qualifications and at least two First Divisions/Classes/ Equivalent GPA in all levels of examinations from recognized Institutions/ Universities having degrees in Business Management, Economics, or any of the other social sciences. The candidates must have at least 20 years of working experience wherein 03 years exclusive experience in SME related activities. The authority has right to relax the age limits, education qualifications and experiences for highly deserving candidates.

It would be important that the ideal candidate for the post should demonstrate that he/she will be ideologically and professionally committed to the challenge of SME development in Bangladesh, particularly to the difficult task of development of

small or even mini enterprises at the 'base of the pyramid'. S/he will be self-motivated, capable of setting clear performance targets according to approved work and business plans, ensuring accountability to the Board of Directors.

At the macro level s/he should have excellent leadership skills capable of creating a new business strategy in SME sector, through co-ordination and networking with the chambers of commerce, financial institutions, business intermediary organizations (BIOS), and government agencies at the top management level. Previous experience in this regard will be a valuable qualification. At the micro level s/he should be able to empathize and interact meaningfully with the small entrepreneurs especially in the rural areas, upazilla and district levels. S/he must be an articulate communicator in Bangla and also in English, capable of motivating, persuading and inspiring people.

The shortlisted candidates would be expected to make a PowerPoint presentation before the Board of Directors/Selection Committee outlining his development vision as well as 'the business strategy and work plans of the SMEF's for the first three years of MD's assignment. Requisite information i.e. the annual financial reports are available at the website of the Foundation. The initial contract will be for three years with a provision for performance evaluation after six months after joining. Monthly compensation package for this position is Taka 250,000/- per month (consolidated). Selected candidate need to join with SME Foundation within 4 weeks after receiving the appointment letter.

If you consider yourself ready to take up the challenge of assuming leadership in promoting SME development in Bangladesh and if you have a clear vision of how this promising sector can grow on a fast track under your guidance, please send your application and full CV, two copies of recent attested photographs, attested copies of all educational and experience certificates, three names with full addresses for reference check, national ID in hard copy to the **Chairperson, SME Foundation, Royal Tower, 04 Panthapath, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh** or electronically to chairperson@smef.org.bd by 17 December 2012.

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**United Nations Development Programme** in Bangladesh announces vacancy for the following position for "Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility" under "Service Contract" modality. The duration of the contract is one year initially and subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of Funds.

**1. Program Associate - Senior Management Support -1 position**

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Hard copy of the TOR can be collected from UNDP-CHTDF Offices of Dhaka, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban. Applications should be submitted no later **December 14, 2012**

*"Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants"*

**"Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply"**

TENDER NOTICE							
1	Agency	Police Reform Programme (PRP); UNDP					
2	Procuring Entity Name	Police Reform Programme (PRP)					
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka					
4	Invitation for	Supply of Fingerprint Collection Kits and Related Equipment					
5	Invitation Ref No & Date	2012/1078					
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)					
7	Budget and Source of Funds	UNDP & DFID					
8	Project (if applicable)	Police Reform Programme (PRP)					
9	Tender Package Number & Name	Package No. 01 : Supply of Fingerprint Collection Kits and Related Equipment					
10	Mode of Payment	Credit					
11	Tender Publication Date	November 29, 2012					
12	Tender Last Distribution Date	December 08, 2012					
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	December 15, 2012					
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	December 15, 2012					
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	<b>Addresses</b>					
	- Selling Tender Document	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.					
	- Receiving Tender Document	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka					
	- Opening Tender Document	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka					
16	Pre-tender Meeting	Pre-Tender meeting will be held on December 09, 2012 at 10.00 AM in the Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.					
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	a). The Tenderer shall have a minimum of Two years of overall experience in the supply of Fingerprint collections kits and related equipment. b). The Tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum 02 (two) numbers of similar types or relevant type of jobs (if any) within last two years supported by the certificate issued from competent authority. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. The authenticity of the submissions will be verified accordingly. c). The satisfactory completion of similar goods of minimum Taka. Ten lac (10 Lac) under maximum contracts in the last two years. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.					
18	Identification of Packages, Lots, Tender Security and Price of Tender Document						
	Pkg. No.	Lot No.	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in BDT (by Pay Order/Bank Guarantee)	Completion Time	Price of Tender Document (in cash)
	Pkg.-1	Lot- Nil	"Supply of Finger Print Collection Kits and Related Equipment"	Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.	Tk.30,000/=	As per delivery schedule mentioned in the tender documents.	Nil
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender			Henk van Zyl			
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender			Project Manager			
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender			Police Reform Programme, 3rd Floor of Bangladesh Police Headquarter, 1 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.			
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23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.						