

## US air strike kills Pak Qaeda leader

AFP, Dubai

A US air strike in Pakistan has killed an al-Qaeda leader, Khaled Bin Abdel Rahman al-Hussainan, while he was having dinner after a day of fasting, the group announced late Friday.

The militant, also known as Abu Zaid al-Kuwaiti, was killed when he was having a late dinner after fasting during the day, the group said in a brief statement posted on several jihadist websites.

"We announce the martyrdom of Sheikh Khaled al-Hussainan who died as he was having his suhur meal and we pray to God to accept him in heaven," the statement said.

## Confusion over Tazreen toll

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Exporters Association (BGMEA) for siding with Delowar Hossain, owner of Tazreen Fashions, from the very beginning.

"BGMEA has maintained its tradition by siding with the owners," said Anu Muhammad, professor of economics at Jahangirnagar University.

The rights activist said the government has been trying to protect Delowar by painting the incident as an act of sabotage.

"Although the government talks about sabotage there is no sign of investigating the reasons and people behind it," he said.

The activists demanded immediate arrest of the owner of the export-oriented apparel company as well as the officials of BGMEA and

the government agencies whose negligence led to the fire.

Mishu said the factory owner sent the workers to death by violating workplace safety laws, and demanded life imprisonment for him.

"It is a criminal offence equivalent to killing. We want the owner to be arrested. But it has been over two weeks, and the owner remains at large. We strongly protest and condemn such inactivity by the government."

She cited previous cases of deaths from factory fire, where the owners went unscathed due to government's apathy.

"A precedent needs to be set. If the Tazreen owner goes unpunished, the others will continue to defy the laws."

The GSOF president

also pointed that Hossain is yet to pay compensation to the families, and urged the government to secure just compensation from him.

Anu Muhammad reiterated Mishu's views and said the lack of compensation from the owner's part is "most unfortunate".

The demands come a few days after the prime minister handed over compensations to the families of 43 workers whose bodies were burnt beyond recognition in the fire.

"But it does not free the owner from paying up. We want the owner to provide compensation to the affected families soon," Mishu said.

The compensation that was handed out was from the prime minister, the labour and employment

ministry, BGMEA, Pubali Bank and a foreign buyer.

"They were all public money. Why should the public bear the financial brunt when they are not responsible?" Anu questioned.

Not all of the 43 workers' families, however, got Tk 6 lakh each as promised, Mishu claims.

"We have got a number of families who got Tk 1-2 lakh. It is a deceit to the families -- in the name of compensation."

Anu Muhammad said, "The prime minister has donated Tk 2 lakh to the family each dead and the labour and employment ministry also donated Tk 1 lakh each."

Besides, he added, the compensation of Tk 6 lakh for each death is not enough.

"Our Serious Accident

Law stipulates that the compensation would be double the amount of money the victim of an accident would have earned during his or her lifetime."

He said the workers who died were aged 20 to 30 and they would have worked another about 40 if the country's life expectancy is taken into account.

"By all calculations, the families of the dead workers should have been given Tk 48 lakh as compensation."

"It is impossible for me to survive as I have no money to buy foods for my five boys," said Laizu Begum, 30, who worked at Tazreen for eight months.

"They are taking treatment on their own expenses. If any of the badly burnt workers becomes crippled, who will take care of him or her? We do not know the

answers."

Gulruk also said the BGMEA has not taken any step to list the injured workers and has also not decided whether any compensation would be given to the family members of the missing workers.

Meanwhile, over 100 workers of Tazreen Fashions yesterday demonstrated at Nishchintapur Primary School in Ashulia, demanding salary and compensation.

"It is impossible for me to survive as I have no money to buy foods for my five boys," said Laizu Begum, 30, who worked at Tazreen for eight months. Her identification number is 4048. She worked on the third floor of the eight-storey building.

"I left the factory two

hours before the blaze started," said Laizu.

"I come to the school ground every day and the factory authorities note down my name. But no one gives me salary and compensation," she lamented.

Among the demonstrators were family members of some of the workers still missing.

The salary and compensation of the missing workers should be given to their family members, as the factory authorities know the workers, said Anwarul Islam Arif, who lost his wife Rehena Begum, 26, in the fire.

"My wife was a known face at the factory. Everyone knew her as she had worked at Tazreen for the last three years," said Anwarul, also a supervisor of Tazreen Fashions.

## Prof Khan Sarwar no more

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was on life support in the intensive care unit of Apollo Hospital and passed away at 4:40pm, said hospital sources.

He is survived by two sons, Ferdous Murshid and Kumar Murshid, and two daughters, Tazeen Murshid and Sharmeen Murshid.

The first namaz-e-janaza of Murshid will be held at Azad mosque in Gulshan after Zohr prayers today, and the second will take place at Dhaka University mosque after Asr prayers, Kumar Murshid told The Daily Star.

His body will be kept at the Central Shaheed Minar from 2:30pm to 4:00pm for paying last tributes. Sammilito Sangskritik Jote will organise the proceedings.

Former vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University,

Murshid had been unstable since September 23 when he suffered a brain stroke.

He was taken home from the hospital for a short period in October, but had to be readmitted to the hospital on October 18 following another stroke.

Doctors said a computerised tomography (CT) scan revealed a sign of haemorrhage in his brain.

Born in 1924, Murshid was at the forefront of the Language Movement in 1952, the Mass Upsurge in 1969, the six-point movement and the Liberation War in 1971.

During the war, he was a member of the planning commission of the Language Movement in exile. He was an adviser to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Tajuddin Ahmed.

In his illustrious diplo-

matic career, he served as Bangladesh High Commissioner to Poland, Hungary and erstwhile Czechoslovakia and was also appointed assistant secretary general of the Commonwealth in 1977.

He was the first chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and was a trustee board member of the anti-graft watchdog till his death.

He was the editor of the literary journal New Values between 1949 and 1965. He received the Bangla Academy Award in 2010 for his contributions to literature.

President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia yesterday in separate messages expressed profound shock at the death of Prof Murshid.

## All-party elections

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reach a consensus on the election method.

The delegation members wanted to know about the latest political situation, pre-election perspectives, the role of the Election Commission, an interim arrangement ahead of the election, meetings sources said. The members also discussed how the next general election can be held in a free, fair and impartial manner.

Civil society members said that the Election Commission must work with courage and it must be

empowered so that it can make the administration neutral during the election.

Emerging from the meeting, Dr Iftekharuzzaman told reporters that the civil society wants the next general election to be acceptable and want the participation of all concerned.

MEETING KHALEDA ZIA  
The UN delegation met BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office yesterday evening.

During the meeting that lasted over an hour, they discussed the country's political situation, the next general election and the

international crimes tribunals, meeting sources said.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, chairperson's advisers Reaz Rahman and Sabihuddin Ahmed and party Vice-Chairman Shamser Mobin Chowdhury were present at the meeting.

"The next general election was discussed at the meeting," Shamser told reporters after the meeting.

None from the BNP or the delegation briefed the media on the meeting.

## 200 teens held in Afghan war

AP, New York

The US military has detained more than 200 Afghan teenagers who were captured in the war for about a year at a time at a military prison next to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, the United States has told the UN.

The US military had held them "to prevent a combatant from returning to the battlefield," the report said.

Khaleda Zia into jail again and send her sons abroad after giving a good beating?"

The prime minister claimed that all the elections held during the present government were staged in a free, fair and neutral manner and no question was raised about it.

AL presidium members Matia Chowdhury, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Abdul Latif Siddiqui and Satish Chandra Roy; Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haque Mostafa Shahid; Organising Secretary Khaleda Zia into jail again and send her sons abroad after giving a good beating?"

Hasina said the people did not forget the two-year tyrannical rule of the past caretaker government as they unleashed a reign of panic across the country.

She asked if there was any guarantee that a caretaker government would hold elections within three months. "Is there any guarantee they won't throw

victory," Hasina said making a question: "Isn't it a pre-tence of Khaleda Zia?"

Hasina also binned the opposition's demand for restoration of the caretaker government.

Highlighting the background of the caretaker government, she said Awami League was compelled to start the movement for caretaker government in the mid '90s following vote rigging of the BNP government in different polls including Magura and Mirpur by-polls.

Hasina, also the Awami League chief, said, "The ACC is summoning and interrogating the ministers, advisers and parliament members whenever they want. This practice was fully absent during the tenures of Khaleda Zia and HM Ershad."

She alleged that the ACC would not be able to do so if the BNP was in power as "the BNP hooligans would have attacked the ACC officials".

On the other hand, Hasina said, the aim of the present government was to ensure accountability and transparency in all spheres of the government. "Our policy is to root out corruption and bring solvency in the life of the people," she added.

Hasina blasted again BNP chief Khaleda Zia for announcing anti-government movement in the month of victory and called upon her to refrain from such agitation, which the prime minister claimed, was declared to the war criminals.

The prime minister alleged that the BNP chairperson was playing a dubious game about the trial of the 1971 culprits to misguide people.

"Khaleda Zia goes to Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur to pay respect to the martyred intellectuals on December 14 in one hand, while she announced anti-government programmes in the victory month of December to save the war criminals who killed intellectuals at the dawn of the

## AUCTION NOTICE

Sale of the Vessel "M.V. OCEAN PEARL" by International Public Auction

It is hereby notified that in pursuance of the order dated 20.11.2012 passed by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in Admiralty Suit No. 38/2012 M.V. OCEAN PEARL, now lying under arrest at outer anchorage (Patenga beach Katghar adjacent Jaliapara) of Chittagong Port, Chittagong shall be sold on "as it is where it is" basis by public auction by the Marshal of the Court or his substitute at his office in the High Court Division on Wednesday, 26th day of December, 2012 at 02.00pm.

Information regarding the ship will be available from the office of the Marshal. Intending bidders may attend the auction personally or through authorized agents at the office of the Marshal on the date and time mentioned above for the auction. Foreign bidders or their authorized agents may also participate in the auction subject to fulfilment of the requirements of the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations of Bangladesh Bank.

The bidder before participation in the auction bid must have to deposit Pay Order or Bank Draft of Tk. 1 (one) crore from any recognised Bank in the name of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh as security money. The successful bidder may adjust his security money, if so desire with his bid money while the unsuccessful bidder/bidders will get his/their Pay Order/Bank Draft deposited as security money returned immediately. Provided that if the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of the bid money on the spot, the amount deposited as security money shall be forfeited.

On acceptance of the highest bid by the Marshal (subject to confirmation by the Admiralty Court) the successful bidder shall be required to pay 25% of the bid price on the spot by Pay Order or Bank Draft from the recognised Bank in the name of the "Registrar" Supreme Court of Bangladesh and the balance 75% of the bid price shall be paid by Pay Order or Bank Draft within 14 (fourteen) days of confirmation of the sale by the Hon'ble Court. In case of failure to deposit the balance 75% of the bid price within the stipulated period, the 25% of the bid money deposited earlier shall stand forfeited.

The Marshal reserves all rights to cancel the auction bid and to hold re-auction without assigning any reason.

### Description of the Vessel

1. Port of Registration	: ST KITTS NEVIS
2. Light Ship Weight	: 7060 TONS
3. Gross Tonnage	: 12033 Tonnes
4. Call Sign	: V 4AK2
5. Net Tonnage	: 6729 Tonnes
6. Class	: RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING
7. Main Engine maker	: 74/160-3, ONE MOTOR, BRYNSKEN WORKS/6DKRN
8. Summer Deadweight/Draft	: 16208/1025M

C-1495

A.K.M. Shamsul Islam  
Registrar & Marshal  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

## First Re-Tender Notice for Fitout of Library at level 5 of Hospital Building icddr,b, Mohakhali

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2 Agency	icddr,b
3 Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, icddr,b
4 Procuring Entity District	Mohakhali, Dhaka
5 Invitation for	Works
6 Invitation Ref No & Date	icddr,b/Mohakhali/PS/76/2012, Date: 01-10-2012
7 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
8 Budget and Source of Funds	GOB-USDA
9 Development Partners	USDA
10 Project /Program Name	Strengthening of icddr,b's Capacity to Improved Hospital and Lab Services, icddr,b, Dhaka
11 Tender Package No.	Package No. 76
12 Tender Package Name	Fitout of library at level 5 of Hospital Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali
13 Tender Publication Date	December 09, 2012
14 Tender Last Selling Date	December 20, 2012
15 Tender Closing Date and Time	December 23, 2012 Time: 11:30 AM</