

Verdict today in Quader Mollah's case

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humanity committed during the Liberation War. This would be the second verdict of the tribunal and the first against an incumbent leader of Jamaat.

The party contributed significantly to the creation of auxiliary forces during the Liberation War for combating unarmed Bangalee civilians in the name of protecting Pakistan, an earlier verdict of the tribunal said.

Jamaat-e-Islami has called a dawn-to-dusk nationwide hartal today demanding the release of its top leaders being tried at the tribunal, scrapping of the tribunal altogether and to "protest the delivery of the verdict".

Yesterday, tribunal Registrar AKM Nasiruddin Mahmud told reporters at a press briefing that the Tribunal-2, the second of two

courts, would deliver the verdict against Mollah, 65. "The tribunal has directed [the authority concerned] to register [Quader Mollah's] case into tomorrow's [Tuesday's] cause list to deliver its verdict. So, it could be said the verdict of [Quader Mollah's] case will be delivered tomorrow," said the registrar.

Registrar Nasiruddin told The Daily Star, "Pronouncement of the verdict wouldn't be hampered by the hartal."

Mollah is facing six charges of crimes against humanity allegedly committed during the nine-month-long war in 1971. According to the charges, Mollah "actively participated" in the killing of at least 381 unarmed people in Dhaka's Mirpur and Keraniganj areas in six different incidents.

Tajul Islam, a senior member of Mollah's defence team, told The Daily Star, "It may not be possible for defence counsels to participate in tomorrow's [Tuesday's] court proceedings during the hartal. I personally will not go. One or two junior members [of defence team] may go to the court."

Asked what would happen if defence counsels did not appear before the court today, the registrar said, "As per law, their [lawyers] absence would not create any problem."

An initiative has been taken to produce the accused before the tribunal today, he said, adding that extra measures have also been taken to ensure security.

On January 17, the three-member Tribunal-2, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members

Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam kept Mollah's case waiting for verdict after conclusion of the closing arguments.

On January 21, the same tribunal made history by sentencing expelled Jamaat member Abul Kalam Azad to death, in its maiden judgment, for genocide and crimes against humanity during the war.

The case against another Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee is kept waiting for verdict at Tribunal-1.

While wrapping up its arguments in the case against Mollah, the prosecution sought capital punishment claiming that it had proved the charges brought against him.

Defence counsels claimed that the prosecution had failed not only to prove the case but also to

provide some material evidence for tribunal's consideration.

A total of 12 prosecution witnesses, including two investigations officers of the case, had testified while six people, including Mollah himself, testified as defence witnesses.

Mollah was arrested on July 13, 2010, in a criminal case and on August 2, 2010, he was shown arrested in connection with crimes against humanity committed in 1971.

The investigation agency, designated to deal with war crimes probes, handed over its report to the prosecution on October 31, 2011, and the prosecution on December 18, 2011, submitted formal charges against Mollah before Tribunal-1, which took the charges into cognisance on December 28, 2011.

On April 16, 2012, the

case against Mollah along with two other cases was transferred to Tribunal-2, setup on March 22, 2012.

On May 28, 2012, the tribunal framed six charges against Mollah for his alleged involvement in murders and mass killings during the war.

On June 20, 2012, the prosecution placed their opening statement and started to produce their witnesses on July 3 of that year.

After Tribunal-1 chairman Justice Nizamul Huq resigned in December, 2012, amid a controversy, Mollah sought retrial of his case but Tribunal-2 rejected his petition on January 7 this year.

The prosecution and the defence placed their closing arguments between December 17, 2012, and January 17 this year.

CHARGES
According to the charge

frame order, Mollah, the then president of Dhaka University Shahidullah Hall unit Islami Chhatra Sangha, organised the formation of Al-Badr with the members of the student body in 1971.

Islami Chhatra Sangha was then the student wing of Jamaat and it in its entirety turned into Al-Badr force during the war, according to prosecution documents.

The Pakistani army, along with its collaborating forces like Razakar, Al-Badr, killed around 30 lakh Bangalees and violated some two lakh women during the nine-month-long war.

Charges against Mollah are: killing Bangla College Student Pallab; killing prohibition poet Meherun Nesa, her mother and two brothers; killing of journalist Khondoker Abu Taleb;

killing of hundred of unarmed people of Khanbari and Ghatat Char villages in Keraniganj; killing 344 people in Alubdi village in Mirpur and killing of Hazrat Ali and five members of his family in Mirpur.

SECURITY
Security of the tribunals and its adjacent areas was beefed up yesterday, as there was a scheduled programme of Jamaat-e-Islami in the city.

Vehicle movement halted intermittently on the roads in front of the tribunals yesterday.

The registrar said, "There is nothing to be panicked about."

Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner (Ramna) of DMP, told The Daily Star that extra security measures including inner cordon have been taken to ensure foolproof security at the tribunal.

Rejoinder, our reply

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readable passport, printed in your article.

De La Rue produces passports for a significant number of countries worldwide and a wide range of other security documents, including driving licenses, authentication labels and tax stamps. In addition, it manufactures sophisticated high speed cash sorting and inspection equipment. It is the trusted partner of government, central banks, issuing authorities and commercial organisations around the world, and is the world's largest integrated commercial banknote printer. It has, in recent years, been involved in the design and production of over 150 national currencies.

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De La Rue, in its application, fully complied with the tender process and does not have what was reported in the article as a record of "abandoning supply, improperly completing contacts, inordinate delay or financial failure".

Due to client confidential obligations, De La Rue cannot disclose specific details of any commercial arrangements with its customers. However, it can confirm that it has not had any customer contract in the sub-continent cancelled for the reasons alleged in the article or, indeed, for other reasons. De La Rue further confirms

that it has been fully transparent with the Department of Immigration and Passport throughout the tender process.

It should be noted that the allegations made in the article are from sources that "preferred not to be named" and from "officials requesting anonymity." De La Rue is concerned that inaccurate hearsay and speculation from sources that were not willing to be named had been given so much credibility in the article.

De La Rue remains convinced that it is the organisation best placed to meet the requirement of the Bangladesh government and awaits the results from the tender evaluation committee.

Tim Cobbold
Chief Executive.

OUR REPLY
The rejoinder does not respond to the specific issues raised in our report

that De La Rue supplied sub-standard bank notes in India, following which India cancelled its contract with the company.

The sources of our report included top newspapers of UK and India and also reports from De La Rue itself. We quote from some of the dozens of reports on the issue in the following paragraphs.

In its September, 2010, Trading Statement, De La Rue admitted wrongdoings by saying that its board was investigating the irregularities and it "has now been established that some of the company's employees have deliberately falsified certain paper specification test certificates for a limited number of customers".

The Economist in its August 11, 2012, article headlined De La Rue: Cash Machine said, "Investors feared that De La Rue had done irreparable damage to its own reputation in 2010, when it botched an

order for high-quality banknote paper from a big client, said to be India's central bank. De La Rue had declared the paper met the required standards when it had not. Its chief executive resigned and the share price almost halved."

"The troubled banknote producer De La Rue confirmed yesterday that a number of its employees had falsified paper quality reports for some of its 150 clients, and that the findings of the investigation have been passed on to the Serious Fraud Office (SFO)," The Independent reported on September 8, 2010.

The Times on January 28 last ran a report headlined "De La Rue left hopping for change as Chinese deal slips out of its grasp" notes: The company was hard hit in 2010 when a banknote paper scandal resulted in the Indian Government, its largest customer, cancelling its contract with the British company."

Blast at paper mill

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admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The trio were temporary workers at the mechanical section of the mill.

Milan Paul, a fellow worker at the electrical section, told The Daily Star that although using any inflammable material in and around the chemical plant is prohibited, the three were ordered to weld the hydrogen tank there.

He said production in-charge Rezaul Alam gave the clearance to mechanical in-charge Firoj Alam for doing the repair work at the chemical plant and accordingly, Firoj allowed the workers to do the repair there.

Contacted, Anwarul Islam, managing director of KPM, said there might have been lack of safety measures at the chemical plant.

A four-member enquiry committee headed by KPM's additional chief medical officer Abdul Quadir Bhuiyan was formed to probe the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its report within three days, he added.

Punitive action will be taken against any official if found guilty of neglect, mentioned Anwarul.

Regarding compensation for the victims' families, he said steps will be taken according to the company rules.

Kaptai police handed over the bodies to the victims' families. Yesterday evening,

the bodies were being taken to Noakhali for burial. **FAMILIES RUINED**
Uncertainty gripped the families of the two deceased workers as they lost their key earning members.

Father of two sons and five daughters, Obaidul had to maintain his family with a daily wage of Tk 154. To earn extra money, he used to bind books after his office hours.

Visiting his residence at Lichubagan in Chandraghona, this correspondent found his wife and children wailing.

"I just want my father back, nothing else," said Obaidul's daughter Nurjahan in tears.

The death of Rabuil has left his family devastated. His wife and two children even do not know where to go for compensation.

Jinnah makes

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the grievances of the people of East Bengal before the assembly.

The provincial government, needless to say, was thus placed in a spot through this move by the students' community. Of particular concern to the chief minister and his colleagues was the fact that governor general Mohammad Ali Jinnah was expected to arrive in Dhaka on March 19, a visit that ought not to be sidelined by the students' agitation. As a way of placating the students, Nazimuddin agreed to meet their representatives, among whom were Prof Abul Kashem, Mohammad Toaha, Kamruddin Ahmed, Syed Nazrul Islam, Naimuddin Ahmed and Abdur Rahman

Chowdhury, on the morning of March 15 before the Legislative Assembly session got underway.

In the course of the meeting, Nazimuddin agreed to release all individuals who had been arrested on March 11 as a way of defusing tension in the province. He also assured the students that at the session of the Legislative Assembly in April, a resolution proposing the adoption of Bangla as one of the two state languages (the other being Urdu) of Pakistan would be introduced. In the event, all those arrested on March 11 were released. However, as events were to show subsequently, Nazimuddin reneged on his promise to have a resolution on Bangla adopted by the provincial

legislature.

Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the all-powerful leader of Pakistan (he was governor general, president of the constituent assembly and president of the ruling Muslim League all at once), arrived in Dhaka on March 19 on what would be his first and last visit to Pakistan's eastern province. On March 21, he addressed a public rally at the Race Course (subsequently Suhrawardy Udyan), where he warned the people of East Bengal to be on guard against elements conspiring against the unity of Pakistan. He clearly had in mind the Bangla language issue.

As events were to show, Jinnah would only make matters worse for himself and for Pakistan during his Dhaka visit.

Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat
Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight (SPO) Project

Invitation for Tenders

for Hiring of a Private Car with Driver and Fuel

1	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
2	Executive agency	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight (SPO) Project, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Rent of a private car with driver and fuel for official use.
6	Tender package No.	SPO/P/G-14
7	Procurement method	Opening tender method.
8	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, World Bank-IDA Grant.
9	Tender reference No. and date	11.320.014.00.00.082.2013, 02 February, 2013.
10	Price of tender documents	Cash Taka 500.00 to be paid.
11	Tender last selling date	February 27, 2013 up to 5.00pm.
12	Tender submission date and time	February 28, 2013 2.00pm.
13	Tender opening date and time	February 28, 2013 2.30pm.
14	Name & address of the office for selling tender document	SPO Project, 2/7 (1 st Floor), Minister's Hostel, Parliament Complex, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
15	Name & address of the office for submitting tender	Do
16	Name & address of the office for opening tender	Do

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17	Eligibility of tenderer	Genuine supplier rented private car. He should have valid trade license, TIN/Income Tax return certificate and VAT registration certificate.
18	Brief description of transport services	Rent of a private car with driver and fuel. The private car should be good condition 5-seater Sedan air conditioned car having 1275 to 1500 c.c. engine capacity and should not be manufactured before 2005.
19	Brief description of related services	The private car usually will be used during 8.00am to 8.00pm on all working days and may be used on any day at any time for urgent official requirement. The private car may run average up to 40 kilometers per day. Details may be seen in the tender documents.

20 Information for tender documents

Package No.	Location of service	Tender security amount	Completion time
G-13	SPO Project, 2/7 (1 st Floor), Minister's Hostel, Parliament Complex, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 and Dhaka City.	Taka 20,000.00 (twenty thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Payment Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Project Director, Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight Project shall be deposited with the tender.	18 months or further extended period.

21 Special conditions

- The private car be presented in front of this office for inspection before final selection.
- If the private car is changed for technical reasons, the replacement should be of better condition up to the satisfaction of the authority.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject/accept any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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