

# AL, allies unhappy

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Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced Quader Mollah to life term imprisonment for committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.  
"The verdict has not met our expectation. Awami League, 14-party and the whole nation expected capital punishment to Quader Mollah for heinous crimes like genocide, killing, rape, and arson during the war," AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif told reporters after a meeting of the 14-party leaders at AL President Sheikh Hasina's political office in Dhanmondi.  
The BNP, an ally of the Jamaat-e-Islami in the 18-party opposition, however, did not give any reaction to the verdict.  
Party's senior leaders Moudud Ahmed and Ruhul Kabir Rizvi told The Daily Star that they would give their reaction later.

The attorney general's office would appeal against the verdict, said Hanif, also a special assistant to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Capital punishment to Mollah could be ensured through the appeal, he added.  
Asked whether there was any negotiation between the ruling party and Jamaat, the AL leader said, "There is no scope for any negotiation with Jamaat."  
Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu and General Secretary Sharif Nurul Ambia in a joint statement said that like the people they were surprised and aggrieved too.  
State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam was in a similar tone while giving his reaction to reporters regarding the verdict at the law minister's secretariat office.  
It cannot be said that the tribunal's verdict is final, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said, since there is a

scope for appeal with the Supreme Court against the tribunal's verdict.  
The government does not look at the tribunal's verdict from any political perspective, he said, adding he believes the war crimes tribunals are playing their roles rightly in discharging judicial functions.  
Though the BNP as a party maintained silence following the verdict, its standing committee member Lt Gen (ret) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star that the main opposition supports the trial of war criminals and respects the verdicts delivered so far.  
"Heinous crimes like genocide, killing, and rape can't be pardoned. We want to see the people involved in crimes against humanity get punished."  
The BNP leader, however, said they expect that the accused would get enough scope to defend themselves and that the trial process would be transparent.

# Mollah's journey with Jamaat

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early 80s, he served as an executive editor of the daily Sangram, mouthpiece of Jamaat, and was also personal secretary of former ameer Ghulam Azam.  
He also severed several organisations and education institutions including Manarat International School and College in Dhaka.  
Mollah was born in Amirabad village under Sadarpur of Faridpur in 1948. He passed the SSC from Amirabad Fazlul Haq Institute in Faridpur in 1964 and the HSC from Faridpur Rajendra College in 1966.  
The war crimes suspect in his testimony as a defence witness said he had joined the East Pakistan Chhatra Union when he was in class eight and defected to Islami

Chhatra Sangha in September 1966 "understanding the supremacy of Islam over communism".  
Later, he was elected as the president of Chhatra Sangha's Rajendra College unit in the last year of BSc, he said, adding, he enrolled at Dhaka University in 1969 in physics but could not complete the course.  
He was elected as the president of Shahidullah Hall [previously Dhaka Hall] of Dhaka University unit's Sangha in 1970, added Mollah.  
According to the prosecution documents, all the members of Islami Chhatra Sangha had turned into Al-Badr activists during the Liberation War and Al-Badr collaborated with the invading Pakistani army in committing genocide and other crimes.  
The indictment order says Mollah organised formation of Al-Badr with the members of the student body in 1971.  
After independence, Mollah joined Islami Chhatra Shibir when it was "formed" in 1977 in Bangladesh.  
However, according to the prosecution and historic documents, Shibir was reformed with the leaders and activists of Chhatra

Sangha after the assassination of Sheikh Mujib.  
"Genocide '71", a book containing accounts of the killers and collaborators, was published by Muktiyuddha Chetana Bikash Kendra in 1987 and is a prosecution document in several war crimes cases.  
According to the book, "There was, however, no difference between the Islami Chhatra Shibir and the Islami Chhatra Sangha except in the name. Discarding the 'Sangha' portion of their name, the organisation substituted the word 'Shibir'.  
"The term (Shibir), it may be noted, was taken from the name of the junior branch of the Sangha, 'Shaheen Shibir'. But apart from this change in nomenclature, everything else, including the flag and the monogram, remained the same," the book reads.  
Mir Quashem Ali, who became the first president of Islami Chhatra Shibir in 1977, was the general secretary of East Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha in the last part of 1971. Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, the second president of Shibir, was a top leader of Chhatra Sangha in Mymensingh in 1971, the book adds.  
In a special publication

of Shibir on the occasion of its "silver jubilee," one of its former presidents said, "Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir began its journey anew at the Central Jame Masjid [mosque] of Dhaka University."  
According to the defence documents, Mollah in 1975 completed his diploma in education examination and master's in education administration in 1977.  
In 1977, he joined Udayan High School as a part-time teacher and later joined Bangladesh Rifles Public School and College, say the defence documents, adding, he also served Islamic Foundation Bangladesh.  
Mollah was appointed as the private secretary of former Jamaat ameer Ghulam Azam when he, for the first time, returned to independent Bangladesh on a Pakistani passport.  
The Bangladesh Government had cancelled the citizenship of Ghulam Azam on April 18, 1973 for his anti-liberation role, but after the assassination of Bangabandhu, he returned to Bangladesh on August 11, 1978, according to historic documents.  
Mollah was founder secretary of Manarat

International School and College in Dhaka and was attached to the Sangram as an executive editor in 1981 as per the defence documents.  
Mollah in his testimony identified the Sangram as the "mouthpiece of Jamaat-e-Islami".  
He was elected vice-president of the combined Dhaka Union of Journalists for two consecutive terms from 1982 to 1983, the documents add.  
He was elected as the ameer of Jamaat's Dhaka city unit in 1985, central publicity secretary in 1991 and assistant secretary general in 2000, defence documents add.  
He took part in parliament election twice from Faridpur but forfeited his deposit money on both occasions, Mollah confessed during his cross-examination.  
Mollah along with his political colleague Muhammad Kamaruzzaman was arrested on July 13, 2010 in a case filed in connection with the killings of 345 people in Mirpur during the Liberation War.  
Later on August 2 they both were shown arrested in a case for crimes against humanity committed in 1971.

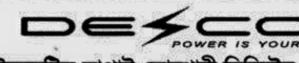
# Language issue

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Chaudhry Khaliqzaman, a prominent Muslim League figure in the UP who later migrated to Pakistan, told a conference in Hyderabad in May 1947 that Urdu ought to be the language of the soon to be Muslim state. Two months later, in July 1947, Dr Ziauddin Ahmed, vice-chancellor of Aligarh University, echoed Khaliqzaman's views.

The Bengali Abdul Haq, as AMA Muhith informs us in his State Language Movement in East Bengal 1947-1956, initiated the debate on the place of Bangla in Pakistan. "Bangla Bhasha Bishoyok Prostab", the first article in which Haq argued for Bangla as Pakistan's state language, appeared in two installments in the Calcutta daily Ittehad on 22 and 29 June in 1947. On

29 July 1947, Dr Muhammad Shahidullah rubbished Dr Ziauddin Ahmed's advocacy of Urdu in his article, "Pakistaner Bhasha Shomoshya", in the daily Azad.  
It may be noted that in 1946 Abul Hashim, a prominent Muslim League politician in Bengal, had proposed in his party's election manifesto that Bangla be the state language of Bengal. A decisive step in the advo-

cacy of Bangla was taken by Professor Abul Kashem, under whose leadership the Tamaddun Majlis was formed on September 1, 1947. Through his efforts a booklet, "Rashtrabhasha Bangla Na Urdu?", containing articles by Quazi Motahar Hossain, Abul Mansur Ahmed and others, was published on 15 September.  
Understandably, all the articles argued vigorously that the status of Bangla as the official language of East Bengal as also the state language of Pakistan should be ensured.  
In November 1947, a memorandum demanding that Bangla be adopted as the state language of East Bengal was signed by a number of Bangalee luminaries, among whom were Moulana Akram Khan, Prof Abul Kashem, Moulana Abdullahel Baqui, Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad, Abbasuddin, Zainul Abedin, Principal Ibrahim Khan, Prof Mansuruddin and Abul Mansur Ahmed. The memorandum was submitted to Chief Minister Khawaja Nazimuddin.  
Meanwhile, at an education conference convened in the country's capital Karachi in the same month, Pakistan's education minister Fazlur Rahman, a Bangalee, suggested that Urdu be the state language of Pakistan. Predictably, he ran into a hailstorm of criticism over his remarks.  
As 1947 gave way to 1948, Pakistan's constituent assembly, having met in inaugural session on 11 August 1947, prepared to convene in Karachi on 23 February 1948.



**ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (ডেসকো)**  
২২/বি, ফারুক স্মরণী, নিকুল-২, বিলকেশ, ঢাকা-১২২৯।

**বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থা তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (ডেসকো) এর বিভিন্ন প্রকার বিজ্ঞপ্তি জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকাসমূহে প্রকাশের লক্ষ্যে বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থা তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য খ্যাতমান আহ্বানী প্রতিষ্ঠিত/প্রকৃত বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার নিকট হতে নিম্নে উল্লিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে নিজস্ব লেটার হেড প্যাডে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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- ০১। তালিকাভুক্ত বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থাকে ন্যূনতম ০২ (দুই) বৎসরের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত থাকতে হবে।
- ০২। তালিকাভুক্তির দরখাস্ত আগামী ২০/০২/২০১৩ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারী বরাবরে পৌছাতে হবে। ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (ডেসকো) এর নামে ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) দরখাস্তের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।
- ০৩। দরখাস্তের সাথে চলতি ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, TIN Certificate, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন ইত্যাদির সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ০৪। তালিকাভুক্ত বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার মাধ্যমে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞাপনের বিপরীতে প্রদেয় বিল হতে সরকারী নিয়ম অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট/ট্যাক্স কর্তন করা হবে এবং প্রযোজ্য বিল Account Payee চেকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করা হবে।
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- ০৬। বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার নিজস্ব অফিস থাকতে হবে। তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য মনোনয়ন প্রদানের পূর্বে প্রয়োজনে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার কার্যালয় ডেসকো কর্তৃক সরেজমিনে পরিদর্শন করা হতে পারে।
- ০৭। ডেসকো কর্তৃক তালিকাভুক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে জামানত হিসাবে ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিমিটেড এর অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে জমা দিতে হবে যা সন্তোষজনক ভাবে কার্যসম্পাদন সাপেক্ষে তালিকাভুক্তির মেয়াদ অত্তে ফেরত যোগ্য।
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- ০৯। বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার প্রদানকৃত দরের উপর ভিত্তি করে শর্ট লিস্টেট প্রতিষ্ঠানকে তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে।
- ১০। কোনরূপ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন আবেদনপত্র অথবা সকল আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।

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Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

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