

Alim ordered killing of 10 in Joypurhat

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prosecution witness in the case against ex-BNP lawmaker Alim, said the Pakistani army and their local collaborators attacked Hindu-dominated villages in Joypurhat, days after Alim asked his associates in a public rally to loot the houses of Hindus.

Dilip told the Tribunal-2 that under the leadership of Alim, the then chairman of Joypurhat sub-division Peace Committee and Razakar commander, the Pakistani army, Razakar and Peace Committee men killed and tortured people.

Razakar and Peace Committee, two anti-

liberation forces, collaborated with the Pakistani army in committing genocide and crimes against humanity during the nine-month-long war as per prosecution documents.

On August 6, 2012, Abdul Momen, first prosecution witness in the case, testified that Alim had ordered the killing of at least nine Hindus in Khetlal and their bodies were buried by the river.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam completed recording his testimony before adjourning the

proceeding until today when Dilip is set to face cross-examination.

On June 11, 2012, the tribunal framed 17 charges of crimes against humanity against Alim including genocide and murder of Bangalee civilians and burying people alive.

During his 38-minute testimony, Dilip, who is a primary schoolteacher, said he was an SSC examinee in 1971.

The 59-year-old witness said around 9:00am on a day of May, 1971, possibly the ninth of Bangla month Jaistha, Pakistani army, local Peace Committee members and Razakars attacked the village and

tortured people and looted their belongings.

"They [Pakistani army and their local collaborators] carried out atrocities to destroy the Hindu community on religious vengeance," he added.

"I took shelter near a bush to save my life and observed their activities and movement," said Dilip, adding that around 10:30am, he heard the screaming and saw plumes of smoke from neighbouring Harunja Hat village.

"After some time, I heard that Pakistani army were taking away five people from our village towards Hatsahar Hat. One

Saidur Rahman, now deceased, and I tried to see the detained people secretly," he said.

Manibhusan, one of the five detainees, was his paternal uncle, said Dilip, adding that Pakistani army and their collaborators also brought five others from Harunja Hat and took the 10 to Peace Committee office at Khetlal.

"Saidur and I followed them secretly," Dilip said, adding that they heard the screaming of the detainees from 300 yards away from the office.

"After some time, the 10 detainees were put inside a pickup truck and a Razakar and Peace Committee

member asked its driver loudly to 'produce the 10 before Alim at Joypurhat Shanti Committee [Peace Committee] office'," added Dilip.

After that Dilip and Saidur returned home and shared what they witnessed with their family members and others, said the witness.

"The 10 detainees never returned to our village. The

next day I heard Pakistan army either killed or arranged their deaths at Khanjanpur Khuthibari Ghat following the order of Alim and buried them there," he said.

Seven or eight days before that incident, Alim and Pakistani Major Afzal addressed a meeting at Hatsahar Hat with Peace Committee members and Razakars, said Dilip, add-

ing that around 500-600 people joined that meeting.

"In his speech, Abdul Alim asked the meeting to loot the belongings of the Hindus. We heard him in the loudspeakers from our house," added Dilip.

After the killings, 100-150 Hindu people including Dilip's family members left Joypurhat, said the witness.

Harbin deal gets govt nod again

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A Chinese co-bidder late last year lodged a complaint with the CPTU that after opening the tender proposals, the PDB illegally allowed Harbin to modify its financing offer to make it appear as the lowest bidder, which it was not. But the complainant, which was set to bag another power deal in another tender, withdrew the complaint in late December.

The Chinese company that built the Tongi 80 MW power plant in 2005 with hundreds of faults was blessed by Hawa Bhaban during the BNP rule and was blacklisted once.

During the tenure of caretaker government, the local agent of Harbin filed an extortion case against

Giasuddin Mamun, friend of the then BNP Senior Secretary General Tariq Rahman (now senior vice chairman), among others, saying that they had taken Tk 5 crore to award the deal for Tongi power project.

Now the same company has the blessings of a powerful ruling Awami League lawyer-parliamentarian.

Under the lawmaker's influence, Harbin was picked as the selected bidder out of two participants although its offer was subject to the tender's rejection clause. Harbin's price offer was higher than that of the other Chinese bidder -- China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation (CMC) -- but Harbin was shown as

the lowest bidder through tender manipulation.

Harbin did not mention the prices of three items in its offer (an auxiliary transformer; cables and balance of plant). This means the company had not taken these items into consideration while making their financial offer. It did not also provide the PDB with the end user certificate to prove its experience in building at least 100 MW coal-fired power plant. Its financial offer was higher than that of the co-bidder.

In this context, ignoring tender rules, the PDB tender evaluation committee in October made way for Harbin to change its financial terms by asking it to clarify some financial

points. Harbin changed its financial configuration and consequently it became the lowest bidder.

At yesterday's meeting, the purchase committee also approved a Tk 948 crore furnace oil-based public sector 100MW power project in Chapainawabganj.

Chinese Hubei Electric Power Survey and Design Institute was selected as contractor through a tender floated back in June last year in which five companies participated.

During the evaluation, three companies were disqualified. The remaining two were Chinese companies Dongfang Electric International Corporation and Hubei.

Sources said the PDB

disqualified Dongfang on the pretext of amending its bid security although it was done around a month before the PDB opened the company's financial proposal. This way the PDB made Hubei the lone bidder.

Sources said that Dongfang's amendment to bid security was to give it higher standards and it had no impact on its financial proposal.

This prompted the company to lodge a complaint with the CPTU. But the CPTU ruled that the company had changed the bid security format. This allowed the PDB to go ahead with the lone bidder being represented by a ruling party lawmaker.

Clark, from the University of Bristol's School of Biological Sciences, said "Flowers are like giant advertising billboards for bees.

"We have known for a long time that flowers use colour and smell to advertise to their pollinators.

"More recently though, it is being discovered that flowers take advantage of more and more of their pollinators' senses to send their messages," Clarksaid.

Prof Daniel Robert, from the University of Bristol, who led the research, said differences in electrical charges allowed flowers and bees to communicate.

The research, published in Science Express, took the team three years to

complete and involved watching each bee visit a flower up to 50 times.

Plants are usually charged negatively and emit weak electric fields. Bees acquire a positive charge as they fly through the air.

It is believed that this could be a way to warn bees that the flower has been recently visited, meaning the nectar content is low.

Bees are also able to tell the difference between different floral electric fields -- knowing when a flower's charge has changed.

Dr Heather Whitney, a co-author of the study, said the discovery of electric detection had opened up a "whole new understanding" of insect and flower communication.

Completion of trial still a challenge

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The prosecution, however, expressed the hope of completing the trial by April this year.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mosharraf Hossain Kajal, one of the prosecutors of the case, said the Court of Metropolitan Sessions Judge has so far recorded statements of 564 out of 1,287 prosecution witnesses including high-profile personalities, family members of the victims and people involved in the investigation.

Kajal added they would produce another 16 witnesses, who had assisted the investigation, before the court for their statements. Finally, the investigation officer of the case

C I D ' s Special Superintendent of Police Abdul Kahar Akand's statement will be recorded.

On completion of his deposition, the defence may give a list of their witnesses. The court would ask the accused whether they admit the offences derived from the statements of the prosecution witnesses.

At the final stage, the prosecution and the defence would place their arguments and after that the court would pronounce the verdict any day.

"It may take another two months to complete the entire process," Kajal added.

Hours into the dawn of February 25 in 2009, the bloody mutiny broke out at the former BDR, now

Border Guard Bangladesh, headquarters in Pilkhana that lasted for 36 hours.

Rebel soldiers looted the armoury and brutally killed 74 people including 57 top and mid-ranked army officers who came to work with the border guards on deputation. The victims include the then BDR director general Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed and his wife.

The rebels also went on wholesale looting and kept hostage some officers and their family members, sending a chilling tension and prompting the government to call out the army.

The government eventually managed to solve the problem politically and the mutiny ended with the surrender of the rebels.

Following the tragic carnage, a case was filed with Lalbagh police which was later shifted to Newmarket police.

After more than one year of investigation, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) pressed charges against 801 BDR soldiers and 23 civilians including former BNP lawmaker Nasir Uddin Ahmed Pintu and Awami League ward level leader Torab Ali.

Twenty-six including 25 BDR soldiers were also included in the charge sheet later. Three of the accused died in jail during trial, while 20 accused are still on the run.

Similarly, 57 mutiny cases were also filed with different police stations

against 6,046 BDR soldiers for rebellion in Pilkhana and different battalions across the country.

On October 20 last year, 11 special courts, including six in Dhaka, constituted to try the mutineers, completed their trial and awarded 5,926 rebels various jail terms and acquitted 115 accused. Five others were dropped from the mutiny charges.

Nehreen Ferdousi demanded that the government announce February 25 as 'Shaheed Sena Dibash' and build a monument in memory of the martyred officers so that their children and relatives might gather there and pay tribute to their dear ones.

PROGRAMMES
Meanwhile, BGB has drawn up a number of programmes today and tomorrow to commemorate the martyrs of Pilkhana carnage.

The programmes include reciting the Quran after Fazr prayers seeking salvation of the martyrs' souls, doa and milad mahfil at the headquarters and in all regions, sectors, institutions and units of BGB.

Besides, representatives of the president, the prime minister, the home minister, senior secretary of the home ministry, along with the chiefs of three armed forces and the director general of BGB will place wreaths at the graves of the martyrs at the Banani Graveyard at 10:00am today.

A doa and milad mahfil will also be held at Bir Uttam Fazlur Rahman Khandakar Auditorium in Pilkhana at 4:30pm tomorrow.

Officers of BGB, relatives of the martyrs, soldiers of different ranks along with the minister, state minister and senior secretary of the home ministry and the director general of BGB will also be present there.

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| ১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ : | বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ, বিজ্ঞানস মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ। |
| ২। এজেন্সী : | বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড। |
| ৩। সংগ্রহকারী দপ্তরের নাম : | সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, ১নং আব্দুল গণি রোড, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন (১২ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০। |
| ৪। সংগ্রহকারী দপ্তরের জেলা : | ঢাকা (ক্যাম্প অফিস)/সিলেট প্রকল্প অফিস। |
| ৫। কাজের নাম : | সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ ৩ঃ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় ব্যবহারযোগ্য বিভিন্ন ধরনের প্যাকিং কাঠ/কাঠের ডাম, স্টিল শীট, ভাসা পাইপ, কনটেইনার নিলামে বিক্রি। |
| ৬। কাজের অবস্থান : | কুমারগাঁও, সিলেট। |
| ৭। বিজ্ঞপ্তি সূত্র নং : | সিঃ ১৫০ মেঃ৩ঃ বিকে/২.০৫/২০১৩/১৭২০। |
| ৮। তারিখ : | ১৭/০২/২০১৩ইং। |
| ৯। সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি : | খোলা দরপত্র (OTM)। |
| ১০। ঠিকাদানের যোগ্যতা : | বাংলাদেশের ইচ্ছুক ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান (হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধীকরণ ও মালিকানা এফিডেভিট থাকিতে হইবে এবং প্রয়োজনে মূলকপি দেখাইতে হইবে)। |
| ১১। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের তারিখ : | ২৪/০২/২০১৩ইং। |
| ১২। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : | ১০/০৩/২০১৩ইং (ব্যাংক চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)। |
| ১৩। দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : | ১৪/০৩/২০১৩ইং (সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত)। |
| ১৪। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : | ১৪/০৩/২০১৩ইং (সময়ঃ দুপুর ১২.১৫ মিনিট)। |
| ১৫। দরপত্র বিক্রয় অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা : | (ক) প্রকল্প পরিচালক, সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, ১নং আব্দুল গণি রোড, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন (১২ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০। (খ) প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ, ১নং আব্দুল গণি রোড, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন (৬ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০। |
| ১৬। দরপত্র গ্রহণ অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা : | প্রকল্প পরিচালকের দপ্তর, সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, প্রকল্প দপ্তর, কুমারগাঁও, বিটবো, সিলেট। |
| ১৭। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান : | প্রকল্প পরিচালকের দপ্তর, সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, প্রকল্প দপ্তর, কুমারগাঁও, বিটবো, সিলেট। |
| দরদাতাদের জন্য তথ্যাবলী | |
| ১৮। দরপত্র দাখিলের বিক্রয় মূল্য : | প্রকল্প পরিচালক, সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, বিটবো, ঢাকা বাথরে টাঃ ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) মাত্র পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। |
| ১৯। বায়নার টাকা : | নিলাম দরদাতা কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত দরের ২৫% (শতকরা ২৫ টাকা) মাত্র বায়না বাবদ যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাংক হইতে প্রকল্প পরিচালক, সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, বিটবো, ঢাকা এর বরাবর পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। |
| ২০। কাজ সমাপ্তির সময় : | ১০ (দশ) দিন। |
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| ২১। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম : | প্রকৌঃ খন্দকার ইফতেকারউদ্দীন। |
| ২২। আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী : | প্রকল্প পরিচালক (তত্ত্বাঃ প্রকৌঃ)। |
| ২৩। আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার দায়িত্বিক ঠিকানা : | সিলেট ১৫০ মেঃ৩ঃ কন্সট্রাক্ট সাইকেল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, ১নং আব্দুল গণি রোড, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন (১২ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০। |
| ২৪। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ফোন নং : | ০২-৯৫৬২১০৩। |
| ২৫। শর্তাবলী : | (ক) দরপত্র দাখিলের TDS ও PCC ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০৬, পিপিআর-২০০৮ এতদসংক্রান্ত সংশোধনী এর শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী ঠিকাদানের যোগ্যতা যাচাই করা হইবে। (খ) দরপত্র উন্মুক্তভাবে সকল ধারা বিবেচনায় অনিন্দ্য উহার আলোকে শর্তাদি পালনপূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। (গ) দাখিলকৃত দর আইটেম ওয়ারী অংকে ও কথায় সুস্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। কোন প্রকার কাটা/কাটি/অস্পষ্টতা সহযোগে হইবে না। (ঘ) প্রধান প্রকৌঃ অনুমতি সাপেক্ষে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিলকৃত মূল্যের ২৫% টাকা পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে দাখিল করিতে হইবে (১) প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা এফিডেভিট (২) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন (৩) হালনাগাদ আয়কর ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (৪) মালিক ব্যতীত প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিলকৃত মূল্যের ক্ষেত্রে নতুন স্বাক্ষরসহ অধ্যক্ষের অনুমতি পে-অর্ডার/ডিডি আকারে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। নিলামযোগ্য মালমালের ডেলিভারী আদেশ পাওয়ার ১০ (দশ) দিনের মধ্যে গঠিত কমিটির নিকট হইতে মালমাল বুঝিয়া নিতে হইবে। উক্ত সময়ের মধ্যে মূল্য পরিশোধ করিয়া মালমাল বুঝিয়া না নিলে বিধি মোতাবেক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে। |
| বিজ্ঞপ্তি দরপত্র আহবান পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮ইং এবং এতদসংক্রান্ত সংশোধনী ও সর্বশেষ নির্দেশ অনুযায়ী দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে। নিলামকারকী কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। | |

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Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bona-fide manufacturers/local agents/importers/ suppliers for supply of the following items:

| Sl. No | Nomenclature & Quantity | Last date of selling tender form | Date of dropping & opening tender | Currency | Price of tender form | Tender No. & date |
|--------|--|----------------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) |
| 01 | Assembling Machine | 26 March 2013 1300 hrs | 27 March 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs | Foreign | Tk.1000/- (Non refundable) | 23.04.0000.167.193(i).6813.12.13 dt- 18-2-2013 |
| 02 | Vertical Furnace with Temperature control unit | 26 March 2013 1300 hrs | 27 March 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs | Foreign | Tk.750/- (Non refundable) | 23.04.0000.167.140(i).6813.12.13 dt- 17-2-2013 |
| 03 | Box Type Electric Resistance Furnace With Temperature Control Unit | 11 March 2013 1300 hrs | 12 March 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs | Local | Tk.500/- (Non refundable) | 23.04.0000.166.116(i).6813.12.13 dt- 16-2-2013 |
| 04 | Carpenter Horizontal Copy Milling Machine | 11 March 2013 1300 hrs | 12 March 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs | Local | Tk.300/- (Non refundable) | 23.04.0000.166.143(i).6813.12.13 dt- 10-2-2013 |
| 05 | 31 Items Spare Parts with CNC Wire Cut EDM Machine & CNC Lathe Machine | 11 March 2013 1300 hrs | 12 March 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs | Local | Tk.1000/- (Non refundable) | 23.04.0000.166.100(vii).4856.10.11 dt- 18-02-2013 |

2. Supplier enlisted at BOF, DGDP and any other defence organization, who have security clearance will only be eligible to participate in the above tenders.

3. Tender forms with detail specifications and terms & conditions will be available in the auditorium of BOF on all working days between 9 AM to 1 PM.

4. Commandant, BOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.

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