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# Ghulam Azam aided attacks on Bangalees

He considered it his duty, war crimes tribunal told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Ghulam Azam at a meeting in Rawalpindi of Pakistan 18 days before the 1971 victory tried to justify the attacks on Bangalees, saying it was his duty.

"We [Azam and the organisations under his control] have assisted the Pakistan Government in taking measures against the separatists because it was our duty," prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1, quoting the accused from newspaper reports.

Azam made the remarks at the United Coalition Party (UCP) meeting on November 28, 1971, which was published at the daily Sangram, Jamaat-e-Islami's mouthpiece, the next day.

Simon, while placing closing arguments in the war crimes case, said Azam used to brand freedom fighters of the then East Pakistan as "separatists" and "anti-state elements".

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These sculptures of Bangladesh players were installed ahead of 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup for beautification of the port city. But now it looks there is nobody to take care of the sculptures, all discoloured and covered with dirt.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



## 5 accused sent to jail

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday sent five accused in the sensational Aminbazar killing case to jail hours after they surrendered before the court seeking bail.

The accused are Sabbir Hossain Parbat, Anwar Hossain Anu, Mohammad Masud, Hazi Mokhlesur Rahman and Safayet Jewel.

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## MANPOWER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

# Qatar offers scope

Govt should explore opportunities, recruiting agencies say

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

Ahead of the World Cup football in 2022, host country Qatar is recruiting foreign workers in large numbers, creating many job opportunities for Bangladeshi workers.

But due to a lack of coordination between the government and the private sector, the number of Bangladeshi workers going to the Middle Eastern country is insignificant, said recruiting agencies.

Qatar is hiring many people for the construction sector as it plans mega-infrastructure projects in advance of the World Cup.

The agencies think that the Bangladesh embassy officials in Qatar are having trouble dealing with labour issues effectively.

Muhammad Maqsurur Rahman, first secretary (labour) of the Bangladesh

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## Mahmudur slams media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman launched a scathing attack on the media and journalist leaders yesterday for "criticising" his stance on the Shahbagh movement.

He also accused journalists of turning into activists over the Shahbagh demonstration.

"The poor people ... the common people

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## Stop attacks on media

Journalist leaders deplore desecration of national flag, Shaheed Minars, demand punishment to fanatics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the recent attacks on news-men and desecration of the national flag and Shaheed Minars by religious fanatics, journalist leaders yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the attackers.

"If there is any further attack on journalists and media from the defeated forces of 1971, they [attackers] will be resisted with full strength," Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, president of a faction of Bangladesh

Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), told a rally before the Jatiya Press Club.

The BFUJ and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) jointly organised the rally protesting the attacks and demanding death penalty for all war criminals.

Expressing solidarity with the Shahbagh movement, Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, secretary general of BFUJ, said journalists did not sit back during the Liberation War and this time also they would not.

Former BFUJ president Manzurul Ahsan Bulbul said though the newsmen

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**INCREDIBLE TORNADO**  
The bigeye trevally fish, found in tropical waters, form enormous shoals in the ocean during spawning. Photographer and conservationist Octavio Aburto has spent three years documenting the fish in sea off Mexico, and produced a stunning series of images of the "incredible tornado" formed by the creatures during courtship.

PHOTO: DAILYMAIL

## Arrest warrant sought for 3 Jamaat leaders

Absent again from contempt rule hearing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three top Jamaat-e-Islami leaders for the second time yesterday did not appear before the International Crimes Tribunal-2 citing "unavoidable circumstances" to explain a contempt of court rule issued against them.

Claiming their absence as "disobedience to the court's order", the prosecution sought issuance of arrest warrant to ensure their presence.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan "for the last time" extended time until March 3 saying "necessary order" would be passed if the Jamaat leaders failed to appear before it next time.

Earlier on February 7, the tribunal asked the three to explain why contempt of court proceeding would not be initiated against them for making provocative and

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## Mobiles of the future

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These were the claims of Matias Duarte, Google's Director of Android User

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## THREAT TO IMAM Farabi on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Shafiqur Rahman Farabi, arrested after threatening to kill any imam who would lead blogger Rajib's janaza, has been placed on a five-day remand.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Amit Kumar Dey yesterday granted the remand after detectives

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## JUDGE FACES PROBE Pro-BNP, Jamaat lawyers oppose president's move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-opposition lawyers yesterday demanded withdrawal of the president's order for formation of a Supreme Judicial Council to investigate alleged misconduct of High Court judge Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan.

The president's move against Justice Mizanur is not consistent with the constitution, since the judge has not committed any "gross misconduct," said BNP leader Moudud Ahmed.

He was speaking at a meeting organised by the pro-BNP and Jamaat faction of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) at its south hall.

The president has made the order to serve the government's political purpose, which amounts to interference

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**PRAYER TIMING February 27**

|      |       |      |
|------|-------|------|
| Asan | 5-20  | 5-55 |
| Fajr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Zohr | 4-30  | 4-45 |
| Asr  | 6-03  | 6-07 |
| Esha | 7-30  | 8-00 |

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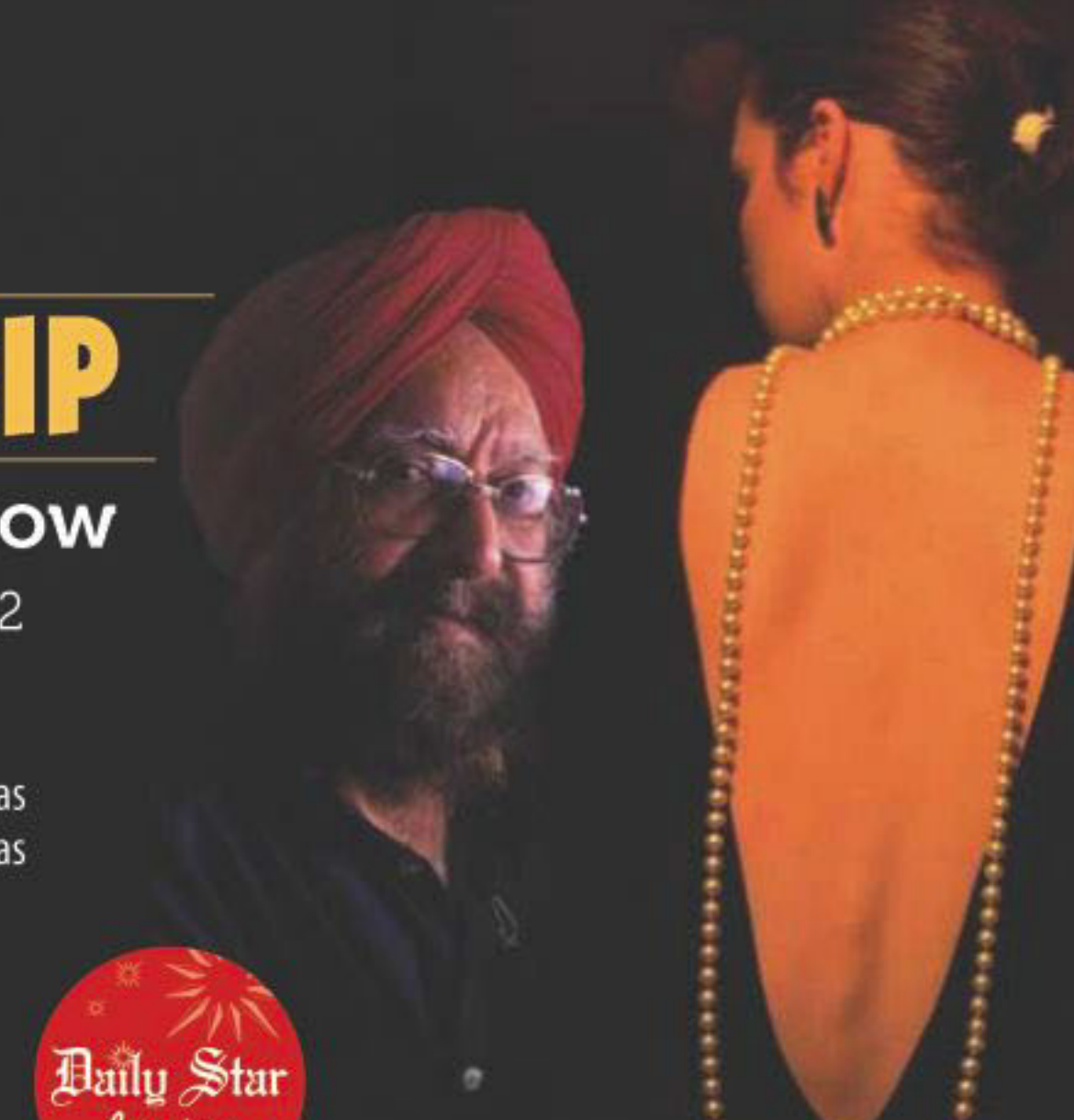
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