## Khatib slams FROM PAGE 1

Shahbagh. Terming mosques as the most sacred places on earth, the Khatib, Maulana Mohammad Salauddin, said all must be respectful to the sanctity of mosques where Muslims bow down to

Almighty Allah. The Khatib and the director general (DG) of Islamic Foundation that manages and supervises the national mosque addressed a press conference against the backdrop of Friday's vandalism.

The Foundation yester-Chowdhury, Jute and Textiles day decided to keep the Minister Abdul Latif Siddique North Gate of Baitul and state ministers for home Mukarram closed every Shamsul Haque Tuku, for Friday till further notice to LGRD Jahangir Kabir Nanak prevent using it as a platform and for housing Abdul for any political party's Mannan are among those programmes, said the DG, Hasina talked to about the Shamim Mohammad Afzal. situation.

He said "followers of Moududi" (in Bangladesh, Jamaat men are known as followers of Moududi) were involved in Friday's incident, and they torched floor mat, pulled up tiles and resorted to other acts of vandalism inside the national mosque.

Shamim urged the authorities concerned to track down these people who, he pointed out, desecrated the mosque under the banner of Islamist parties.

The DG called upon all devotees to use the east, west and south gates of the mosque on Fridays to help maintain the sanctity of the mosque and to keep it free from any political activity. "We have taken the deci-

sion [to keep the North Gate closed on Fridays] so that none can use the North Gate of the national mosque as a platform for political activities, which desecrate the mosque," Shamim said. About the vandalism on

Friday, he said those involved in it are enemies of Islam and the country. "They pose a serious threat to the sovereignty of our country."

# Pessimists

FROM PAGE 20 revealed that being overly optimistic in predicting a better future was associated with a greater risk of disability and death within the following decade.

"Pessimism about the future may encourage people to live more carefully, taking health and safety orecautions."

The research, based on data collected between 1993 and 2003, asked participants in three different age groups to rate how satisfied they were with their lives and how satisfied they thought they would be in five years.

The age groups were divided into 18 to 39, 40 to 64 and 65 and above.

They were interviewed again five years later, and their satisfaction levels were compared with their own predictions.

A total of 43 percent of the oldest group -- 65 years old and above -- had underestimated their future life satisfaction.

While 25 per cent had predicted their future happiness accurately, 32 percent

the February 5 verdict of a life had overestimated it. sentence to Jamaat leader Surprisingly, those in the Abdul Quader Mollah. Having oldest group who overestikept the intersection under mated how happy they their occupation for 17 days would be were found to have in a row, demonstrators on a 9.5 percent increase in February 21 announced a reporting disabilities. series of programmes to

They had a ten percent increased risk of death, the analysis showed.

Older people, who tended to have a 'darker outlook' on the future, were said to be more realistic with their predictions and therefore were more likely to be accu-

In contrast, the optimistic youngsters had the sunniest

outlook, overestimating their success. People who were 'overly optimistic' about the days ahead had a greater risk of

disability or death within ten years.

The research, published by the American Psychological Association, also found those with higher income were more likely to be at greater risk of disability.

[north], told The Daily Star last FROM PAGE 1 the country and asked all law night.

enforcement agencies to be Contacted, Shaikh Md on high alert. Securities of all Wahid-uz-Zaman, principal important establishments secretary to the prime minishave been beefed up throughter, told this paper: "The out the country after yestergovernment will do every day's nationwide mayhem. thing to ensure safety and Prime Minister Sheikh security of public lives and Hasina has spoken to some properties." of her cabinet colleagues

and asked all the lawmakers

to go to their constituencies

to tackle any untoward situ-

ation, sources in the ruling

Awami League told The

Agriculture Minister Matia

"It's the last desperate

attempt by them [Jamaat-

Shibir] for their survival and

the government will control

any situation in line with the

law," Matia Chowdhury told

Top officials of all law

enforcement agencies held a

series of meetings last night to

work out today's action plan,

sources said, adding that law

enforcers will patrol all dis-

tricts, upazilas and important

areas of the country today and

tackle troublemakers with "an

A senior police official said

security measures in diplo-

matic areas would be reor-

dered and beefed up from

special prayers after Juma

prayers today for the "salva-

tion of the departed souls of

those killed in the violence

days in the hands of law

enforcers" as well as for

Sayedee's release. Seven

other religion-based parties

will also organise special

Jamaat and the seven

parties, which earlier in the

evening said they would not

organise any programmes

with Jamaat today, will also

bring out processions across

trol the emotions of our hun-

dreds of workers who are

devotees of Moulana Delawar

Hossain Sayedee. So the gov-

ernment will have to shoulder

all the responsibility if any

untoward incident happens,"

Amiruzzaman, ameer of

Chittagong Metropolitan

asleep until justice is done.

As hours passed by, and

the night turned into morning

and then noon, they grew

increasingly anxious. "Did

you hear anything?" many

finally arrived in the after-

noon, and an announcement

from the Gonojagoron

Mancha turned the demon-

the people," said Imran H

Sarker, convener of Blogger

and Online Activist Network

that began the movement

demanding the capital pun-

ishment to all war criminals.

the sacrifice of the martyrs of

streets of Shahbagh hours after

spread the movement across

verdict for 42 years. Perhaps

Allah has kept me alive all

these years so I can see this

moment of history," said

Nurul Islam, a freedom

fighter, as he celebrated the

verdict with the Shahbagh

student, joining the protest

said she was there to feel the

"pulse of the nation" and

laugh or cry -- depending on

the verdict -- together with

Soon after the verdict,

protesters marched to the

Central Shaheed Minar, chant-

ingvictory slogans and holding

on a joyful day like this. I was

feeling a little sick but when I

heard the news, I knew I had

to be here, with everyone,

"I didn't want to be home

national flags towards the sky.

Monica Islam, a medical

"I have waited for this

he country.

protesters.

the protesters.

the 1971 Liberation War.

He dedicated the verdict to

Protesters took to the

"This victory is a victory for

stration into a celebration.

The expected moment

Joy Bangla!

"We won't be able to con-

Jamaat is set to organise

The Daily Star.

iron hand".

today.

prayers.

the country.

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asked each other.

Daily Star.

Mahbubul Alam Hanif, special assistant to the PM, said, "Jamaat-Shibir's violence will be contained with an iron hand. I urge the people and the law enforcers to resist them strictly."

Director of Rab's legal and media wing Commander Habibur Rahman said they had already strengthened vigilance and security measurers outside the capital.

"Highest security measurers will be taken for tomorrow [today] through the deployment of all the Rab forces across the country to thwart any destructive activities," he said.

Law enforcers apart, AL and its associated bodies have been asked to be active on the streets to assist the law enforcers in thwarting violence by Jamaat-Shibir men. Also, AL leaders and activists will attend today's Juma prayers in huge numbers in an apparent bid to thwart Jamaat's violence, said Jubo League Chairman Omar Faroque Chowdhury.

## China restaurant ban sign removed yesterday and in the last few

AFP, Beijing

A defiant Beijing restaurant manager refused to apologise yesterday despite removing a "racist" sign barring citizens of states in maritime disputes with China, along with dogs, following an international outcry.

The notice in the window of the Beijing Snacks restaurant read: "This shop does not receive the Japanese, the Philippines, the Vietnamese and dog(s)" in both Chinese and English.

But despite taking down the sign after accusations of racism, the manager said he had no regrets and would not apologise for any offence caused.

celebrating," said Jasmine, a

students, marching in celebra-

tion, identified themselves as the

"Guerrilla Camp" that has

remained camped at Shahbagh

from the first day of the move-

ment to counter the propa-

ganda being spread allegedly

our semesters to give this

movement enough time,

said Faisal, also a private

around 10,000 people joined a

procession brought out from

the Shahbagh intersection

defying the daylong hartal

hours through Matsya

Bhaban, Bijoynagar, Kakrail,

Malibagh, Mouchak

Moghbazar and Banglamotor,

the procession returned to

continue the movement until

all the war criminals are

ning. This can be considered

our first victory, but we will

continue our movement til

every war criminal -- from

whichever party he may be --

is given due punishment,

said Ashiqur Rahman, a

university student and pro-

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public rally at Shahbagh at

3:00pm today, said Imran,

urging the people to hold such

rallies in every district and

In addition, he called

upon all to offer special

prayers in mosques across

the country after the Juma

prayers to seek eternal peace

for the souls of the 1971

martyrs. He also urged the

other religious communities

to arrange special prayers at

temples, pagodas and

churches in the evening.

upazila at the same time.

The protesters will hold a

brought to book.

Protesters also vowed to

"This is only the begin-

Shahbagh around 12:15pm.

Marching for about two

called by Jamaat-e-Islami.

Earlier in the morning,

"Many of us have dropped

by Jamaat and its allies.

university student.

A group of private university

private university student.

# Govt takes guard Terror unleashed

unidentified man in Mirpur at

8:00pm. He later bled to death. Jamaat-Shibir men created

anarchy by launching serial attacks and blasting bombs and cocktails on the road between Mirpur-1 to Technical intersection. At one stage of the attacks, the elderly man of about 65 years fell on the ground when a bomb hit his head.

Sub-inspector Kamrul Islam of Mirpur police said many cocktails and bombs were thrown at different places.

## SUTRAPUR

Police constable Mohammad Masud, 30, was injured when Jamaat-Shibir men swooped on him at Baniyanagar Mosque area around 4:00pm.

MOTIJHEEL Jamaat-Shibir men clashed with police at Fakirerpool around 7:00pm. KHILGAON

Activists of Jamaat-Shibir charged several cocktails surrounding the police station to create panic. ABDULLAHPUR

Jamaat-Shibir men locked in clashes when police barred their procession at 8:00pm. KAFRUL

The Jamaat-Shibir men damaged several vehicles at Kazipara around 9:00pm and ran away when police chased them. DHAKAUNIVERSITY

### Students of Jagannath Hall

remained alert with sticks as rumours of a possible Shibir attack spread on the cam-**BNP TO ANNOUNCE** 

PROGRAMMES

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is set to announce her party's programmes in protest against "killing of general people" by law enforcers.

Khaleda held a meeting with her party's top leaders after her return from Singapore last night.

Earlier, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in a press statement termed yesterday's incidents the "cruellest mass killing in the history which is worse than the genocide by the Pakistani army during the Liberation War in 1971". GAIBANDHA

Hundreds of Jamaat-Shibir men put barricades on the roads and attacked a police outpost at Banondanga railway station in Sunderganj.

They attacked policemen with lethal weapons, killing three constables -- Hazarat

Since concerns last year

about India's credit rating

and budget deficit, India

has been curbing spend-

ing and it was speculated

the austerity drive could hit

the government's spending

for defence and social sector

According to the

Stockholm International

Peace Research Institute.

India received nine per-

cent of global arms trans-

fers from 2006 to 2010, mak-

ing it the world's leading

budgeted about 1.93 tril-

lion rupees (\$36 billion)

for defence spending in

the financial year to

March, an increase of 17

percent from 2011-2012

when spending was hiked by

by Chidambaram yester-

day pegs fiscal deficit of

Asia's third largest econ-

omy at 4.8 per cent of GDP

for 2013-14, as against 5.2

per cent in 2012-13 (the

financial year which ends on

In his budget speech,

Chidambaram said India

faces the challenge of

getting back to its poten-

tial growth rate of 8 per

Indonesia are growing

faster than India, he

India's total expendi-

ture for financial year

2013/14 has been fixed at

16.65 trillion Rupees and

plan expenditure at Rs 5.55

surcharge of 10 per cent on

rich taxpayers with annual

income of more than 10

million rupees a year.

The budget proposed a

added.

trillion.

Only China and

The budget presented

another 12 percent.

March 31 this year).

New Delhi had initially

importer of weapons.

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programme.

Ali, Najimuddin and Bablu Mia -- on the spot.

Three injured policemen were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Three attackers were shot dead as the police retaliated with gunshots. Of them, one was identified as Anej, 35, a vegetable vendor. Three men were bullet-hit

and receiving treatment at Sundeganj Health Complex. The attackers also set fire to Banondanga rail station,

uprooted rail tracks and put barricades on roads besides vandalising several shops. THAKURGAON Four were killed in the rampage inflicted by Jamaat-Shibir

About 1,500 Jamaat-Shibir men marched in a procession at Goreya Bazar in Sadar upazila and attacked 10-15 shops and 10-12 houses of Awami League men and the

men.

Hindus.

Police and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) fired blank shots and tear shells to disperse the attackers, who then turned to the law enforcers.

The police and BGB opened fire to save themselves, leaving one Firoz, 24, dead and injuring about 10 others. Rubel, a 13-year-old Shibir

supporter, was found shot dead inside a shop later. Munir Uddin, 20, and Nironjon, 25, of Goreya village succumbed to their injuries at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital, said police.

## RANGPUR

Five were killed and 100 including 22 law enforcers hurt in clashes between Jamaat-Shibir men and police in Mithapukur and Pirgachha upazilas. The dead were Shibir activ-

ists Moshiur Rahman, 25, Shahed Mian, 45, an unidentified person, Mahmudul Hasan, 20, and Ashikur Rahman, 23. Jamaat-Shibir activists

barricaded a road and attacked police when the latter asked them to leave at Mithapukur Bazar around 2:45pm. Besides charging baton, the

the protesters, leaving 65 others hurt. In Peergachha, 41 people, including 21 policemen, were injured in a similar clash near the railway station. Of

them, a sub-inspector and

five Jamaat-Shibir men were

police opened fire to disperse

#### bullet-hit. SATKHIRA

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munity.

spondent.

in Begumganj.

Jamaat procession trying to enter Satkhira town and came under attack. The law around 5:30pm.

Noakhali, Gaibandha,

Chittagong, Rangpur, Sylhet,

Chapainawabganj and

In Rajganj of Noakhali,

Jamaat-Shibir men set

ablaze a temple and eight

houses of the Hindu com-

They also traded bullets

with law enforcers in

Datterhat under Sadar

Police Station and in Rajganj

under Begumganj Police

Station, leaving two people

killed. The deceased were

identified as Khokon, 17, a

pickup van assistant, and

Liton (28), a fish monger,

reports our Noakhali corre-

The Jamaat-Shibir men

also looted a jewellery shop

owned by one Biplob Sarkar

at Chandraganj Purbo Bazar

hours after top Jamaat lead-

ers Delawar Hossain

Sayedee had been sen-

tenced to death, the

marauding activists

equipped with firearms, iron

rods and kerosene set fire to

Harishiva temple in Rajganj

later. This time we were left

with no choice but to flee the

area, as they started torching

schoolteacher Shankar

Chandra, who lost his house

in the attack, told The Daily

Some 50 Hindu people

used to live in the houses

burnt down, he said, adding

that all but a few people had

managed to escape to safety.

Those left behind had been

beaten up and kicked out of

their houses by the Jamaat-

leaving everything behind. I

was only seven during the

Liberation War in 1971, but it

"We ran for our lives

Star over the phone.

Shibir attackers.

our houses with kerosene,

"They returned an hour

market area at 3:30pm.

Witnesses and police said

elsewhere in the country.

India goes Hindus under attack

enforcers fired rubber bullets and charged baton.

At one stage, Jamaat activists Tuhin and Saiful and Jubo League worker Shahin died receiving bullets and around 100, including two BGB personnel, were injured.

The Jamaat men also attacked Mamun, a newly appointed teacher of Satkhira City College, and set fire to his house. Mamun died at Satkhira Sadar Hospital. CHITTAGONG

Unruly Jamaat-Shibir men brought out a procession in Lohagara upazila and the police tried to intercept it. Attacked, the law enforcers opened fire, leaving Shibir man Mesbah Uddin, 26, dead.

Reinforced, the Jamaat-Shibir men again attacked the police and hacked constable M Tareque Hossain to death. NATORE Around 200 Jamaat-Shibir men

swooped on the house of a

Jubo League leader in Kadamchilan under Lalpur upazila and chopped him to death. Matiyar Rahman, OC of Lalpur police, identified the

victim as Khairul Bashar, 27, joint secretary of Kadamchilan Union Parishad unit. The Jamaat-Shibir men also

torched a police-van, injuring five cops.

#### DINAJPUR Nearly 5,000 Jamaat-Shibir

activists set fire to four roadside shops at Ranirbandar under Chirirbandar upazila. Police and BGB tried to disperse the attackers and

came under attacks. The BGB men opened fire, leaving fruit trader Foiz Uddin, 25, of Nasratpur village dead and injuring

In another clash at Doshmile in Sadar upazila, 30 were injured when Jamaat-Shibir men clashed with law enforcers.

#### CHAPAINAWABGANJ The Jamaat-Shibir men vanda-

lised vehicles at Shibtala in the Police backed by anti-hartal activists tried to resist them,

but the attackers swooped on them with sticks, brick chips and hand-made bombs. The police opened fire on the attackers, leaving Nasir

Uddin, 23, student of Nawabganj Alia Madrasa, dead and two others wounded.

#### MOULVIBAZAR Jamaat-Shibir men went on the

Chandra.

Police and BGB intercepted a rampage at Borolekha Bazar and police tried to disperse them, triggering a clash

During the attack, the

Jamaat-Shibir men also

threatened newsmen to

keep from covering the

incident and took away

cameras of photojournal-

ists. They also forcefully

picked up television crew

Mohtasim Billah Sabuj.

Locals later rescued Sabuj

Assistant Police

Superintendent (ASP) of

Begumganj circle Mahbub

Alam told The Daily Star that

informed of the arson,

police and firefighters had

reached Rajganj around

5:00pm. Police had a hard

time containing the violence

in the area, as Jamaat-Shibir

men had outnumbered the

bring the situation under

control, an exchange of

gunshots between the

attackers and law enforcers

took place. Fish monger

Liton died in the incident,

another group of Jamaat-

Shibir men clashed and

traded gunfire with police at

Datterhat area leaving

Khokon bullet-hit. He was

declared dead when taken to

Jamaat-Shibir men attacked

two Hindu-majority locali-

ties at Jaldi union of

Banshkhali upazila and set

ablaze a Buddhist temple at

Satkania upazila of the dis-

Dhopapara and

Mohajonpara of the union

and attacked people with

sticks, iron rods and sharp

weapons, said Inspector Md

Shahjahan of Banshkhali

They set fire to houses at

Almost at the same time,

When police tried to

law enforcers.

said the ASP.

Sadar hospital.

CHITTAGONG

trict yesterday.

Police Station.

didn't feel this insecure even critically wounded in the added.

and took him to safety.

then," said Shankar attack, said the inspector

complex.

One Lokman Hossain, 22, was shot dead during the clash. COX'S BAZAR

and brick chips.

A madrasa student was killed in a gunfight between Shibir and police in Pekua upazila.

The clash erupted around 3:00pm when Jamaat activists opened fire on the law enforcers to protest against the verdict. SIRAJGANJ Jamaat-Shibir men vandalised

Chandidaspur in Sadar upazila at 12:30pm. Police lobbed teargas canisters to disperse the attackers, who retaliated with sticks

a van of Rab patrol team at

Mokhter Hossain, 19, a Shibir activist, was gunned down during the class. Eleven were also injured. Of them, Ruhul Amin, 18, of Chandidaspur died at Sirajganj Sadar Hospital.

Jamaat called a half-day shutdown in the district to protest against the death. NOAKHALI

Jamaat-Shibir activists clashed with law enforcers when the latter tried to dissuade them from vandalism in different parts of the district.

Liton, 28, a fish trader, died on the spot and Md Khokon, 17, a tempo employee, died at Noakhali Medical College Hospital.

RAJSHAHI A Shibir activist was killed in a clash between Jamaat-Shibir

and law enforcers in Bagha

upazila. The deceased was identified as Amirul Islam.

Around 500 Jamaat-Shibir men attacked law enforcers at Binodpur Bazar, leaving two policemen including Assistant Commissioner o Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Abul Hasnat injured.

At least 50 cocktails were exploded during the attack. The law enforcers fired

hundreds of gunshots and teargas canisters to bring the situation under control. At 8:30pm, a bomb blast

in front of Rajshahi city AI office injured 11 party men. BOGRA

A Shibir activist was killed

in a clash between protest ers and police at Sujabad under Shajahanpur upazila. The dead was identified as Based Ali, 40, son of Monu

Mia of Sujabad Dohopara village. Strings of violence by Jamaat-Shibir men were reported from elsewhere in

adding that the injured had

been undergoing treat-

Metropolitan Police.

Rioters of Jamaat-e-Islami

and student body Islamic

Chhatra Shibir attacked a

temple and business estab-

lishments belonging to

GAIBANDHA

union.

Chapainawabganj.

Kansat

Committee.

Chapainawabganj.

ment at upazila health

river Baleshwar. the country. But no-one was reported to have been killed in those incidents as of 2:00am today.

> Sayedee as a member of the killing squad was present there and all three government officials were gunned down. Their bodies were thrown into the river Baleshwar. Sayedee directly participated and abetted the gang in the

the trio. But the tribunal in its verdict declared that the

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(Thursday) but we could not do that since we were busy with a tribunal verdict in the case against Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee," he toldTheDailyStaryesterday.

Hindus at Bhelkobazar in Sundarganj upazila of the district yesterday afternoon. Later in the evening, they swooped on and vandalised some houses in Shovagani

Meanwhile, Hindu community leaders last night told The Daily Star that vandalism, arson and looting took place in temples, houses and business establishments of Hindu people

in Sylhet, Rangpur Thakurgaon, Laxmipur and According to them, attackers had vandalised the

central Kali temple at Mithapukur upazila in Rangpur and another at his complicity in three other

"We are observing the situation. So far we have heard they had attacked and vandalised temples, houses and business establishments of Hindu people at least in 10 districts," said Nirmal Chatterjee, secretary general of Dhaka

proved in the tribunal. Mahbubey Alam said the government in its appeal

Meanwhile, the ICT-2 verdict prompted the Shahbagh protest.

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Besides, he added, the charge of killing his father, Foyezur Rahman Ahmed, was less strong compared to other

charges. "I have talked to my mother,

> The verdict has ushered in a new chapter in Bangladesh and the country is heading towards a closure by bringing to justice the people who had aided the

> Pakistani occupation forces to

commit genocide in 1971,

mentioned Zafar. "Now we can say to our new generation that we are heading towards closing permanently the black chapter of those people who had aided the Pakistaniforces," he noted.

Although 42 years have passed since the country's independence, he considers the trial of Sayedee and other war crimes suspects to be very crucial "So many families in

Pirojpur were completely destroyed; many people were tortured and killed in the atrocity. The families that went through great agony must have some peace of mind knowing the judgement today [yesterday]," said the famed educationalist. He thanked the youths for rekindling the spirit of '71

through their movement at Gonojagoron Mancha in the capital's Shahbagh. "An uncertainty loomed over the verdict of Sayedee when the Jamaat-Shibir unleashed

anarchy after the verdict in

Quader Mollah's case by calling hartals. But the young generation removed the uncertainty with their movement and gave us a platform to raise our voice," he maintained. He observed that the verdict has paved way for building Bangladesh free from the

stigma of crimes against humanity. Zafar's father Foyezur Rahman Ahmed, sub-divisional police officer, was murdered during the Liberation War.

According to one of the charges, Sayedee publicly asked hismen to capture Saif Mizanur Rahman, the then deputy magistrate of Pirojpur subdivision, as the magistrate organised a Sarbodolio Sangram Parishad to inspire people to join the independ-

ence war. On May 5, 1971, Sayedee and his associate Monnaf (now deceased), a member of the local Peace Committee. accompanied by the Pakistan army picked up Saif from a hospital (where he was hiding) and took him to the bank of

On the same day, Foyezur and Abdur Razzak (SDO in charge of Pirojpur) were arrested from their workplaces and taken to the riverbank, reads the charge.

abduction and killing of

Jamaat-Shibir men also set ablaze three shops belonging to Hindu people at Kaliaish union of Satkania charge was not proved.

#### upazila, said Additional Govt appeals Superintendent (South) Md Iltutmish of Chittagong

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday sentenced Sayedee to death for crimes against humanity duringtheLiberationWarin1971.

About the appeal in the case against Quader Mollah, the AG said his office would move the appeal challenging the ICT-2 verdict on three grounds.

year-old Mollah for five wartime criminal offences out of the six he was charged with, and sentenced him to life imprisonment. In two of the five acts of

crimes against humanity, at least 350 people were killed and a girl was raped. Mollah was also sentenced

criminal offences in which six people were killed. And he was acquitted of the charge of killing hundreds of people at Keraniganj in

and sought security to the Two people had been Hindu community," he

The verdict delivered on February 5 convicted the 65-

to 15-year imprisonment for

Dhaka, as the charge was not

would pray to the apex court Mahanagar Puja to award death penalty to Quader Mollah also on the "We have informed law charge of killing people at enforcers of the situation Keraniganj.

## and my family has accepted it. Wearehappy with the verdict."