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The Bedes, gypsy snake charmers, harass people at the Pahela Baishakh celebrations in Ramna area Sunday. Spread across the Ramna area in large numbers, the Bedes went to people with snakes and demanded ridiculous amount of money. People afraid of snakes became their easy targets.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Shahbagh youths take up series of programmes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Gonojagoron Mancha on Sunday, in the evening of Pahela Baishakh, announced a set of programmes to usher the new Bangla year with the promise of a Bangladesh free of war criminals.

Spokesperson of the platform Imran H Sarkar made the announcements at a rally in Projonmo Chattar, Shahbagh in the capital.

On April 29 at 11:00am, the activists of Gonojagoron Mancha will stage a sit-in in front of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs demanding initiation of the process of banning Jamaat-e Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

On May 4, they will form a human chain in front of the parliament at

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PRAYER TIMING April 16	
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-35	5-10
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-45	5-00
Maghrib 6-24	6-28
Esha 7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

GHULAM AZAM, KAMARUZZAMAN

Trials at final stage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes cases against Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Ghulam Azam and Muhammad Kamaruzzaman are at the stage of disposal as the closing arguments have been almost completed.

The prosecution would give only their replies in response to the defence arguments before the courts fix dates for delivering verdicts in the cases.

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 has asked the prosecution to give their

replies in Ghulam Azam's case tomorrow, while the International Crimes Tribunal-2 has fixed today for the prosecution to reply in Kamaruzzaman's case.

Wrapping up their arguments in both the cases, the defence said the prosecution have "failed" to prove any charges brought against their clients.

Former Jamaat ameer Ghulam Azam was indicted on five specific charges which include his alleged involvement in murder and torture of unarmed people,

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Lab-grown kidney on trial

BBC ONLINE

A kidney "grown" in the laboratory has been transplanted into animals where it started to produce urine, US scientists say.

Similar techniques to make simple body parts have already been used in patients, but the kidney is one of the most complicated organs made so far.

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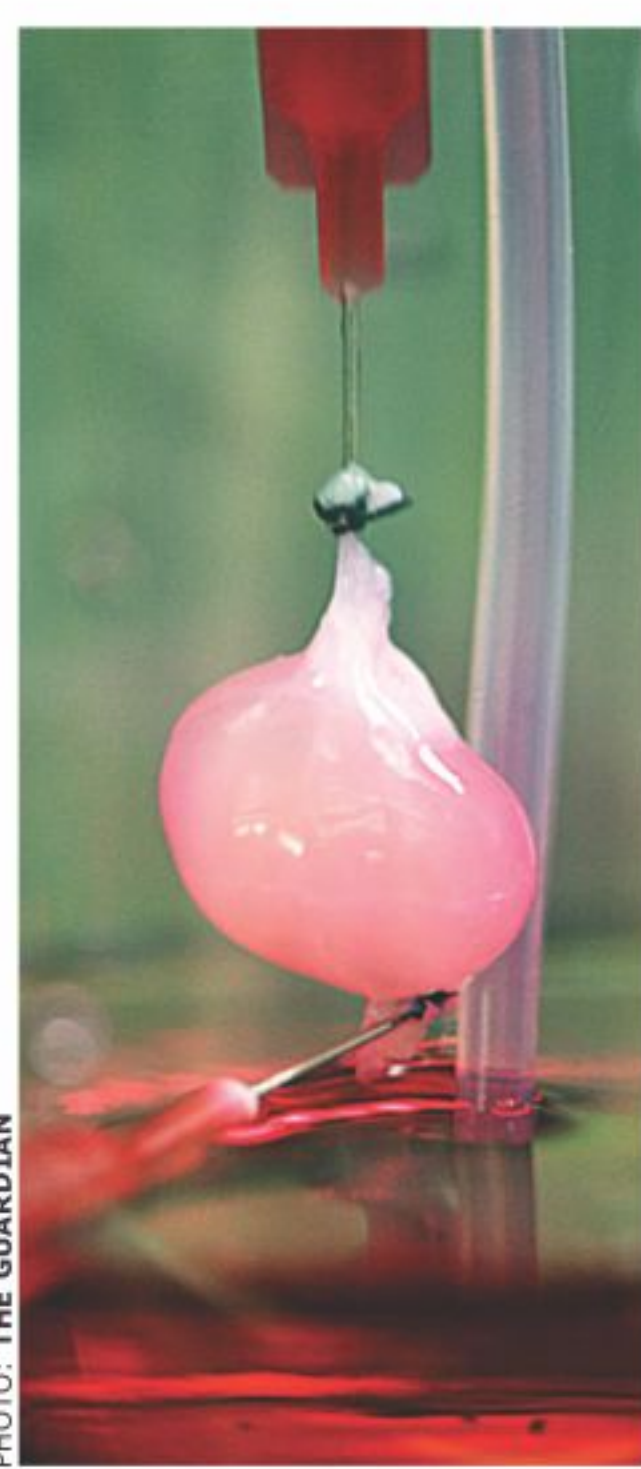


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The Daily Star



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Mujib survived killing attempt in May 1975

Reveals Wikileaks

THE HINDU

An attempt was made to kill Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman a few months before he was assassinated on August 15, 1975.

The bid on Mujib's life has come to light in a US

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JCD-Shibir men kill BCL worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A local Chhatra League leader was killed allegedly by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir men in Rajshahi city's Meherchandi area on Sunday night over a previous enmity between them.

The victim was Robiul Islam, 19. Shafiqul Islam, Robiul's elder brother, said Robiul had a conflict with local JCD and Jubo Dal activists over a trifling matter.

He alleged that the same attackers swooped on their



Robiul Islam

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