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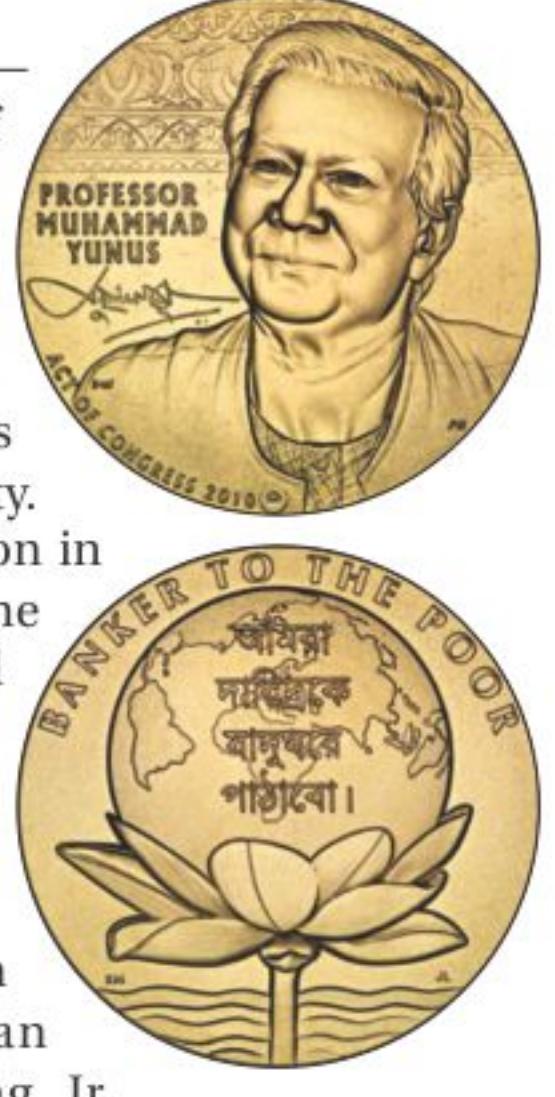
Britain's Iron Lady was laid to rest with pomp, protest

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Yunus given rare honour

He dedicates the highest US civilian award to people of Bangladesh

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award of the United States, in recognition of his efforts toward combating global poverty.

Yunus is only the 17th person in history to have won both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, another of the highest US civilian awards. Yunus won the latter award in 2009.

The achievement places him in the company of Norman Borlaug, Martin Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela, Elie Wiesel, Aung San Suu Kyi and Mother Teresa -- personalities who have received the two medals from the US as well as the Nobel Peace Prize.

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House Speaker John Boehner hands Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus the Congressional Gold Medal as House Minority Leader and former speaker Nancy Pelosi watches during a ceremony yesterday in the Rotunda of the US Capitol in Washington, DC.

PHOTO: AFP

JAIL KILLING APPEAL Verdict on April 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has fixed April 30 for giving its verdict on the appeal against the High Court judgment acquitting six of the 15 former army personnel accused in the historic jail killing case.

The SC yesterday concluded hearing arguments from both the state and defence counsels on the appeal filed by the government in 2011.

During the hearing, Attorney General Mahbubul Alam and principal state counsel Anisul Huq prayed to the apex court to give the highest punishment to the accused.

Abdullah Al Mamun, counsel for two of the 11 accused now on the run -- Dafadar (dismissed) Marfat Ali Shah and Dafadar (dismissed)

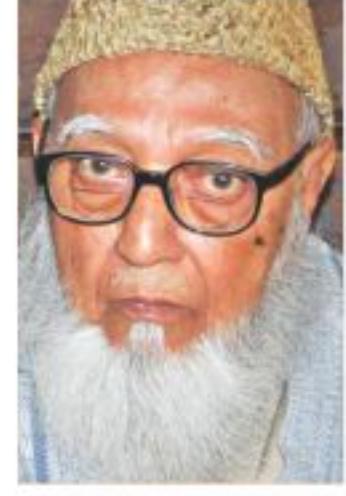
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GHULAM AZAM TRIAL

Verdict any day

Prosecution seeks death, defence claims no charges proved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Ghulam Azam, considered by many as the symbol of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War, now waits for the judgement of the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The tribunal could deliver a verdict any day, said the tribunal judges yesterday after wrapping up the closing arguments of the war crimes case against Ghulam Azam, now 91 years old.

Ghulam Azam has been in custody since 2012.

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The prosecution, which portrayed the accused as a mastermind of war crimes in 1971, yesterday concluded its arguments demanding capital punishment. It tried to convince the tribunal not to consider Ghulam Azam's age in awarding the death sentence.

Former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam has been in custody since 2012.

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Jamaat readies another terror

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Grassroots-level activists of Jamaat-e-Islami are preparing to unleash again vicious protests in the country sensing the international crimes tribunals may convict their former chief Ghulam Azam and leader Kamaruzzaman of war crimes charges.

The two tribunals are set to deliver any day the verdicts in the cases against the two top figures of the party.

Some district-level senior Jamaat leaders yesterday told The Daily Star that they would enforce hartals and other sorts of protests from the moment the tribunals deliver verdicts convicting the Jamaat leaders.

They said they would stage similar demonstrations as they had done after Delawar Hossain Sayedee's conviction.

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Ilias to return if govt acts sincerely

Insists family a year after BNP leader's 'enforced disappearance'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Former lawmaker and BNP Organising Secretary M Ilias Ali disappeared from near his Banani residence exactly a year ago. No one seems to have any clue to his whereabouts or what actually happened to him, but his family members still hope for his return someday.

Talking to reporters, Ilias's wife Tahsina

Rushdir yesterday said neither the government nor the law enforcers had informed the family of any development about her husband's whereabouts. "But I do believe I will get my husband back if the government acts sincerely."

Ever since Ilias Ali, 48, went missing along with his driver on the night of April 18, the BNP has accused

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Mahmudur lands in jail after remand

Sangram editor granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of Bangla daily Amar Desh, landed in jail yesterday after his seven-day police remand in the Skype conversation case was over.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court sent the accused to jail after Tejgaon police produced him before it.

On April 11, police arrested Mahmudur at the newspaper's Karwan Bazar office and put him on 13 days' remand through a local court in

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Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor (R) carried his rich vein of form against Bangladesh at the Harare Sports Club ground where he scored his second hundred, an unbeaten 105, on the opening day of the first Test yesterday. In the previous Test here two years ago he scored 105 not out and 71.

PHOTO: AFP

Gun attack on Baishakhi fair crowd

One killed, 4 wounded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed and four received bullets as criminals opened fire at a Baishakhi fair in Bhedarganj upazila of Shariatpur last night.

The dead man is bus driver Mujibor Shikder, 35.

Bhedarganj police quoting witnesses said four criminals entered the fair at Mohishar Digher Par around 8:35pm when many shops were being closed.

The four went to a shop where Mujibor was talking to others. Suddenly they

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