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# ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS

## Intelligence, admin failed

### States judicial probe report

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The failure of the local administration and intelligence and law enforcement agencies was to blame for the attacks on the Buddhist community in Ramu of Cox's Bazar in September last year, says a judicial probe report.

Sources in the High Court said the probe had found that intelligence failure led to the administration's inaction as violence flared.

The report, however, has not yet been released.

The probe body, formed on an HC order on March 13, submitted its 300-page report along with 3,000 pages of documents to the registrar of the Supreme Court on Sunday.

The registrar placed it before the High Court bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar yesterday. The bench has fixed May 28 for hearing on the report.

The probe has identified 298 people as responsible for the attacks on Buddhist temples, monasteries and houses in Ramu upazila. It made 20 recommendations that include helping improve the competence and standards of the administration, containing posts on social media and awakening a sense of patriotism in people, added the sources.

The formation of the probe body was ordered in response to a writ petition filed by Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua challenging the report by a probe committee formed by the home ministry.

Barua argued the ministry's probe did not explain the

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Half submerged motor vehicles in the capital's Rajarbag Police Lines plying through the flooded streets due to a day-long rainfall yesterday.

# ARGUMENTS END

## Death penalty sought for Mojaheed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wrapping up its closing arguments in the war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, the prosecution yesterday sought capital punishment for the accused.

"Nothing but the death penalty would be

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# KILLINGS, TORTURE DURING LIBERATION WAR

## Quasem faces 14 charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday submitted 14 charges against top Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali to the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The charges include the killing of eight Bangalees and torture of at least 27 people in Chittagong during the Liberation War in 1971.

International Crimes Tribunal-1 on May 26 will decide whether the war



crimes charges against Quasem will be taken into cognisance.

The prosecution identified him as an influential commander of the infamous Al-Badr force whom some Liberation War history books have termed as an "angel of death".

A recent tribunal judgment convicted Al-Badr organiser and Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman. The verdict said the Al-Badr was a fascist armed wing of the Jamaat that

carried out dreadful criminal activities in violation of customary international law in 1971.

Al-Badr, widely known for planned intellectual killing at the fag end of the war, was made up of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami.

Quasem was Chhatra Sangha general secretary and war crimes accused Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was its president from October 1971.

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# WAR CRIMES TRIAL

## Missing witness in Indian jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A witness in Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee's case before the International Crimes Tribunal has been confined in an Indian jail, reports BBC Bangla Service.

Sukhranjan Bali, the witness, went missing from the tribunal premises on November 5 last year. Sources among India's Dum Dum jail authorities con-

firmed to the BBC reporter that a person named Sukhranjan Bala was in the jail.

The jail authorities, judicial documents and other different sources confirmed to the BBC that missing Bangladeshi citizen Sukhranjan Bali and Sukhranjan Bala were the same person.

Sukhranjan was originally a prosecution

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A road, blocked by trees uprooted by cyclone Mahasen at Amtoli in Barguna yesterday, is partially cleared now after the cyclone shifted away from the zone.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Three youths beaten to death

## Mob attacked them over alleged robbery attempt in Ashulia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three youths were beaten to death by a mob over an alleged attempted robbery in Ashulia on the outskirts of Dhaka early yesterday.

One of the dead is Sumon Miah, 28, an employee of Ananta Garments at Ashulia. The identities of the two others could not be confirmed till last night.

Sumon was beaten to death by the mob near a bridge at Diakhali village, while the two others died in neighbouring Nishchintapur village around 1:00am when they attempted to rob a car driver, said Habibur Rahman, superintendent of Dhaka district police.

Talking to The Daily Star, car driver Saiful Islam said he had been driving his own car-for-hire for the last five years.

"The robbers obstructed my car by placing bamboos and branches of trees across a road at Diakhali. Sensing danger, I honked for sometime and cried for help. At one stage, some villagers came to my rescue, caught one of the robbers and beat him to death," he mentioned.

A group of villagers, said Saiful, chased down the two others at Nishchintapur village, around 1.5 kilometres off Diakhali.

Police claimed the three youths were professional robbers. "Apart from Sumon, the two others are Hafizul Islam

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# Manmohan has 'no cash in hand'

HINDUSTAN TIMES ONLINE

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has no cash in hand, says the affidavit filed by him in Guwahati to seek re-election to Rajya Sabha from Assam.

In his affidavit submitted to assembly secretary

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PRAYER TIMING			May 17
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-10	4-45	
Juma	12-30	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-36	6-40	
Esha	8-00	8-30	

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Apparel factories in Ashulia reopen today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apparel makers decided to reopen their factories today after the government pledged to ensure security at their plants.

The factory owners had suspended work for an indefinite period three days ago.

The decision came at a meeting of factory owners and labour leaders, chaired by Labour and Employment Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju at the secretariat in Dhaka.

"The government has promised to ensure security at the factories in Ashulia," Raju said at the meeting.

"With assurance from the government, we have decided to reopen the factories in Ashulia," Atiqul Islam, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, told The Daily Star after the meeting.

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# Babunagari on fresh remand

Investigator says cops need to quiz him to know motive for Hefajat violence

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Hefajat-e-Islam Secretary General Junaid Babunagari on remand again, this time for 22 days in three cases.

One of the cases was filed against him for involvement in the killing of Sub-Inspector Md Shahjahan during a clash between Hefajat activists and law enforcers

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