

Army killed

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before Chaitra Shangkranti [end of the Bangla month of Chaitra {April 13, 1971}],” she said, adding that the army called them out and took them to a spot close to Satish Mohajon’s pond in the afternoon.

In reply to the prosecutor’s question as to who Satish was, Chapala said Satish was the brother of Khitish Mohajon.

Charge-6 framed against Salauddin mentions an act of genocide that took place near Khitish Mohajon’s pond.

Chapala said people who had been collected at the spot began crying out of fear. “My brother-in-law Benemadhob asked me not to cry as Mokbul Chairman and Salauddin were with the army.

“As the firing began, I lost consciousness and fell to the ground. My brother-in-law Benemadhob, another brother-in-law Tarapod and father Satish Paul were shot dead,” Chapala said.

She said she regained consciousness while the

locals were identifying the dead around 7:00pm.

“With the help of a Muslim, I found my husband -- Khetra Mohan Paul -- wounded and unconscious.

Chapala took her husband home. “After I poured water on his head, he regained consciousness and I later took to a Muslim neighbour’s house where we stayed for four days,” she said.

The witness said the villagers buried the bodies.

Salauddin yesterday sought permission to ask three questions in addition to the cross-examination by his counsel.

The prosecution objected, saying there is no such provision in the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

However, the tribunal allowed Salauddin to ask the questions.

Salauddin asked the witness whether she had gone to his house to sell utensils.

The witness replied in the negative.

Salauddin then asked whether he had gone to Chapala’s house to buy utensils.

The witness said, “No.”

The accused then asked whether Chapala, when she was between 25 and 39 years of age, had known where Salauddin lived.

Chapala said she had not seen him.

In reply to defence counsel Ahsanul Huq Hena’s question, the witness said her husband died 10 years ago and she has three sons.

The witness said Benemadhob had a son who was also killed in the April 13, 1971 incident. Her husband took medical treatment at Oborno Bhatta’s chamber, she said.

Two seizure-list witnesses -- Ershadul Haque, ASI of Rangunia Zilla Police Court and Mollah Abdul Hai, Court Police -- yesterday testified in connection with the six cases filed against Salauddin after the Liberation War in 1971.

The proceedings of the case were adjourned until Tuesday.

Polls-time

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Insiders say the names of LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury are being speculated for the job if the premier skips it.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said the choice of chief of the interim government would be finalised through discussions.

“We only talked about the election-time government system. We haven’t mentioned any names,” Ashraf told a press conference held at Hasina’s political office in Dhanmondi.

Asked who would head that government, Ashraf questioned in turn, “What is the problem if I become its chief?”

The press conference was convened to inform reporters of the decisions taken at Friday’s meeting of the AL Central Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the party, which unanimously adopted an official position of “no more caretaker government again”.

The AL spokesperson urged the BNP to join parliament to take part in the discussions on a framework of the election-time government.

“The prime minister has given a practical proposal [to the opposition] for coming to parliament,” he added.

On sending the opposition an invitation for a dialogue, the LGRD minister said the premier had invited the opposition to the dialogue to place its proposal about the formation of a polls-time government. But the opposition had instead issued a 48-hour ultimatum to overthrow the government, he added.

The main opposition has been demanding a restoration of the caretaker government system for months and enforcing hartals and other agitation programmes to realise the demand.

Ashraf reiterated that the interim government would be formed with elected representatives from all parties.

Unusual conditions

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who has experience of implementing several large power projects.

“In case of this tender, there is one short-listed Japanese bidder that uses a power generator with output and efficiency higher than most other brands of power generators,” noted an official.

“However, that equipment is not the most economical as its maintenance cost is very high. If the bid criteria are set with a 20-year plant life cycle, that company’s offer will face disadvantage compared to other bidders’ offers.”

Backed by a powerful ruling Awami League lawyer lawmaker, this particular Japanese bidder had previously secured contracts for two large power projects -- Haripur 360 MW and 450 MW Bibiyana-3 -- both as single bidder. Both the tenders triggered controversy over the way other co-bidders were disqualified showing technical ground so that this particular company can bid all alone.

In both these tenders, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) is providing finance.

The Bheramara power project is also being financed by Jica.

This particular bidder uses a Japanese power generator having high generation capacity and plant life, but it also demands high cost for maintenance, industry insiders say.

As per the Public Procurement Regulation, 2008, tender process with single bidder is disallowed as it paves the way for corruption.

Other important deviations in the bid evaluation criteria also appear to be favouring that particular Japanese bidder. For instance, the plant factor (a measurement for determining power plant’s efficiency) in Bheramara project has been fixed at 70 percent whereas it is 80 percent in all other major power projects, including the recent Bibiyana power projects.

An expert observed that a large combined cycle power plant cannot be run economically with 70% plant factor. “This will result in showing less operational and maintenance cost for higher output machine,” he added.

In case of determining fuel price, whereas the Bibiyana-3 project puts the tag at \$ 1.87 per gigajoule, Bheramara’s price for the same was put at \$2.1. Bibiyana’s gas price reflects the country’s official gas sale price, while by increasing gas price, the NWPGL is favouring higher efficient machine. The more the gas price, the more the higher efficient machine will get price advantage.

While no other power tenders mentions any present power sale price, this tender mentions US 6.7 cents per kilowatt hour power sale price. The power expert notes, “This is unacceptable. A company like the NWPGL always gets less power sale tariff since it is owned by the government. Besides, the maximum power sale tariff even in the private sector is so far US 3.91 cents per kilowatt hour. Where did it get this price?”

In case of annual escalation rate of fuel price, while in no other power tenders the authorities put any rate, in this tender the NWPGL puts a two percent annual rate. “This is just an imaginary figure. There is no such evidence of fixed annual price escalation in Bangladesh. As a consequence, this will allow the highest efficient machine to get the lowest per kilowatt price,” the expert said.

A similar trend was noticed in showing a high operation and maintenance cost, reference power plant efficiency and evaluation formula. “This evaluation is totally biased to give preference to one specific gas turbine manufacturer,” noted the expert.

Managing Director of NWPGL Khurshedul Alam, however, said all the changes in the bid criteria were set by the Japanese donor Jica.

Asked if the onus of implementing the project was on the donor, he said “No”. He went on, “When there is a project using donor’s funds, the donor’s terms prevail in the project if we cannot agree in negotiations on how a tender should be implemented.”

Khurshed further argued that there was nothing wrong in enhancing plant life to 30 years although it was not in practice. “You tell me which plant went out of order after 20 years of operation,” he said.

Questioned why the NWPGL suddenly resorted to so many exceptions in just one tender, he said, “Nothing is final. The criteria can change.”

PM reaches

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Hasina is scheduled to return home tomorrow.

MEET WITH S KOREA PM

Dhaka and Seoul yesterday discussed ways of resolving the problems related to Korean Export Processing Zone to accelerate Korean investment in Bangladesh.

During a meeting with her South Korean counterpart Jung Hong-won at Chiang Mai, Hasina said Bangladesh was trying to solve the issue considering the interest of both countries.

Briefing reporters after the meeting at Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, PM’s Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said South Korea expressed keen interest to invest more in Bangladesh.

Hasina urged the Korean leader to invest in textile, jute, infrastructure, power, energy, ICT, leather, deep-sea fishing and ship-building sectors of her country.

In his reply, Jung said Bangladesh has immense opportunities for business promotion with South Korea.

Hasina invited the Korean premier to visit Bangladesh and Jung graciously accepted the invitation, saying he would make the visit at a convenient time.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, among others, were present on the occasion.

Later, the premier joined a dinner hosted by Thai premier and enjoyed a cultural function at Wiang Kum Kam historical site.

Double blow for a mother

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ended after twelve days, with the return of her daughter’s body.

But Hazera had fears not only for her daughter, but also for her two-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter Rouza, who lived with her mother in a slum.

“After Rani was abandoned by her husband six months ago, she fled to Dhaka with her daughter and joined the garment factory,” said Hazera. “She told me over the phone that she paid someone in the slum Tk 500 per month to look after Rouza while she worked,” Hazera said in tears.

The only clue Hazera had about the location of her daughter’s accommodation was that it cost Rani Tk 7 to get to work by bus.

Having buried her daughter at her Roudrapur village, Hazera, an estranged housewife herself for ten years, worked for a few days in a restaurant kitchen and returned to Dhaka with her small savings to look for Rouza, the only link between her and her dead daughter.

Yesterday Hazera discovered that it cost Tk 7 to go by bus from Savar to Hemayetpur. She rushed there only to be overwhelmed by the huge crowd. Tears rolled down her eyes as she asked young garment workers walking out of factories if they knew where Maya Rani lived.

Hazera realised she was not making any headway in tracing her granddaughter. “A young man named Lalon told me to approach

Rab and to ask them to retrieve the mobile call lists of my daughter so that we may find someone who knew her,” said Hazera, her eyes glittering in faint hope. “I have sought help from the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) in Nabinagar to trace my Rouza and they have agreed to help,” she added.

Major Arif of Nabinagar Rab told The Daily Star they would look into Hazera’s case.

The immeasurable consequences of the collapse of Rana Plaza could be felt at its ruins yesterday, where several hundred people, many relatives with photos of their loved ones, stood by the security fence of the building gazing at the open space where 1,115 people perished.



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Compensation Package: Tk.50,000.00 excluding fringe benefits.

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Submission of Quotation: The envelope should state the tender subject mentioned above and should be submitted by the submission deadline to the **UNDP -Registry**, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

The deadline for submission of quotation is **03 June 2013, 4:30 p.m.** Local time.



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