# He was never with Al-Badr, says defence

FROM PAGE 16 upon him."

The tribunal in Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman's verdict observed that Al-Badr was an "action section" and "armed wing" of Jamaat and was formed mainly with the workers of Islami Chhatra Sangha, then Jamaat's student wing.

The prosecution documents also say that Mojaheed became the general secretary of East Pakistan Chhatra Sangha in July, 1971, and served as its president from October to December 16, 1971.

As the Chhatra Sangha chief, Mojaheed became the chief of the Al-Badr force, responsible for the planned intellectual killings at the fag end of the war, the prosecution said and during its arguments it showed different documentary evidence, mainly newspapers of 1971,

to prove its point. It showed a photo published by the daily Azad on December 11, 1971, with the caption "Al-Badr chief Mojahidee [Mojaheed] addressing a street rally organ-

ised by Al-Badr [on Baitul Mukarram mosque premises] yesterday where he uttered caution against people spreading rumours".

Yesterday, Mizanur took one hour to complete his arguments on factual points of the first two charges before the three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the proceeding until May 26.

Mojaheed, Jamaat's secretary general and former technocrat minister of the last BNP-led four-party alliance government, was indicted on seven charges of crimes against humanity and geno-

According to the first charge, Mojaheed wrote an article in the daily Sangram on September 16, 1971, countering a write-up of Serajuddin Hossain, the then executive editor of daily Ittefaq.

Mojaheed called Serajuddin an "agent of India" in his piece.

Serajuddin became the target of Jamaat and Al-Badr and was abducted by seven to eight armed men on

Mozena said political vio-

December 10, 1971. He had the tribunal said, "We have never returned and his body was not found either.

Mojaheed was charged for abetting, facilitating and contributing to abduction "or in alternative the murder" of Sangha." Serajuddin.

His counsel Mizanur Rahman said Serajuddin's son Shaheen Reza Noor, also the fourth prosecution witness, had testified that he did not know who wrote the counter article. Investigation officer Abdur Razzaque Khan also said he did not "verify" the identity of the article writer.

"So this part of the charge does not go against him [Mojaheed]," said Mizanur.

He added that after the

Liberation War one Khalil was given the death sentence for the killing of Serajuddin and his client's name was not even mentioned in that case. "It means 40 years ago he

[Mojaheed] was an unknown figure. He was a mere student leader and this organisation [Chhatra Sangha] was a name-only organisation," said Mizanur.

At this stage, a member of Baidyadangi, Majhidangi and

given our observation about Al-Badr in the verdict in Kamaruzzaman's case. Al-Badr was formed with the members of Islami Chhatra

"Some of Chhatra Sangha might have joined Al-Badr. But it doesn't mean he [Mojaheed] was among them," said Mizanur.

Shaheen Reza Noor in his

testimony said the intellectuals' killing mission was launched by the Al-Badr under Mojaheed's supervision, direction and order. When the tribunal drew

Mizanur's attention to it, the defence counsel said, "Where did he [Shaheen] learn that Mojaheed was an Al-Badr commander? It was not proved. So, responsibilities of Al-Badr deeds do not fall upon him [Mojaheed]." The second charge says

Mojaheed, accompanied by Hammad Moulana of Faridpur and eight to 10 non-Bangalees and Pakistani army men launched an attack on Hindu-dominated

Baladangi villages in mid May. Around 50-60 Hindus were killed and their houses were burned down. Mizanur said three prose-

cution witnesses had given testimonies supporting the charge, adding that of them, Abdul Malek Mia was an "anonymous hearsay witness". Malek testified that he had

visited the Hindu villages and heard about Mojaheed and others from the survivors. Mizanur said ninth witness Narayan Chandra Sarkar

had not mentioned before the investigation officer what he testified before the court. This was an "intellectual improvement", he added. Eleventh witness Fayez

Uddin's testimony "contradicted" to what he had said during cross-examination "So, the charge was not proved," said Mizanur.

The tribunal yesterday also completed recording cross-examination of Abdul Hamid Sakidar, 21st prosecution witness in the case against war crimes accused Abdul Alim, and adjourned the proceeding until May 26.

#### Rana Plaza was built poorly recommendations, includ- steps to force building own-FROM PAGE 1

building construction code, and factory and fire safety rules, the additional secretary said.

"Rana housed five garment factories on the upper floors of the building where factory owners installed generators and machines weighing several thousand tonnes, which was a gross violation of the rules," Mainuddin told The Daily

He said the machines and the generators created vibration, which also contributed to the building collapse. Regarding the land on

which the building was built, the report said a portion of the large building stood on a piece of land which had been a water body before and had been filled with dirt. The report said the col-

lapse" in nature, which is deadly as floors fall on each other making it look like a pile of pancakes. RECOMMENDATIONS:

lapse was a "pancake col-

The probe body made 12

ing three that should be implemented immediately, said member secretary of the probe body Sayeed Mahmood Belal Haidar, who is also deputy secretary in the home ministry.

The report urged the government to take immediate steps for the trial of land and factory owners and their aides. It recommended providing elderly parents and orphaned children of Rana Plaza victims with aid immediately.

It also suggested that the government pay for and arranges treatment of the injured and, if required, have them sent abroad for better treatment.

It also suggested that victims who had lost limbs should be provided with prosthetic limbs. It asked the government

to carry out periodical inspections of factory buildings to assess vulnerability.

The government could provide certificates on how long a building could be used and take subsequent

ers to follow government instructions regarding a demolition of structures. It recommended the

formation of trade unions, excluding people who are not workers and installation of CCTV cameras to monitor factories round the clock to avert incidents of vandalism and attacks.

The probe body suggested forming a "National Disaster Response Force" equipped with proper equipment and creation of a separate wing in the fire service department to conduct rescue operations.

It also recommended making sure that the authorities at Bangladesh National Building Code follow the rules and that they be prosecuted them if they fail.

It also urged the government to build ready-made garment villages so that factories could be gradually moved there from towns and from nearby highways.

It also recommended logical and satisfactory salaries for workers.

### Progress slow, says Mozena

FROM PAGE 1 results of such political dialogue in 2006, the US envoy said, "This is not 2006 and this is not 2007. This is 2013, very difficult circumstances ... Bangladesh has got experience from 2006 and 2007 and one learns from the experiences."

Describing Bangladesh as a very sophisticated country, Mozena said Bangladeshis did not need America, UN or anybody else from the outside to settle this issue. "I am optimistic. Things

are happening. People are trying to reach out each other. Steps are in the right direction. I am hopeful that the parties will find a way sooner rather than later so that this country can have a free, fair and credible election," he said.

In reply to a question,

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Tk: 1.08 lac.

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(f) All other qualifications, terms & conditions as specified in Tender Data Sheet (TDS)

lence was not acceptable and all players in the political process need to express their views and opinions

peacefully and the government was to provide space for opposition and other entities to express their views peacefully. Asked whether the US

was apprehending rise of Islamic radicalism and violent street demonstration by Hefajat-e Islam and Jamaat-e-Islami, he said on this point America acknowledges tremendous progress Bangladesh made in countering terrorism and violent extremism.

Speaking on the second Bangladesh-US Partnership Dialogue set for May 26-27 in Dhaka, Mozena said the dialogue would focus on four things: democracy and governance, trade and

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Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD E/M Division-4

2nd 12-storied Govt. Office Bldg, Segunbagicha, Dhaka

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(b) (i) Up-to-date valid trade license, (ii) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate & VAT registration certificate

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2.60 lac, Group-06 Tk: 1.30 lac, Group-07 Tk: 2.60 lac & Group-08 Tk: 1.08 lac, in single work order last 3

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investment, security cooperation, and regional integra-

He said there was a possibility of signing an MoU on counter terrorism during the dialogue. On the relationship

between the two countries,

he said it is based on shared values. He said President Barack Obama visited a Baltimore factory and visited a dredger built to export for Bangladesh. "Obama said this shows the potential for partnership

and potential with developing countries like Bangladesh," Mozena said. On trade and investment,

he said there would be discussion at the partnership dialogue on the tragedies of Rana Plaza, Tazreen Fashions, and workers' right to freely associate, and safe work condition.

Date: 19.05.2013

There would be no seem to be grave in nature

#### War crimes suspect Qaisar denied bail chance of his escape if he and pattern.

Shahjahan, adding that his

client would surrender his

passport and would not

Dasgupta said Qaisar was

committed to a hospital

immediately after the issu-

ance of arrest warrant on

May 15, although, accord-

ing to the defence docu-

ments, he had taken last

treatment in hospital in

person in his locality, should

be kept behind bars as a

number of witnesses had

already filed general diaries

with local police alleging the

suspect had issued threats to

them, said Rana and submit-

ted documents in support of

he had given statement to

the investigation officer,

claimed Rana, adding that a

killing ground, which was

prosecution's evidence, was

also demolished in

The tribunal in its order

said the investigation

agency's report shows prima

facie Qaisar's involvement

in the alleged crimes and the

crimes under investigation

A witness was killed after

Qaisar, a very influential

April 2012.

his claim.

Habiganj.

Prosecutor Rana

abuse the privilege of bail.

FROM PAGE 16 HM Ershad's cabinet.

The investigation agency designated to probe war crimes was also directed to submit a progress report on his alleged crimes against humanity and genocide through the prosecution by June 17.

Following a petition by

the prosecution, the tribunal on May 15 issued a warrant of arrest for Qaisar for a "fair and effective investigation" into his alleged crimes. Police arrested him in the capital on May 21.

According to the prosecution, the suspect as a local Peace Committee leader formed "Qaisar Force" in Habiganj and committed "plenty of crimes against humanity and perpetrated genocide" in collaboration with the Pakistani army in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria sub-divisions.

Moving a bail petition, defence counsel SM Shahjahan told the tribunal that his 73-year-old client had been suffering from hypertension, diabetes and other old-age complications. A pacemaker was implanted in his heart and he could not move without

wheelchair, he added.

were freed on bail, said

"Mere old age complications are not enough to justify release of accused [Qaisar] on bail. Besides, mere old age cannot be a ground of getting bail, especially in a case of serious crimes allegedly committed in violation of customary international law," the court observed.

#### MOBARAK'S CASE

Ahsanul Huq Hena, defence counsel for war crimes accused Mobarak Hossain, yesterday completed crossexamination of the first prosecution witness before the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

his deposition on May 20 said Pakistani army with the help of Mobarak had killed 33 people at Tanmandayl village in Brahmanbaria on August 22, 1971. Darul, who was a havildar

of intelligence wing of the

army, said the war crimes

Witness Darul Islam in

accused had also killed freedom fighter Abdul Khaleque in 1971. Asked if he had ever read the constitution of Jamaat-e-

Islami, Darul replied in the negative. On Monday, he said Mobarak was a Rokon [full-

Hena asked him if there was any provision of having a Rokon at union level in Jamaat's constitution.

The witness again replied

and after independence.

Union Parishad level before

said it was not true that Mobarak was never involved with Jamaat and was an activist of Awami League only. He added he was not a

in the negative. He however

witness in the murder case filed by Khaleque's daughter Khodeja against the war crimes accused.

The proceeding of the case was adjourned until member] of Jamaat at May 27.

## 30 extrajudicial killings

FROM PAGE 16 government promised to investigate the case but provided no information by the end of the year."

The report draws attention to the harassment of labour leaders speaking against low pay and poor working conditions, and the death of trade union leader Aminul Islam.

Violence against women continued unabated last year, it says, citing the case of Aleya Begum and her daughter who were arrested without warrants and alleg-

abused by policemen. The authorities failed to

settle indigenous people's claims over land in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and protect their rights, the report adds. About the global human

rights situation as a whole, Amnesty International said inaction regarding the issue was making the world an increasingly dangerous place

for refugees and migrants. In 2012, the world wit-

edly tortured and sexually forced large numbers of people to seek safety within their states or across borders. From North Korea to Mali, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, people fled in the hope of finding safe havens,

said a press release by Amnesty.

"Too many governments are abusing human rights in the name of immigration control -- going well beyond legitimate border control measures," said Salil Shetty, nessed a range of human secretary general of Amnesty

rights emergencies that International.

## নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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দেউলিয়া বিষয়ক মোকদ্দমা নং-০৩/২০০০

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দেনার পরিমাণ : ৬,৪৮,৫৭,৪৭৮.০০ টাকা (৩০-০৯-২০১২ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত)

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নিলামের তারিখ : ৯ই জুন, ২০১৩ নিলামের সময় : ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় নিলামের স্থান

> বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিঃ (ভূতপূর্ব বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক) ২৫-২৬, কে ডি এ, বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা আপার যশোর রোড, খুলনা।

উল্লেখিত তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানে নিমু তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তির নিলাম বিক্রয় অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের অংশ গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। সর্বোচ্চ নিলাম ডাককারীকে রিসিভার কর্তৃক ক্রেতা সাব্যস্ত হওয়ার

এতদারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে,

সাথে সাথেই নিলামের শতকরা ১০% টাকা জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে এবং বাকী টাকা নিলামের ডাক গ্রহণ করার ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। নিলামকৃত সম্পত্তির তফসিল

ঃ তফশীল কঃ বিসিক শিল্প এলাকা, শিরোমনি, খুলনাতে অবস্থিত প্রাট নং ৩৮ ও

৩৯, জমির পরিমাণ- ৪১.৩২ শতাংশ বা ১৮০০০ বর্গ ফুট এবং তদউপরিস্থিত ফ্যাক্টরী ভবন। মেসার্স বারী ইন্ডাস্ট্রিঃ লিঃ কর্তৃক ব্যবহৃত যন্ত্রপাতি " যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে সে অবস্থায়" বিসিক শিল্পনগরী খুলনাতে অবস্থিত।

ঃ তফশীল খঃ জে এল নং-২, খতিয়ান নং- ৫০৩, সি এস দাগ নং- ৬৭৬, মৌজা-জুগিপাশা, থানা- দৌলতপুর, জেলা- খুলনা। জমির পরিমাণ ১.৪১ একর। উক্ত জমির উপর নির্মিত ও নির্মিতব্য ইমারতাদি, প্রতিস্থাপিত যন্ত্রপাতি, বৈদ্যুতিক সরঞ্জামাদি ইত্যাদি।

## Buddha Purnima today

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Buddhists, the emergence of Lord Buddha took place on this day 2,556 years ago. The community has

chalked out various programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner. The day is a public holiday. President Abdul Hamid

and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages, greeted the Buddhists as well as the countrymen on the eve of the day. In his message, President

Hamid said Gautam Buddha, the proponent of Buddhism, is the symbol of peace and humanity.

His (Buddha's) efforts

building an ideal and knowledge-based society, Hamid added.

Hasina, in her message, said Gautam Buddha used to foster equality, friendship, sacrifice, mercy and non-violence throughout his life. He preached the message of peace.

work together for nation building being inspired by the message of peace Buddha.

The day's programmes will start with hoisting of the national and religious the capital.

for creation of friendship flags atop all monasteries at among the people and love dawn and chanting of for creatures inspire all in sacred verses from the Tripitaka.

Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangha will organise a discussion at Dharmarajik Buddha Mohabihar at Sabujbagh in the capital. Later a colourful procession will be brought out from the Mohabihar.

Buddha Sangskritik She called upon all to Parishad will bring out a procession from the city's

Shahbagh in the morning. **Buddhist Federation will** preached by Gautam also arrange a daylong programme at International Buddhist

Temple at Merul Badda in

### BNP embarrassed

past, but those statements later lost their legal basis, he said. This correspondent

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called seven BNP leaders yesterday, and only three of them responded. One of them, a BNP standing committee mem-

ber, termed the publication of Babunagari's statement in The Daily Star an example of yellow journalism, raising doubts about the report's authenticity. Two others were embar-

rassed to talk about the Hefajat issue.

The correspondent several times phoned BNP Vice Chairman Sadeque Hossain Khoka, who is alleged to have played a key role in

organising the May 5 rally.

But no one picked up the stay at Shapla Chattar. Don't phone. In his statement, willing], we will stay at

activists of Hefajat-e Islam, of the government." Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Islam claimed that its Shibir, and Chhatra Dal and Secretary General Jubo Dal for the mayhem in Babunagari could have and around Shapla Chattar never made such statement and Baitul Mukarram before the court. mosque.

arrested on May 6 in the said, "Even if he had made capital, also named 14 Hefajat leaders who had financial dealings with the 18-party alliance. He said some of his party

leaders had told him that "the next day, May 6, the

worry. Insha'Allah [God Babunagari blamed some Shapla Chattar until the fall Meanwhile, Hefajat-e

Raising doubts about the Babunagari, who was confessional statement, it such statement, we think he

> did it under coercion." In a statement, the Islamist group again said it has no ties with BNP or Jamaat, and its agitation was not aimed at toppling the

former Dhaka mayor and an government. Babunagari fell very ill, as 18-party alliance leader he was subjected to torture would supply us with breakfast and lunch during our while on remand, it alleged.

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