

Testimony on massacre

Witness narrates killing of up to 400 people in Pabna during Liberation War

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four days after a meeting to form a peace committee on May 10, 1971 at Rupshi Govt Primary School, the Pakistan army massacred 300-400 people of three villages in Pabna.

and its then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha. Ainul Haque said he had read in newspapers in February 1970 or 1971 that Nizami was the president of Islami Chhatra Sangha. On May 10, 1971 he saw 10-12 men sitting before the headmaster of his school, the witness added. As he enquired about them, the headmaster told him that they had gone there to form the peace committee, Ainul recalled.

He said, "The headmaster introduced Nizami [to me]. I also recognised another person, Dalal Asad among them." In the early morning of May 14, 1971 the witness learned from his maternal uncle that the Pakistani army had cordoned off Demra, Rupsha and a portion of Bausgari village. The witness left the house immediately. "At

about 11:00am, I saw a helicopter flying away from that place. Soon after that I heard sounds of heavy gunfire and a hue and cry," he added.

He also saw fire at different houses. Ainul said, "The people who could manage to flee told me that many people had been killed."

On the following day the witness returned to his village. "I saw the bodies of my maternal uncle Ajar Ali Pramanik, cousin Wahabuddin Khan, paternal uncle AKM Fakir, cousins Ahd Fakir, Akhil Fakir, Jamaluddin Pramanik, student Mohammad Ali and locals Mohindranath Nondi, Dilip Kumar, Nirmalendu Nath Roy and Abdul Jobbar," Ainul said, adding that about 300-400 bodies were lying on the ground at Bausgari.

In an emotional state, Star last night, Khadiza, owner of Nirman International and also a witness in the case, confirmed the incident of police harassment. She said an officer of Gulshan Police Station called last night and asked her to go to the police station. "The officer told me that as per a Rajuk order, I will be evicted from my Gulshan house the following morning as I have illegally occupied the building," Khadiza said. "I was amazed to hear this. I told him I have been living in my house for the last 40 years," she said.

Ainul said, "With the help of locals we buried our relatives without maintaining any rituals."

The witness added Dalal Asad helped the Pakistani army to come to the village. He also identified Nizami at the dock.

The tribunal asked the defence to complete cross-examination of the witness by yesterday as there was not much against Nizami in the his testimony. But the defence declined and kept praying for an adjournment until next week as their conducting lawyer was sick.

The prosecution, on the other side, told the tribunal that the witness was an aged person and physically not well and appealed for the cross-examination to be completed by yesterday.

The three-member tribunal decided to adjourn proceedings until today.

US expects next polls

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Sherman, who arrived here yesterday to attend the second US-Bangladesh Partnership Dialogue, said the United States believes that in a democracy people have the right to voice their concern, to demonstrate and to march "what we certainly do in our country."

"But violence, violence can never be acceptable as a means to democratic norms," she added.

According to a foreign ministry press release, the under secretary said Bangladesh is a leader in the ready-made garment (RMG) export and the US does not want any damage to the industry.

Sherman further said Bangladesh is a regional leader on issues like countering terrorism, empowering women, and enhancing regional connectivity.

During the meeting, the US official wanted to know from the foreign minister about the tentative date for upcoming election. In reply, Dipu Moni

said the election will take place in December this year or at the beginning of January.

Meeting sources said Dipu told Sherman that the government is committed to ensure a free, fair and acceptable election with the participation of all.

The US under secretary and the Bangladesh foreign secretary will lead their respective countries' delegation at the concluding day of partnership dialogue this morning at the ministry and discuss a wide range of issues from recent tragedies in garment sector to next general election.

On the first day of the dialogue yesterday, senior officials of US and Bangladesh in three working groups discussed trade and commerce, development and governance and security cooperation.

Officials said the issues of workers rights, workplace safety reform of labour law came out prominently both at the meeting between Dipu Moni and Wendy Sherman as well as in the working group meeting.

In response to Bangladesh government's commitment to address the issues of workers safety, the US side pledged that they would extend all possible support to Bangladesh to overcome problems as well as develop its economy.

Asked whether she had talks with Dipu Moni on Tica and GSP issues, Sherman said the US wants to support Bangladesh in every way possible to address any underlined issues.

She said the Bangladesh government is moving out very quickly to address all of the concerns on both business and labour fronts. "The US sees Bangladesh as a country that is on the move with economic growth, a leader here regionally and a leader more and more globally."

The under secretary informed that she will be meeting with labour, industry and government officials in a roundtable to discuss standards in the garment sector.

On her talks with Dipu Moni, Sherman said, she had a wonderful discussion with the

foreign minister. "We covered the Partnership Dialogue which is comprehensive, deep and broad set of bilateral discussions on bilateral matters, regional matters and global matters."

Referring to recent meeting between Dipu Moni and US Secretary of State John Kerry in Washington, she said that Kerry will hopefully be visiting Bangladesh soon.

The foreign ministry press release said Dipu Moni and Wendy Sherman discussed issues like duty-free and quota free access of Bangladeshi products to the US market, success of women empowerment in Bangladesh, tragic accidents of Rana Plaza and Tazreen Fashions, and labour law reform.

The foreign minister highlighted government's initiatives to improve the workers' safety in Bangladesh and mentioned that RMG is a huge sector and hoped that friendly countries would appreciate the initiatives being taken by the government to improve the situation.

ACC can turn to Interpol

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The court granted the ACC plea by issuing a fresh arrest warrant.

Later, Kajol told The Daily Star, "We will now send the copy of the court's order to Interpol through the foreign ministry, requesting Interpol to arrest him and bring him back to Dhaka."

He also said the Scotland Yard chief would also be contacted for assistance as Tarique is in London. "We will convince London police that Tarique is an accused in a money laundering case. Every country considers financial offence as a major crime," said Kajol.

Interpol is the world's largest police organisation with 190 member countries. Its primary role is to assist law enforcement agencies around the world in combating all forms of transnational crime and terrorism.

The ACC had filed the case against Tarique and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun in October 2009, in connection with a siphoning out of Tk 20.41 crore to Singapore between 2003 and 2007.

Meanwhile, many consider the ACC move to have Tarique arrested and brought back home as a sharp reaction by the government to Tarique's recent political activities abroad.

Last week, for the first time since he went into exile in 2008, the powerful son of former premier Khaleda Zia joined a meeting of BNP leaders and supporters in London, where he severely criticised the government.

He also asked party leaders and workers to intensify their agitation against the government at home and abroad to realise their demand for a non-party election-time government.

His remarks at the meeting irked the government and the ruling Awami League-led alliance leaders.

They criticised Tarique, accused him of hatching a conspiracy against the government, and

demanding that he be brought back home and tried.

The prevailing situation centring around Tarique also worried the opposition BNP. Senior party figures alleged that the government was planning to harass Tarique again.

"The court did exactly what the state minister for law on Friday said about Tarique Rahman," claimed BNP spokesperson Shamsuzzaman Dudu at a briefing yesterday.

He said State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam on Friday had said the government would bring back Tarique through Interpol.

A few days ago Shamsuzzaman Dudu told a press conference, "The government fears Tarique as one fears a snake."

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, a member of the BNP national standing committee, claimed that there was no precedence of issuing an arrest warrant through Interpol for a person under trial.

Tarique also has outstanding arrest warrants in two other cases filed in connection with the gruesome grenade attack on an Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

According to legal experts, if Tarique returns, he will have to surrender before a lower court, which will then decide whether he can be granted bail.

Tarique became an influential party leader during the BNP's second term in office between 2001 and 2006. During this period, he established an alternative centre of power at Hawa Bhaban, the then political office of the BNP chairperson in the capital.

It was an open secret that Tarique and his cronies used to interfere in government activities and control all major business deals.

Having enjoyed the position of BNP senior joint secretary general for five years, Tarique eventually had to quit his post as a condition for his release in 2008.

However, in December 2009, when he had been abroad for over a year, Tarique was made senior vice-chairman with a clear mandate to lead the BNP in the absence of his mother.

Portraying Tarique Rahman as a symbol of "kleptocratic government and violent politics" in Bangladesh, the US embassy in Dhaka recommended blocking his entry to the United States, according to a US embassy cable leaked in September 2011.

Meanwhile, BNP spokesperson Shamsuzzaman Dudu, at another press conference at the party's Nayapaltan office last night, claimed the government had been harassing Khadiza Islam to give false statement against Tarique Rahman in the money laundering case.

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Asked whether police were pressing her to give false statement against Tarique in the case, she replied: "I am 55 years old. For business purposes, I need to meet so many people. But I have told the truth at the court."

Cameron relives

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After years of research, planning and preparation, Cameron completed the deepest solo dive ever made in his futuristic submersible Deepsea Challenger last year.

Seven miles beneath the surface of the western Pacific, the Mariana Trench is deeper than Mount Everest is high.

The director described the weeks spent imagining "all the things that could go wrong" before the descent, but said that on the day of the dive his apprehension was replaced by 'childlike excitement'.

The cramped pilot's chamber, into which he was crammed "like a walnut in its shell", was not claustrophobic, but 'snug and comforting', Cameron writes in the magazine.

"I feel surprisingly calm. I am wrapped in the sub, a part of it and it a part of me, an extension of my ideas and dreams," the director said of the day of the dive.

"As co-designer, I know its every function and foible intimately."

"There's no apprehension at this point, only determination to do what

3 cops withdrawn

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SI Paltu Ghosh, who has also been accused of torture, is now attached to the Narayanganj Police Lines.

In the early hours of May 14, police picked up Shamim, said family members and witnesses. He was confined to Arup's quarters inside the police station compound and tortured for six days.

Of the amount demanded, the victim's family managed to give the policemen Tk 2.5 lakh before Shamim was forced to confess in court on May 20 that he had been involved in killing local Union Parishad Chairman Rafiqul Islam's second wife, her brother and two housemaids on April 20.

Arup, however, rejected all the allegations and claimed Shamim was arrested on May 19 in connections with the murder case.

The probe committee requires more time to find out whether Shamim was detained before he was shown arrested, sources in the police headquarters said.

"The officials were withdrawn to ensure a fair probe and justice to the victim's family," said Dhaka Range DIG SM Mahfuzul Haque Nuruzzaman as reported by our Narayanganj correspondent. He ordered to transfer the case of four murders to Narayanganj Detective Branch of Police.

The autopsy report of Shamim was yet to come, Nuruzzaman said.

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Biddiut Bhaban, Boyra Main Road, Khulna
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Dev. Board)

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Memo No: 27.22.0651.702.55.001.13.345 Dt: 20/05/2013

Invitation for Tenders

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.			
2.	Agency	West Zone Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (WZPDCL), Khulna (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board).			
3.	Procuring entity name	21 Districts Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.			
4.	Procuring entity code	NA.			
5.	Procuring entity district	NA.			
6.	Invitation for	a) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of C&B Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal. b) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kalizira Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal. c) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Hatem Ali Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal. d) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Medical Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal. e) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Alekanda Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal. f) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Notun Bazar Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal. g) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kawnia Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal. h) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Amanotgonj Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal. i) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kashipur Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal. j) Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Sadar Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal.			
7.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	No.27.22.0651.702.55.001.12.345 dt. 20/05/2013.			
8.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
9.	Source of funds	GOB under 21-District Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Khulna.			
10.	Tender package No.	Barisal.			
11.	Tender package name	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Various Feeders Under S & D-1 and S & D-2 Barisal.			
12.	Tender publication date	20.05.2013			
13.	Tender last selling date	23.06.2013 during office hour (9.00am to 05.00pm).			
14.	Tender closing date and time	24.06.2013 at 12.01pm.			
15.	Tender opening date and time	24.06.2013 at 15.00pm.			
16.	Name & address of the office(s)	-Selling tender document Executive Engineer, Distribution Division-4, 21-District Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Barisal. 1. Office of the Police Commissioner, Barisal. 2. Project Director, Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Khulna. -Opening tender document Executive Engineer, Distribution Division-4, 21-District Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Barisal.			
17.	Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to eligible tenderers as mentioned below:			
a)	i) Tenderers must be 1st class enlisted electrical contractor having valid ABC license from Electricity Licensing Board of Govt. of Bangladesh with the bid. ii) Tenderers must be 1st class electrical reputed contractor/construction firms who have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience in construction & renovation of 33kv or 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv SS with the bid.				
b)	Tenderers must be 2 Nos. satisfactory work completion certificate of similarly works, volume of which will be at least 60% (sixty) or more as required in the tender document, issued from previous Employer not below the rank of Executive Engineer under whom the work was done with the bid.				
c.	Tenderer must have update Income Tax, schedule of key personnel, list of equipment & tools, Vat registration certificate, trade license, bank solvency (not less than Tk. 5.00 (five) lac & Power of Attorney.				
18.	List of papers to be submitted with bid document	Bidder must be submitted the following papers (attested photocopies) with the original bidding document. 1. Duplicate & triplicate price schedule in schedule envelope. 2. Completion certificate of similar works at least two contracts under BPDB/DPDC/DESCO/WZPDCL/DESHA within the last 5 (five) years. One contract price of such work shall be not less than Tk. 5.00 (five) lac. 3. Attested copy of updated Income Tax, Vat registration certificate, trade license, ABC license, bank solvency (not less than Tk. 5.00 (five) lac) & Power of Attorney. 4. Bid security of mentioned amount (original). 5. Schedule of key personnel. 6. List of equipment & tools. 7. List of on going works with work order value.			
19.	Brief description of work	Name of work.			
20.	Price of tender document	A complete set of tender document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon submission of a non-refundable Demand Draft (for other districts)/Pay-Order (for Khulna district) in favour of Project Director, 21-District Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Khulna. The price of the tender document, tender security & completion time is given below.			
	No.	Name of work	Price of tender document Tk.	Tender security Tk.	Completion time
	1	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of C&B Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal.	300	19,000	180 days
	2	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kalizira Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal	300	22000	180 days
	3	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Hatem Ali Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal	300	23000	180 days
	4	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Medical Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal	300	16000	180 days
	5	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Alekanda Feeder Under S & D-1 Barisal	300	16000	180 days
	6	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Notun Bazar Feeder under S & D-2 Barisal	300	18000	180 days
	7	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kawnia Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal	300	18000	180 days
	8	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Amanotgonj Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal	300	19000	180 days
	9	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Kashipur Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal	300	20000	180 days
	10	Construction & renovation of 11kv, 11/0.4kv, 0.4kv line & 11/0.4kv S/S of Sadar Feeder Under S & D-2 Barisal	300	22000	180 days
21.	Name of official inviting tender	C. M. Motahar Hossain.			
22.	Organization of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.			
23.	Address of official inviting tender	Distribution Division-4, 21-District Power Distribution Project, WZPDCL, Barisal.			
24.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 0431-72005, Mob: 01759-180115.			
25.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.				

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