

Prosecution failed to prove: Defence

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Tribunal-2 in Jamaat leader M u h a m m a d 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.

During his 55-minute argument, Razzaq placed his submission on the alleged command responsibility of Mojaheed over the infamous Al-Badr forces. Defence has already completed its arguments on factual aspects of the case.

Target tobacco

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may be decreased to Tk 2,000 for district towns and to Tk 1,000 for areas outside the district towns.

The NBR official said that at present only 10 lakh people paid income tax. In the next FY, to increase the tax net the NBR would conduct drives at upazila level. For this the government was considering to lower the minimum tax outside the municipal areas, he added.

The tax on savings instrument may be lowered in the next budget to make it more effective.

In the current FY, the government's target of borrowing from savings instrument was Tk 7,400 crore, but in the first nine months only Tk 692 crore has been the net borrowing. As a result, the government's bank borrowing is on the rise.

Meanwhile, the 10 percent tax at sources on savings with post offices may be lowered to 5 percent in the next budget.

For Pensioner Savings Certificate, the 5 percent tax deducted at source may be waived. For Family Saving Certificate, up to Tk 10 lakh may be made tax-free.

The three-member Tribunal-2, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge Md Shahinur Islam, heard Razzaq's submission before adjourning the case proceedings until June 2.

In five of the seven charges, Mojaheed has been accused of commanding his subordinates as the Al-Badr chief, but the prosecution has failed to prove his involvement with Al-Badr.

He said the prosecution had submitted only two documents -- a photograph of the daily Azad published on December 11, 1971 and "Al-Badr", a book written by a Pakistani national Salim Mansur Khalid -- to prove their claim.

The caption of the daily Azad's photograph says, "Al-Badr chief Mojaheed [Mojaheed] addressing a street rally organised by Al-Badr [on Baitul Mukarram mosque premises] yesterday where he uttered caution against people spreading rumours".

Razzaq said although Mojaheed was mentioned as Al-Badr chief in the photo caption, in the content of the news, Mojaheed was mentioned as Chhatra Sangha president.

"This is just a photograph. It has no probative value as no one was produced [by prosecution] to prove the photo and content," Razzaq said, adding, "On the basis of a single photograph, it cannot be said that Mojaheed was an Al-Badr commander."

Earlier, the prosecution had submitted a photograph of the daily Purbadesh published on December 5, 1971, which showed Al-Badr men had been addressing a rally from a vehicle hoisting a banner of Al-Badr.

Freedom fighter Zahir Uddin Jalal, the second prosecution witness, testified that he had hurled a grenade at Mojaheed in that

rally held at Chawkbazar on December 4, 1971.

According to the book Al-Badr, the then Nazem (president) of East Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha (EPICS) had addressed the Al-Badr men at their headquarters even two hours before the surrender of the Pakistan army on December 16, 1971.

According to prosecution documents, Mojaheed was the president of EPICS from October to December 16, 1971.

Razzaq said the EPICS president had been mentioned as the speaker but Mojaheed's name was not mentioned in the entire book.

Raising questions about the probative value of the book, he said, "We haven't enough information about the writer of the book. It was said that he [writer] was a Jamaat leader but where is the proof?"

In the footnote of the book, Razzaq said, the writer mentioned that Al-Badr soldiers present at the meeting described the speech (to the writer) and the speaker himself had endorsed the address.

"But there is no reference in the footnote. There is no identification of the Al-Badr men (who were present at the meeting). There is no mention of when and where the speaker endorsed his speech," argued Mojaheed's chief counsel.

"If I had addressed (the meeting), why my [Mojaheed] name was not mentioned (in the book)?" questioned Razzaq, adding, "This [documents] is worse than anonymous hearsay witness."

"These two documents [daily Azad's photo and Al-Badr book] may be admissible but it has no probative value," he claimed.

Abdur Razzaq Khan, investigation officer of the case, earlier said that he did not find any list of Razakar, Al-Badr, Al-Shams and

Peace Committee that included Mojaheed's name, Razzaq told the tribunal.

At that point, the tribunal said the defence had admitted that Al-Badr and Al-Shams were two wings of the Razakar force, and it had an organogram and list of members.

But Mojaheed was charged as Al-Badr leader and no list of Al-Badr men was published, said the court.

According to the book "Sun Set at Midday" by Mohiuddin Chowdhury, which is a prosecution document, the entire Islami Chhatra Sangha was turned into Al-Badr force, the court said.

"In that case, as the chief of Islami Chhatra Sangha, does the command responsibility fall upon him [Mojaheed]?" asked the court.

Razzaq replied in the negative, saying "The prosecution should have provided hard evidence supporting their claims. Besides, we don't admit that Islami Chhatra Sangha was turned into Al-Badr (in 1971)."

Mojaheed, secretary general of Jamaat, was indicted on seven charges, which include murder, genocide and conspiracy to kill intellectuals during the Liberation War.

Meanwhile, the investigation agency, designated to probe war crimes, yesterday handed over the probe report against BNP leader Zahid Hossain Khokon to the prosecution, MK Rahman, chief coordinator of the lawyer panel, told The Daily Star.

On Wednesday, the agency completed its investigation against Khokon, now mayor of Nagarkanda municipality in Faridpur.

At a press briefing, the probe agency said it had found "sufficient evidence" against Khokon in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Indian HC

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Asked about New Delhi's clarification about the Bangladesh foreign ministry's letter, the spokesperson said, "We have received an informal e-mail from the director [South Asia] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday and replied accordingly the following day."

It was a misunderstanding and nothing serious at all, noted the Indian official adding that India would not take any step that could be detrimental to Bangladesh.

The two governments will certainly enter into a legal framework once the Indian company finalises its decision to go for a joint venture investment in Bangladesh to set up the container terminal, mentioned the official.

Without consulting Dhaka, the Indian foreign ministry on May 10 posted an advertisement on its website inviting bids for "Techno-commercial feasibility study for setting up an inland container port at Narayanganj, Bangladesh" on 46 acres of land owned by Kumudini Welfare Trust of Bengal Ltd (KWTB), Bangladesh, on the bank of the Shitalakkhya.

The KWTB had shown interest in building the container port jointly with a foreign company.

BB permits

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Over the next three months, the BB will observe the users' activities and their reaction, and will act accordingly, BB officials said.

Bankers hailed the latest initiative by the central bank.

"This is a welcome move which will benefit the consumers," said Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of corporate affairs at Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), the major player in Bangladesh's credit card industry.

She added that 90 percent of SCB's credit cards are dual currency-based, meaning that the cards have access to international markets.

Ziaul Karim, head of brand and communications at Eastern Bank, said the use of credit cards for online payment across borders would benefit consumers immensely.

"People will be able to buy software, books and other products through their cards," Karim observed.

There are around seven lakh credit cards in Bangladesh, most of which are from the SCB, followed by Eastern and BRAC banks. Most of the banks now issue dual currency credit cards.

In November 2009, the BB introduced a domestic online payment system, facilitating fund transfers and the payment of utility bills on the Internet. The move permitted people to use their credit cards for online transactions within the country.

Businessmen

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is Tk 1.92 lakh.

The amount of money mentioned by the candidates as their annual familial expenses are unbelievable, observed Shushashoner Janney Nagarik (SHUJAN) while disclosing its study yesterday at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital.

Elections to four city corporations -- Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet-- will be held on June 15. A total of 12 candidates are vying for the mayoral posts.

SHUJAN prepared the study on the basis of the affidavits submitted by the candidates.

"The purpose of presenting the information is to empower voters so that they know about the candidates before casting their votes," said SHUJAN Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar.

Interestingly, 75 percent of the total candidates said they each had assets worth below Tk 5 lakh.

Eleven candidates are accused in murder cases.

The cases do not mean that the candidates are guilty, said Badiul. "We are disclosing these just to get the voters informed."

Of the total candidates, only 116 candidates completed graduation. In Sylhet, only one candidate passed the HSC exams while the other two did not pass even SSC.

Another probe finds

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The trio was immediately withdrawn following the report.

The probe body also gathered that money was taken from Shamim's family so that torture on him stopped.

Shamim's family has alleged that the Inspector Arup detained Shamim illegally, tortured him and demanded Tk 5 lakh.

Shamim, who appeared in master's examination this year, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on May 22.

Police detained him from his residence on May 14 and forced him to confess in court on May 20 that he had been involved in the killing

of local Union Parishad Chairman Rafiqul Islam's second wife, her brother and two housemaids on April 20, family alleged.

Haji Alauddin, father of Shamim, filed a writ petition with the High Court on Wednesday, seeking its directive to the government to form a judicial commission to probe the police torture on his son.

In his petition, he also sought the court's directive for arrest of the four police officials -- Atiqur, Arup, Paltu and Uttam -- within 24 hours.

An investigation by The Daily Star also found that the allegation of torture on Shamim was true.

Nigeria military dismisses Boko Haram 'propaganda'

AFP, Abuja

Nigeria's military yesterday dismissed as "empty propaganda" claims by Boko Haram's leader that soldiers have retreated during an ongoing offensive, insisting the campaign has heavily damaged the Islamist insurgents.

In a video obtained by AFP on Tuesday, Boko Haram chief Abubakar Shekau said soldiers have at times "turned and ran" when facing Islamist fighters and rejected military boasting about the success of the operation.

Lawmen asked to stay alert

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ensuing polls to four city corporations.

Citing the war crimes trial, rise of Hefajat-e-Islam, opposition's anti-government movement and activities of extremist groups as critical factors, officials of intelligence and law enforcement agencies have agreed on taking precautionary measures to tackle any probable trouble centring the polls.

They made the observation at a meeting with the officials of the Election Commission and home ministry at the conference room of National Economic Council in the capital.

The meeting discussed steps to maintain law and order during the polls to Barisal, Sylhet, Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations scheduled for June 15.

"All the stakeholders in

the elections must be alert so that the Hefajat or other Islamist groups can't unleash violence by applying different techniques like using the loudspeakers of mosques," an election commissioner, who was in the meeting, told The Daily Star.

With the incumbent government just a few months away to complete its tenure, more alertness is required than the previous local government elections so that no chaos is created centring the polls, said another EC official.

CEC BRIEFS PRESS

In a post-meeting briefing, Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad told newsmen that police and Rapid Action Battalion will maintain law and order during the city polls. At a later stage, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) mem-

bers will be deployed.

Besides, coast guard personnel will be posted in Barisal and Khulna city corporations, he added.

The CEC warned that no one would be spared for violation of electoral code of conduct.

At the meeting, the EC proposed deployment of mobile teams and striking forces comprised of police, Armed Police Battalion (APBn), Ansar, Rab and BGB members in the four cities.

A total of 40 executive magistrates in four metropolises have been deployed to operate mobile courts to check any violation of electoral code of conduct.

The EC also suggested deployment of five judicial magistrates at each city corporation to complete summary trial of the offenders.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 31 May 2013
Deadline for Application: 15 June 2013

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following vacant position for its project "Improving food security of women and children by enhancing backyard and small-scale poultry production in the Southern Delta Region (GCP/BGD/048/USA)" to be filled as soon as possible:

- **National Consultant- BioSecurity Specialist**
(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar position apply).

Interested qualified candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: <http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/bangladesh> and www.bdjobs.com. All applicants must submit their PH-Form to: FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org by close of business on **15 June 2013**.



Bangladesh Computer Council

BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207

Invitation for Tender

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Information & Communication Technology
2	Agency:	Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC)
3	Procuring Entity Name:	Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC)
4	Procuring Entity Code:	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District:	Dhaka
6	Invitation For:	Goods
7	Invitation Ref No.:	56.108.007.00.00.1972.2013-914
8	Date:	29 th May- 2013

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method:	NCT, Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds:	Revenue Budget (GoB)
11	Development Partner:	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/Programme Code:	N/A
13	Project/Programme Name:	N/A
14	Tender Package No.:	01 of FY 2012-13
15	Tender Package Name:	Supply of One Car for BCC'
16	Tender Publication Date:	30 th May-2013
17	Tender Last Selling Date:	17 th June-2013 (up to 5.00 pm.)
18	Tender Closing Date and Time:	18 th June-2013 at 3:00 pm.
19	Tender Opening Date and Time:	18 th June-2013 at 3:30 pm.
20	Name & Addresses of the Offices :	Selling Tender Document: Room# 211, 1 st Floor, BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207 Receiving Tender Document: Conference Room, 1 st Floor, BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207 Opening Tender Document: Conference Room, 1 st Floor, BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional):	N/A

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of Tenderer:	Supplier/Distributor/Agent
23	Brief Description of Goods or Works:	Supply of 1(one) Brand New Car
24	Brief Description of Related Services:	N/A
25	Price of Tender Document:	Tk. 1000.00 (One thousand) in cash (Non-Refundable)

Lot No.	Identification	Location	Tender Security (Tk.)	Completion Time
1	Car	BCC, Dhaka	Tk. 50,000/- (Taka Fifty Thousand only)	As per Tender Document

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of Official Inviting Tender:	S M Ashfaque Hussain
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender:	Executive Director
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Computer Council BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
30	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: 8144046, Fax: 9124626, e-mail- ashfaquehussain@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	



Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha

Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project
RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka
www.rajukdhaka.gov.bd

Invitation for Tenders (Works)

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing & Public Works.			
02	Agency	Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK).			
03	Procuring entity name	RAJUK.			
04	Procuring entity district	Dhaka (Metropolitan Area).			
05	Invitation reference No.	Tender No-10/2012-2013 (Uttara 3rd Phase).			
06	Date	29/05/2013.			
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
08	Budget & source of funds	Own Fund of RAJUK.			
09	Project name	Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project.			
10	Tender package name	N/A.			
11	Last date of tender publication	01/06/2013.			
12	Last date and time for selling tender documents	26/06/2013 during office hour.			
13	Last date and time for submission of tender documents	27/06/2013 up to 12:30pm.			
14	Date and time for opening of tenders	27/06/2013 at 2:30pm.			
15	Name and address of the office(s):				
	Selling tender documents	Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.			
	Receiving tender documents	(i) Office of the Chief Engineer, RAJUK, 4th Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka. (ii) Office of the Secretary, RAJUK, 2nd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka. (iii) Office of the Project Director, Uttara RMT (3rd Phase) Project, Annex Building, 6th Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka.			
	Opening tender documents	Tenders will be opened by TOC at Meeting Room of RAJUK, 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka in presence of intending tenderers or their authorised representatives.			
16	Eligibility of tenderers	(a) General Experience: Minimum 07 (seven) years experience in civil construction work. (b) Similar work experience: i. Earth/sand dredge filling of minimum amount Tk 5.00 (five) crore of single contract within last 7 (seven) years. (c) Annual Turnover: Last five years (financial year 2007-08, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 & 2011-2012) average construction turnover should be required minimum 20.00 (twenty) crore only. (d) Liquid Asset: Should be required minimum Tk. 3.00 (three) crore. (e) Any individual's/firm's who fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet and others condition of tender document. (f) Tenderer should be competent in terms of legal, financial and technical capacity having experience in similar nature of work. (g) Furnishing of any false, forged and misleading documents by tenderer shall result in rejection of his/her tender may lead to forfeit of tender security and action may be taken against tenderer as per PPR & PPA.			
17	Brief description of works	Land development by earth/sand filling in remaining part of group No. 25 at URMT (3rd Phase) Project.			
18	Works details				
	Identification of lot	Name of works & location	Price of tender document (in Tk.)	Tender security amount (in Tk)	Time for completion (in months)
	i	Land development by earth/sand filling in remaining part of group No. 25 at URMT (3rd Phase) Project by dredge filling method.	2000.00 (two thousand)	24,00,000.00 (twenty-four lac)	6 (six)
19	Name of official inviting tender		Engr. Emdadul Islam.		
20	Designation of official inviting tender		Chief Engineer, RAJUK, Dhaka.		
21	Address of official inviting tender		4th Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka.		
22	Contact details of official inviting tender		Telephone No. 9563604		
23	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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