





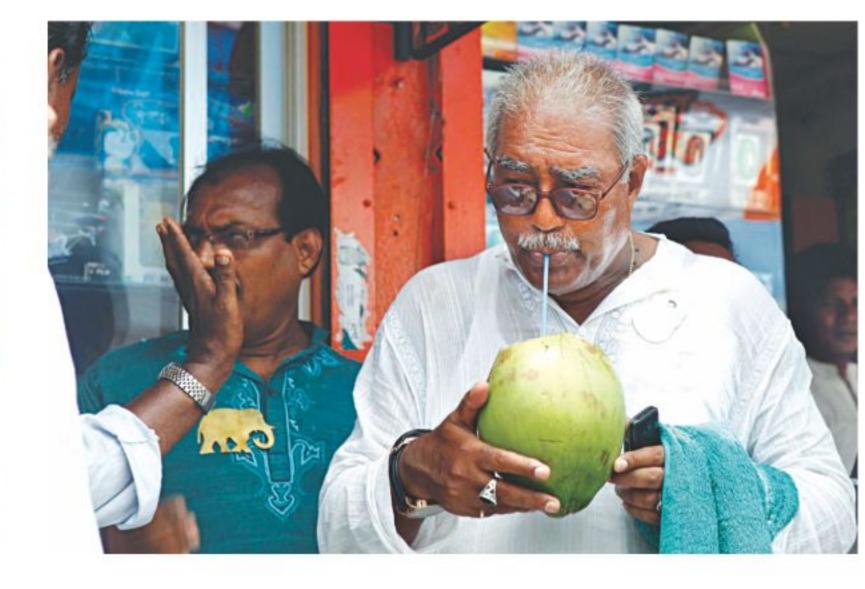
CITY CORPORATION POLLS

(Clockwise from top left) Posters of councillor and mayoral candidates of the June 15 city corporation polls dangle over the whole stretch of a road in Laxmipur Jhawtola in Rajshahi city yesterday. Nearby, Border Guard Bangladesh members patrol the streets as part of measures taken to beef up security marking the polls. Loudspeakers stuck on top of battery-run three-wheelers seeking votes in favour of candidates of the June 15 Khulna City Corporation polls on Khan A Sabur Road in Khulna city yesterday. Mayoral candidate Talukder Abdul Khaleque, backed by the ruling Awami League-led 14-party alliance, takes a well-needed drink of coconut water while electioneering in the sweltering heat in Khulna city's New Market area yesterday. Sacks being readied at the office of the Returning Officer of the June 15 Barisal City Corporation polls yesterday to carry voting materials to different polling centres. Local sharp weapons seized by law enforcers during drives marking the June 15 Sylhet City Corporation polls on display at the Sylhet metropolitan police commissioner's office yesterday.

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KILLING ALUBDI VILLAGERS

Quader Mollah directly involved

Attorney general tells SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah was directly involved in killing people at Alubdi village of the capital's Pallabi during the 1971 Liberation War, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told the Supreme Court yesterday.

He was placing arguments on the 12th day of hearing of convict Mollah's appeal seeking acquittal in the crimes against humanity case.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2 on February 5 jailed Mollah for life after finding him guilty of five wartime criminal offences.

Mahbubey cited from statements of prosecution witnesses Shafiuddin Mollah and Amir Hossain Mollah before the ICT-2 regarding the killing.

and killed 344 unarmed villag- · start recording their testimonies. ers, states one proven charge.

Ahsan, another prosecution witness, Mahbubey argued that : Mollah and his accomplices . killed journalist Khondaker Abu . Pump House during the Liberation War.

He said the Jallad Khana report, which stated that non-Bangalees killed Taleb, has no dence. The report is a collection of statements of victims' families: 1,153 defence witnesses. on the killing stored in the: sion in Jallad Khana.

statement.

Witnesses to testify for SQ Chy from Monday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 On April 24, 1971, Pakistan · yesterday fixed five defence witnesses for occupation forces and non-: war crimes accused BNP leader Salauddin Bangalees led by Mollah attacked : Quader Chowdhury and set Monday to

The defence had given a list of 1,153 Citing Khondaker Abdul : witnesses to defend lawmaker Salauddin, who has 23 charges of genocide and crimes against humanity filed against him.

The tribunal yesterday delivered the order after cross-examination of the 41st and Taleb in Mirpur's Jallad Khana : last prosecution witness was completed.

After defence counsel Ahsanul Huq Hena completed cross-examining the last prosecution witness, who was the investigation officer of the case, proseauthenticity, so it is not an evi- : cutor Zead Al Malum came up with a petition seeking rejection of the list of

He drew the attention of the tribunal Liberation War Museum's exten- · that many names on the list were redundant : and the tribunal's rules regarding the matter Defence lawyers earlier argued : were not followed. He also mentioned that that the report refuted Ahsan's · the defence had failed to specify on what the defence witnesses would be testifying.

Opposing Malum's petition, defence counsel Fakhrul Islam said the list of witnesses was very short if Salauddin's long political career was considered. He also said Salauddin would testify himself as well.

Following the hearing, the threemember Tribunal-1 Chairman Justice ATM Fazle Kabir partially allowed the prosecution's prayer.

"Five defence witnesses including Mr Salauddin Quader Chowdhury are allowed," Justice Kabir said.

Salauddin then stood up in the dock and told the tribunal that 40 witnesses [apparently excluding the investigation officer] testified against him but he was allowed only five witnesses.

His counsel Fakhrul was also unhappy and said they would be prejudiced by the order.

Justice Kabir said they gave the order after considering every aspect. He said it was the responsibility of the prosecution to prove the charges, not of the defence. Therefore, the number of witnesses was reasonable, he said.

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Student jailed

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a private university student to ten years' rigorous imprisonment for killing a traffic sergeant by running him over with a car in February last year.

The convict is Aliul Islam, 22, a student of North South University.

Judge Md Motahar Hossain of Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 handed down the verdict.

The court also fined him Tk 25, 000, in default, to suffer six more months in

According to the prosecution, Riazul, who was on duty near Bashundhara shopping mall, was run over by a car driven by Aliul. Aliul tried to escape but was caught by locals a few yards off the spot.

10 hurt in RMG over policeman | tactory fire rush

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 10 garment workers sustained minor injuries while rushing to escape a fire in an Ashulia factory yesterday, said evewitnesses.

Ltd on the ground-floor of a six-storey building at Gazirchar around 9:45am," said Senior Station Officer Abdul Hamid of Export Processing Zone Fire Station in Ashulia. Five fire fighting units brought under control the fire in

"The fire originated in a storeroom of Arba Textile

the 35 feet by 25 feet storeroom, locked from outside, in two and a half hours. The cause of the fire could not be known immediately.

The fabric inside the room was burnt and the finished and packaged goods, stored in adjacent rooms, were destroyed by the water sprayed to douse the fire.

Ashulia Police Station and Industrial Police told The Daily Star that workers of Arba Textile and Hashmatullah Knit Wears Ltd, housed in the building, quickly came out on hearing the fire alarm.

"None of our workers were injured," said Md Obaidullah, managing director of the Hashmatullah company, situated from the 3rd to the 5th floor.

"But we declared our factory closed for today and will reopen on Saturday," he said. The Arba company was also closed after the incident.

Criteria for participation:

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product.

1. Materials used should be locally

3. Designs should be original and

album are returnable.

participating house).

suitable for weather conditions.

5. Entry fee per submission is Tk.500

Last date of submission: June 15, 2013

(minimum 6 entries for each

4. The attires and accessories sent for the

2. All submissions must be accompanied

with price and a short description of the

SHAMIM'S DEATH IN CUSTODY

Four cops sent to jail on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent four suspended police personnel to jail in connection with the custodial death of Shamim Sarkar of Hemayetpur in Savar.

The four are Ashulia Police Station Sub-Inspector Emdadul Islam and Savar Police Station Constables Ramjan, Mofazzal and Yousuf.

On June 6, they were detained for their alleged involvement in torturing Shamim to death and later shown arrested in the murder case filed by victim's elder brother Amin Sarkar with Savar Police Station.

Yesterday, they were produced before the court on completion of their four-day remand in the case.

Another accused, Savar Police Station Assistant Sub-Inspector Akidul Islam, is now on a four-day remand.

On June 5, land broker Shamim, 30, was tortured after plain-clothes police picked him up along with his nephew Sohel, 28, at Hemayetpur.

According to the prosecution, the police officials tortured Shamim to death as they failed to realise Tk 2 lakh from his family members as a condition for his release.

