



CHARGES	1. Killing of Serajuddin (Merged with charge 6)	2. Genocide in 3 Hindu villages in Faridpur	3. Confinement of Ranjit	4. Confinement of Yusuf	5. Killing of Rumi, Altaf and others	6. Killing of intellectuals	7. Mass killing at Bakchar in Faridpur
VERDICT	Guilty (Death)	Acquittal	Guilty (5 years jail)	Acquittal	Guilty (Lifetime jail)	Guilty (Death)	Guilty (Death)

GALLOWS for Mojaheed

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

A court yesterday sentenced Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed to death for his role in crimes against humanity, including the mass extermination of intellectuals towards the end of the Liberation War in 1971.

International Crimes Tribunal-2 found the 65-year-old Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general guilty of murders, persecutions and detentions of unarmed people.

Mojaheed had led a "death squad", named Al-Badr, that worked as an auxiliary force for the Pakistani army.

In a verdict that sheds light on the nation's struggle for freedom from Pakistan, three judges of the tribunal said Mojaheed held superior responsibility in abetting, planning and facilitating the mass killings of the "best sons and daughters of the soil".

The former minister was guilty in five of the seven charges piled against him. He was sentenced to death in three of them, imprisoned for life in one and sentenced to five years in prison in another.

The large-scale killing of intellectuals and professionals in

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The accused [Mojaheed] ... had acted as an atrocious and potential leader of Al-Badr to the actual accomplishment of the crimes charged ...

Tribunal finds him guilty of killing intellectuals and other war crimes

No escape

Tribunal says superior responsibility for Al-Badr crimes goes to Al-Badr leader

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Convicted war criminal Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed held a superior position in the Al-Badr force and had effective control over the members of the killing squad, an auxiliary force of the Pakistan occupation army during the 1971 Liberation War.

The judges of International Crimes Tribunal-2 talked elaborately about Al-Badr in the verdict against Mojaheed, who was a top leader of the organisation that orchestrated the killing of intellectuals to cripple the Bangalee nation.

"Mujahid [Mojaheed], who was in a superior position (President) of ICS [Islami Chhatra Sangha, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami] which transformed into Al-Badr, was aware of the consequence of his act and conduct that substantially encouraged, endorsed, approved, provided moral support to the Al-Badr men in committing the intellectuals' killing," the judgment said.

The Jamaat's student wing was reborn with a new name "Islami Chhatra Shibir" at the Dhaka University mosque in 1977.

Sensing imminent defeat, the Pakistan occupation forces and their local collaborators, especially Al-Badr, picked up many eminent personalities, including academics, doctors, engineers, journalists and teachers, from their homes in Dhaka, and killed them on the eve of the nation's victory on December 16, 1971.

The bodies of the nation's brightest brains were dumped at Rayerbazar, Mirpur and several other killing grounds in the city.

The martyred intellectuals include journalist Serajuddin Hossain, Syed Najmul Haque, ANM Golam Mostafa, Nizam Uddin Ahmed, Selina Parvin, Shahidullah Kaiser, Dhaka University professors Giasuddin Ahmed, Sirajul Haque Khan, Dr Abul Khayer, Dr Faizul Mohiuddin, Rashidul Hasan, Anwar Pasha, Santosh Chandra Bhattacharyya, Munier Chowdhury and Mofazzal Haidar Choudhury, physicians Mohammad Martuza, Alim

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Like father, like son

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

War crimes convict Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed followed in his father Maulana Abdul Ali's footsteps all along.

In 1971, Abdul Ali was one of the top leaders of the Faridpur Peace Committee, and Mojaheed a top brass of the Al-Badr force.

While his father was the ameer of Faridpur Jamaat-e-Islami during the Liberation War, Mojaheed was the central president of Jamaat's then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha.

The peace committee and the Al-Badr, two auxiliary forces of the then Pakistani occupation army,

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The body of weekly Sheelalipi editor Selina Parvin at Rayerbazar killing field.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

They now can rest in peace

Brother of martyred Rumi happy as verdict covers massacre of intellectuals

TAMANNA KHAN

It was a phone call that gave words to a long endured pain and wait. Perhaps that is why Saif Imam Jami called back from a different time zone, taking time out of his busy office hours.

Yet Jami, the only living member of martyr Rumi's family, did not talk about his personal contentment regarding the verdict in Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed's case that was delivered yesterday.

Like his brother martyr Shafi Imam Rumi and mother Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam, he expressed satisfaction over the verdict because it took into account the massacre of intellectuals in 1971.

Rumi had foregone a bright career and sacrificed his life for the motherland, while his mother, unheeding of fatal cancer, continued her struggle until the last

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Saif Imam Jami



Shafi Imam Rumi

AL happy, BNP tight-lipped
Jamaat terms it a conspiracy to kill its leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League and different other organisations expressed their satisfaction over the yesterday's verdict handed down to Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad

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Watch your words

Cautions tribunal; insists verdict not given out of anger, sympathy

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday warned that it possesses the power to hold any individual accountable for showing contempt to the tribunal.

Tribunal Chairman Justice Obaidul Hassan said the arms of the court were long.

In the territory of Bangladesh, if any

individual, whoever he be, attacks the tribunal, it has the authority to make him accountable, he added.

Justice Obaidul made the observation before passing judgement on Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed's war crimes case.

In his 10-minute introductory speech, Justice Obaidul made it clear that judges were not weak, and when any obstacle arises in the path of the

court, it can take any measure.

Pointing to the talk shows on the war crimes trials, the tribunal said, "As the night rolls on, talk shows begin. From their [participants] discussion, it appears that they do not read judgements."

They talk about delay in trial proceedings or tripartite agreement or term the trial politically motivated.

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WAIT NOW FOR EXECUTION

Witnesses and victims of war crimes yesterday expressed happiness over verdict against Mojaheed. The interviews were taken by The Daily Star's Tamanna Khan, Prabir Barua Chowdhury and Mahbubur Rahman Khan.



SHAHRIAR KABIR

First prosecution witness
Congratulating the prosecutors, Shahriar Kabir said: "Based on the evidence that we provided to the prosecution, he [Mojaheed] should have been hanged ten times,

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SHAHIN REZA NOOR

Son of martyred journalist Serajuddin Hossain
Shahin Reza Noor expressed his satisfaction over the verdict and said the Bangalee nation had been freed of a stigma through it.

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JAHIR UDDIN JALAL

Eyewitness and victim
Freedom fighter Jahir Uddin Jalal, an eyewitness and victim, expressed his satisfaction over the verdict.

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RUSTOM ALI

Eyewitness
In his immediate reaction, Rustom Ali expressed happiness over the judgment.

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6 days of waste

Jamaat's 4-day hartal links weekend

STAR REPORT

This week has seen only one working day as the Jamaat-e-Islami has called four country-wide hartals in a row from Monday, protesting the war crimes trial and the recent verdicts. It means most of the nation's activities will be on hold for another two days of weekend.

Today's hartal is to protest a death sentence to Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed. The International Crimes Tribunal delivered the verdict yesterday, two days after it handed down 90 years' imprisonment on former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam.

The first of the four countrywide daylong

hartals was enforced on Monday in protest at the trial of Ghulam Azam and the following shutdowns came with the delivery of the verdicts.

Yesterday's hartal was marked by comparatively less violence.

The Jamaat, branded by the tribunal as a criminal organisation for its anti-liberation role, has made a record of enforcing hartals on four consecutive days in the Awami League government's four and a half years' tenure.

Nine youths were killed and huge public property was damaged in the last three shutdowns, besides disruption to people's normal life and the economy during the

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Defence to appeal
Prosecution happy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution has expressed satisfaction over the verdict in Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed's case while the defence rejected the judgment and said it would appeal against the verdict.

Prosecution counsel Tureen Afroz said they were satisfied since the judgment has proved that Pakistan army and its local collaborators like Al-Badr had

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