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Razakar founder Yusuf indicted

13 war crimes charges brought against him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AKM Yusuf, historically known as the founder of the infamous Razakar force in 1971, was yesterday indicted on 13 charges of genocide and crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The then deputy chief of Jamaat-e-Islami, which vehemently opposed the very birth of Bangladesh, was charged with seven acts of genocide, which left several hundred people dead in Khulna and Bagerhat.

The 87-year-old Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer was also charged with killing eight people,



AKM Yusuf

including five unarmed freedom fighters, and looting and arson at a Hindu-dominated village in Morelganj of Bagerhat.

Yusuf, who had been convicted for aiding the Pakistani army during the war and had gotten general amnesty in 1973, yesterday pleaded not guilty before the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

His trial begins on September 5 with the opening statement from the prosecution. He is the first man convicted under the Collaborators Order, 1972, to face trial at the tribunal. He was arrested on May 12 and

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This time he faces war charges

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

There was no legal bar to prosecuting AKM Yusuf for crimes against humanity or genocide, although he had been convicted for collaborating with the Pakistani army and released on general amnesty in 1973, said the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday.

Yusuf got the benefit of general amnesty as he had not been charged or convicted for killings under the Collaborators Order, 1972, said the court yesterday, adding that now he would be tried in connection with crimes against humanity and genocide.

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Aggrieved by cancellation of the party's registration with the EC, Jamaat supporters yesterday set alight 17 vehicles in Kajla area of Demra.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Snowden gets Russia asylum

US fumes over Moscow's decision

AFP, Moscow

Fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden yesterday stepped out of the Moscow airport where he was marooned for over five weeks, after Russia granted him one-year's asylum to the fury of the United States.

Snowden slipped out of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, where he has been staying since June 23, in a cloak-and-dagger operation overseen by his Russian lawyer but unnoticed by the hordes of media trying to follow his every move.

The White House said it was "extremely disappointed" that the former National



Edward Snowden

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US agency taps all you do online

Discloses new Snowden leak

CNN ONLINE

You've never heard of XKeyscore, but it definitely knows you. The National Security Agency's top-secret programme essentially makes available everything you've ever done on the Internet -- browsing history, searches, content of your emails, online chats, even your metadata -- all at the tap of the keyboard.

The Guardian exposed the programme on Wednesday in a follow-up piece to its groundbreaking report on the NSA's surveillance practices. Shortly after publication, Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old former Booz Allen Hamilton employee who worked for the NSA for four years, came forward as the source.

This latest revelation comes from XKeyscore training materials, which Snowden also provided to The Guardian. The NSA sums up the programme best: XKeyscore is its "widest reaching" system for developing intelligence from the Internet.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with the chief election commissioner that the EC's sweeping powers to cancel one's candidacy in parliamentary polls for violation of electoral laws is meaningless and inapplicable?

Yes (25%)

No (75%)

TOTAL VOTES: 198

TODAY'S POLL

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24	03	4-02	6-44
25	04	4-02	6-43

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-02	4-05
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-44	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Accordingly, the deadline for admission form submission has been extended to 14 August 4:00 pm.

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