# Alim was sued after Liberation War

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At least two cases were filed against Abdul Alim with Joypurhat Police Station after the Liberation War for allegedly collaborating with the Pakistani army, an investigator testified yesterday.

ZM Altafur Rahman, investigation officer of Alim's war crimes case, also told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that a total of 23 cases were filed with the police station under the Collaborators Act-1972.

Altafur, the 35th and the last prosecution witness in the case, said this while Alim's counsel, Ahsanul Huq Hena, was crossexamining him for the third

Former BNP lawmaker, Alim, was indicted on 17 charges including murders and genocide allegedly committed during the ninemonth war in 1971.

The three-member tribu-

nal led by Justice Obaidul

Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam recorded Altafur's crossexamination. The court also asked the

defence counsel to complete his cross-examination within an hour today.

On the two cases against Alim, Hena said, police had given final report in one case while his client was acquitted in the other.

Altafur, in his reply, said, "I didn't find such information during my investiga-

However, a defence petition itself contradicted Hena's claim.

discharge petition, a case

was filed against him under

March 9, 1972, and police

the Collaborators Act on

had submitted charge sheet against him on April 8 the same year. Following a petition of a special public prosecutor, a special tribunal ordered

tion into the case. Alim was granted bail by the

police for further investiga-

January 18 that year, according to the petition. The defence petition said

"In 1974, the then President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman ordered for General Amnesty and repealed the According to Alim's Collaborators Order and thereby the case against the petitioner [Alim] was 1991 and 1993.

> government announced general amnesty on November 30, 1973 and the government of Justice Sayem and General Zia repealed the Collaborators Act on December 31, 1975.

People, who had been On January 17, 1974, punished or accused of rape, murder, arson and looting, High Court and he got did not come under the released from Bogra Jail on purview of general amnesty,

according to historic documents.

In reply to a question, Altafur said Alim was elected chairman of Joypurhat municipality in 1975 and 1977, minister in 1979 and president of Joypurhat Bar Association in

Replying to another ques-But actually the then tion, he said he had scrutinised newspapers published in 1971 and didn't find any anti-liberation statement issued by Abdul Alim during the war.

As Hena sought an adjournment at 3:40pm citing lack of preparation, the tribunal asked him to complete crossexamination within one hour today.

of police, he complained

photographs of policemen

taking bribes from truck

hands to the truck drivers to

receive documents from

were corrupt, they would

have been the owners of

every building in the capi-

AAMS Arefin Siddique

attended the programme,

among others, as special

Revealing its biannual

DU Vice Chancellor Prof

tal," argued Benazir.

"If the police personnel

them.

guest.

### Trial hamstrung magistrate on April 7, 2011.

charge sheets, a total of 491 people have been made prosecution witnesses.

The first trial court had recorded statements from 61 prosecution witnesses who were considered less important.

The grenade assault was carried out at an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue to kill then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

Hasina, now prime minister, narrowly escaped death. But 24 leaders and activists, including late president Zillur Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman, were killed and 300 others injured.

Syed Rezaur Rahman, chief counsel of the cases, told The Daily Star yesterday that he was trying his best to get the trial completed. The court is yet to take depositions of a number of vital witnesses.

Moreover, most of the accused are common in several other cases pending For example, he cited the with war crimes tribunals, the ten-truck arms haul case in Chittagong and cases relating to militant activi-On different dates, they

were produced before the courts where the trial of the cases was going on. As a result, the August 21 grenade attack trial is falling behind.

Moreover, defence teams had been trying to delay the disposal of the cases on different excuses, Rezaur added.

Asked about the fate of the trial if the main opposition came to power after the general elections, Rezaur Rahman said the trial would continue and justice would be done if rule of law remained in the country.

The BNP-led-18 party alliance government had made a Joj Miah drama to divert the incident which hampered the investigation. In 2005, Joj Miah, a petty criminal, was implicated in the cases and the then CID obtained his "confessional statement".

Time was also killed as lawyer for Harkat-ul-Jihadal Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan in February this year filed a criminal revision with the High Court challenging the legality of recording Hannan's confessional statement by an additional metropolitan

After the hearing, the HC dismissed the revision but over 67 days had been lost. During that period the trial

court could not continue its proceedings.

Advocate Masud Ahmed Talukder, one of the defence lawyers for former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar and BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu, has told The Daily Star that if the BNP-led-18 party government assumed power the trial would be conducted "neutrally".

The AL government had implicated several BNP high profile leaders, including BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, as part of a conspiracy to harass them politically, he added.

So, Masud said, the trial would be continued as per law even after the government changed but without the political implications involved.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on June 9, 2008 pressed charges against Abdus Salam Pintu, Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan grisly attack.

Of them, Pintu, Hannan and 12 others are in custody while Pintu's brother Moulana Tajuddin and seven others have been absconding.

Later, charges were framed against them.

The trial began in 2008 and the court recorded the statements of 61 prosecution witnesses, including that of the complainant of the cases.

Meantime, the AL formed the government in 2009 and submitted petitions on August 3, 2009 for further investigation into the cases to find out the suppliers of the Arges grenades used in the attack.

In the hearing, the court ordered the CID to go for further investigation and after the investigation the CID on July 2, 2011 submitted supplementary charge sheets against Tarique Rahman, Babar, Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojaheed and 28 others.

Tarique and 19 others have been absconding while 24 others, including Babar, Pintu and Mojaheed are now in jail custody.

Eight others, including BNP leader Ariful Islam Arif and Saiful Islam Duke, nephew of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, are now out on bail.

Meanwhile, the court asked Tarique and 19 others to appear before it to face trial, but they did not comply with the court order. Later, the court termed Tarique and the others as fugitives and issued arrest warrants against them.

The court framed charges against Tarique and the others on March 18 last year. The second trial commenced the following month.

### Rights boss

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department said the relevant law was not properly followed in the case of Oishee and the domestichelp. "Help from an expert

physician should have been taken to determine her [Oishee's] age, but it was not done," said NHRC Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman.

Police recovered the and 20 others for their decomposing bodies of alleged involvement in the Special Branch Inspector Mahfuzur Rahman and his wife Swapna Rahman from their apartment around 4:00pm on Friday.

Their 17-year-old daughter surrendered to the police the following day and later admitted to committing the murders in the early hours of Thursday, police said.

The NHRC chairman told the BBC that the Children Act 2013 was yet to be effective. But when an act has already been formulated and adopted, it is expected that everything will be done as per the law.

This is how a civilised society acts, he added.

"A probation officer should have been called in soon after the arrest of Oishee and all the subsequent process should have been followed in presence of the officer. But that was not done," Mizanur said, adding there was no probation officer even when Oishee was taken to the court.

The commission requested the ministry and the police to consider with importance the physical and mental health and the privacy of a child accused while following the legal process.

### Cops hardly corrupt FROM PAGE 1

percent said they received services without paying speed money. Principal investigator of

the study Prof AI Mahbub director of the programme, unveiled the study report at a function at the DU's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban. The study, said a DMP

official, was carried out to evaluate police performance and assess its image with people. Experts, however, said any organisation can evalu-

ate its performance by conducting a survey for its own purpose. But it would merely be a self-promotion vehicle for the organisation if the survey outcome is published in the media.

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said any research on its activities so image crisis.

deposition before the

Speedy Trial Tribunal-1,

ment, Judge Shahed

Nuruddin fixed August 26

A grenade attack on an

Awami League rally left 24

party leaders and workers

dead, including immediate

past president Zillur

Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman.

As many as 300 others were

Sheikh Hasina, the then

leader of the opposition

and now prime minister,

narrowly escaped death but

sustained ear injuries

caused by the impact of the

Atiqur was serving as a

deputy director at Rab head-

quarters from October 2004

to June 2009. He led the Rab

team that arrested Harkatul

Jihad Al Islami (Huji) chief

Mufti Abdul Hannan on

"I came to know from my

director Col Gulzar that

before carrying out the gre-

nade attack on August 21,

2004 on an Awami League

rally on Bangabandhu

October 1, 2005.

injured in the attack.

After recording his state-

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for next hearing.

that it can adopt strategies based on the findings of the survey to improve its performance.

But in the survey on DMP, there might be a conflict of Uddin Ahmed, also the interest as the DMP chief is a guest teacher at the sociology department of DU, he noted.

> The DU study disclosed that 49.9 percent of the respondents found police manner good, while 31.1 percent rated it moderate.

Only 19 percent of the respondents termed police manner rough or bad.

Besides, 45.5 percent service seekers paid speed money to cops while receiving services. Of them, 16.5 percent paid the money willingly, mentioned the

Surprised at the survey Talking to The Daily Star, outcome, TIB boss Iftekharuzzaman wondered if the study was conducted organisation can sponsor to cover up the existing independent bodies for problems in the police conducting a survey or department and redeem its

'Pintu pledged to help attackers'

Avenue, Pintu held a meeting

at his Dhanmondi residence

and said he would provide

security and administrative

help to those who would

carry out the grenade attack,"

said Atiqur in his deposition.

Hannan and Bipul, another

Huji member arrested in the

same case, were once inter-

grenade attack. Col Gulzar,

who was the director of Rab

intelligence wing, and CID

the interrogation.

the interrogation.

officials were present during

Maj Atiqur went abroad

"On my return, Col

for training halfway through

Gulzar told me that Mufti

Hannan had disclosed

significant information. He

told me the perpetrators had

a meeting with former dep-

uty minister Abdus Salam

Pintu at his Dhanmondi

residence at the planning

stage of the attack," said Maj

who later died, and the CID

officials went to former state

minister for home

Lutfozzaman Babar's office

and informed him about the

He added Col Gulzar,

Atiqur in his statement.

The witness added

Funded mainly by police, the survey was conducted between May 24 and November 4 last year on the where. respondents, who received services at any of the 46 police stations in the DMP area, said Mujib Ahmad Patwary, associate

researcher of the DU study. Two teachers and 13 students of the sociology department surveyed city residents, concealing their identities, he told The Daily Star.

Asked whether it was justified to receive financial support from an organisation for which the survey was conducted, Mujib said, "It doesn't matter who pays for the study as we followed our own methodology for the survey."

TIB, MEDIA FOUND AT 'FAULT' Speaking at the programme

as the chief guest, Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir said to check corruption in different sectors, emphasis should be laid

information given by

Hannan. Babar was also

informed about Hannan's

confession about the August

17, 2005 countrywide serial

home ministry, my director,

late Col Gulzar, commented

that the state minister did

not seem to be satisfied

rogated together about the hearing the confession of Maj Atiqur that Joj Mia and

to capture Moulana

Tajuddin, brother of Abdus

Salam Pintu, who brought

Arges grenades from Pakistan

asked Atiqur to stop searching

for Tajuddin since Babar had

told them that Tajuddin him-

self would appear. But it did

not happen, added Maj

that Tajuddin had been sent

abroad as per directive of

under the supervision of Lt

Col Saiful Islam, who was a

service now. Saif escaped

Amin and Saif are not in

from his workplace after a Atiquradded.

DGFI official at that time.

He later came to know

Brig Gen ATM Amin and 2001.

At one stage, Col Gulzar

for the August 21 attack.

Maj Atiqur kept on trying

"After returning from the

bomb blasts.

in his statement.

first in fighting corruption at the state level as such corruption supports graft else-

For example, he men- drivers on highways. He tioned, the last caretaker claimed that police on highgovernment had assumed ways have to stretch their power for only three months, but continued illegally for two years.

Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker said the nature of the government is reflected in police activities. If the government is democratic and pro-people, its police force cannot be tyrannical and repressive as police have to carry out the government's instructions, he

added. DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed, who is a guest teacher at the DU department, criticised the TIB's recent report saying that the anti-graft watchdog had prepared the report in a "flawed" system based on

media reports. "misleading" photographs

bomb attack on AL law-

maker and Hasina's nephew

convicted in a military trial

for that attack.

Mufti Hannan," Atiqur said his two other aides had

Five army officers were

Meantime, CID was

assigned to investigate the

August 21 grenade attack on

January 11, 2007 and before

that Col Gulzar also told

already given confessional

produce Mufti Hannan

before the court through

CID to record his testimony

under section 164 [of CrPC]

in cases linked to other

bomb blasts and grenade

attacks except the August 21

According to this directive,

the CID's investigation officer

produced Hannan before the

court in November 2006 in

connection with the case of

the Ramna Batamul blast in

sional statement regarding

his involvement in the other

bomb and grenade attacks

except the August 21 attack,

Hannan made a confes-

grenade attack," he added.

"So, we were directed to

statements, the witness said.

Fazle Noor Tapash in 2009.

study on July 9, the TIB said 93 percent of the respondents of its survey found police and political parties as the most corrupt public service institutions in

Bangladesh.

The anti-graft watchdog had surveyed 1,822 Bangladeshis between The media often publish February 10 and March 15

### Egypt

FROM PAGE 16 release yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam of Gulshan Police Station said they had come to know that the embassy had received a letter that demanded an end to the killing of Brotherhood supporters in Egypt.

On information, the Rapid Action Battalion sent a team to the embassy around 6:00pm to beef up security there, said Habibur Rahman, Rab's media wing director.

Meanwhile, around 200 activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, a pro-Jamaat organisation, brought out a procession and blasted a crude bomb in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday, protesting "the recent crackdown on Muslim Brotherhood members in

Egypt". The BBC reports that about 900 people have reportedly been killed in Egypt since last Wednesday, when the army cleared protest camps set up by supporters of deposed president Mohammed Morsi.

Of the dead, more than 100 were cops and soldiers while many were members of the Muslim Brotherhood movement.

### CIA admits role in Iran's through the Anglo-Persian the coup by placing anti-

time the CIA has itself admitted the part it played in concert with the British intelligence agency, MI6.

Byrne says the documents are important not only for providing "new specifics as well as insights into the intelligence agency's actions before and after the operation", but because "political partisans on all sides, including the Iranian government, regularly invoke the coup".

The documents were obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the National Security Archive, a non governmental research institution based at George Washington University. Iranians elected

Mossadeq in 1951 and he quickly moved to renationalise the country's oil production, which had been under British control became British Petroleum the Iranian and US media.

serious concern to the US and the UK, which saw Iranian oil as key to its postwar economic rebuilding. The Cold War was also a

factor in the calculations.

"It was estimated that Iran was in real danger of falling behind the Iron Curtain; if that happened it would mean a victory for the Soviets in the Cold War and a major setback for the West in the Middle East," says coup planner Donald Wilber in one document written within months of the overthrow.

"No remedial action other than the covert action plan set forth below could

be found to improve the existing state of affairs." The documents show how the CIA prepared for

This is believed to be the first Oil Company - which later Mossadeq stories in both

The coup strengthened That was a source of the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi who had just fled Iran following a power struggle with Mossadeq and returned following the coup, becoming a close ally

of the US. The US and UK intelligence agencies bolstered pro-Shah forces and helped organise anti-Mossadeq

protests. "The Army very soon joined the pro-Shah movement and by noon that day it was clear that Tehran, as well as certain provincial areas, were controlled by

pro-Shah street groups and Army units," Wilber wrote. August... members of the Mossadeq government were either in hiding or were

### "By the end of 19 incarcerated."

# Shibir men march, blast crude bomb

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student body, yesterday brought out a brisk procession in the capital's Dhanmondi area protesting "the recent crackdown on Muslim Brotherhood members in Egypt."

Witnesses said around 200 activists brought out the procession near Labaid Hospital on Mirpur Road around 8:35am and it continued for a few minutes.

The Shibir men also blasted a cocktail during the demonstration.

The demonstrators were chanting slogans: "Nare Takbir", "Allahu Akbar",

Police Station.

"We condemn the crackdown on Muslim Brotherhood members, and feel solidarity with them", said Abdullah Taher, a member of central working committee of Jamaat-e-Islami.

But the Jamaat leader said he did not know about Shibir's demonstration. A BBC report said around

900 people, including more than 100 law enforcers had been reported to have been killed in Egypt since last Wednesday, when the army cleared the protest camps set up by supporters of deposed President Mohammed Morsi.

According to the report, many of them were memsaid Masud Karim, officerbers of the Muslim in-charge of Dhanmondi Brotherhood movement.

# Dozens of Rohingya escape detention in Thailand

AFP, Bangkok

Dozens of Muslim Rohingya boat people from Myanmar escaped yesterday from a Thai immigration centre, police said, as a rights group called for all of them to be freed from deten-

Some 87 Rohingya men broke out of the detention centre housing 137 asylumseekers in Sadao, a southern district bordering Malaysia. They were among nearly

2,000 Rohingya who have been held -- some for many months -- for entering Thailand illegally. they punched a hole in the

ceiling and climbed out

using a rope made from

their clothes.

Choensiri, a police commander in Songkhla province which includes Sadao. "The reason for their escape is the pressure they are under after they being detained for long time with

> added. Many of the asylumseekers have been locked up in the overcrowded and reportedly insanitary centre

> no idea of their future," he

for several months. Thousands of Muslim Rohingya boat people --Local media reports said including women and children -- have fled Myanmar since Buddhist-Muslim

clashes a year ago in its

western state of Rakhine.

FROM PAGE 16 two and a half years and part of his home had to be demolished so he Authorities are searching could be brought out from for the runaways and have the second floor. rearrested two of them,

according to Suwit Shaeri to be taken to hospital six months ago but treatment was delayed until a special bed could be made for him in the treatment.

The king asked for

ministry worked with civil defence and the Saudi Red Cross to organise the patient's evacuation. Reports in Saudi Arabia say Shaeri weighs 1,345

he is the second heaviest man ever recorded. Pictures of the operation show him sitting in bed while members of the civil defence lift it onto a forklift

truck. One officer even

pounds (610kg). If correct

### Obese man holds an umbrella to shield Shaeri from the sun.

He was then transferred by ambulance to a local airport near his home in the southwestern town of

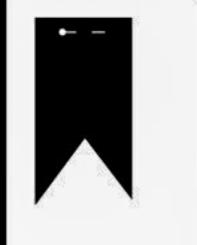
Shaeri's cousin Naser Makke said he was relieved to see that Shaeri had finally been sent for Minister of Health Dr

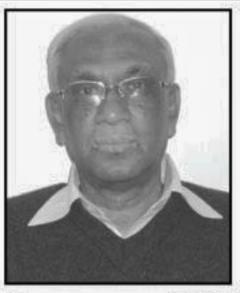
Saudi Arabia's health Abdullah Al-Rabeeah told the Saudi Gazette: "It is really a humanitarian gesture from the King to order the transfer and treatment of the patient." Only one person has

ever been known to weigh more than Shaeri. American Jon Brower

Minnoch, who died in 1983, reached 1,400 pounds (635kg) -- 55 pounds heavier than Shaeri.

## আমরা শোকাহত





ডেল্টা হাসপাতাল লিঃ, গ্লোবেক্স ফার্মাসিউটিক্যালস্ লিঃ এর পরিচালক এবং ডেল্টা লাইফ ইন্সুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেডের সাবেক পরিচালক ও বিশিষ্ট ব্যাংকার মোহাঃ সাইদুল ইসলাম গতকাল ২০শে আগস্ট ২০১৩ ইং রোজ মঙ্গলবার বিকেল ৩-১৫ মিনিটে ইন্তেকাল করেন (ইন্নালিল্লাহে-----রাজেউন)। তার আকস্মিক মৃত্যুতে আমরা গভীর ভাবে শোকাহত।

আমরা, ডেল্টা হাসপাতাল ও গ্লোবেক্স ফার্মাসিউটিক্যালস্ লিমিটেডের সকল পরিচালক, শেয়ারহোল্ডার ও কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীবৃন্দ মহান রাব্বুল আল-আমিনের কাছে মরহুমের বিদেহী আতার মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি এবং তার পরিবার-পরিজনের প্রতি এই অপুরনীয় ক্ষতিতে গভীর ও আন্তরিক সমবেদনা প্রকাশ করছি। মহান সৃষ্টিকর্তা যেন মরহুমের পরিবারকে এই সীমাহীন ক্ষতি সইবার শক্তিদান করেন। মরহুমের নামাযে জানাযা অদ্য বুধবার সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকায় ডেল্টা হাসপাতাল প্রাঙ্গনে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।



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