



A director general level meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) was held at Pilkhana BGB headquarters in the capital yesterday.

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## 2 'commit suicide' in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Two persons allegedly committed suicide and another woman was found dead in Dhamrai and Savar upazilas of Dhaka yesterday.

Abdur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, said a woman committed suicide by having poison at her house at Hatkura in Dhamrai.

The deceased was Rozia Akter, 30, wife of Solaiman Ali.

On information from locals, police recovered the body in the morning.

Meanwhile, a man committed suicide by having poison at Laruakunda village, said Rashid.

The body of Idris Ali, 32, son of Jumur Ali, was recovered from a field at the village.

Mustafa Kamal, officer-in-charge of Savar police, said they recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified woman from a dustbin beside Dhaka-Aricha highway in C&B area in the morning.

Kamal said criminals might have killed the woman and dumped the body there around 10 days ago.

## Strict law placed

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existing Immigration Ordinance 1982.

It will check forgery, deception and other illegal practices of the agencies and protect interests of overseas jobseekers and migrant workers, Khandker mentioned in a brief statement tagged with the copies of the bill.

According to a provision

of the bill, an aggrieved person can sue recruiting agencies through courts. It also has specific guidelines on the filing and acceptability of cases, bail and compensation.

The bill also proposed that a case should be disposed of within four months, in certain circumstances to be extended by two more months.

## Philosophy of country's rulers undemocratic

Says Santu Larma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The indigenous people remain deprived of their basic rights, as the collective philosophy of the country's rulers is corrupt and undemocratic rather than progressive and secular, adivasi leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma said yesterday.

The government signed the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord in 1997 but is yet to implement it, which is a deception, he told a discussion at the capital's Bangladesh National Museum.

"The government signed the accord cunningly to distract the indigenous people from their movement," said Larma, president of the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), who spoke as chief guest.

Asking the adivasi youths not to forget their culture, roots and lifestyle, he cautioned that if they did so, they would not be able to lead a dignified life.

Tandra Tripura, secretary general of Bangladesh Adivasi Cultural Forum, which hosted the discussion, read an essay on "Unity in Diversity and Indigenous Peoples Culture in Bangladesh".

Lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, convener of the Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples, said this government

had an opportunity to give constitutional recognition to the indigenous peoples. "But the government hasn't used it," he said.

Menon, also chairman of the parliamentary body on the education ministry, said the government formed a CHT land commission a decade ago which could not work and resolve the land disputes in the region.

Delaying in implementing the deal is like deceiving the adivasis, he said, adding that all these activities were widening the gap between the minority communities and the majority Bangladeshis.

Information Commissioner Dr Sadeka Halim, a special guest at the programme, said the cultures of the ethnic communities were vulnerable.

"A growing number of indigenous people especially the women are coming to Dhaka to work in the garment industry from CHT, as they are being evicted from their land and denied their own cultural rights at their own land," Sadeka said.

Sanjeeb Drong, secretary general, Bangladesh Forum for Indigenous Peoples; and Rabindranath Soren, secretary general, Bangladesh Adivasi Parishad, also spoke on the occasion, while Sohel Chandra Hajong, vice president, Bangladesh Indigenous Cultural Forum, chaired the session.

## Abducted imam rescued in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An imam of a mosque in the capital allegedly abducted by his relatives for property was rescued by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) from Jatrabari area Saturday afternoon.

The rescued, Mohammad Abdus Zaher, 53, is an imam of the mosque at the Institute of Public Health, Mohakhali.

Rab also arrested five alleged kidnappers at a house at Dania in Jatrabari, said Rab-10 Commanding Officer Lt Col Imran Ibne Rouf at a press briefing at its headquarter yesterday.

The arrestees are Zaher's younger brother Abdul Hye's wife Masuma Khatun, 45, her father Moulavi Abul Kalam, 65, elder sister Shamsunnahar, 40, Md Soron alias Shovo, 32, and Shah Alam, 65.

In the name of conducting a milad mahfil, the five had invited the imam Friday and kidnapped him. They also contacted Zaher's family for a ransom of Tk 5 lakh, said the Rab.

The arrestees forced him to sign non-judicial stamp papers reading that his 21 decimal land in Borhanuddin, Bhola will be given to his brother Hye, Rouf told The Daily Star.

## Political interference

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employment opportunities for 80 days in a year, he said.

He said the corruption and political interference mostly occurred in the foodgrain distribution. "If cash was distributed, the corruption might go down," he told The Daily Star.

Jagua Union Parishad Chairman Mustaque Alam Chowdhury said biasness in selecting the beneficiaries was apparent at UP level. "As public representatives, we have to sometimes satisfy our own people," he said, denying that it was done in a wholesale manner.

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## Charges against Alim intentional

Defence claims at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence lawyers for BNP leader Abdul Alim yesterday began their closing arguments with the claim that the prosecution had brought war crimes charges against their client with a "mala fide intention" and "political motive".

Tajul Islam, one of Alim's counsels, told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Alim along with his family went into hiding even before the Pakistani army entered Joypurhat in April 1971.

After the Liberation War, two cases were filed against Alim under the Collaborator Act-1972, the lawyer said, adding that in one case, he was "acquitted" for poor evidence, while police's submission of the "final report" terminated the other.

After 40 years, almost similar charges have been brought against Alim, a former lawmaker of the opposition BNP, which shows a "political motive" of the prosecution, he added.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members-Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam-heard their arguments before adjourning the case proceeding until today, when the defence will place further arguments.

Alim, the alleged chairman of Joypurhat Peace Committee, an associate organisation of the Pakistani army in 1971, is facing 17 charges for his alleged involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Joypurhat.

Tajul also said the prosecution earlier argued that Alim had to jointly take, along with other perpetrators, the liabilities of the crimes committed in Joypurhat. "But, the prosecution has brought charges only against Alim, not against any other persons, which has shown their mala fide intention," he said.

Another defence counsel, Ahsanul Huq Hena, said the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act-1973 was enacted in 1973 but the tribunal was formed in 2010. "Why is this long delay then?" he asked.

Justice Obaidul Hassan said, "We have given the answer [of your question] in our previous verdicts." He also asked the defence counsel to place arguments on factual aspects.

After completion of defence's arguments, the prosecutors may give replies to those arguments, if they deem it necessary. Then the tribunal will either keep the case waiting for a verdict or fix a date to deliver the verdict.

KHALAF MURDER CASE

## HC resumes hearing appeals by condemned convicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday resumed hearing on the appeals filed by the condemned convicts in Saudi Embassy official Khalaf Al Ali murder case.

The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo also fixed September 23 for hearing arguments on the appeals.

Earlier, the bench heard the appeals on July 31 and August 1.

Khalaf, 45, an official at the consular section of the Saudi Embassy in Dhaka, was shot dead on March 6 last year near his Gulshan house in the capital's diplomatic enclave.

A Dhaka court on December 30 last year sentenced five people to death for killing the Saudi Embassy official.

The condemned prisoners are Mohammad Al Amin, Saiful Islam Mamun, Rafiqul Islam Khokon, Akbar Ali Lalu and Selim Chowdhury.

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Ref: BCB/T&PC/528



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