

# Burnt over toll

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But he was under immense pressure from Kalu Miah, office secretary of Phulbaria unit Jubo League.

For the space in front of the market, Jahangir has been paying Kalu Tk 150 every day as toll for the last one year. But for the last 10 days, he could not pay him his "dues".

Kalu turned up at the tea stall around 3:00pm yesterday and asked Jahangir to pay the money and went away saying he would come again.

As the Jubo League man came back an hour later, little could Jahangir imagine how far a "leader" could go if he failed to pay the toll.

"I told him again that my tea stall is not running

well due to the rain and other reasons," Jahangir told The Daily Star last night in a moaning voice.

"Kalu Miah became very angry and hurled abuse at me. I told him I had no money, wanted to pay him the 'dues' later."

Kalu became so angry that he picked up a kettle of the stall and poured boiling water on Jahangir.

Writhing in pain, Jahangir took a rickshaw and went to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on his own.

Doctors said he had suffered 20-25 percent burns.

Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said they had heard about the incident and dispatched a police team to the spot. "We are

yet to ascertain that the attacker was a Jubo League leader."

According to Jahangir, Kalu extorts from some other stalls in front of the market.

Jahangir's younger brother Alamgir Hossain sought exemplary punishment for the culprit, not taking his political identity into account.

The Jubo League leader could not be reached for comments.

Meanwhile, local Jubo League activists confirmed that Kalu was a member of the local Jubo League unit.

However, they rejected such allegations against Kalu, and said Jahangir and Kalu had a quarrel and at one stage, "Jahangir himself poured boiled water on his body."



Jahangir at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

## IED blast kills 3 Pak soldiers

AFP, Miranshah

A roadside bomb yesterday killed three Pakistani soldiers and wounded at least seven others in the country's troubled northwest bordering Afghanistan, officials said.

A military vehicle on a routine patrol hit an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the Bannu region near Miranshah in North Waziristan tribal district, a bastion of militants linked to al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

The incident took place 15 kilometres (nine miles) west of Bannu. One soldier was killed on the spot and two others died in hospital, he said.

A little known militant organisation, Ansarul Islam Mujahideen, claimed responsibility for the attack.

## DEFENCE FOR NIZAMI

# War tribunal gives nod to 4 witnesses

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The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday allowed the defence to produce four out of a list of 25 witnesses in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami.

The Jamaat leader is facing 16 charges of crimes against humanity and genocide allegedly committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

The defence on July 22 last year submitted a list of 10,111 witnesses, to which the prosecution had objected and in September this year put forward a petition seeking the list be shortened. The petition stated that the defence provided such an extensive list with motives of delaying the case proceedings.

On October 3, Nizami's counsels submitted a fresh list of 25 defence witnesses.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, yesterday said they arrived at a decision that fair justice would be made if the defence was allowed a maximum of four witnesses. It asked the defence counsel to submit the list of the four witnesses.

The tribunal in its order said burden of proofs solely lay upon the prosecution and it was evident that the defence did not take any plea of alibi, thus has no burden to prove the defence case.

The prosecution produced 26 witnesses to prove 12 charges and depended on documentary evidence for the rest.

Meanwhile, defence

counsel Mizanul Islam cross-examined Abdur Razzaque Khan, the investigation officer and the last prosecution witness in the case, for the fifth day yesterday and sought for another day to complete the cross-examination. The court asked Mizanul to complete the cross-examination before lunch today.

On the other hand, ICT-2 yesterday fixed October 28 for hearing the prosecution's opening statement and recording the testimony of the first prosecution witness in the case against Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali.

The case, where Quasem Ali is facing 14 charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War, was shifted

to ICT-2 from ICT-1 on September 30 for quick disposal.

The court also completed recording the cross-examination of Liaquat Ali Khan, the first prosecution witness in the case against another Jamaat leader AKM Yusuf.

Yusuf's Counsel Syed Mizanur Rahman completed the cross-examination before the three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan. The court adjourned the case proceeding until tomorrow.

Yusuf, who is historically known as the founder of the infamous Razakar force, is facing 13 charges of genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

## HC bench to see legality

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Sonali Bank.

Court sources yesterday said Jasmine used the lengthy procedures at the High Court to her advantage and got her bail extended yesterday. They said Jasmine's lawyers prayed to the Senior Special Judge's Court in Dhaka to extend the bail, arguing that the issue was pending with the High Court.

The chief justice last week asked the High Court bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore to hear and dispose of the Anti-Corruption Commission's petitions that sought a cancellation of Jasmine's bail.

The bench, which has around 1,500 cases, will now fix a date for hearing the ACC petitions, according to sources.

The ACC had filed 11 petitions with the High Court in August this year challenging the 11 bails granted by the Senior Special Judge's Court to

Jasmine.

The High Court bench of Justice Md Nizamul Huq and Justice Kashafa Hussain on September 1 issued a rule asking the government to explain within three weeks as to why the bails should not be cancelled.

However, the matter was then moved to the bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Akram Hossain Chowdhury on September 25. The bench then forwarded the petitions to the chief justice saying that the particular bench did not have the jurisdiction to deal with any case filed after 2010.

This prompted the chief justice to assign the bench of Justice Rezaul and Justice Gobinda to deal with the matter.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the ACC was ready to place arguments against the bail of Jasmine, as she had violated the conditions of her bail.

Jasmine had not paid back any money even though she pledged to return all the stolen money in monthly instalments, he said.

The ACC on October 4 last year filed cases against 27 top officials of Sonali Bank and Hall-Mark Group for their involvement in the biggest financial scam in the country's history.

Tanvir Mahmud, managing director of the group and allegedly the mastermind, has been arrested and is now in jail.

Hall-Mark and five other companies in connivance with officials of the state-run bank had taken Tk 3,547 crore in loans from the Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch by using forged documents.

Hall-Mark, a little known group before the scam came to light, took out around Tk 2,600 crore alone, according to a Bangladesh Bank investigation report.

## Govt employees

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salaries and allowances for government officials and employees.

"We will now go for forming a permanent pay commission so that there is no need to constitute the pay commission time and again ... we will take necessary steps in this regard," she told her audience.

As part of the government's bid to bring about dynamism in the administration, she said, a total of 35 posts of 26 cadres had been upgraded to grade-I.

Hasina also said the retirement age limit of government service holders had already been increased to 59.

The 8th wage board has been constituted for journalists with the announcement of a 75 percent increase in their salaries and allowances, she added.

PM's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Professionals Coordination Council President Justice AFM Mesbahuddin, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique, among others, spoke on the occasion.

# Hopes now their tears

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After all, he was their only child born nearly 18 years into their marriage, according to relatives.

For his poor parents -- Abdur Rashid and Nehara Begum -- he was also the only ray of hope.

"Both of us are day labourers. We spent our lives digging earth. Enamul promised to pull us out of poverty one day," a sobbing Nehara told The Daily Star.

To keep his promise, Enamul worked twice as hard as the others, taking double shifts a day. At 10:00pm every day he joined his station in front of the Dutch-Bangla Bank ATM booth at Mohammadpur, and came home at 2:00pm the next day, she added.

Yesterday, for her son's lunch Nehara cooked an egg curry and kept the rice simmering on the stove at low heat.

"My son liked to have his rice hot.... He bought us a television. He wanted to make life better for us."

The parents wanted to send him to school, but poverty came in the way. So he dropped out after studying up to class six in a local NGO-run school.

"He had to work. To make up for it, we saved Tk 20,000 and bought him a computer three months ago. We wanted him to learn to use a computer so he could get a better job," Nehara said, sobbing.

The brand new computer and the television are the only signs of wealth

in the family at Nabadoa in Mohammadpur. The corrugated tin-house was flooded with ankle-deep sewerage water when this correspondent went to visit the family yesterday.

The trauma has turned the father incoherent. Yet trauma may not be the word that can aptly describe his distress -- his laments took tune, his words tragic lyrics, blurring the lines between wailing and a heartbreaking melody that touched every soul present there.

"Oh God, my son is gone/ Who shall I live for now?/ Oh God, here is his favourite watch, stained with his blood/ Who will wear this watch now?"

Enamul left behind, too, a teenaged girl with a bro-

ken heart, at least one would guess so from the entries in his diary.

The two were in a long-distance relationship, with Rima (whom he called Priya in his diary) having moved away from Dhaka. The pages of his diary held poignant entries about how much he missed her.

In a fit of fanciful dreaming, the two had once gone to a studio, dressed up as bride and groom, and had their picture taken. The picture was pasted fondly in his diary.

Rima, however, was unaware of his death as of last night.

"Will the killers get caught?" his mother asked this correspondent. The question echoed around the room.

## BSF invites

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The BSF authority discussed these initiatives with BGB during the recent DG level talks in Dhaka last month.

"We have proposed to the BGB to send their team to patrol with our boys on our side and see the facts on the ground. We have nothing to hide," BSF DG Subhash Joshi told PTI news agency.

Joshi, who led the delegation at the bi-annual talks, said it had been decided to introduce more non-lethal weapons to reduce casualties.

"It is a difficult situation when we decide to arm our men with non-lethal weapons...we have also decided to work for better procedures for use of the non-lethal weapons," he said.

# Cops can arrest

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electronic form will be considered as serious offences.

The Awami League-led cabinet on August 19 approved the proposed changes in the law. And next day, President Abdul Hamid promulgated an ordinance to bring the changes in the law.

The amendments brought to the law through the ordinance would have remained in effect for only 30 days after it was placed in parliament and so ICT Minister Mostafa Faruque Mohammed placed the bill in parliament to make the changes permanent.

The House passed it in voice vote in the absence of BNP-led opposition MPs.

Experts have already expressed fear of political abuse of the amended law as, they say, the government may use it to stifle freedom of speech and expression.

NO RIGHT TO VOTE

From now on, convicted war criminals will not be able to exercise their franchise in all elections, including the

parliamentary polls.

The government placed another bill in parliament to bring changes in the electoral law to disqualify some senior Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and others, who are facing war crimes charges, from contesting the next general elections, if they are convicted.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday placed the electoral roll law amendment bill and the House passed it in voice vote.

As per the change, a person will be excluded from the electoral roll if he or she is found guilty under the Bangladesh Collaborators (Special Tribunal) Order 1972 and the International Crimes Tribunal Act 1973.

Parliament also passed a bill bringing changes in the national ID card registration act to provide ID cards to people aged below 18, who are ineligible to cast votes.

The EC prepared the ID cards for voters, alongside a voter list, with photographs from 2007. With the new cards, the total number of national ID card holders will be over 9 crore.

# I didn't threaten

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On October 1, the tribunal awarded death penalty to BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury for committing crimes against humanity and genocide during the Liberation War in 1971.

Following the verdict, Mahbub said that if voted to power, his party would try those involved in the trial.

On Thursday, the prosecution filed a petition with the tribunal, saying that the comments were tantamount to contempt of court and sought legal action in this regard.

It also submitted to the court copies of four dailies of October 2 -- the Prothom Alo, Janakantha, Bangladesh Pratidin and Kaler Kantho -- which published the remarks of Mahbub, also a former president of the Supreme

Court Bar Association

The petition also said the Prothom Alo quoted Mahbub as saying, "If the nationalist force comes to power, they will try those who are war criminals in the real sense. Those who were tried out of vengeance and the cases which were prepared on the basis of fairytale must go. And those who were involved in the farcical trial, Inshallah [if Allah wishes], they will also be tried on the soil of Bangladesh."

The court, in its order yesterday, said by issuing some "baseless" and "scandalous" statements, Mahbub challenged the power and jurisdiction of the court and its judges.

As a senior lawyer of the highest court, Mahbub "deliberately threatened" the persons involved in the trial, including judges, and

"clearly threatened" independence of the judiciary, the tribunal added.

Mahbub's reaction Later, at a press briefing at the Bar Council, Mahbub denied "threatening" the judges of the tribunal.

"I said nothing against the judges... It is the prosecution and the witnesses I was referring to, surely not the judges who only deal with the case on its merits," he claimed.

Mahbub was a public prosecutor at a Special Tribunal that in the early 1970s conducted the trial of collaborators of the Pakistan army under the Bangladesh Collaborators (Special Tribunal) Order, 1972.

Forty years later, he became a lawyer for war criminal Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Delawar Hossain Sayedee and Abdul Quader Mollah.

Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA)				
Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project				
Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (ICT)				
BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka				
<a href="http://www.htpbd.org.bd">www.htpbd.org.bd</a>				
Invitation for Tenders				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (ICT).	
2	Agency	:	Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA).	
3	Procuring entity name	:	Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA) represented by Project Director, Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project.	
4	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.	
5	Invitation for	:	Works.	
6	Invitation Ref. No.	:	56.02.0000.009.34.009.13-406	
7	Date	:	03-October-2013.	
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement method	:	National Competitive Bidding (NCB).	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and source of funds	:	International Development Association (IDA).	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10	Project name	:	Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project (Private Sector Development Support Project).	
11	Tender package name	:	Construction of Internal Access Roads with Bituminous Carpeting including Side Drains at Kaliakoir under Gazipur district.	
12	Tender publication date	:	06-October-2013.	
13	Tender last selling date	:	07-November-2013.	
14	Tender closing date and time	:	10-November-2013 at 14.00 hours local time.	
15	Tender opening date and time	:	10-November-2013 at 14.15 hours local time.	
16	Name & address of the office(s)	:	<b>Selling &amp; Receiving Tender Document:</b> Project Director, Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project, Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA), BCC Bhaban, 3rd Floor, Room # 403, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. <b>Opening Tender Document:</b> Conference Room, 3rd Floor, BCC Bhaban, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
INFORMATIN FOR TENDERER				
17	Eligibility of tenderer	:	This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned in tender document and should meet the following pre-conditions. 1) The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works as Prime Contractor shall be 8 (eight) years with having adequate experience of construction of roads and highways. 2) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in construction works of at least 2 (two) contracts of similar nature, complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 5 (five) years, each with a value of at least BDT 250 (two hundred & fifty) millions (25 crore). 3) The required average annual construction turnover during the last 5 years shall be greater than BDT 400 (four hundred) millions (40 crore). 4) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities in the form of bank confirmed credit certificate already available to the tenderer shall be BDT 100 (one hundred) millions (10 crore). Other required eligibility criteria & conditions have been mentioned in tender document.	
18	Brief description of works	:	Earth works in box cutting, sand filling, sub-base, aggregate base, bituminous prime coat, tack coat, bituminous painting, earth filling, mass concrete, brick works, soiling, RCC works, site development, etc.	
19	Price of tender document	:	Tk. 5000 (five thousand) in cash (non-refundable).	
20	Lot No.	:	Identification	Location
	BHTPA-W-2	:	Construction of Internal Access Roads with Bituminous Carpeting including Side Drains	Kaliakoir, Gazipur, Dhaka
		:		Security amount (Tk)
		:		50,00,000
		:		Completion time
		:		12 months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
21	Name of official inviting tender	:	A. N. M. Safiqul Islam.	
22	Designation of official inviting tender	:	Project Director, Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park Project.	
23	Address of official inviting tender	:	BCC Bhaban, 3rd Floor, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	:	Phone: 8181736, 8181342	
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	:		
				<b>A. N. M. Safiqul Islam</b> Project Director
GD-3740				