

## WAR CRIMES TRIAL

# Witness testifies on Qaisar-led atrocities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that he had seen Syed Mohammad Qaisar led atrocities that left at least 19 people killed and several hundred houses torched in Madhabpur Bazar and adjacent villages of Habiganj in April 1971.

The witness, Nayeb Ali, who was an informer of freedom fighters in Madhabpur, said the Pakistan army shot dead four people on Qaisar's instruction in Krishnanagar village in Madhabpur on April 27, 1971.

"I had witnessed the scene hiding inside Daptari Bari, 200/250 yards away from the killing spot," the 14th prosecution witness in the case told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the case proceeding until today.

During Nayeb's testimony, Qaisar, a state minister of HM Ershad's regime, sat on a wheelchair bowing his head down with eyes closed like the other days.

He faces 16 charges, including genocide committed in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria during the Liberation War. The 73-year-old accused, however, pleaded not guilty.

On April 27, Qaisar, his force Qaisar Bahini and Pakistan army marched towards Madhabpur from Brahmanbaria but faced freedom fighters' resistance at Islampur, prompting a gun battle, said Nayeb Ali. The army killed one Shahjahan Chairman there.

Around 5:30pm, the forces attacked western part of Madhabpur Bazar and adjacent Katiara village and burnt down 100/150 shops and houses.

Nayeb Ali, 60, went on, "Around

7:30pm, I witnessed Qaisar and his force attack Krishnanagar village on northern side of Madhabpur Bazar and torched 40/50 houses there."

They also attacked the house of freedom fighter Mohammad Ali Pathan. His father Ohid Hossain Pathan and three others, who had taken shelter at the house, fled and went near a dry river but the attackers followed them. The four were shot to death as instructed by Qaisar.

The following morning, the forces looted and torched 150/200 houses and shops on the northern-east part of Madhabpur Bazar, said Nayeb Ali.

"I had also witnessed that Qaisar, his force and Pakistani army torched our house too."

After they left around 8:00am on April 29, Nayeb visited Madhabpur Bazar. "I saw 15 bodies lying beside a road."

Rahman Mithu in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur.

AL rebel Asaduzzaman Bablu won in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur.

(Our correspondents in Comilla, Rajbari, Brahmanbaria, Sirajganj, Barguna and Rangpur contributed to this report)

## Israel parliament to choose new president on June 10

AFP, Jerusalem

Israeli lawmakers will elect a successor to outgoing President Shimon Peres on June 10, parliamentary speaker Yuli Edelstein told reporters yesterday.

Edelstein's announcement marks the official start of the race for the position, which has been held by Peres since 2007.

Candidates must receive the backing of at least 10 other MPs, and formally present their requests in writing to the speaker on May 27, Edelstein said.

In Israel, the post of president is largely ceremonial and executive power rests with the prime minister.

Peres will step down at the end of July, just before his 91st birthday, following a political career spanning nearly seven decades.

His successor will have big shoes to fill, said Yohanan Plesner, head of the Israel Democracy Institute.

"Peres is one of a kind -- he was the director-general of the defence ministry in 1950s and has ever since been in every junction of decision making... so it's almost impossible to aspire to continue in his footsteps," Plesner told journalists.

"A president like Peres has a strong persona and the ability to set the agenda on issues that are important. In this respect (the presidency) is a kind of soft power and depends on the persona of the president."

## Nine dead from cholera in war-torn South Sudan: UN

AFP, Geneva

At least nine people have died in a cholera outbreak in war-torn South Sudan, scores of others are sick and the epidemic looks set to worsen, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

"There have been nine deaths and 138 cases so far," WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic told AFP in Geneva.

"The epidemic is intensifying and more cases are expected," he said.

The UN health agency and other aid organisations were rushing supplies to the affected region in and around the South Sudanese capital Juba, he added.

The outbreak of the highly contagious disease has raised the spectre of an even broader spread, given that 1.3 million South Sudanese have been forced from their homes by five months of fighting.

Huge numbers of people across the country are surviving without proper shelter, clean water or toilets.

Over 79,000 civilians are sheltering in hugely overcrowded United Nations peacekeeping bases, including over 32,000 civilians crammed into UN camps in the capital alone.

Heavy rains are sweeping the impoverished country, hampering aid efforts and potentially exacerbating the spread of the disease.

Children are at particular risk from cholera.

"The severity of the cholera outbreak is just one manifestation of a country failing its children," said Jonathan Veitch, who steers South Sudan aid operations for UN children's agency UNICEF.

## 7-year-old boy

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Locals found the body of Siam in a ditch at Puran Bogra around 6:00pm.

On receiving information, police recovered the body and sent it to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Gaziur Rahman, assistant superintendent of police in Bogra, said the victim's father filed an abduction case with Bogra Sadar Police Station on Saturday evening.

Police raided different areas in the district, but could not nab the kidnappers, said Gaziur.

Police are after them, the police official added.

## Rift intensifies in war crimes

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Acting chief prosecutor Syed Haider Ali had a notice issued asking the prosecutors of the case to give him the probe report and other documents, apparently ignoring the fact that Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo had joined work after medical leave.

The prosecutors, who were assigned to the Jamaat case, declined to give the documents to the "acting chief". However, the seven-member prosecution team dealing with the case stopped working yesterday after receiving the notice.

Asked why he is still holding on to the office of acting chief prosecutor when the chief prosecutor has joined work, Haider said, "The government will determine the matter but the government is yet to withdraw me [from my current post]."

Haider, who was appointed as acting chief prosecution on April 13 in absence of Tipoo, told The Daily Star that he asked for the documents to oversee the work progress and as the acting boss he could do so.

"I didn't hinder their [assigned prosecutors] work," said Haider.

Syed Aminul Islam, acting secretary of Law and Justice Division of law ministry, said as per an order, the acting chief prosecutor was supposed to carry out activities in absence of chief prosecutor. Once the chief joined, the acting chief prosecutor post becomes invalid.

The investigation agency of the tribunal has completed its probe into Jamaat's alleged war crimes and submitted its report to the prosecution on March 27 with a recommendation to ban the Islamist party.

A seven-member prosecution team led by Tureen Afroz is scrutinising the probe report and other documents of the investigators so that formal charges could be filed. The team's work was at the final stage.

On behalf of Haider, Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha issued the notice on May 15 referring to a prosecution meeting of May 11 headed by Haider, even though Tipoo had already joined work then.

Tureen Afroz, who was absent in the meeting, received the notice yesterday. She wrote to the chief prosecutor and said the documents were under the chief prosecutor's custody and thus they could not hand over the documents.

Tureen said she had regularly informed whoever the chief prosecutor was about the progress of their work.

Tureen told The Daily Star last night, "This is very unfortunate and unacceptable. The move will push the case into uncertainty."

"After receiving the notice, we [team members] have stopped working [on the case] and sought directives from the chief prosecutor," she mentioned.

Tipoo, after returning from Singapore, on April 30 joined work and informed everyone concerned including Haider about his return, sources said.

Ghulam Arief Tipoo could not be reached for comments.

The rift over power in the 21-member prosecution team has been going on since the appointment of MK Rahman as the chief coordinator, which the Tipoo claims to be illegal.

MK Rahman has been removed from the post of additional attorney general yesterday.

Haider Ali and several other prosecutors held meetings called by MK Rahman over the last few months but prosecutors loyal to Tipoo have been refraining from joining.

Even the law minister had a meeting with all prosecutors to stop the infighting but his attempts apparently failed.

After completing its seven-month probe, the investigation agency on March 25 said it found the Jamaat and its six associated bodies' involvement in grievous crimes during the Liberation War and recommended banning the anti-liberation platforms.

It also suggested confiscating assets of these organisations. The six organisations are Jamaat's then student body Islami Chhatra Sangha, the Peace Committee, Razakar Bahini, Al-Badr Bahini, Al-Shams Bahini and Jamaat's mouthpiece daily Sangram.

## Libya risks civil war with spike in anarchy

AFP, Tripoli

A dramatic spike in lawlessness in Libya's two largest cities has edged the country closer to civil war between heavily armed rival militias, stirring concern abroad and on oil markets.

Gunmen stormed parliament in southern Tripoli on Sunday, hot on the heels of an anti-Islamist offensive by a rogue general in the eastern city of Benghazi.

With interim authorities failing to build a regular army and police force, militias have ruled the roost since they ousted longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi in a 2011 revolution.

After the attack on parliament, a colonel claiming to speak on behalf of the army declared that the General National Congress (GNC) had been suspended.

## AL 7, BNP 5

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comparatively less yesterday than in the previous phases, turnout of voters was very low.

There were hardly any long queues of voters at the polling centres. Many centres were empty most of the time during the polling hours (8:00am to 4:00pm), report our correspondents.

The turnout rate was not available from the EC till last night. However, our correspondents suggested that the rate might be between 25 and 45 percent in different upazilas.

Earlier, elections to 459 upazilas across the country were held in five phases from February 19 to March 31.

The turnout rate was around 62.44 percent in the first phase, 63.31 percent in the second, 63.52 in the third, 56.12 in the fourth and 60.89 in the fifth phase.

### POLLING SCENARIO

At least 25 people were injured in eight incidents of clashes between supporters of the AL and BNP-Jamaat in two upazilas of Comilla.

BNP-backed chairman candidate Fazlul Haque in Adarsha Sadar upazila demanded a recount in 30 polling centres. At least 10 people were arrested for casting false votes in the upazila.

In Rajbari, the AL's rebel chairman candidate Noor-e-Alam Siddique Khan and BNP-backed candidate Abdur Razzak Khan alleged that AL favourite Kazi Saiful Islam and his associates forced their polling agents to get out of the booths in many polling stations.

Besides, chase and counter-chase took place in at least two polling centres between the supporters of the three candidates.

In Bijoynagar upazila of Brahmanbaria, BNP-backed chairman aspirant Shariful Islam Liton and independent candidate Shaheed Siraji boycotted the polls, raising allegations of vote rigging and capturing of at least six polling centres by AL men.

In Sirajganj, pro-BNP candidate Abdul Aziz Sarker boycotted the polls in Kamarkhanda upazila protesting

alleged vote rigging by AL men. Interestingly, he made the announcement half an hour after the voting ended.

One was arrested while casting fake votes at the Jamtoil Model Govt Primary School polling centre.

In Barguna, two pro-BNP chairman aspirants, Abdul Majid Talukder and Farhad Hossain Akkas Mridha, boycotted the polls in Taltoli upazila, bringing similar allegations against ruling AL men.

The two also complained that some AL men beat up two voters as they refused to cast votes in the open.

In Rangpur, police detained pro-BNP chairman candidate Masud Rana and one of his associates in Rangpur Sadar upazila for violating the electoral code of conduct. However, the two were freed later.

Meanwhile, election observer group Bortee in its initial report last night said yesterday's polls were marked by violence, capturing of polling centres, casting fake votes, and stuffing of ballots.

A private television channel reported that police constable Hasan died and five more cops were injured when a pick up van carrying ballots fell into a roadside ditch at Pachthubi area under Comilla Sadar upazila last evening.

### THE WINNERS

The AL-backed winners for the chairman post are Abdur Rouf in Adarsha Sadar upazila of Comilla, Golam Sarwar in Dakkhin Sadar upazila of Comilla, Tanvir Bhuiyan in Bijoynagar upazila of Brahmanbaria, Kazi Saiful Islam in Kalukhali upazila of Rajbari, Moniruzzaman Mintu in Taltoli upazila of Barguna, Abdul Matin Chowdhury in Kamarkhanda upazila of Sirajganj and Nasima Zaman Boby in Rangpur Sadar upazila.

BNP favourite winners are Motahar Hossain Talukder in Tarakanda upazila of Mymensingh, Ezadur Rahman Milon in Sadar upazila of Gazipur, Kazi Shahidul Islam in Bashail upazila of Tangail, Afsar Ali in Pirgachha upazila of Rangpur and Mahfuzar

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## সমন/নোটিশ বিজ্ঞপ্তি জিলা ঢাকার যুগ্ম জেলা জজ ৪র্থ আদালত, ঢাকা দেওয়ানী মোকদ্দমা নং ৭৯৫/২০১২

আবুল কালাম শামসুদ্দিন ওরফে আবুল কালাম মোল্লা, পিতা-মৃত আব্দুল জলিল মোল্লা  
মাতা-আনোয়ারা খাতুন স্বয়ী সাং-৬৯ নং পূর্ব রাজাবাজার, থানা-তেজগাঁও, জিলা-ঢাকা।  
পক্ষে নিযুক্ত আর্ম-মোক্তার প্রকৌশলী আব্দুল মতিন, ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, গ্রানিমা ডেভেলপমেন্ট  
লিঃ, পিতা-মোঃ আতিয়ুর রহমান, মাতা- মাজেদা বেগম, বর্তমান সাং- বাড়ী নং বি/১৮১,  
রোড নং ২৩, মহাখালী ডি. ও. এইচ. এস. থানা-কাঞ্চনল, জিলা-ঢাকা----বাদীপক্ষ।

### বনাম

- ১। কনিজ উল্লা, পিতা-চাবের আবদুস সাং-তামাদি, থানা-চাদপুর, জিলা-কুমিল্লা।-----মূল বিবাদী।
- ২। গনপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার, পক্ষে জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা।
- ৩। অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক (রাজস্ব) ঢাকা,  
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আপনাদের বিরুদ্ধে নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি সংক্রান্তে ঘোষনামূলক ডিক্রীর প্রার্থনায়  
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নেজারতের মাধ্যমে সমন/নোটিশ প্রেরণ করা সত্ত্বেও আপনি/আপনারা অত্র আদালতে  
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আপনি/আপনারা স্বয়ং অথবা এডভোকেট সাহেবের মাধ্যমে ওকালতনামাসহ বিজ্ঞ  
আদালতে হাজির হইবেন ও লিখিত জবাব দাখিল করিবেন। উক্ত তারিখে আদালতে  
উপস্থিত না হইলে আপনাদের অনুপস্থিতিতে অত্র মোকদ্দমাটি নিষ্পত্তি করা হইবে।

### “ক” তফসিল

জিলা-ঢাকা, থানা ও সাব রেজিষ্ট্রি অফিস তেজগাঁও অধীন, ঢাকা কালেক্টরীর ৪৯ নং  
তৌজিভুক্ত জে.এল নং সাবেক ২৬২নং, এস.এ ও আর.এ ৮৫নং এবং ঢাকা সিটি  
জরীপ ৩নং মৌজা- রাজাবাজার স্থিত, সি, এস ৩১নং এস.এ ৫৮নং আর.এস ১৬৬নং,  
ঢাকা সিটি জরীপ ৫৭নং খতিয়ানের সি.এস. ও এস.এ ৮৬, ৮৭ নং আর.এস ৭২২  
ও ৭২১নং ঢাকা সিটি জরীপ ৪০৯নং দাগের ২ খোল আনার ১০.২৪শতাংশ বা  
০.১০২৪ একর বাড়ী ভূমি নালিশী সম্পত্তি বটে।

### “খ” তফসিল

জিলা-ঢাকা, থানা- তেজগাঁও, মৌজা- রাজাবাজার, ঢাকা সিটি জরীপ খতিয়ান  
নং ৫৭ দাগ নং ৪০৯৫।

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Project and Tender name	a. Supply & installation of 154 nos AC at BLC's & BCDM-Rajendrapur b. Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 4 nos 600 kg passenger Lift at BCDM-Rajendrapur for Hostel 1&2
Source of Fund	BRAC Fund
Tender Package No:	a. BPD-BLD/01-14 b. BPD-Con/03-14
IFT Ref. no. and Date	a. IFT/BRAC/BPD-BLD/14-12 b. IFT/BRAC/BPD-Con/14-13 Date: May 08, 2014
Price of the tender documents	a. BDT 2,000.00 (non-refundable) b. BDT 1,000.00 (non-refundable)
Pre-tender meeting time and place	a. 01 June 2014 at 11:00 AM b. 02 June 2014 at 11:00 AM Place: 6 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room
Tender Documents Available	Accounts Department (8th floor), BRAC Center, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka. ( For Study Purpose only- <a href="http://www.procurement.brac.net">www.procurement.brac.net</a> )
Date & Time for selling documents	May 22, 2014 to June 08, 2014 Between 09.00 am to 3:00 pm
Tender Dropping Place, Date & Time	Tender Box-1, BRAC Procurement Department, Ground floor, BRAC Center, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Date & Time: June 09, 2014 Between 9.00 am. to 3:00 pm.
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	4th floor, BRAC Center cafeteria (Suruchi) June 09, 2014 at 3:30 pm

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Pre-qualification of Suppliers of Office Furniture  
Reference: EOI-BD-2014-002

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