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CUSTODIAL DEATH SI Jahid faces judicial probe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry into the allegation against suspended SI Jahidur Rahman Khan and OC Syed Ziauzzaman of Pallabi Police Station of torturing Istiaq Ahmed Jony to death upon his detention from a Bhari camp in February.

Jahid had been arrested in another case of custodial death of garment-waste trader Mahbubur Rahman Sujan on July 13 and is now in jail, pending trial.

The court order came following a murder case filed by Jony's brother Imtiaz Hossain with Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court under the Torture and Custodial Death (Protection) Act-2013. SI Jahid, OC Ziauzzaman and six others were made accused in the case.

The judge sent the case to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka for a judicial inquiry and asked for the submission of a report as early as possible.

In the case statement, the complainant said a police team led by the then sub-inspector of Pallabi Police Station Jahidur Rahman Khan picked up Jony, 25, along with four other youths from a wedding at Rahmat Bihari Camp at the early hours of February 8.

Jony was detained after he had beaten up a police informer, Sumon, for assaulting several female guests at the wedding party on getting drunk, the victim's brother Imtiaz

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An uncle of Mim, *inset*, in tears inside the vehicle carrying her body. The eighth grader had gone to her relative's in Faridpur from Gazipur to spend Eid holidays and she drowned on her way back when Pinak-6 went down. Her uncles said they had discouraged her from leaving in the Eid rush on that fateful day but Mim was adamant as she did not want to miss a single day of school.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



KHMER ROUGE WAR CRIMES 2 top leaders jailed for life

AFP, Phnom Penh

Two Khmer Rouge leaders were jailed for life yesterday after being found guilty of crimes against humanity, the first sentences against top figures of a regime responsible for the deaths of around two million Cambodians.

The United States has termed the verdict "a historic, if long delayed, step along the path for Cambodia" and pledged to keep supporting work by the UN-backed tribunal that tried them.

Neither "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea, 88, nor former head of state Khieu Samphan, 83, betrayed any hint of emotion as the sentences were handed down by the Cambodian tribunal.

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Khieu Samphan Nuon Chea

STRIFE-TORN AREAS IN LIBYA 500 Bangladeshis may return home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 500 Bangladeshis working for different South Korean companies in Libya may return home soon as the employers have started evacuating them from the strife-torn country, according to an official at the Bangladesh mission in Tripoli.

Daewoo Engineering and Construction (Daewoo E & C), a South Korean company, has already granted 169 Bangladeshis six months' leave without pay and they are now waiting to return home, said Ahsan Kibria Siddique, first secretary of the mission.

"The Korean companies have started evacuating their workers from Libya due to security risks in workplaces," he said.

At least five Bangladeshis were killed in clashes between government forces and rebels in the North African country on Tuesday and Wednesday, taking

the death toll of Bangladeshis in Libya to 13 since February this year.

"The embassy is facing difficulty in sending the bodies back to Bangladesh as the conflict zones are close to the airport," said Kibria.

According to a report published yesterday by Yonhap News Agency of South Korea, many foreign nationals including Bangladeshis work for some 30 large and small Korean companies in the oil-rich country. A good number of workers from these companies have already left, the agency mentioned.

Meanwhile, the South Korean embassy in Dhaka offered help for Bangladeshi workers of Korean companies in Libya to return home, said Khondaker Showkat Hossain, secretary to the expatriates welfare and overseas employment ministry.

Kibria, however, said he had received no

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The last call

Grieving mother narrates how she heard on the phone the explosion that killed her son in Libya

AZIBOR RAHMAN, thenidah

"The situation here has worsened. I don't know whether I will be able to come back home," are the last few words Rokeya Begum could hear over the phone from her only son.

She then heard a loud bang. "Hello, hello, hello," she said, trying to get a response from Milon Hossain, 32, on the other side in war-torn Libya, but the connection got cut.

So many things ran through her mind, which she knew would make her life upside down but with hope she kept on dialing her son's cellphone number for quite a while in vain.

The next morning on Wednesday, her worst fears came true. She received the news of Milon's death by phone from a relative working in Malaysia. Then came the confirmation from the Bangladesh Embassy in Tripoli.



Milon Hossain

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Palestinian boy Mahmoud al-Ghol is being pulled from under the rubble of his house in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Sunday. *Inset*, the 10-year-old lies in bed at the European Hospital in Khan Younis on Tuesday. Nine members of his family were killed when an Israeli air strike destroyed his house.

PHOTO: REUTERS



Organisation's trial for war crimes a must

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law minister yesterday asserted that trial of war crimes suspect organisations was inevitable.

"We have to fulfil the desire of the people, and I feel that the trial must be held," Law Minister Anisul Huq told reporters after a programme at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

The law ministry has prepared a draft to amend the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act-1973, so that organisations could be tried under the law for war crimes. It has the provision for banning a convicted organisation from the political arena, law ministry sources said.

Anisul said the draft proposal for amending the law would be placed before the prime minister and the cabinet for approval.

The cabinet could modify the proposed amendment to

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Charges against 41 BNP leaders accepted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted the charges recently brought against 41 BNP leaders including Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Moudud Ahmed in connection with assaulting police and torching vehicles in the capital last year.

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Ashiqur Rahman took cognizance of the charges after scrutinising the case diary and other relevant

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SM QAISAR'S WAR CRIMES Prosecution pleads for death sentence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday sought capital punishment for war crimes accused Syed Mohammad Qaisar and prayed to the International Crimes Tribunal-2 to order him to compensate a war child and her mother who are still reeling from the ordeal they faced in 1971.

A war child, who was among the 32 prosecution witnesses, in her testimony narrated how she had been going through social stigma since her birth in 1972. Her mother described before the three-member tribunal how Qaisar had handed her over to an army camp during the Liberation War.

"Forced pregnancy is similar to genocide," said prosecutor Tureen Afroz on the last day of the prosecution's closing arguments.

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Mugger killed in 'shootout'

He was picked up by DB 2 days ago, family alleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged mugger was killed in an "encounter" with the Detective Branch of police in the capital's Hatirjheel yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rajib Hossain, 27, of Rampura.

Rajib's family, however, claimed that the DB arrested him two days ago from Rampura and that the killing was pre-planned.

Selim Miah, officer-in-charge (investigation)

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The mystery behind Hitler's moustache

MAIL ONLINE

It was the feature that made him instantly recognisable. Adolf Hitler's toothbrush moustache was as much his hallmark as a swastika and his side-parting hair style.

Now the story of how the dictator went from having an elaborate handlebar moustache to the style he is forever associated with has been told in Emmy-nominated series The World Wars.

The series produced by History Channel reveals that Hitler got his infamous toothbrush moustache after he had to trim his handlebar style to allow his gas mask to properly seal during the First World War.

The three-part series starts with a First World War soldier

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Yes (78%)
No (22%)
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