

Tofail calls

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can utter such words," he told reporters at his secretariat office. Tarique's father was one of the persons who had saluted Bangabandhu. Bangabandhu had shown mercy to Ziaur Rahman when he saw tears in Zia's eyes, added Tofail.

Speaking at a seminar at Queen Mary University in London on Sunday, Tarique alleged that the people who prepared the grounds for the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were now in Sheikh Hasina's government.

MATIA CHOWDHURY
Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday asked Tarique Rahman to refrain from talking tall from abroad, reports UNB.

"If you have the courage, then return home to face the cases against you. Don't talk tall sitting abroad. The people of the country won't be misguided by your tall talks," she told a discussion marking National Mourning Day.

Mohila Sramik League hosted the event at Bangabandhu Avenue.

The minister alleged that the BNP's only agenda was to kill Sheikh Hasina.

INU, MENON
Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu and Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said Tarique Rahman's claim about their involvement in preparing the grounds for the assassination of Bangabandhu was a lie.

Inu claimed that he along with most of his family members had gone into hiding after the assassination of Bangabandhu on August 15, 1975, said another UNB report.

"After the killing of Bangabandhu, I'd gone into hiding. I was not present at the oath-taking ceremony of Khandaker Moshataque Ahmed," he told reporters at his office.

Talking separately to reporters, Menon said Tarique Rahman had resorted to falsehood in his desperate bid to return to politics.

Claiming that he was not present at the swearing-in ceremony of Moshataque, Menon noted, "Though I had been in Dhaka, we had been in constant fear following the assassination of Bangabandhu ... You can find out the truth going through history."

Taking a swipe at BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her son Tarique, the minister said they were now trying to reverse the history.

"The role of Khaleda Zia was questionable during the Liberation War in 1971 and Tarique is now making this false statement to save his mother," he mentioned.

Long-term Gaza truce

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celebratory chants of "God is greatest" as the war-torn enclave hailed the apparent end to seven weeks of violence that has seen a quarter of the territory's 1.8 million people flee their homes.

"Thank God the war is ended. I can't believe I'm still alive with my kids!" 32-year-old Maha Khaled told AFP.

"It was a very harsh war. I never thought that we would see peace at the end."

Others in the territory where the Islamist Hamas movement is the dominant power, hailed the truce as a victory for the Palestinian resistance over Israel.

"Thank God! The resistance won!" said Tamer al-Madqa, 23. "Today Gaza showed the world that it is resisting and that it is stronger than Israel."

News of the agreement first emerged from the West Bank city of Ramallah where a Palestinian official told AFP an elusive deal had been reached over a "durable" halt to more than seven weeks of bloodshed and violence in and around Gaza.

The official told AFP the agreement involved "a permanent ceasefire, a (deal to) end the blockade and a guarantee that Gaza's demands and needs

Oriental Bank

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Rahman, assistant vice president; Mahmud Hossain, senior assistant vice president; Kamrul Hossain, executive vice president; and Imamul Huq, deputy managing director of the bank's principal office in the capital.

The court handed down the verdict after the cross-examinations of nine prosecution witnesses.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed a case against the seven with Motijheel Police Station on December 29, 2006.

On January 8, 2013, it pressed charges against officials of the bank, now known as ICB Islamic Bank Limited, and the loan defaulter.

According to the ACC investigation, the six officials misappropriated Tk 1 crore of depositors' money in the name of disbursing loan to a fake business firm of Bakkar in 2005.

BSF to train BGB on border management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Border Guard Bangladesh has agreed to receive border management training from Indian Border Security Force, BGB chief Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed said yesterday.

"The BSF has offered a wide range of trainings on border management for BGB personnel. We have initially agreed on the training for our senior and junior level officers on bomb disposal and handling of dog squads," he said.

Maj Gen Aziz made the comments at a press briefing at his office in the capital on the outcome of a five-day DG-level conference between BGB and BSF that concluded in New Delhi on Monday.

"We hope to send our officers for training to India before the next DG-level meeting scheduled for December in Dhaka," he said.

Border killing and drug trafficking topped Bangladesh's agenda during the meet, Maj Gen Aziz said, adding that his counterpart had handed over a list of 71 alleged hideouts of Indian insurgent groups in the hill tracts of Bangladesh.

"Allegation of such hideouts in Bangladesh is not new and we could not trace any such hideouts," he said. More than one third of the total BGB strength has been deployed in Chittagong hill tract area so it was quite impossible for such elements to be there, he claimed.

BGB handed over a list of makeshift

Just rally, no demo

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The decision to hold the rally only at one place in the capital was made hours after the opposition combine observed protest programmes in several cities of the country, on the same matter, slacksly.

Yesterday, BNP-led alliance's programmes in Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet received a lukewarm response as the presence of their leaders and activists there was not significant, reports our correspondents.

On Monday, BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi had announced the BNP-led alliance would stage the processions and rallies across the country, excluding the capital, yesterday.

It had also announced rallies at 15 points of the capital for today protesting the approval of the proposal by the cabinet for amendment to the constitution for restoring parliament's authority to impeach SC judges for misconduct or incapability.

But after the end of yesterday's hour-long meeting, Abbas said it was a

Phensidyl factories within Indian territory along the border and requested BSF to dismantle them. Maj Gen Aziz said BGB also sought BSF cooperation in containing smuggling of firearms and women and children.

India has recently enacted a law under which Phensidyl traffickers will be tried, he said.

Both BGB and BSF agreed to make a list of areas along the border where smuggling and trafficking happen the most. The list would be updated every year.

Regarding border killings, Maj Gen Aziz said, "We are yet to bring down border killings to zero though BSF repeatedly claims that they [BSF] have introduced the use of non-lethal weapons."

On the issue of kidnapping of Bangladeshi nationals by Indians, he said such kidnappings usually take place due to land related issues and cattle trafficking in border areas.

On the much-talked-about Bangladeshi teenage girl Felani Khatun's killing in 2011 by BSF, Maj Gen Aziz said BSF assured him of quick conclusion of the ongoing trial. BSF has already sent a letter for producing Felani's father and maternal uncle before a court to testify in the case again, he said.

A fresh trial was ordered in the Felani case after an accused BSF personnel -- who shot Felani dead while crossing the border from India into Bangladesh -- was acquitted.

"sudden decision" to hold the rallies at 15 different points of the capital.

"Besides, our party activities might also be hampered, if we organise rallies in various points at the capital," the BNP leader added.

The new chief of Dhaka city BNP also said the opposition alliance would organise human chains across the country on August 30 protesting "abductions" of opposition leaders by ruling party cadres and law enforcement agencies.

ANTI-GOVT MOVE TO GET NEW LOOK
Meanwhile, BNP standing committee member Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman yesterday said their ongoing "non-violent" anti-government movement would get a "new momentum" after Eid-ul-Azha.

"I think a new dimension will be added to our movement after Eid-ul-Azha. We're taking preparation in this regard but our movement will be a non-violent one," he said, while talking to reporters after placing wreaths at party's founder Ziaur Rahman's grave in the capital.

Rice fields emit

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but AWD is still the most promising option," he said.

IFDC is researching methods to mitigate GHG emissions that result from lowland rice farming in Bangladesh.

Rice farms account for 85 percent of Bangladesh's agricultural land and emit carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide greenhouse gases. Moreover, inefficient fertiliser use in rice cultivation increases nitrous oxide and nitric oxide emissions.

Yam Kanta Gaihre, deputy chief of the Accelerating Agriculture Productivity Improvement at IFDC, presented a paper on "Assessing the impacts of urea deep placement (UDP) on GHG emissions and mitigation potential under continuous rice cropping system".

UDP is a rising popular technology that can drastically cut nitrogen losses up to 35 percent and increases rice yield up to 20 percent, he said.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury inaugurated the workshop as chief guest.

Panthapath

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"I avoid this road to go to my office at Karwan Bazar," said Anam Akhandh, a resident of Panthapath, who drives his own car. "I rather go all the way to Farmgate-Khamarbari to get to my office."

Quadrat Ullah, additional chief engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), however, said the authorities had already started working on the stretch of the road from Green Road intersection to Sonargaon intersection.

"The roads were damaged as drainage pipes were installed. However, we have started repair work a month ago but could not carry out bitumen carpeting because of rain," he added.

"As soon as the weather turns better, we would start working again," he said.

On the potholes between Russell Square and Green Road, Quadrat said they would repair any hole, if found, on the road, adding, no re-carpeting would be done there.

Inqilab

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Metropolitan Magistrate Wazir Kuruni Khan Chowdhury passed the order after Detective Branch of Police Inspector Azizur Rahman, also the case's investigation officer, produced Rabi before the court on completion of a five-day remand.

The journalist was placed on the remand on August 20.

The IO also submitted a report to the court yesterday where he claimed "important information" obtained from the arrestee is being verified.

On August 19, Rabi was arrested during a raid in his office, hours after Praloy Kumar Juaider, an acting assistant inspector general (AIG) of police, filed the case under the Information and Communications Technology Act against four journalists of the daily, including Rabi, for running the report.

The other accused are Inqilab editor and publisher AMM Bahauddin, city editor Sakawat Hossain Badsha and the reporter concerned.

Praloy in the case statement filed with Wari police termed the report a blatant lie, baseless, defamatory, ill-motivated and tantamount to character assassination.

He said the report was an attempt to hurt his religious sentiments and break the chain of command in the police force as it stated that Praloy was creating divisions among senior police officials.

Although the news, headlined "A police official enjoying unchallenged authority using the prime minister's name", was published in the daily's print edition on August 18, the case was filed under Sections 57(2) and 66(2) of the ICT Act for publishing it on the online edition.

154 Jamaat, Shibir

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Currently, Delwar and Masud are in police custody while the 60 others are on bail.

The court also cancelled bails to the other 76 accused and issued arrest warrants against them as they failed to appear before it yesterday.

Of the 154 accused, the rest have been absconding since the case was filed with Motijheel Police Station on February 13, 2013.

On that day, the activists of Jamaat and Shibir carried out mayhem in different parts of the capital after they had been barred from holding rallies.

At one point, they attacked several policemen in Agargaon, Paltan, Dainik Bangla intersection, Baitul Mukarram, Fakirapool and Motijheel areas.

They had brought out those rallies, without taking permission from police, to demand the release of Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee, facing charges of crimes against humanity.

They also demanded International Crimes Tribunal, which is trying the case against Sayedee, be dissolved.

Culprit fled

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electrocuted and smell of dead rat indicates an electrical short-circuit, officials added, claiming that a horrible odour had filled the air in the hospital's director's room lately.

Asked exactly when the server station had gone down, the director avoided a direct reply. He just said the CCTV operation was restored by around 9:30am on August 21.

The PDB officials, relatives of the victim, and a number of patients said there had been no power outage in the hospital in those two days; even the director's room had electricity. Only the CCTV network was hit with power failure.

Kawsar Hossain Babu, father of the stolen baby, believes the CCTV cameras were switched off as part of a "master plan", involving insiders.

His wife Ranu gave birth to twin baby boys around 5:00am on August 20. A woman posing as an attendant of an imaginary patient offered her services to Ranu as the new mother was having difficulty nursing the twins.

A CCTV clip shows the woman -- holding one of the babies in her arms -- along with the baby's grandmother at the emergency around noon on August 20.

This footage, about 10-12 seconds in length, is one of the two clips supplied to the police official investigating the case. The other one is of 15-20 seconds.

It takes no more than 10 minutes to walk from the newborn baby ward on the first floor to the emergency section on the ground floor. The path is covered by more than five CCTV cameras.

According to the family, the woman disappeared with one of the infants around 7:30am August 21.

There were about eight possible exit routes for her. The shortest way is near gate No 2. Using it, one can walk out of the hospital in about two minutes. This path is covered by two surveillance cameras.

All the other escape routes too are watched over with cameras.

Nazrul -- in waves

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the fiery in him, a spirit which testified to man's urge to rise above his limitations, to climb to a perch whence he could observe the world. Beauty, as a great revolutionary once said, lies at the top of the mountains. Kazi Nazrul Islam always reached for the peaks. And he truly scaled the peaks.

What, you ask, might have happened in our literature if Nazrul had not been felled by the illness that silenced the poetry in him in the 1940s? How much more of creativity could he have brought into our literary perspectives? These questions have no answers, for history does not deal with what might have been. And yet more of Nazrul could have been. He was familiar with the mystique of Tagore, with the fragrance that came of the poetry in Dwijendralal, Rajanikanta and Atulprasad. But he refused to be influenced by them. He branched out, to stamp his own presence on Bangla poetry.

Think of India as it was in the heady and yet darkening days of the 1940s. Rabindranath Tagore, poet and philosopher and incorrigible humanist, was dead. And Nazrul had succumbed to silence. In a word, the voice of poetry had been silenced, first by the laws of mortality, as in the passing of Tagore; and then by the inexplicable workings of fortune, as in the illness visited upon Nazrul. At a time when the country -- we speak of India as it was, one and unpartitioned -- was in sore need of more poetry, Tagore and Nazrul went out of our lives. So much more could have happened.

In spite of it all, Nazrul remains that embodiment of the human will to

Prosecution wants gallows

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assistant secretary general on six charges of murder, genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the war. Azharul pleads not guilty.

In her arguments, Tureen told the tribunal that Rangpur Town Hall was used as a "rape camp" during the war and served as an instrument of terror.

The prosecution examined only one victim and five hearsay witnesses in their attempt to prove the charge of abetting and facilitating commission of offences of abduction, confinement, torture and rape at Rangpur Town Hall.

The three-member tribunal said they expected more witnesses and documents from the prosecution.

The prosecutor prayed to the tribunal to take Judicial Notice of Common Knowledge regarding "widespread" or "systematic" attacks on a civilian population at the town hall.

Tribunal Chairman Justice M Enayetur Rahim observed that killing, mass killing, genocide, looting, arson and crimes against humanity were committed during the war and were a matter of common knowledge, which they could take in their judicial notice.

The chairman however asked the prosecution how they would take a particular incident like the use of Rangpur Town Hall as a "rape camp" in judicial notice.

Responding to the tribunal's query, Tureen argued that the victim, who they had produced, sufficed to prove

Sub-Inspector Ferdous Alam, the investigator, said they were raiding different places in Tongi and Ashulia early hours today to arrest a woman identified by Ranu as the impostor.

"We have also collected the cell phone number of the suspect from a hospital guard. The woman has been changing her location from Tongi to Ashulia to Mirpur," he added.

Talking to journalists at his office around noon yesterday, DMCH Director Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman blamed the parents for the theft as they allowed a stranger to take care of the newborn.

He, however, admitted that three newborns were lost from the hospital in the last two years.

Quoting an unidentified policeman and without giving any specific reference, he said that at least in one case the impoverished parents had sold their baby.

PM opens

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requested them to seek blessings for the country and its people while they would be performing Hajj.

Khatib of national mosque Baitul Mukarram Salahuddin Ahmed conducted a special mujajat on the occasion.

Religious Affairs Minister Matiuur Rahman presided over the programme which was hosted by his ministry.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon, local lawmaker Sahara Khatun and Saudi Ambassador in Dhaka Dr Abdullah bin Nasser Al Bussairy also spoke.

The PM exchanged greetings with the pilgrims who have already started reporting to the camp ahead of the first Hajj flight.

Four flights of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will carry nearly 1,157 Bangladeshi pilgrims on the first day today, with first flight departing at 7:05am.

explore the diversity of life, to give it newer shades of meaning. And who better than he to inform a politically conscious people that life could be lived on a higher plane? And that is when songs like *durgomo giri kantar moru* come our way. Patriotism was an integral part of the Nazrul psyche; and into that patriotism he injected the spirit of resistance through such songs of grandeur as *ei shikol pora chhol moder ei shikol pora chhol*. Nazrul lived and breathed poetry, from day to day.

Nazrul's genius was symbolic of the many-faceted Bengali soul. Nazrul understood his people, his fellow Bengalis. And so it was that in his poetry, love, likes waves, burst on the shores of human experience. And then the waves softened into ripples. You feel the ripples in the song, *mor priya hobe esho rani / debo khonpa-e tarar phool*. The beauty of the beloved is transformed into magic, in that song. In *Laily tomar eshechhe phiriya or mora ar jonome hongsho mithun chhilam*, passion takes on hues of pained desire.

The versatility in Nazrul speaks of the man inside the artist. Scholarship informed his works. He was not one to genuflect before power. Kazi Nazrul Islam's is essentially the tale of a struggling soul. Life, or much of it anyway, was impoverished. He acted as imam in a mosque to meet his needs. And he worked in a bread shop to keep himself going. He was a soldier. Above it all, he was a poet. And poetry came naturally to him.

(Kazi Nazrul Islam, born on 24 May 1899 / 11 Jaishtha 1306, died on 29 August 1976 / 12 Bhadra 1383)