

# WAR TRIAL OF AZHARUL Prosecution's sloppiness gets on tribunal's nerves

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday reprimanded both the prosecution and the war crimes investigation agency for their sloppiness in handling the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader ATM Azharul Islam.

"In our childhood, we believed in demonic possession. Now it is a digital era but from their report, it seems that the prosecution is under the possession. [On the same subject], report 'Ka' is different from report 'Kha'," said Tribunal-1 Chairman Justice M Enayetur Rahim.

The criticism came when

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# Build civil registration, vital statistics systems

*Suggests WHO Regional Director Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh after handing over award to Saima Wazed for her role in fighting autism*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Health Organization Regional Committee yesterday called for establishing strong civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems for better planning to improve health status of the people.

Civil registration is the public recording of births, deaths, causes of death, and marriages, while vital statistics is the data deriving from such records that are essential for evaluating national progress and taking steps forward.

"We must make every life count by recording every birth and death. When each birth is not counted, then the denominator for nearly all health indicators is incorrect," said WHO South-East Asia's Regional Director Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh at a four-day WHO regional conference that

began at Sonargaon Hotel on Tuesday.

"A strong and reliable CRVS system is an essential tool for national planning across multiple sectors, especially in the health sector," she added. It is the key to achieving time-bound health targets, such as the millennium development goals (MDGs).

A health ministry official said Bangladesh would start a CRVS programme early next year with the technical assistance of Canada, World Bank and other development partners.

Meanwhile, WHO yesterday honoured Saima Wazed Hossain, daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, for her outstanding contributions in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs).

Dr Khetrapal Singh handed over the newly-instituted accolade, "Award for

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Mourners pay their last tributes to Nazrul Sangeet virtuoso Feroza Begum at her wake at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, before she was buried in the Banani graveyard in the evening. The singer passed away in a city hospital on Tuesday night at age 84.

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# Pro-AL leader shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A union-level leader of Swachhchasebak League, a volunteer wing of Awami League, was shot dead by criminals in the capital's Shyampur yesterday.

The dead, Merajul Islam Lal, 35, the president of Shyampur union unit of the body was also a brick and sand supplier.

Jakir Hossain, uncle of the victim, told reporters at Dhaka Medical College Hospital that around 7:45pm two criminals shot Merajul in his business establishment near Shyampur bridge. He was declared dead at the hospital.

Jakir said Merajul had a feud with a criminal gang, led by Hatkata Nabi. Abdus Salam, officer-in-charge of Kadamtali police, said the motives behind the killing could not be known but they were investigating it.

# FATTENING CATTLE FOR EID-UL-AZHA Chemicals used pose health risks

Say experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farmers use numerous chemicals to fatten up cattle ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, which pose a great risk to public health, said experts at a press conference yesterday.

Looking to make large profits, farmers and traders use excessive urea and steroids, and inject the cattle with anabolic steroids and anti-histamine drugs to fatten up their herd within a short time span, particularly three to eight weeks, said Dr Lelin Chowdhury, member secretary of the national committee on poison-free safe food of Poribesh Bachao Andolon.

"If people consume meat of these cattle repeatedly, their kidneys, livers and other organs will be affected," Dr Lelin told reporters at the conference at Poba's head office in the capital.

Abdus Sobhan, executive secretary of Poba, said about 20 percent of the sacrificial animals every year are fattened in this way.

He urged the government to take necessary steps to stop prevent farmers from using chemicals to fatten sacrificial animals.

Dr Lelin said an unhealthy fat cow moves very slowly,

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# IMPEACHMENT BILL BNP's protest rally in capital today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 20-party alliance will hold a rally at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan today, protesting the government's move to reinstate parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police has given permission for the venue, BNP's Dhaka city unit member secretary Habib-un-Nabi Khan Soheli told The Daily Star.

As part of a two-day protest programme, the party yesterday organised rallies and processions in several districts including Chittagong, Munshiganj, Dinajpur and Jessore.

However, in Dinajpur, a procession ended up in a factional fighting of the

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# 'DEATH THREAT' ACC staff files GD against AL MP's lawyer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Commission Jatan Kumar Roy filed a general diary with Ramna police alleging that Awami League MP Enamul Haque's tax lawyer Kanchan Das issued a death threat to him over cellphone yesterday.

The lawyer, Kanchan Das told the ACC officer, who is investigating alleged discrepancies in the law-maker's wealth statement, "Mr MP wants your investigation report must not have any recommendation for suing him. If the report bears such recommendation, you will be vanished into air," Jatan told reporters at the ACC's Dhaka headquarters.

Kanchan was not available over the phone for comments while Enamul said his lawyer could not do so.

# ERECTING BOUNDARY WALL Ensure sanctity of Azimpur graveyard HC asks DMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the DMP commissioner to ensure that sanctity of the Azimpur graveyard is protected under all circumstances while constructing its boundary wall.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejazul Haque Akondo came up with the order after DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed appeared before the court and explained his role over complying with a previous HC order on deploying police at the graveyard.

On August 1, following a writ petition, the HC directed the DMP chief to deploy the police during demolition of the old boundary wall to the western side of the graveyard and construction of a new one there so that the Dhaka South City Corporation can carry out the work smoothly.

Zakir Hossain from Azimpur filed the petition saying the city corporation had damaged his father's grave during the construction work.

Apart from Benazir, Mafiz Uddin Ahmed, deputy commissioner of police (Lalbagh division) and Nurul Muttakin, OC of Lalbagh Police Station also appeared before the court yesterday.

The HC in this September had summoned the police officials to appear before it yesterday after the city corporation alleged police were not cooperating with them.

Benazir yesterday told the court several policemen had already been at the graveyard as per the HC order.

# KHALEDA'S GRAFT CASES Hearing again deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday for the seventh time deferred until September 17 the hearing on Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust graft cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others.

The court also asked Khaleda and four others, now on bail, to appear before it on that date.

Earlier on September 3, Khaleda appeared before the same court but hearing on the cases was not held as four leave to appeal petitions filed by Khaleda were not disposed of. The petitions are pending with the Supreme Court for hearing.

Judge Bashudev Roy of the Special Judge Court-3 passed the order after Taherul Islam Towhid, a counsel for Khaleda, submitted two petitions seeking adjournment of hearing in the cases.

In the petitions, he said

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# To Know is to Prevent

Internationally Accredited hospital in Dhaka can help you to have a kidney with Kidney Transplant from legal living donor;  
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"I once thought I would live my entire life with kidney disease. That is until this Internationally Accredited hospital in Dhaka gave me a second chance. The day after surgery, I woke up for the first time all over again". This is what Faruk Ahmed says, a 23 year old University Graduate, who was diagnosed with a chronic variety of kidney disease called glomerulonephritis, which is an inflammation of the kidney's filtering units (glomeruli). His condition gradually worsened to develop end stage kidney failure leading to loss of about 85 to 90 percent of kidney function; he ended up having dialysis twice a week for last three years.

Chronic kidney disease occurs when a disease or condition impairs kidney function, causing kidney damage to worsen over several months or years. Diseases and conditions that commonly cause chronic kidney disease include:

- Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Glomerulonephritis
- Interstitial nephritis, an inflammation of the kidney's tubules and surrounding structures
- Polycystic kidney disease
- Prolonged obstruction of the urinary tract, from conditions such as enlarged prostate, kidney stones and some cancers
- Vesicoureteral reflux, a condition that causes urine to back up into the kidneys
- Recurrent kidney infection, also called pyelonephritis

Kidneys remove excess fluid and waste from blood. When kidneys lose their filtering ability, dangerous levels of fluid and waste accumulate in the body leading to a condition known as kidney failure. When an individual's kidneys fail, two treatment options are available: dialysis or kidney transplantation. Although dialysis is a lifesaving procedure; for many, a successful kidney transplant provides a better quality of life because it allows for greater freedom, and is often associated with increased energy levels and a less restricted diet.

Kidney transplant is a surgical procedure which places a healthy kidney from a donor into a person whose kidneys no longer function properly. Only one donated kidney is needed to replace two failed kidneys, making living-donor kidney transplant

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possible. According to Bangladesh Law, a living donor can only be the recipient's first blood relative i.e. mother, father, brother, sister, uncle (mama, chacha), aunty (khala, fupu) or spouse (on emotional ground).

Faruk's elder sister Selina who was 35 years of age, shared same blood group with him; she was evaluated as a possible donor. "I knew very little about living donation, but I did know my brother Faruk's blood type. I donated blood to find out my type; the results came back and I discovered that we were a blood type match. We started with our tissue typing and cross match tests. We were delighted to find out we were compatible! Next was the health screening for me; when all the results were in, the transplant committee of this Internationally Accredited Tertiary Care hospital of Dhaka approved me as a legal donor" says Selina.

After kidney transplant surgery, the change in Faruk was amazing. His color returned the next day, and he seemed so full of life, even through the pain of the surgery. Selina says, seeing how well Faruk feels after the transplant makes her wish she had another kidney to spare for someone else in need!

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