

### WAR CRIMES SUSPECT Court directs prosecution to submit progress report of investigation of Sakhawat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 has directed the prosecution to submit a progress report on the investigation of detained war crimes suspect Sakhawat Hossain.

The three-member tribunal passed the order yesterday after prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman sought three months' time from the tribunal.

Meanwhile, a defence lawyer for Sakhawat submitted a bail petition. The tribunal fixed February 12 for hearing on the petition.

Police arrested former BNP and Jamaat lawmaker Mawlana Sakhawat Hossain in Uttar Khan on November 29, 2014.

An investigation agency, assigned to probe the crimes committed against humanity in 1971, has received a number of allegations of murder, mass killing and other crimes against Sakhawat.

Meanwhile, the tribunal completed recording cross-examination of Chand Miah, the second prosecution witness, in the war crimes case against Forkan Mallik, an alleged Razakar commander from Mirzaganj, facing five charges. The 63-year-old, however, pleaded not guilty. The proceeding of the case was adjourned till today.

### Govt to fall

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government step down by February 13.

JAF President Rafiqul Islam Mia said the movement would run until the fall of the government.

He also said the government was hatching a conspiracy to kill BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia by cutting off water and power supplies to her Gulshan office.

# SAVAGERY RELENTLESS, RESISTANCE BUDDING



(Clockwise from middle left) One of the six CNG-run auto-rickshaws which went up in flames following attacks in Feni yesterday marking the beginning of the 72-hour hartal called by BNP-led 20-party alliance. One of the two trucks which met the same fate there. The interior of a local bus after being targeted by the pickets in Pirojpur old bus terminal on Saturday night. A policeman in Sylhet gets out of the reach of flames from a Molotov cocktail targeted at him yesterday. A fire in front of the Sylhet city's Dargah Gate area ignited by hartal supporters while they were being chased by police. Transport workers in Pabna form a human chain at the city's old bus stand demanding withdrawal of hartals and blockades. Bangladesh Krishak Samity forms another at the Mordern intersection in Dinajpur town demanding that farmers be compensated for their losses during the mayhem. Another human chain formed by Bangladesh Hawkers Union in front of Jatiya Press Club demanding that working people be ensured security and livelihood. Bangladesh Mangsho Byabshayi Samity, an association of butchers, and Dhaka Metropolitan Mangsho Byabshayi Samity gather together demanding an end to immolation of people.

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## Lift blockade, hartal

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destabilise the country.

If such anarchic situation continues, only militant groups and Jamaat-Shibir will be benefited, they said.

Violence is a part of long-term conspiracy for destroying the country's democracy and independence, said left politician Pankaj Bhattacharya.

"The ongoing crisis is political. So, the crisis must be resolved politically, not in an administrative way," he said.

Noor Mohammad Talukder, president member of Sammilito Samajik Andolon, demanded a ban on politics of

Jamaat saying it was a "criminal" organisation.

At another human chain, formed by Muktijoddha Prajanma League, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said dialogue between pro- and anti-liberation forces can not be held. Those who suggest it are against the country's interests, he added.

Bangladesh Hawkers' Union, Amar Odhikar Foundation, Bangladesh Muktijoddha Chikitshak Parishad, Bangladesh Ganashilpi Shangstha and several other organisations formed human chains at the same venue.

## ETV's Salam again

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November 26.

The plaintiff accused Imran, Shahjalal and Zakir of doctoring and circulating on the internet and through cellphones photos and footages secretly taken of her and of spreading gossip to socially demean her after she got divorced.

Salam was arrested several hours after cable operators, mostly loyal to the ruling Awami League, allegedly stopped transmission of ETV that had broadcast live BNP leader Tarique Rahman's speech from London on January 5.

Salam was also shown arrested in two more cases including one over sedition.

## First day

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LITERARY CONFERENCE TODAY

Meanwhile, the International Literary Conference will be held in the Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad Auditorium at Bangla Academy today.

Three sessions -- presentation of a paper by poet Syed Shamsul Haq and discussions by Hasan Azizul Haque, Rahat Khan, Jabotiprakash Dutta and Nabanita Sen; presentation of a paper in English by Syed Manzoorul Islam; and a conversation of Shirshendu Mukhopadhyaya and Syed Shamsul Haq with Selina Hossain -- will be held from 10:00am till 1:15pm.

From 3:00pm till 5:30pm, two sessions -- literary readings and discussion chaired by Italian writer Father Paul Dattiyen; and a conversation of Manzuul Islam and Kazi Anis with Niaz Zaman in English -- will be held.

## 2-day poetry festival

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## Road crashes kill 7, injure 18

CITY DESK

Countrywide road accidents killed seven people and injured 18 others yesterday and Saturday.

Our Bandarban correspondent reports, two people died and four others were injured when a three-wheeler turned turtle as the driver lost control on Chittagong-Bandarban road at Bandarban Sadar yesterday.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, two people died and another was injured when a truck collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Rangpur-Dhaka highway yesterday.

Our Noakhali correspondent reports, six BGB men were injured when a pick-up van ran into a tree as the driver lost control on Sonaimuri-Chatkhil road in Noakhali yesterday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports, one died and three were injured when an auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a covered-van on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Habiganj Sadar yesterday.

Our Natore correspondent adds, another man died and four were injured when a truck rammed into a three-wheeler in Ahmedpur area on Saturday.

In Kalikapur of the upazila, a man died when a truck ran him over on Saturday.

## Cops

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The SI and other policemen beat them with rifle butts and stomped on them wearing boots all the way from the spot to and inside the police station, he said.

DU and senior journalists got them released after signing an undertaking around 8:00pm, said Nazmul.

The Daily Star could not contact the SI despite repeated attempts.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner (Raman zone) Shiblee Noman said they would investigate the matter.

### WEATHER

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 23.3   L 12.8	Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged and day temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:45pm and rises tomorrow at 6:39am. Country's highest temperature 26.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 05.5 in Sreemangal.
<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 25.0   L 13.7	
<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 23.0   L 07.6	
<b>RANGPUR</b> H 22.1   L 09.0	
<b>KHULNA</b> H 24.0   L 10.5	
<b>BARISAL</b> H 23.8   L 09.1	
<b>SYLHET</b> H 25.8   L 09.9	
<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 26.0   L 15.5	

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