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The two returnees from Libya recalls how they were captured and freed by militants

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RONY TALUKDAR FOR PAK ODIS

The 24-year-old opener is the only uncapped player in the Bangladesh squad

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SENSATIONAL 7-MURDER IN NARAYANGANJ

Nur, 3 Rab officials among 35 charged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nearly a year after the bloodcurdling seven-murder incident in Narayanganj, police yesterday submitted the charge sheet in the sensational case, naming 35 people, including prime accused Nur Hossain and three sacked Rab officials.

Nur Hossain fled to India soon after the gruesome murders and is in prison there for illegal entry.

The three sacked Rab officials -- Lt Col Tareque Sayeed

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Nur Hossain

Lt Col Tareque

Maj Arif

SEEKING CLEMENCY Kamaruzzaman to consult his lawyers today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The jail authorities yesterday gave condemned Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman permission to talk to his lawyers over seeking presidential clemency, the last option for the war crimes convict to save his life.

The death row convict desired to speak to his counsels after the Dhaka Central Jail authorities communicated to him in the evening the Supreme Court verdict that dismissed his review petition against the death penalty.

As fixed by the prison authorities, five counsels

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1,500MW more power by July

Overall progress of power projects slows down

SHARIER KHAN

While the implementation of dozens of power projects has slowed down in the last one year, the authorities are expecting to add as much as 1,500 megawatt power to the national grid within three months beginning from late April.

This will come from six power plants -- Meghnaghat Summit 335MW, Bibiyana Summit 341MW (partial operation), Ashuganj Hyundai 224MW, Ashuganj Modular 195MW United, Ashuganj Inlectra 450MW, and Kodda 150MW dual-fuel.

Another 225MW gas-fired plant in Bhola island, which is cut off from the national grid, is almost ready and is waiting for completion of a transmission line to begin operation.

However, many other projects made no headway over the years. These include large



coal-fired private power projects and some major gas-fired ones.

Of these large coal-fired plants, local Orion and its partners were awarded five projects in Khulna, Mawa, Dhaka and Chittagong, with a total capacity of 2300MW.

Orion either partly or fully developed

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Awami League-backed mayor aspirant Sayeed Khokon of Dhaka South City Corporation visits Jatiya Press Club yesterday during his campaign.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Life is plagued by problems in Dhaka and Chittagong -- our two major cities going to polls on April 28. What will a mayoral hopeful do to solve those problems, if elected? How all the modern amenities will be ensured? What is his vision for the future of the city?

Looking for the answers, The Daily Star has talked to a mayoral candidate. Here is the interview:

Better amenities first

Promises Dhaka South mayoral aspirant Sayeed Khokon

CITY POLLS 2015

PLEDGES & PRIORITIES

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

His family has a generations-long legacy of serving the dwellers of Dhaka city. His maternal grandfather, Mazed Sardar, was a Sardar and a panchayet leader of Dhaka in the early 50s. And his father, Mohammad Hanif, was the first elected mayor of the undivided Dhaka city corporation.

Following suit, now Sayeed Khokon himself has set out to take the helm of one of the two city corporations of the capital.

With promises of turning the city into a modern metropolis, Khokon is contesting the mayor polls to Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).

"For the last 65 years, my family has been

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Campaign for Abbas starts

BNP yet to settle who to back for Dhaka North mayoral race

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP-backed mayoral candidate Mirza Abbas' wife Afroza Abbas yesterday started polls campaign on his behalf in Dhaka South City Corporation, a day after electoral campaign formally began on Tuesday.

It has been more than three months since Abbas avoided public appearance as he is facing 60 cases on different charges.

"Pray for my husband so that he can appear before you on getting bail," Afroza was quoted as telling city dwellers whom she met in different areas of the DSCC.

Abbas, who has been declared fugitive in a corruption case, will file petitions anytime soon seeking his bail from the High Court through his lawyers, Jahangir Alam Mintu, personal secretary of the mayoral hopeful, told The Daily Star last night.

BNP-backed mayoral candidate's campaign in Dhaka North City Corporation, however, has yet to begin as the party heavyweight Abdul Awal Mintoo appealed to the Supreme Court, challenging the High Court order that upheld the cancellation of his nomination.

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MG!

"Jamaat-BNP men are killers. Khaleda Zia is a murderer. These killers will not be given any chance to take to the streets [to carry out campaigns for city polls]"

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