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**BAISHAKH SEX ASSAULT IGP asked to report by June 28**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the inspector general of police to submit a progress report to it within June 28 on the police steps taken over the sexual assault on women during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman also fixed the same date for passing further orders on the incident while hearing a suo moto rule issued on April 16.

Following a report published in The Daily Star that day, the HC issued the rule asking the government and authorities concerned of Dhaka University to explain why they should not be directed to take appropriate legal steps against the perpetrators.

Yesterday, the office of

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This is not catering business exactly. The service this team provides is carrying food from homes to people working at offices in the capital. Kamal, who leads the business, has about 15 staff who collect tiffin carriers from families at a point in Kamrangirchar every noon and crossing the river, transport the food to about 1,000 people. For the service, each client pays Tk 300 a month. The photo was taken at Soari Ghat yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



**Verdict today in Afsar, Mahidur war crimes case**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 is set to deliver verdict today in a case against two "Chapainawabganj Razakars" for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Mahidur Rahman and Afsar Hossain, alleged members of Razakar force of Shibganj upazila in the western district, face three charges including mass killing, torture, arson and looting.

Two charges are related to killing 28 people in separate incidents, while the other was related to looting and arson in two

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**N'GANJ SEVEN-MURDER**

**Nur Hossain, his aides directly helped Rab**

RASHIDUL HASAN and EMRAN HOSSAIN

Rab men abducted and executed Narayananj city councillor Nazrul Islam and six others with direct assistance from Nur Hossain and his men on the ground.

Although Nazrul was the only "target", the elite force had to kill six other people as they had witnessed Nazrul's abduction on April 27 last year.

Nur Hossain is the prime accused in the seven-murder case. He allegedly gave Rab men Tk 6 crore to kill his political rival Nazrul. He fled the country following the murder and is now in an Indian jail for trespassing.

Among his men who helped Rab throughout the day was Ali Mohammad, one of the three men known as "three jewels".

"Rab would pick up Nazrul today," Ali was told by his peer Sanaullah Sana around 10:00am when Ali was visiting Nur's house upon his return from hajj, according to Ali's confessional statement.

Moments later, the now sacked Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad ordered two

Rab teams of 20-25 plainclothes personnel, to go after the "target," after being informed by Nur Hossain that Nazrul was in town to appear before a court.

The first team led by Maj Arif Hossain reached outside the court around 11:00am.

"Around 12:35pm, after boarding Arif's blue HiAce microbus, I found Arif, Nur Hossain and intelligence sources talking about Nazrul," said Lt Commander Masud Rana, who led the second team.

As planned, Nazrul's car was intercepted by a patrol team near Fatullah stadium around 1:30pm. Nazrul, his driver and three aides were picked up in one Rab microbus and lawyer Chandan Sarkar and his driver in another.

As the two Rab vehicles drove to Chittagong road, Nur Hossain deployed 20-25 men to guard Dhaka-Chittagong highway, from Signboard area to Simrail intersection, to prevent Nazrul's supporters from blocking the road in protest, according to the confessional statement of Ali.

"Nazrul commissioner has been kidnapped," Nur Hossain told his cadres, who

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**Shab-e-Barat on June 2**

BSS, Dhaka

Shab-e-Barat, the holy night of fortune and forgiveness, will be observed on the night of June 2 as the Sha'ban moon was sighted in Bangladesh sky yesterday.

The decision came at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee at the Islamic Foundation office at Baitul Mukarram in the evening.

Shamim M Afzal, director general of the foundation and member secretary of the committee, presided over the meeting.

M Maqsurur Rahman Patwari, additional secretary of the Cabinet Division; M Shahiduzzaman, additional secretary of the religious affairs ministry; Mohammad Nurul Islam, joint secretary of the information ministry; and Maulana Mohammad Salah Uddin, Baitul Mukarram Khatib; were present.

**No flat shoes!**

Cannes Film Festival under fire for turning away women in flat shoes

BBC ONLINE

Cannes Film Festival has come under fire after reports women were turned away from a red carpet screening for wearing flat shoes instead of heels.

The women -- some of whom were said to be older with medical conditions -- were attending the world premiere of Cate Blanchett's new film Carol.

Screen Daily said the festival had confirmed heels were obligatory for women at red carpet screenings.

However the director of the festival said the "rumours" were "unfounded".

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**PM'S VIDEOCONFERENCE Act against journo for disruption**

Press council to authorities UNB, Munshiganj

Bangladesh Press Council has sent a notice to the authorities concerned to take action against 11 journalists for disrupting a recent video conference between the prime minister and district administration officials.

ABM Masud Hossain, superintendent of police in Munshiganj, told this to the UNB last night.

The press council issued the notice on Sunday in response to a complaint that the deputy commissioner filed against the 11 journalists on April 23.

The commissioner alleged that the journalists had disrupted a video conference between the PM and

**JP lawmaker sued for war crimes**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A martyr's widow yesterday filed a case against three persons including a Jatiya Party lawmaker for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

Rahima Khatun, widow of martyred freedom fighter Abdur Rahman of Bailor Munshipara in Trishal upazila, filed the case with the District Cognisance Court-1.

After recording the statement of the complainant, Senior Judicial Magistrate Ahsan Habib sent the case to the international crimes tribunal in Dhaka for necessary action.

The accused are MA Hannan, 70, lawmaker from Trishal (Mymensingh-7) and presidium member of Jatiya Party, Mohammad Fakruzzaman, 64, of College Road in the district headquarters and Golam Rabbani, 68, of Galgonda village under Sadar upazila.

Hannan however refuted the allegations.

The complainant alleged that Hannan, the then secretary of Mymensingh

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Abu Syeed, a madrasa student tortured by his two teachers, in Kamalpur village of Dinajpur. PHOTO: STAR

**9-yr-old student tortured**

3 madrasa teachers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police yesterday arrested three madrasa teachers in Dinajpur Sadar upazila for their alleged involvement in torturing a nine-year-old student accused of stealing.

The arrestees -- Md Rezaul Islam, Riazul Islam and Shariful Islam -- are teachers of Nurani Talimul Quran Hafizia Madrasa in Kamalpur village of the upazila.

On the basis of a verbal complaint made by the victim's family, police raided Kamalpur village around 4:30pm and arrested the three teachers who had gone into hiding after the incident, said ATM Khalequzzaman, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur Kotwali Police Station.

The teachers caught the victim, Abu Sayeed, a class-II student at the madrasa, on charge of stealing money on Friday.

Later, they kept Sayeed confined for three days in a room of the madrasa and tortured him brutally, said Hasan Ali, victim's father.

On information, the victim's family rescued him on Monday night with several injury marks on his body and took him to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

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**5 KL-bound jobseekers rescued**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Five more Malaysia-bound Bangladeshi jobseekers were rescued from the bank of the Naf river at Shahpari Dvip in Teknaf upazila early yesterday.

With the five, 23 Bangladeshis were rescued in the last four days after they tried to go to Malaysia by sea illegally.

The five victims are Rabiul, 18, and Mohammad Ismail, 15, of Sirajganj, Manjur Biswas, 17, and Rubel, 24, of Jhenidah, and Nurul Islam, 38, of Joypurhat.

Around 12:30am, a patrol team of Border Guard Bangladesh rescued the five, who had boarded a trawler from Cox's Bazar's Maheshkhali several days

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**FISHING INDUSTRY SLAVERY**

**Can Thailand tackle the crisis?**

CNN ONLINE

The hours would be long and the work hard, but spending a year as a fisherman seemed like a good option to Samart Senasook.

Previous jobs as a security guard in Bangkok had been sporadic, so when a man known as Vee promised the 40-year old decent wages on a fishing boat he decided to take the chance.

Vee turned out to be a broker, a link in the chain of human trafficking that supplies the Thai fishing industry with thousands of migrant workers and turns many of them into virtual slaves.

Instead of a year on board a Thai fishing vessel, Senasook said he spent six, and was made to work 20-hour days in life-threatening conditions.

His unwanted odyssey only came to an end last month, thousands of miles from Thailand, on the eastern Indonesian island of Ambon.

The boat he was on was impounded by Indonesian authorities for suspected illegal fishing, with Senasook and his crewmates held in custody.

**SIX YEARS A SLAVE**

Looking back on his ordeal, that he says lasted from January 2009 to March 2015, Senasook rarely saw land,

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
MAY 20

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

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