

# Nov 19 set for charge submission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 has set November 19 for the prosecution to submit formal charges against two alleged Razakars of Kishoreganj for their involvement in crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member Tribunal-1 led by Justice Anwarul Haque fixed the date after prosecutor Tureen Afroz filed the petition seeking six weeks for preparations. "We received the investigation report this morning," she said.

On Wednesday, investigation agencies disclosed findings against Syed Mohammad Hussain alias Hossain, 64, and Muhammad Moslem Pradhan, 66.

They were involved in the killing of at least 63 people in Nikli and Kishoreganj sadar upazilas, the agency's coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan told journalists at its Dhanmondi office.

They were also allegedly involved in the abduction and confinement of at least 11 people and looting and torching of at least 250 houses there between mid-August and November 26.

Hussain, younger brother of convicted war criminal Syed Hasan Ali, who was tried in absentia, fled to Malaysia on May 21 last year. Moslem is now in jail on being arrested on July 8 this year.

Meanwhile, the tribunal fixed December 12 for the submission of the progress report on the ongoing investigation into crimes against humanity allegedly committed by Jamaat-e-Islami's Satkhira unit ameer, Abdul Khaleq Mandol.

Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman sought three months saying the investigation began on August. According to the investigation agency, Khaleq allegedly committed murders and rapes during the Liberation War.

The tribunal also recorded testimony of the 21st witness, Hossain Ali, in the crimes against humanity case of Obaidul Hoque alias Taher and Ataur Rahman alias Noni.

Hossain, who was a staff of a press in Netrakona, said the duo along with other Razakars and the Pakistani occupation army killed one Fazlur Rahman and local footballer Dabir on a day of Baishakh and Ashwin respectively in 1971.

Afterwards, defence counsels cross-examined the witness. Proceedings were adjourned until October 20.

# N'GANJ 7-MURDER Sacked Rab official denied bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday denied bail to sacked Rab official Lt Commander MM Rana over the killings of seven people in Narayanganj.

The court sent Rana to jail after rejecting his bail prayer when he was produced before it, court sources said.

On April 27, last year, Narayanganj City Corporation Panel Mayor Nazrul Islam, his three aides and driver and senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar and his driver were kidnapped from the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road.

Three days later, six bodies were found in the Shitalakkhya, and the other from the river the next day. Two separate cases were filed over the murders.

# Cricketer

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Shahadat surrendered two days after police arrested his wife Jesmine Jahan Nrittya at her relative's Malibagh house.

On September 6, domestic help Mahfuza Akhtar Happy brought the allegations of torture by Shahadat and his wife.

Later, a case was filed against the couple with Mirpur Police Station. Bangladesh Cricket Board temporarily suspended Shahadat on September 13 following the allegation.



Waterlogging has become endemic in Dhaka city, and it gets evident from the condition of Gulshan 1-Badda link road after a brief rain yesterday. With no intervention from the authorities, local residents have dumped sand bags, inset, on the road to go about their daily business.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



## EXPATRIATES' WELFARE MINISTRY

# Deal signed with its four depts to assess performance quarterly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment yesterday signed annual performance agreements (APAs) with its four departments to quarterly assess their performance and take necessary steps accordingly.

Minister Nurul Islam, however, did not elaborate how the assessment would be conducted and what kinds would be taken if any department fails to achieve targets.

He was talking to journalists after signing the APAs with chiefs of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET), Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services

Limited (BOESL), Wage Earners' Welfare Board and Probashi Kalyan Bank in the capital's Probashi Kalyan Bhaban.

Addressing the signing ceremony as chief guest, he laid emphasis on increasing work pace and taking constructive measures accordingly.

The move comes in line with the government's recent emphasis on promoting a performance-based work culture and improved governance.

After Government Performance Management System (GPMS) was introduced in the second half of the 2014-15 financial year, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) took it up by signing APAs for 2015-16 with six of its subordinate departments.

On September 20, secretaries of all the 48 ministries and divisions signed APAs with the Cabinet Division for the 2015-2016 fiscal at the PMO and presented copies to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Among ministries, that of the women and children affairs was the first to sign APAs with all subordinate departments on September 21.

Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Khandker Md Iftekhhar Haider, BMET Director General Begum Shamsun Nahar, BOESL Managing Director Abdul Hannan and Probashi Kalyan Bank Managing Director Md Mosharraf Hossain Chowdhury were present yesterday.

## KABERI MURDER

# Lone accused sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent KM Zahirul Islam Palash, the lone accused of killing college teacher Krishna Kaberi Bishwas, to jail after he surrendered before it seeking bail.

Detectives sought a 10-day remand for Zahirul in the murder case. The court fixed October 11 for hearing the remand prayer.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ataul Haque ordered the authorities concern to send him jail denying his bail.

According to the case statement, in the night of March 30, Polash entered the flat of Sitangshu at their flat in the capital's Mohammadpur on March 30 to greet him on his belated birthday. But drugging him with contaminated juice, Jahirul hit his head with a hammer.

When Kaberi, 36, a former college teacher of Mission International College, tried to save her husband, the killer hacked her with a kitchen sickle and later set her on fire. She died the following day. The killing occurred following a feud over a business matter, sources said.

BRTA deputy director Sitangshu and their daughters Srabani Biswas Sruti, 14, and Arti Biswas, 8, were also injured in the attack.

Later, a murder case was filed accusing Palash as the lone accused.



Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association brings out a procession from the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday marking National Girl Child Day, with the slogan "A safe environment for girl child today will create a prosperous Bangladesh".

PHOTO: STAR

# Egg consumption

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and trans fat," said Eric Rimm, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health in its website.

However, average egg consumption by a person in Bangladesh is only 70 eggs a year whereas the FAO recommends 104.

Experts said reasons behind low intake are economic status, low production and misperceptions.

Dr Ajoy Kumar Roy, director general at the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), said demand for eggs in Bangladesh is 1,650 crore, but production is 1,099 crore.

"Eggs contain omega fatty acids that reduce risks of heart attacks," he said.

Dr Quamrul Islam, director at the Institute of Public Health and Nutrition, said eggs are much cheaper than beef or fish in terms of food value, but people do not eat eggs when its prices are up.

Prof Nazma Shaheen, director at the Institute of Nutrition and Food Science of Dhaka University, said suggested one egg per day for pregnant women.

Prof SD Chowdhury of Bangladesh Agricultural University said instability of prices of eggs affects the poultry farmers, and this needs to be addressed.

Mike Robson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh, among others, spoke.

# A prison exception

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and criminals outside. We are sincere, but we are understaffed," he said.

He added that about 4,000 male inmates would be shifted to the Keraniganj Jail in the first phase, which is expected to be ready by November 15. Another 4,000 will be shifted in the second phase, he said.

Finally, the Dhaka Central Jail will be relocated to Keraniganj from Lalbagh.

# City night guard shot while foiling robbery bid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A night guard was shot and injured as he foiled a robbery bid at Dakkhin Monipur in the capital's Mirpur early yesterday.

Shot in the waist, Joynal Abedin, 40, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He told reporters that he and a colleague noticed a gang of around eight robbers with firearms gathered in front of the gate of a building there.

Joynal said he blew his whistle and shouted "robber, robber". So the miscreants shot him and fled.

# JnU teachers

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and examinations this month, and the government should meet their demand for a separate payscale by this time; otherwise they would start an indefinite work stoppage from November 1.

Teachers of all 37 public universities under the banner of FBUTA have been staging protests since May demanding a separate payscale.

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