

### 'COP HARASSMENT' SC to hear Mojaheed, Nizami's petitions for lawyers Nov 2

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday sent two petitions of convicted war criminals Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed to its full bench for hearing on November 2. Zainul Abedin, advocate on record for both Nizami and Mojaheed's cases, filed the two petitions on Sunday seeking directives from the SC on police to refrain from "harassing" Shishir Manir and Asaduddin, lawyers of Mojaheed and Nizami, and for allowing the lawyers to assist senior counsels in the cases.

Asaduddin, a member of Nizami's defence team, was arrested on Thursday allegedly for planning subversive activities and placed on a two-day remand on Monday. On Thursday, a team of law enforcers searched the house of Shishir Manir, one of Mojaheed's lawyers. Chamber judge Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain yesterday asked the attorney general to look into the matter so that Manir does not face any disturbance in assisting his seniors in Mojaheed's case.

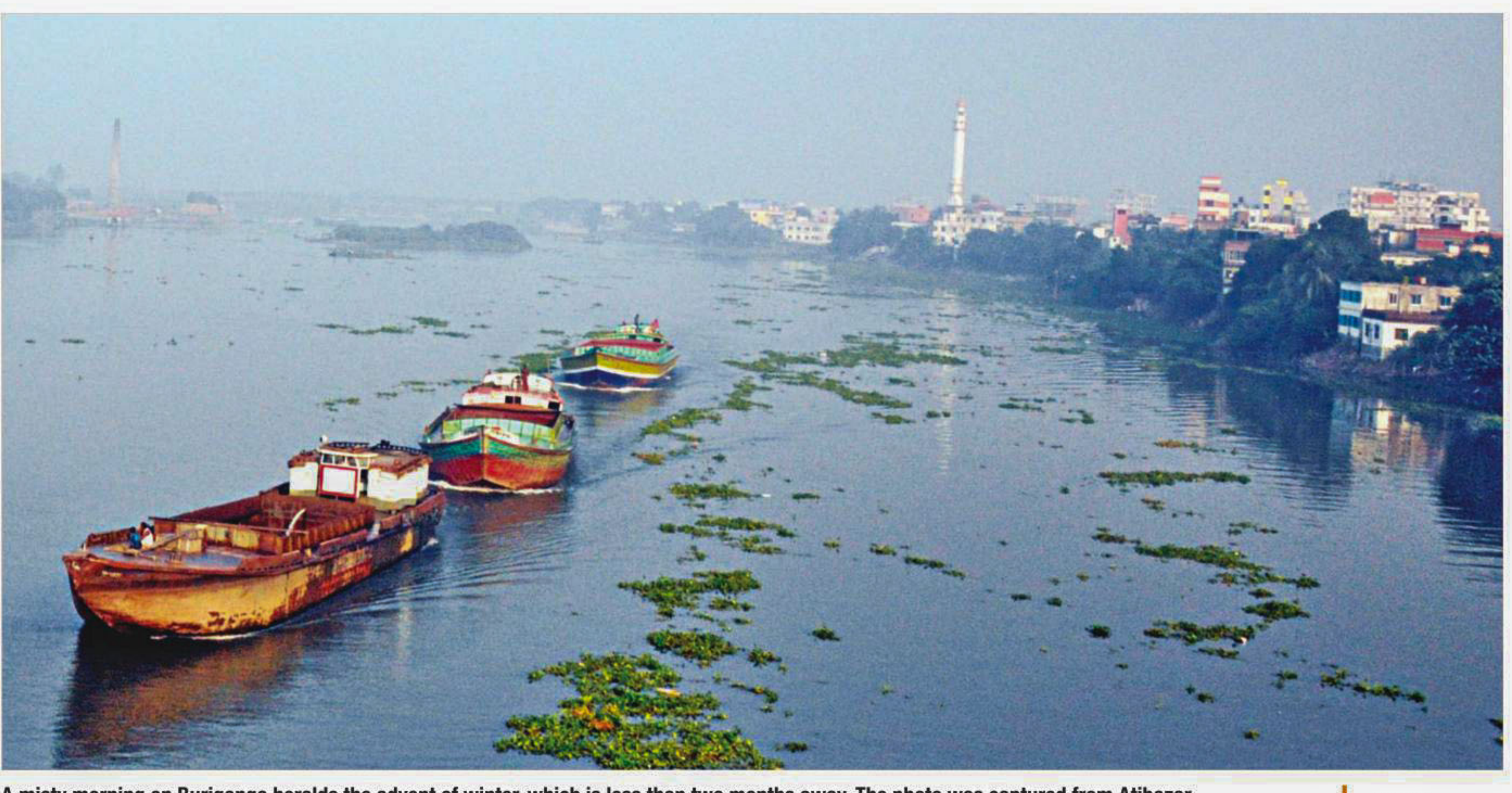
Talking to The Daily Star, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said he would inform the matter to the law enforcing authorities.

The SC on November 2 is scheduled to hear a petition of Mojaheed seeking review of its judgement that upheld his death penalty for war crimes.

The following day, the apex court would hear the appeal of Nizami against the verdict of the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that sentenced him to death for war crimes.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Watch expressed worry over the arrest of Asaduddin and said the Bangladesh authorities should either immediately charge him or release him.

The US-based rights body made the call in a report titled "Bangladesh: Charge or Release Detained Counsel".



A misty morning on Buriganga heralds the advent of winter, which is less than two months away. The photo was captured from Atibazar in Keraniganj, just outside Dhaka, yesterday.

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### ICT sends war crimes suspect of Mymensingh to jail

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 sent a war crimes accused from Mymensingh to jail when police produced him before it yesterday, after he recovered from a car accident on the day of his arrest. Hormuj Ali of Trishal upazila in the district was arrested on October 1, hours after the tribunal issued arrest warrants against him and seven others.

Hormuj was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after sustaining injuries in the road accident, said Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon. He was in the accident while he was being brought to Mymensingh Sadar from Trishal, where he was arrested.

Police arrested four out of the remaining seven accused. They are Jatiya Party lawmaker MA Hannan, the alleged general secretary of Mymensingh district Peace Committee, an anti-liberation organisation in 1971, Hannan's son Rafique Sajjad, Khandakar Golam Sabbir Ahmed and Mizanur Rahman Mintu.

The three fugitives are Mohammad Abdus Sattar, Mohammad Fakruzzaman and Khandakar Golam Rabbani.

### Three killed in road crashes

**CITY DESK**  
Three people were killed and 26 others injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday and Monday. In Bogra, Touhidul Islam, 52, of Vandar Paikar village was killed as a bus rammed his motorcycle at Bonani intersection on Dhaka-Rangpur highway in Shajahanpur upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile in Bogra Sadar, Badiuzzaman, 55, of Gaibandha was killed and 26 people were injured when a bus skidded off the highway in Matidali area yesterday.

In Pirojpur, Rezaul Islam of Bowdubi village was killed when a bus hit him near Pirojpur Bypass road on Monday. Rezaul was the joint convener of JCD Pirojpur district unit.

## Report children's issues more judiciously

**Speakers tell launch of related guideline for media**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Good judgment and reasoning should be applied to a greater extent in reporting on children, when they are either the subject of the news or readers of the target audience, speakers told the launch of a "guideline on reporting children's affairs" yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said the guideline, developed by the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) with assistance from Unicef Bangladesh, would give journalists directions about reporting on children.

He said a "broadcasting act" would be formulated, no matter what. "Did any newspaper get badly affected after we formulated the Broadcasting Policy?" he said, adding that when countries including the United States and the United Kingdom had broadcasting laws why could Bangladesh not have one?

An open discussion on child related news, which followed the launch, was held at Brac Centre Inn in the capital. Moderating the discussion, Farid Hossain, CEO of INFOCUS, an organisation for training journalists, pointed out that journalists should individually have an understanding of right and wrong.

Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, said, "This guideline would help resolve many of the everyday dilemmas about the use of words and pictures that journalists face in newsrooms."

He said the guideline was developed through opinion sharing meetings held in six divisions.

Besides defining children as per the Children Act 2013, the 22-page guideline notes that children cannot be ignored in news and harmed as a result of reporting. It also talks about keeping child readers in mind while reporting crime, socially unacceptable behaviour and suicide.

Associate Editor at Prothom Alo Abdul Quaiyum urged MRDI to open a cell to answer daily queries about dilemmas on reporting. Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of a faction of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), said other institutions also needed to be sensitised about children and their rights along with media to bring about a change in attitudes.

"The condition (of following the code of conduct about reporting) is horrific in rural newspapers," said Editors' Council President and Samakal Editor Golam Sarwar.

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Mizanur Rahman cautioned journalists against going only by books in all matters.

Giving the instance of the injured child from the blast at the capital's Hossaini Dalan on Saturday, whom he visited, Rahman said one picture of that wounded child would speak volume about the cruelty of terrorism, and its publication would not jeopardise the right of the child but rather ensure greater benefits to society.

### 4 JMB men to be shown arrested in arms case

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

A Chittagong court on Monday gave permission to show four members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) arrested in an arms case.

The arrested are Bulbul Ahmed alias Fuad, Md Mahbub, Shajahan Kajal and Md Sajib alias Sajil.

On September 23, a manager of a local distributor company was mugged by JMB at Majhirghat of Sadarghat in the city. He was shot dead and two JMB men Robiul and Rafik were killed in the explosion of a hand grenade.

Later, two cases were filed with Sadarghat police. On October 5, detectives arrested five JMB men in the city and recovered hand grenades and ammunition.

On October 6, one of the arrestees, Javed was killed in a grenade explosion when police took him to the city's Kuaish area to recover grenades.

## Cops still clueless about attack on CMCH doctor

**ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg**



Seven days have passed since a doctor of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) was hacked in his house at Agrabad in Chittagong city on October 19 but police are yet to trace any of the assailants.

Police arrested the domestic help, Yasmin, around 23 years, who had worked for last eight months, following the incident.

Sub-Inspector Sohel Rana of Halishahar Police Station, also the investigation officer of the case, said they suspect that Yasmin could be involved with the attackers as the door of the roof was left open on that day but Yasmin denied her involvement.

Two unidentified persons stabbed Tarek Shams, an outpatient medical officer of CMCH, leaving him critically injured at his house entering mysteriously. Tarek is out of danger now, said CMCH sources.

Halishahar police recovered a cleaver from the spot and are investigating every aspect including personal and professional enmity. Tarek's mother Anwara Alam said her son did not have enmity with anyone. "It is mysterious that the attackers did not take anything except for Tarek's mobile phone set," she added.

On October 20, Bangladesh Medical Association's Chittagong unit formed a human chain before CMCH main entrance protesting the attack. Dr Mujibul Haque Khan, president of the unit, yesterday said they would wage tougher movement if the attackers are not arrested within seven days.

### 4.14 lakh job seekers went abroad in last 10 months

**Says JS body**  
**BSS, Dhaka**  
Over 4.14 lakh people went abroad with jobs in last 10 months since January this year.

This figure was disclosed at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment yesterday.

Implementation of Overseas Employment Policy-2015, to be a guideline for recruiting agencies and establishing discipline in overseas jobs, is on progress.

## Cops helped perps flee scene

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then four-party alliance government hurriedly destroyed two live grenades, which had been recovered from the place of occurrence, even though the grenades were very essential evidence."

Following the incident, Shahara took treatment from different hospitals and clinics and later went to Motijheel Police Station to file a case but police did not take

it, she said, adding that she filed a petition case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court of Dhaka on September 18, 2004.

Shahara was cross-examined by the lawyers of 18 accused, including Tarique. She will also be cross-examined today by the lawyers of the rest of the 52 accused who are standing trial in the two cases filed over the grenade attack.

## World Occupational Therapy

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and environmental modification. At a discussion held at CRP's Reddaway Hall, speakers said the occupational therapy is becoming popular in Bangladesh day by day. For rehabilitation the therapy has been contributing a lot, they said.

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Guests at the launching ceremony of a "guideline on reporting children's affairs", developed by the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) with assistance from Unicef Bangladesh, at the capital's Brac Centre Inn yesterday.

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