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Nur Hossain brought back from India

The key accused in Narayanganj 7-murder handed over to Bangladesh at Benapole border

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government last night brought back Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the sensational seven-murder case in Narayanganj, from India.

A team of police took Nur in its custody after the Indian Border Security Force handed him over to the Border Guard Bangladesh at Benapole around 11:30pm, said Superintendent of Police Khandaker Muhiut of Narayanganj.

A microbus carrying the police and BGB personnel entered India and drove for about 10 minutes until it met a BSF vehicle, reports our Benapole correspondent.

As soon as the handover was completed there, the microbus drove back into the Bangladesh territory and started for the capital in a convoy of at least 10 cars of security personnel.

Nur Hossain was wearing a bullet proof vest and a helmet when he boarded the Bangladesh police vehicle, according to Apurba Hasan, officer-in-charge of Benapole Police Station.

The deportation took place a day after the Bangladesh government handed over top Ulfa leader Anup Chetia to the Indian authorities. The founding member of one of India's top insurgent groups United Liberation Front of Asom (Ulfa) had been in prison since his arrest in Mohammadpur in December 1997.

Nur is wanted in almost a dozen cases, including the one

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Families of victims hope for justice

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and AKRAM HOSEN

The news of bringing Nur Hossain back from India has made the families of the Narayanganj seven-murder victims hopeful about justice.

Shahidul Islam, the father-in-law of slain Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam, told the Daily Star, "We have already heard the news about Nur Hossain's deportation and we are happy".

He expected the "real truth" and names of the masterminds would be revealed soon.

Ismail Ahmed Ronny, the teenage son of another victim Ibrahim, "I hope justice will be served soon."

"After my father's death, we have not received any compensation and my mother has to work as a domestic help to pay for my education," said the boy who is sitting the ongoing JSC exams.

Abdus Salam, younger brother of Nazrul Islam, hoped that the real masterminds of the killings could be revealed if Nur Hossain was interrogated.

"But I hope Nur Hossain does not get killed in a 'crossfire' before revealing the motives behind the

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TRAIL OF TERROR

1	SEPTEMBER 28	Italian citizen Cesare Tavella gunned down
2	OCTOBER 3	Japanese national Kunio Hoshi shot dead
3	OCTOBER 5	Ex-PDB chairman Khizir Khan, also a Pir, murdered ● Pastor Luke Sarkar narrowly escapes knife attack
4	OCTOBER 22	ASI Ibrahim Mollah stabbed dead at a checkpoint
5	OCTOBER 24	Grenade attacks on Shia gathering; 2 dead, 87 hurt
6	OCTOBER 31	Publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan hacked to death ● Publisher Tutul, secular writers Tareq and Ranadipam hacked
7	NOVEMBER 4	Constable Mukul killed in machete attack on police checkpoint
8	NOVEMBER 10	Military policeman hacked at a checkpoint ● Mazar khadem Rahamat killed
9	NOVEMBER 11	Prison guard wounded in razor attack

It's all because of war trial, says intel

SB reports to Home about recent targeted attacks; anticipates crimes like plane hijack; war crimes campaigners point at upcoming verdicts of SQ Chy, Mojaheed

STAR REPORT

A certain group has been planning subversive and terror activities to "free war criminals now under trial", said a recent intelligence report.

It is also out to "tarnish the image of the nation by creating anarchy and degrading law and order in the country".

The report, prepared by the Special Branch (SB) of police, said the group might hijack a plane on international or domestic routes, abduct or kill any VIP and commit atrocities by exploding bombs.

Alerting the government to the plans, the intelligence agency recommended that security measures at key establishments be stepped up.

The SB submitted the report to the home ministry on October 29, four days before the scheduled date of hearing on review petitions filed by two convicted war criminals -- Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed of Jamaat-e-Islami and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury of BNP -- against the Supreme Court verdicts upholding their death penalty.

The apex court is now scheduled to hear the petitions on November 17.

The SB report came amid serious security concerns following a sudden spat of terrorist acts -- including killings of secularist bloggers, two foreigners, a publisher and two cops, and attacks on a pastor and a Shia gathering.

However, according to some security analysts, thwarting the war crimes trial might not be the only reason behind those attacks. Any militant organisation can carry out those types

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Police will guard people under threat

RAFIUL ISLAM

Field-level officers of Dhaka Metropolitan Police have been instructed to ensure security to people who are under threat.

The directive came following attacks on several publishers, bloggers, writers and uniformed personnel in the capital recently. A number of important people have also sought police protection after they had received threats from militant outfits.

DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia issued the instructions while speaking to his subordinates in the monthly crime conference at DMP headquarters yesterday.

He also reminded the officers of their right to self defence and protect the citizens, even if it required them to use their firearms, said a police officer who attended the meeting.

Several officers-in-charge of the DMP said policemen in uniform and in plain clothes would only ensure the people under threat security at their homes, work and when they travel in their respective police station jurisdictions.

They said they would not be responsible for their security outside their station's jurisdiction.

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THREE RECENT ELECTIONS AND SOME THOUGHTS

When will we have such polls again?

MAHFUZ ANAM



COMMENTARY

Three recent elections, federal in Canada, state level in Bihar and national in Myanmar, have once again showed us the might of the "Peoples' Will" and what it can achieve. Each of these elections had some special significance with the one in Bihar and the last one in Myanmar having unparalleled historic significance. These elections reminded us that we had some internationally praised and historically significant elections of our

own and made us wonder when we would have similar elections in Bangladesh again?

Given Canada's track record and institutional strength, smooth elections are not unusual. Defeat of an incumbent, in power for ten years, was even less so. What, however, made it so interesting is the comeback of the Liberal party with such a force. In a House of 338 seats, Justin Trudeau led his party to a 184 seat victory. But that is not the whole story. In

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KILLING PARENTS

Oishee given death penalty

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday found Oishee Rahman guilty of killing her parents and sentenced her to death.

Oishee's friend Mizanur Rahman Roni was awarded two years' rigorous imprisonment for giving her shelter.

However, her other friend Asaduzzaman Johnny was acquitted of the charge of assisting her in murdering her father Mahfuzur Rahman, inspector of Special Branch of Police, and mother Swapna Rahman more than two years ago.

Oishee killed her parents in cold blood and somebody

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NEWS ANALYSIS

NEW HIT LIST

Target: war crimes trial campaigners

STAR ANALYSIS

A close scrutiny of the purported new hit list from Ansar Al Islam, the so-called Bangladesh chapter of al-Qaida, reveals some curious things that make one wonder whether the purpose of the list is what it claims to be and whether it was sent by some other organisation.

Names of some well-known intellectuals are on the list circulating on social media but which we chose not to run, and some of the names are of people who are not known public figures but quite active on Facebook or blogs.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, inset, addressing a mammoth public rally at Aftatunnesa playground in Bogra district town yesterday.



PM IN BOGRA Bangladesh cannot be turned into terror state

UNB, Bogra

Renewing her allegation that Khaleda Zia wants to tarnish the country's image by killing foreigners, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said people won't allow conspirators to make the country a terrorist state.

"Staying abroad, she [Khaleda] wants to taint the country's image by killing foreigners in Bangladesh in a planned way. They want to turn Bangladesh into a terrorist country by unleashing terrorist and militant acts and creating Bangla Bhai like they did in the past," she told a public rally at Aftatunnesa Playground in Bogra town in the afternoon.

People, she said, won't let the country become a terrorist state as they don't believe in terrorism. She urged people to stay alert against the conspirators. Mentionable, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia

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Understanding the growing need and scarcity of appropriate professionals for the banking and financial sector, a group of seasoned bankers, having proven track record along with a number of successful entrepreneurs envisioned the creation of a Centre of Excellence to impart need based practical education, skill development and professional support to banks and financial institutions. It is also envisaged that the Institute shall be a place of Research and Development through sharing dynamic ideas and experience thus enriching and broadening the financial knowledge base towards achieving sustainable development process of the sector.

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