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It's now prison authorities' call

SC verdicts on review petitions read out to
convicted war criminals SQ Chy, Mojaheed;
no decision on mercy petition yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The jail authorities last night received the copies of the Supreme Court judgments that upheld the death penalty of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed for war crimes.

It is now for the jail authorities to decide when it will implement the verdicts.

Jahangir Kabir, senior superintendent of Dhaka Central Jail, received the copies from acting deputy registrar of the International Crimes Tribunal Md Afiauzzaman around 8:50pm.

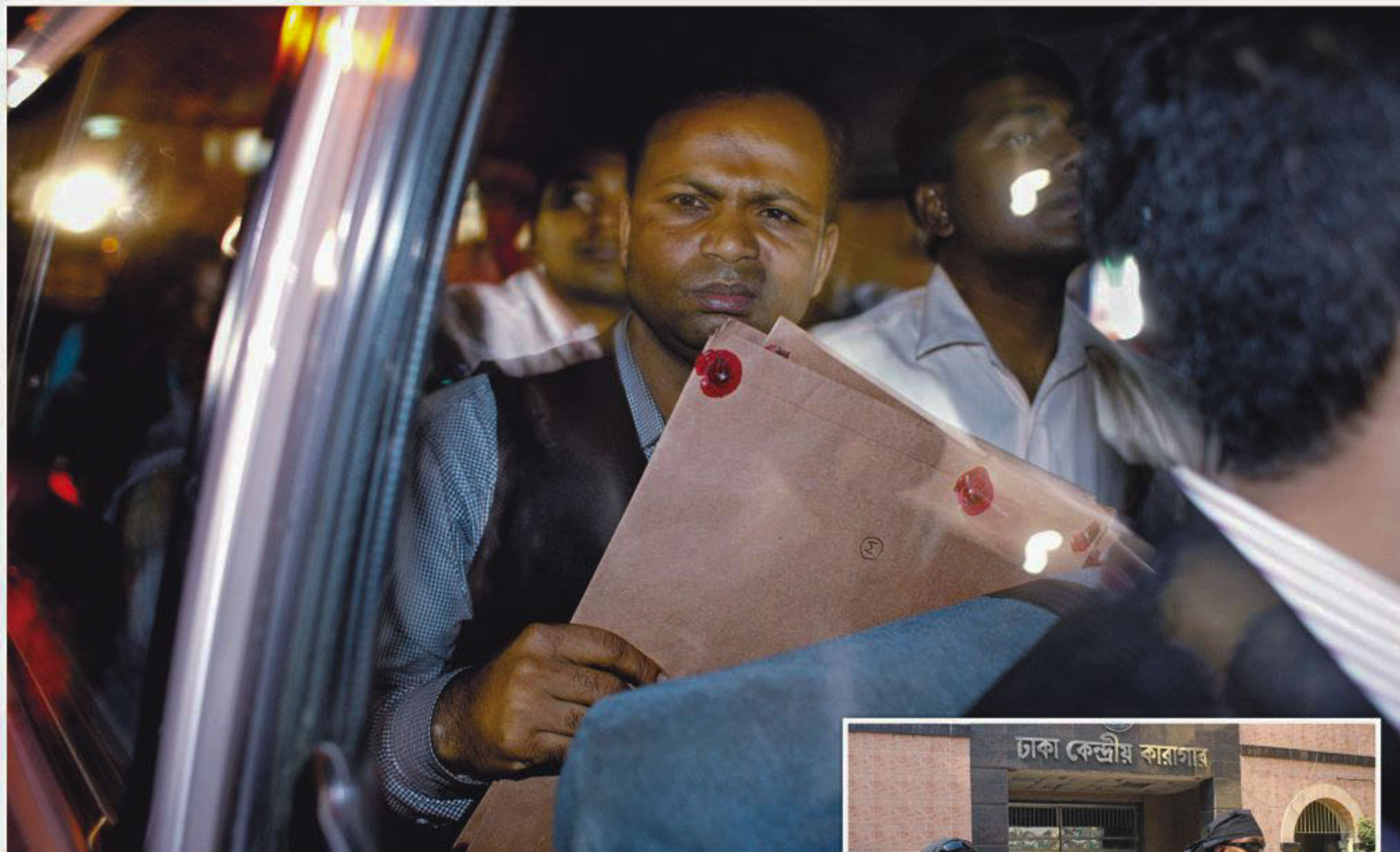
Sources in the Special Branch of police told The Daily Star the jail authorities read out the SC verdicts to the war crimes convicts a little after 10:00pm.

Earlier in the day, the SC released its full verdicts that dismissed the petitions of Jamaat leader Mojaheed and BNP leader Salauddin to review their death sentences, originally handed down by two tribunals in 2013.

"We have sent the copies of the two verdicts to the jail authorities and the district magistrate in Dhaka at 8:35pm," Shahidul Alam Jhinuk, registrar of the International Crimes Tribunal, told this correspondent.

Both the convicts are in Dhaka Central Jail, where journalists and

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Officials of International Crimes Tribunal arrive at Dhaka Central Jail last night with copies of Supreme Court verdicts dismissing review petitions of convicted war criminals Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed. Inset, police and Rab personnel guard the jail gate around noon yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

SQ Chy 'denied justice'

BNP reacts late

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury has been denied justice, the party said yesterday, a day after the Supreme Court dismissed his petition seeking reconsideration of its verdict.

"Salauddin has fallen victim to persecution because of his political identity," BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a press briefing at party chief Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office.

Salauddin could have got justice had the evidence he produced before the court been accepted, he claimed.

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"He [Salauddin Quader Chowdhury] has a commitment to the independence and sovereignty of the country. He is a clean and honest politician. He ... never compromised on the question of democracy."

SQ Chy submitted forged certificate

Says SC review order, compares
Mojaheed's war crimes with Nazi's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court rejected the review petitions of Salauddin and Mojaheed, as it did not find any error or illegality in its earlier judgments that upheld their death sentences.

In the verdict on Salauddin Chowdhury's petition, the top court said the certificate, submitted by Salauddin in support of his claim that he was not in Bangladesh in 1971, was forged apparently to confuse the court.

It said the claim that Salauddin applied for a duplicate copy earlier but did not receive the same until November, 2015, had no basis at all since the alleged certificate was issued in 2012.

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Khaleda may return home tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is returning home tomorrow after her over two months' stay in London, the party has said.

At a briefing in Khaleda's Gulshan office yesterday, BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon said the BNP chief would fly from London by a flight of Emirates on Friday night (London local time). The flight is scheduled to land at



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A dozen priests get death threat

RAFIUL ISLAM

A deep sense of insecurity has gripped Christian priests in the country.

Two priests have narrowly escaped attacks on their lives recently while at least a dozen others have received death threats in a little over a week's time.

They now fear attacks on their lives anytime.

Five priests yesterday told The Daily Star that they all had received text messages on their phones on November 11 and 12 which asked them to prepare for death.

"Eat whatever you like the most. Only five days are left. Not more than that," reads an SMS received by a Savar-based priest at 1:25pm on November 11.

The SMSs received by the other four had almost identical texts.

The next day, the Savar priest received another text message from the same number. This time it said, "One day has elapsed. Should we arrange

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CLIMATE SUMMIT PM's trips to France, Malta cancelled

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's official visits to Malta and France have been cancelled considering the overall situation at home and Paris, diplomatic sources have said.

She was scheduled to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Malta on November 27-29 and the United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP21, in Paris

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Relatives in tears bid farewell to 29-day-old Dashami, who is leaving Gotamari of Lalmonirhat district for India with her parents yesterday. Former Indian enclave Gotamari, where the baby was born, has become part of Bangladesh territories. But her parents are Indian nationals.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

Teary goodbye, hearty welcome

67 residents of former Indian enclaves leave their friends,
relatives to find new homes in India

STAR REPORT

It was not excitement that you saw on their faces when they reached the zero point on the Burimari border in Lalmonirhat. There was a pall of gloom cast over everybody instead. Many could not hold their tears back thinking, perhaps, about the life they were leaving behind.

Sixty seven former enclave dwellers in the first batch crossed this border into India in the early afternoon yesterday, our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports.

Of them, 64 were from Gotamari and Uttar Gotamari, the former enclaves under

Hatibandha upazila, and three from former Latamari enclave under Patgram upazila. The first batch was comprised of 18 children, 30 women and 17 men.

They were given a warm reception with a band party by the Indian authorities at Chengrabanda point on the Indian side.

Gopal Chandra Barman, 32, was an inhabitant of Gotamari. He said, "We felt very sad to say goodbye to our native village and our neighbours, but we had to."

"We're born here and we got so much

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APEC SUMMIT

Members close ranks against terrorism

REUTERS, Manila

Pacific-rim nations closed ranks against terrorism yesterday at the end of a summit that was darkened by last week's attacks in Paris, but still Washington and Moscow sparred over how to deal with Syria and the Islamic State fighters sheltering there.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) group's 21 leaders vowed to prevent terrorism from undermining values that underpin their economies, and said there was a need for greater international cooperation to fight the scourge.

"Under the shadow cast by the terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, and against Russian aircraft over the Sinai, and elsewhere, we strongly condemn all acts, methods, and practices of terrorism in all their forms and manifestations," they said in a declaration after their summit in Manila.

The mood was sombre at the Apec summit after last Friday's killing spree by Islamic State fighters in Paris, where at least 129 people died, and this overshadowed the annual meeting's usual focus on growth, trade and development issues.

US President Barack

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Abdelhamid Abaaoud, suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks, who was killed in a police raid in the French capital on Wednesday. The picture was published in the Islamic State's online magazine Dabiq.

PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS ATTACKS

'Mastermind' confirmed killed in raid

AFP, Paris

The Islamic State jihadist suspected of masterminding the Paris attacks was killed during a major police raid, prosecutors confirmed Thursday, as French lawmakers voted to extend a state of emergency imposed after the carnage.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud was killed in Wednesday's assault by elite police units on an apartment in northern Paris, which left at least two people dead.

Handprint analysis was used to identify the Belgian's body, which was found among the rubble of the shattered building after officers rained fire and grenades on the jihadists in a seven-hour siege.

"Abdelhamid Abaaoud has just been formally identified ... as having been killed during the raid" the Paris prosecutor's office said in a statement.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said he welcomed the death

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