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Fugitives' list gets longer

Police fail to arrest 57 out of 102 war crimes accused despite directives from tribunal

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Despite several directives by the International Crimes Tribunal and initiatives of the government to arrest war crimes accused, police have failed to capture more than half of them, frustrating justice seekers.

Two war crimes tribunals had issued arrest warrants against 102 war crimes accused in 18 cases since August last year, but the law enforcers could arrest only 45, according to The Daily Star reports.

Eighteen accused are now facing trial in four cases. Of them, 10 are fugitives. The investigation agency has completed its probe into five other cases in which it has found evidence of crimes by 37 people. Of them, 22 are on the run.

Besides, arrest warrants had been issued against 47 more accused in 10 other cases. But police could arrest only 23. The cases are under investigation

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FUGITIVES' STATUS

STAGE OF CASES	CASE	ACCUSED	FUGITIVES
Under trial	4	18	10
Pre-trial	14	84	47
Trial completed	21	24	5
Total	39	126	62

MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS DAY TODAY

The war on our minds

AASHA MEHREEN AMIN

This is the day our oppressors took revenge on us for winning our inevitable freedom. This is the day they came with covered faces, bayonets and shot guns, searching for the brightest and the best, snatching them away from the arms of their loved ones. This is the day, December 14, they snuffed out those precious lives as a conclusion to the mayhem they had started on March 25, leaving a nation robbed of its most enlightened souls. They were brilliant teachers, scientists, doctors, journalists, artists and cultural activists with an intense love for their motherland. The scorch and burn strategy of the Pakistani fascist regime extended to intellectually maiming a nation that had so defiantly humiliated them in war and ideology. And crippled we were to have lost so many of these men and women who, no doubt, would have taken this country to heights we shall never know about.

The Liberation Struggle was a fight to free ourselves from cultural domination, racial discrimination and economic

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RIFLE, ROTI, AURAT & Dream of the dawn

December 14 massacre left Prof Anwar Pasha dead but couldn't stop his poetic prophecy come true



Prof Anwar Pasha, writer of "Rifle, Roti, Aurat", the first novel on the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh

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WASIM BIN HABIB and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

"A new acquaintanceship has begun. The old life came to an end on that night of March 25. Ah, let it be true. New people, new acquaintances and a new dawn. How far away is it? Can't be very far. Only this night! There is nothing to fear. It will be over."

These are the last few lines of "Rifle, Roti, Aurat", the first novel on Liberation War, written by Prof Anwar Pasha. Through his protagonist Shudipta Shaheen, he shared his dream of a new country with a firm conviction that the liberation was now a matter of time.

The country tasted that freedom on December 16, 1971. But Anwar Pasha, who had written the epic piece between April and June in 1971, was not there to see his prophetic dream come true.

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Pakistan army's 195 officers are morally and legally culpable for the genocide of 1971 and Bangladesh has the moral and legal rights to try them. Pakistan's excuse of the 1974 agreement does not give it reprieve.

This is the last of our series in exposing Pakistan's moral hypocrisy and duplicity about its army's war crimes in Bangladesh in 1971.

195 Pak soldiers can still be tried

1974 Delhi Agreement holds no bar to try these war criminals

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

The 195 Pakistani soldiers against whom Bangladesh had collected specific evidences of genocide can still be tried in the International Criminal Court in The Hague irrespective of whatever was mentioned in the 1974 Delhi Agreement that Pakistan claims had absolved these criminals from

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