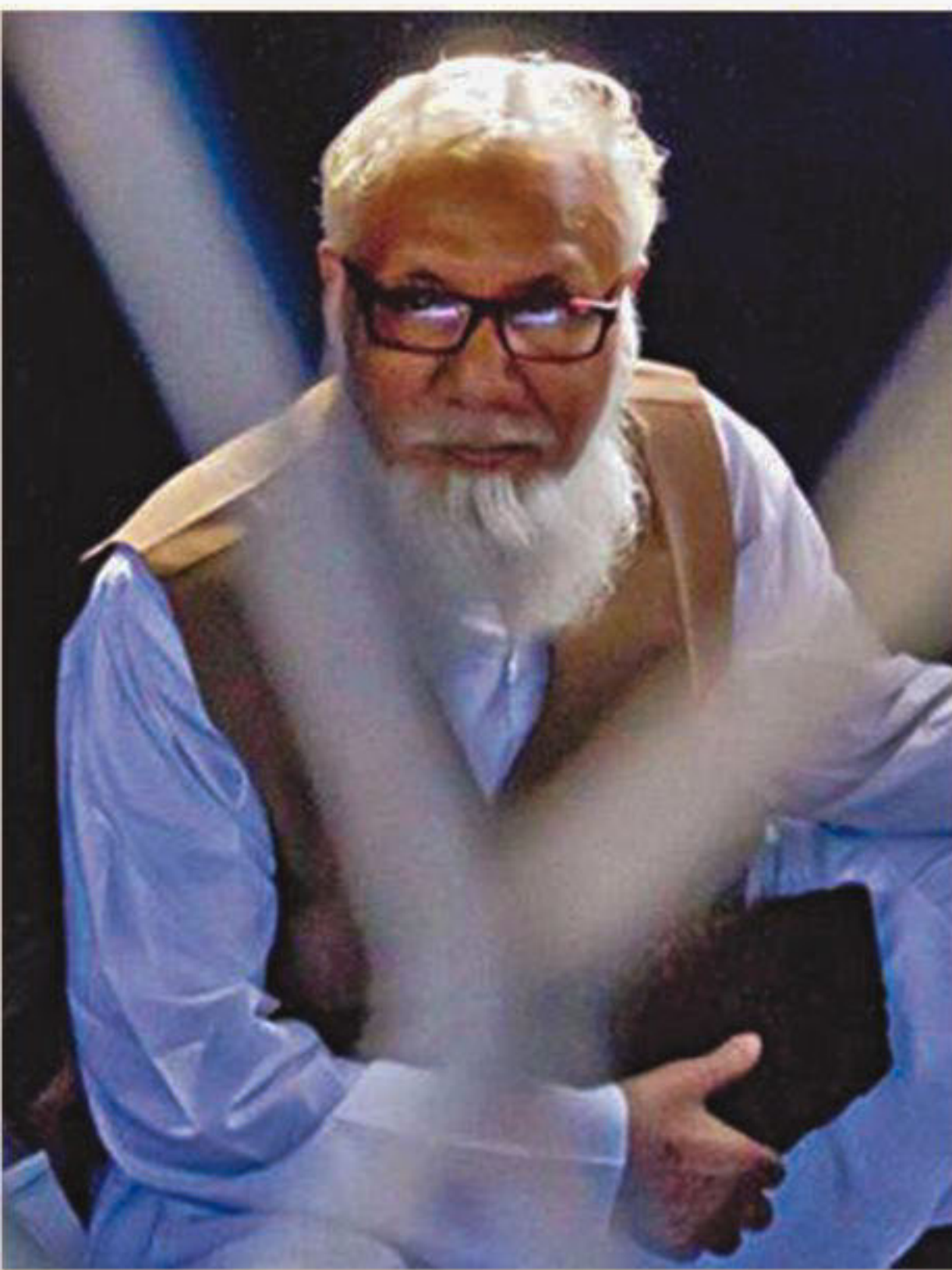


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END of NIZAMI

Al-Badr chief hanged for war crimes; body taken to Pabna for burial; Jamaat calls hartal for tomorrow

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and WASIM BIN HABIB

He had opposed the very notion of Bangladesh.

From writing anti-liberation pieces in newspapers to instigating his fearsome gang called Al-Badr Bahini to kill unarmed civilians to directly participating in massacre, Motiur Rahman Nizami made every possible effort during the 1971 Liberation War to make sure Bangladesh never comes into being.

As these acts of cold-blooded cruelty were proving inadequate to resist the birth of the nation, the man, aided by the Pakistan army, unleashed his ruthless force to wipe out the brightest minds of the soil to rob the newborn nation of its brain and thwart its progress on the eve of Bangalees' final victory.

Forty-five years after his crimes against humanity, justice finally caught up with him with his hanging early hours today.

"The execution of Nizami was carried out at 12:10am," Jahangir Kabir, senior jail

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Two ambulances, one carrying the body of executed war criminal Motiur Rahman Nizami, leave Dhaka Central Jail at 1:24am today and head for Santhia of Pabna.

Lethal, last bite of losers

Nizami let loose his militia to cripple soon-to-be-born Bangladesh intellectually

WASIM BIN HABIB and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

It was the final act of brutality against a nation yearning to be free.

The ruthless militia systematically rounded up one by one and tortured and brutally killed the nation's brightest minds.

What it wanted was to execute the evil plot of Pakistan occupation forces to wipe out the Bangalee intelligentsia towards the end of the Liberation War in 1971.

The bodies of many of these pro-liberation people, including professors, journalists, litterateurs and doctors, remained untraced. Some found at different killing fields

were barely recognisable.

The cold-blooded savagery left deep scars on the collective psyche of the nation, still struggling to recover from the loss even 45 years after the independence.

The force that spearheaded the massacre was Al-Badr, the notorious killing squad mostly comprised of leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami in 1971.

Every year, the nation observes Martyred Intellectuals Day on December 14 with the victims' family members demanding trial and punishment of the perpetrators.

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"We are led to observe that the appointment of the accused [Nizami] as a minister, by the then government, who happened to be an anti-liberation leader, was a great blunder as well as a clear slap on the face of the Liberation War as well as three million martyrs and two lakh women who sacrificed their chastity for the liberation of Bangladesh."

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMES TRIBUNAL-1 OBSERVED IN ITS VERDICT IN NIZAMI'S CASE

His 'peace' initiative was massacre plot

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and WASIM BIN HABIB

The villagers of Bausgari in Pabna's Santhia upazila were clueless about the grave dangers ahead.

On May 10, 1971, Motiur Rahman Nizami urged them to attend a meeting at Bausgari Ruposhi Primary School, and they obliged. There, Nizami announced that the Pakistan army would arrive at the village to secure "peace" in the area.

Four days later, the Pakistani force arrived there but not as peacekeepers. The villagers realised that Nizami had told a blatant lie and tricked them into a trap. But it was already too late.

What happened next was beyond their worst fears.

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His final moments

RASHIDUL HASAN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The formalities before the execution of war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami were well underway inside around 7:00pm when the Dhaka Central Jail area was teeming with journalists, locals, and policemen.

A total of 26 family members, including his wife, daughters and sons went inside the jail at 7:50pm.



Bodies of freedom-loving people dumped in the Rayerbazar killing field in 1971.

PHOTO: FILE

Her refusal to perform at a function led to murder

Alleges Tonu's mother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sohagi Jahan Tonu was killed as she declined to perform at a programme inside

Comilla Cantonment, her mother alleged yesterday.

Anwara Begum said her daughter did not participate in the programme because of her scheduled trip to Sylhet.

"She was supposed to sing on Thursday [March 17] night but she went to Sylhet that day and returned at midnight on Friday. She was [at home] on Saturday and went out

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RECOVERING STOLEN BB FUND

NY Fed, BB, SWIFT to work jointly

Heist was partly inside job, say US investigators

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Bangladesh Bank and SWIFT have vowed to work together to recover the \$81 million that Bangladesh lost in a reserve heist three months ago.

The three parties yesterday held a meeting in Basel of Switzerland to discuss the cyber fraud that took place in early February. They issued a joint statement after the meeting.

The statement, published on the New York Fed's website, said the parties provided details on the steps taken and also shared information on cyber and physical vulnerabilities illustrated by the event.

"All parties stated their concern over this event and their continued commitment to work together to normalise operations. The parties also agreed to pursue jointly certain common goals: to recover the entire

proceeds of the fraud and bring the perpetrators to justice, and protect the global financial system from these types of attacks," said the statement.

NY Fed President William Dudley, BB Governor Fazle Kabir and senior SWIFT officials attended the meeting.

This was the first time the BB governor held a face-to-face meeting with top officials from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) and the NY Fed since the heist on February 4.

The joint meeting could bring the three parties closer and pave the way for Bangladesh to get back the stolen money that entered the Philippines.

So far BB officials have blamed the NY Fed for not doing enough to prevent the cyber theft.

About SWIFT, they said the Brussels-based organisation's system with the central

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