

ELIMINATING TERRORISM Bangladesh working closely with neighbours, US Envoy tells Congressman Royce

With Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government vowing "zero" tolerance, Bangladesh is working closely with neighbours, the US and friendly countries to eliminate all forms of terrorism and religious extremism, said Ambassador to the US Mohammad Ziauddin.



British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Alison Blake meets BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the capital yesterday. This was the first meeting between them since Blake arrived in Dhaka in January this year.

Sadeq Khan's qulkhwani held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The qulkhwani of language movement veteran and noted columnist Sadeq Khan was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after the Asr prayers yesterday.

As part of the programme, prayer sessions were held seeking eternal peace of his departed soul.

Well-wishers including former foreign affairs minister M Morshed Khan, former adviser to the caretaker government Moinul Hossain, former Crescent Society chairman Shahidul Haque Jamal and weekly Holiday editor Syed Kamal Uddin, and family members including his siblings Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon and New Age editorial board Chairman ASM Shahidullah Khan, among others, participated in the prayer session.

Sadeq Khan died at his Baridhara residence in the capital on Monday at the age of 83 and was buried in his father's grave in the Banani graveyard on Tuesday after two namaz-e-janazas.

Born on January 1, 1933, Sadeq Khan was the eldest son of late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, a former speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan.

A recipient of Ekushey Padak, he was the contributing editor at weekly Holiday.



ACC probing Lutfor Rahman for bourse manipulation

Also begins investigating Mizanur Rahman, M Farid Uddin for embezzlement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) launched an investigation into the corruption allegations against former chairman of IFIC Bank Lutfor Rahman Badal, who has close ties with BNP.

The ACC took the investigation decision yesterday based on a complaint filed by one Md A Jabbar of the capital's Monipuripara.

There are allegations of amassing hundreds of crores taka illegally, especially through manipulating the share market, against Badal, says an ACC letter signed by its Deputy-Director Moloy Kumar Saha.

In 2011, Badal came under the scanner for his alleged involvement in the 2010 stock market scams after the government formed a committee, led by a former Bangladesh Bank (BB) deputy governor Khandker Ibrahim Khaled, to probe the scams.

According to the probe report, 12 people, including Badal and his wife Shoma Alam Rahman, and two organisations swindled the share market out of Tk 460 crore.

In October last year, the BB removed Badal from the board of directors of IFIC Bank, citing his negligence in duty and

alleging that he funded subversive activities. He started his business by setting up a securities company in the mid-90s.

Contacted, Badal said he didn't understand on what basis the ACC started the investigation against him. "However, the investigation against me will have to be fair and unbiased. I have no property except those I mentioned in my tax file," he added.

The ACC also started investigation against Moon International Printing Press' Proprietor Mizanur Rahman for illegally amassing Tk 270 crore, and against Rupali Bank Managing Director M Farid Uddin and eight organisations for misappropriating about Tk 1,000 crore.

A complainant, Abdur Rouf, alleged that Mizanur embezzled Tk 270 crore from Agrani Bank with the help of the bank's Motijheel principal branch officials.

Farid gave the money as loan to eight organisations--Index Power and Energy Ltd, Turag Agritex Ltd, Gazipur Papers Board Ltd, Shafiq Steel, Mafia Ship Brokers, Nasib Enterprise, Generator House SRS Shim Broker-- at different times showing fake documents and misappropriated the money, according to the bank's documents.

29 leaders of BNP-led alliance face arrest

Mintoo gets bail in arson case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Abdul Awal Mintoo yesterday got bail hours after an arrest warrant was issued against him in an arson case.

Earlier in the day, a Dhaka court issued arrest warrants against 29 leaders and activists of BNP-led 20-party alliance, including Mintoo and ex-chief whip Zainal Abidin Farroque.

The court passed the order at 11:00am as no lawyer appeared to represent Mintoo, later at 3:00pm, Mintoo surrendered before the court seeking bail.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Molla passed the order after accepting charges against BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and 52, including the 29 accused.

The court directed officer-in-charge of Paltan police to submit by July 11 reports on the warrants' execution.

Meantime, Fakhru, Amanullah, Shamsuzzaman Dudu and 21 others are now on bail. Yesterday Fakhru, now on a High Court, got a fresh bail.

BNP leaders Barkatullah Bulu, Sultan Salauddin Tuku, Sarafat Ali Safu and BNP chief's personal assistant Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas are among those who face arrest warrants.

On February 15 this year, Sub-inspector Vivekananda Debnath of Paltan Police Station and also the IO pressed charges against Fakhru and 52 others for setting fire to a cop's motorbike in front of Hotel Bakshi in Fakirerpool on January 5 last year.

At least 95 people were killed and hundreds were injured, mostly in arson attacks on public transports in the first three months of 2015 when BNP-led 20-party alliances enforced an indefinite blockade.

Around 400 cases had been filed against 20-party alliance leaders and activists for last year's violence in the capital, BNP sources said.

WAR CRIMES TRIALS Arrest warrant issued for 2

One of them former Habiganj leader of AL; duo of Narail sadar sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday issued an arrest warrant against two men, including a former Awami League (AL) leader of Habiganj, on taking into cognisance seven charges over "their involvement" in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque also sent to jail another two of Narail sadar upazila whom the tribunal's investigation's agency found to have been involved in two incidents of killings in 1971.

The tribunal fixed June 21 to pass the next order in the case against fugitives Liakat Ali, 61, AL Lakhai upazila unit's former president, and Aminul Islam Alia Rajab Ali, 62, from Kishoreganj's Astogram upazila.

The prosecution pressed the charges on

May 3 and sought their arrest. Investigators completed the probe on December 27, 2015.

The charges are over lootings in Lakhai's Krishnapur and killing of 43 Hindu men there, killing of nine Hindu men in Lakhai's Chandipur, killing of 26 Hindu men in Lakhai's Gadainagar, killing of eight Hindu men in Lakhai's Sadanagar village, killing of one Rangu Mia in Brahmanbaria's Nasirnagar, killing of five men in Astogram's Sabiyangan village, and killing of 10 men in the same village.

Produced by police yesterday following the tribunal's order, Abdul Wahab, 70, and Omar Ali Sheikh, 60, were in jail on being initially arrested in two cases filed under the Special Powers Act-1974.

The war crimes investigation began on March 21 this year and they were shown arrested in this case on May 3.

Ansarullah Bangla Team getting arms

According to police, Shihab supplied one of the two firearms. As his remand period ended yesterday, police will produce him before a court today seeking fresh remand for further interrogation, said Masruque Rahman Khaled, deputy commissioner of DB (South Division) of DMP.

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Prof M Abul Kalam CITY DESK Prof M Abul Kalam, a physician, died from old age complications at his Dhaka residence on Tuesday, aged 92.