8 JAMALPUR WAR CRIMES SUSPECTS

Last prosecution witness' testimony recorded

Noakhali accused dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday recorded the last prosecution witness' testimony in a case comprising five charges of crimes, including murder, abduction and torture, allegedly committed by eight "Jamalpur Al-Badr men" during the 1971 Liberation War. Meanwhile, a war crimes accused from Noakhali died

around 8:30am at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment since April 20 for complications related to old age, Jailer Neasar Alam of Dhaka Central Jail told The Daily Star.

The tribunal adjourned the Jamalpur case proceedings until May 24 when defence counsels will cross-examine Motiur Rahman, also the 25th witness and the case's investigation officer.

He vividly described his investigation process, including visiting crimes spots in Jamalpur, taking witnesses' statement and collecting documents. Evidence of crimes against humanity the five committed surfaced and he submitted the probe report at the office of the chief prosecutor on March 24, 2015, said Motiur. He also exhibited several books and newspaper reports which the prosecution earlier submitted as evidence.

The accused are Ashraf Hossain, 64, Prof Sharif Ahammed, 71, Abdul Mannan, 66, Abdul Bari, 62, Harun, 58, Abul Hashem, 65, Shamsul Haque, 75, and SM Yusuf Ali, 83. Of them, Shamsul and Yusuf are in jail and pleaded not

guilty. The rest are absconding.

Deceased Mohammad Yousuf, 60, was arrested in Laxmipur on October 5, 2015, being one of five persons the tribunal issued an arrest warrant for. The prosecution that day pressed three charges against them.

On May 12, the tribunal adjourned proceedings as Yousuf was too ill to be brought to the trial. Siddiqur Rahman, in-charge of the DMCH police outpost, said there would be an autopsy. With him, eight war crimes accused have died at hospitals.







Clockwise from left, several students of medical technology and pharmacy are being given intravenous saline drip yesterday on the eighth day of their ongoing hunger strike in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, for a 10-point demand including new posts, and establishment of a diploma education board. Meanwhile, desperate patients in need of treatment crowd inside Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical Hostipal the same day as medical technologists and pharmacists continue to observe a two-hour work abstention from 10:00am to 12:00pm in support of the demand. Some patients even had to be taken to private diagnostic centres by worried relatives for tests, like the woman in the picture.

XULHAZ, TONOY MURDER

Ansarullah Bangla Team 'operative' remanded afresh

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Shariful Islam Shihab, a suspected operative of militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team, on a five-day fresh remand in connection with the murder of USAID employee Xulhaz Mannan and his friend Tonoy.

Shihab was produced before the court on completion of his three-day remand in the first phase.

In the yesterday's remand prayer, the IO said they gleaned some important information from the arrestee about the killers who were now absconding.

Shihab, 37, was arrested in Kushtia on Saturday. Police claimed that he supplied one of two firearms left behind by the killers in a bag while fleeing the scene.

On April 25, Xulhaz and Tonoy were hacked to death in the former's flat at the capital's Uttar Dhanmondi.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

alliance rule.

petitions.

corruption cases against him.

GRAFT CASE AGAINST JAMIRUDDIN

over his challenge

A two-judge High Court bench yesterday delivered split

verdicts on five separate petitions filed by former Jatiya

Sangsad speaker Jamiruddin Sircar challenging the five

Anti Corruption Commission filed the cases on

December 28, 2010 for misappropriation of public funds

in the name of treatment abroad, moving furniture from

government houses, and drawing excess gas and electricity

bills and misusing power during the BNP-led four-party

Yesterday Justice Md Rezaul Haque scrapped the pro-

The bench will now send the petitions and the verdict to

the chief justice, who will assign another HC bench for the

final hearing and disposal, said an ACC lawyer.

ceedings, while Justice Md Khasruzzaman rejected the

HC bench splits

Arrested Chinese man linked to int'l ATM fraud syndicate: Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chinese national, arrested at an ATM booth on suspicion of involvement in a card scam on Wednesday was involved in an international syndicate of ATM fraudsters, claimed Rab yesterday.

The arrestee was Zou Jianhui, 38, who came to Bangladesh with two other alleged fraudsters on May 15, on a one-month mission to siphon off cash from ATM machines and managed to withdraw about Tk 5.75 lakh, Rab said.

His two accomplices fled the country, said Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab's legal and media wing

director, at a press briefing yesterday. The trio used counterfeit cards to

yesterday.

withdraw cash, he said, adding, Zou

Jianhui, was caught while taking out money from an ATM booth of Prime Bank Limited in the capital's Kataban around 6:30am.

The booth security guard became suspicious as Zou was using one card after another, he said, adding, he then locked Zou inside and alerted the authorities, he added.

Zou was taken on a one-day remand after police produced him before a Dhaka court seeking a sevenday one.

The trio had visited Bangladesh on several occasions, said commander

The man who rented out an apartment to them told Rab officials that the other two went to the airport on Wednesday and never returned.

Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury

meets Speaker of Russian Federal Assembly Valentina

Matvienko, at Tavricheskiy Palace in Saint Petersburg

Mufti said they came to

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Bangladesh with many cloned ATM cards, which were mostly rejected by the machines.

Jianhui could withdraw Tk 66,000 in five transactions and Rab suspected they were part of an international syndicate, he said.

On mid February a German citizen and three City Bank officials were also arrested for an alleged ATM scam. On February 12, Eastern Bank detected 21 suspicious transactions.

A fraudster with a fake EBL card used an ATM booth of United Commercial Bank Ltd, triggering a security alarm, which subsequently led to the gang's unearthing.

It was not known how much the gang managed to embezzle since the arrestees themselves did not know the amount, police said at the time.

Another RU teacher gets death threat

RU CORRESPONDENT

Another Rajshahi University teacher yesterday received a death threat in an anonymous letter for writing a book on the War of Liberation recently.

The teacher said he found the letter in his personal office room at 10:30am. There is no name or address in the letter but only a word "Lal Barta" written on the envelop, he added. Later, the teacher informed it to the university authorities and filed a general diary with Motihar Police Station.

Proctor Prof Mujibul Haque Azad Khan said police have been given necessary instructions to look into the matter. "We have also asked them to increase the intelligence network on the campus to reduce such type of incident," said the proctor.

Officer-in-Charge Humayun Kabir said they were giving importance to the matter.

Two RU teachers received death threats within 27 days of Prof Rezaul Karim Siddiquee murder. On May 8, another got a death threat over the mobile phone.

3 officials made OSD over KU project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three education ministry officials were withdrawn and punitively made officers on special duty (OSD) yesterday. The measure was taken

after a probe committee found that the trio demanded Tk 10 lakh as "remuneration" from Khulna University authorities for evaluating the university's infrastructure project.

The officials are Swapan Kumar Gosh, joint chief of planning wing, Omar Mohammad Imrul Mohsin, and Nishat Zahan, both deputy chiefs of the wing, were attached to the planning ministry, according to an official order issued yesterday.

The probe found the two incorporated the remuneration component in the project proforma without informing the education secretary.

Humiliation of

FROM PAGE 4

Shyamal Kanti Bhakta, headmaster of Piyar Sattar Latif High School in

Bandar area, was beaten up by a mob and made to do squats holding his ears by local Jatiya Party lawmaker AKM Salim Osman.

Talking to journalists after attending proceedings of a case at High Court, Dr Kamal said there were laws in the country for trying anyone over an offence following an investigation but Shyamal was sentenced without a trial.

FROM PAGE 4

and regional planning FROM PAGE 3 department at Buet, said the precious rainwater was being lost in absence of a rainwater harvesting system.

Rain Forum President Syed Azizul Haq said segregation and reuse of domestic wastewater must be incorporated in the plumbing of any building.

"We have been clamouring for a rainwater harvesting guideline since 2010 but the government is yet to finalise it," he said.

Dhaka must be decentralised because any utility service system is sure to collapse in a neighbourhood with an excessive concentration of population, he said.

Untreated faecal Dev not possible

patriarchal," he said.

media need to work in close collaboration to achieve gender Kaosar Afsana, director of Brac Health, Nutrition and

Population programme, suggested ensuring completion of girls' secondary education since a good share of them drop out. "If that is done, we can successfully achieve the SDGs." Syed Monjurul Islam observed it was crucial to make higher investments for the adolescents who are the future leaders.

In a plenary session yesterday, Kofi Annan, former secretary general of the UN, called upon the men to work for women empowerment. "Men have to move from being not patriarchal to anti-

Neven Mimica, European commissioner for International Cooperation and Development in the Juncker Commission, suggested having gender dimension in the government or NGO programmes. "If it is without women, it is not development," he said.

"We (men) cannot be free unless women are free. Because they are our part," said Ethiopian Foreign Minister Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who was presented Women Deliver Award for Perseverance for his contribution to promoting gender equality in Ethiopia.



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