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3 brothers convicted

One gets death sentence, 2 others jail until death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes tribunal yesterday convicted three brothers from Habiganj of crimes against humanity and handed down death penalty to one of them and jail until death to the others.

"The accused persons being members of local Razakar Bahini took extremely culpable stance against the pro-liberation civilians of the locality," the court said in its verdict.

All the four charges brought against the three -- Muhibur Rahman Boro Mia, Mujibur Rahman Angur Mia and their cousin Abdur Razzak -- were proved, it said.

Muhibur, 65, was awarded death sentence while his younger brother Mujibur, 60, and cousin Razzak, 60, were sentenced to jail until death for their involvement in the killing of a freedom fighter and abduction of another freedom fighter who never returned.

Regarding the execution of Muhibur who shot dead freedom fighter Rajab Ali on November 11, 1971, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque said he could be executed "by hanging or shooting".

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This Bailey bridge imploded due to the weight of two heavily loaded lorries on Bijoy Nagar Matikata Link Road in Rajshahi early yesterday. Two people in the truck that ended up upside down were injured.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

TECHNICAL GLITCH

Airtel network disrupted for 20 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A large number of subscribers of Airtel in Dhaka and 10 other districts faced network disruption for around 20 hours from 8:53pm Tuesday because of a technical glitch at its switches.

The carrier said the network was restored around 6:30pm yesterday and subscribers who did not have signal bars were back online.

In a statement, Airtel said they were deeply sorry for the unintended inconvenience caused to the customers. It sent texts to their customers apologising.

The glitches, however, had no connection with the deadline of biometric SIM registration, said the fourth-largest operator.

Some 1,000 stations of the carrier in Dhaka and some other districts faced the disruption.

Customers in Dhaka, Comilla, Chandpur, Noakhali, Faridpur,

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'BANGLADESHI BAJRANGI' His troubles pile up

He alleges harassment after cases filed by family that 'abducted' Indian boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamal Ibne Musa, dubbed the real-life "Bajrangi Bhaijaan" for his efforts to reunite an Indian boy with his family, is now facing police harassment for that very cause.

He alleged that police searched his village home and that his relatives were abducting to avoid arrest.

"My brother-in-law is caught by police. My only son is on the run while my wife is passing tough time at home," he added.

The family who allegedly trafficked the New Delhi boy,

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Jamal Ibne Musa

MPs can't be at helm without election: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

From now on, no lawmaker can become chairman of the governing body of any private school and college without elections.

MPs cannot even nominate anybody for the post.

The High Court yesterday declared illegal the rules that were allowing them to become chiefs of the committees of the educational institutions.

A lawmaker, however, can become the chairman through election to the governing body, and that too, of maximum four educational institutions, ruled the court while delivering a verdict on two writ petitions.

There are allegations that several ruling

party lawmakers flout government rules to become chairmen of governing bodies of private educational institutions in their constituencies.

They also allegedly nominate their relatives for the post in a bid to appoint teachers of their choice.

There are over 18,500 non-government secondary schools in the country and all of them are being run by their governing bodies.

Yesterday, the HC scrapped the special governing body of the capital's Viharunisa Noon School and College led by Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon.

The court also asked the authorities concerned of the government to create an

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WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING? 40 dead tigers found in temple

REUTERS, Bangkok

Thai wildlife authorities found 40 tiger cub carcasses in a freezer in Thailand's infamous Tiger Temple yesterday as they removed live animals in

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Nothing wrong in Tonu's 1st autopsy report

Claims doctor

UNB, Comilla

Sharmin Sultana, the physician who conducted the first autopsy on the body of Sohagi Jahan Tonu, has claimed that she did not provide any false information in the post-mortem report.

The lecturer of the forensic department at Comilla Medical College Hospital made the claim in reply to legal notices served on her and two other physicians.

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) Executive Director advocate

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A mango grower using fruit bags and pheromone traps to protect his produce from pests. The use of pesticides at mango orchards has dropped in Alinagar of Chapainawabganj and farmers have started using organic methods.

Fruit bagging to ensure chemical-free mangoes

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Fruit bagging is gaining popularity among the mango growers in the district as an effective alternative to chemical pesticides.

A good number of farmers are also using pheromone traps to hang among plants for catching pests.

More farmers are adopting these two eco-friendly methods after successful use of these at different orchards last year, said scientific officers at the Regional Horticulture Research Station in Chapainawabganj.

Bagging prevents pests, especially fruit flies, from damaging mangoes and

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US warns of possible terror attack in Europe

'Targets could include soccer championship in France'

REUTERS, Washington

The United States warned its citizens on Tuesday of possible summer terrorist attacks in Europe, saying targets could include the European soccer championship in France, although a State Department official said there was no specific threat information.

Concern about security in Europe has increased since the Nov 13 attacks in Paris that left 130 people dead as well as the March 22 attacks in which two suicide bombers struck Brussels airport and a third the city's metro, killing 32.

"We are alerting US citizens to the risk of potential terrorist attacks throughout Europe, targeting major events, tourist sites, restaurants, commercial centres and transportation," the US State Department said in a travel alert that extends through Aug 31.

The department routinely issues such warnings for individual countries and, at times, for an entire continent even when it does not have specific threat information about particular targets.

The last US warning for Europe was issued on March 22 following the Brussels attacks and was due to expire in late June. State Department spokesman John Kirby said the new warning

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