

**BARAPUKURIA CASE**  
**Court orders**  
**Khaleda to**  
**appear July 24**  
 COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 10 others to appear before it on July 24 in connection with the Barapukuria coalmine corruption case.

Judge Hosneara Begum of Special Judge Court-2 passed the order after a public prosecutor submitted a petition to run the trial proceedings.

The High Court on May 25 released its full judgement, directing the trial court to proceed with the corruption case. On that day, the court also vacated its 2008 stay order on the case proceedings.

On September 17 last year, the HC bench of Justice Md Nuruzzaman and Justice Abdur Rob rejected a writ petition filed by the BNP chief in 2008 challenging the legality of trial proceedings in the case filed by Anti Corruption Commission earlier that year.

The ACC accuses the former premier and 15 others of causing a loss of Tk 159 crores to the state exchequer by awarding a contract for operation of Barapukuria coalmine to a Chinese company between June 2003 and June 2005, abusing power.

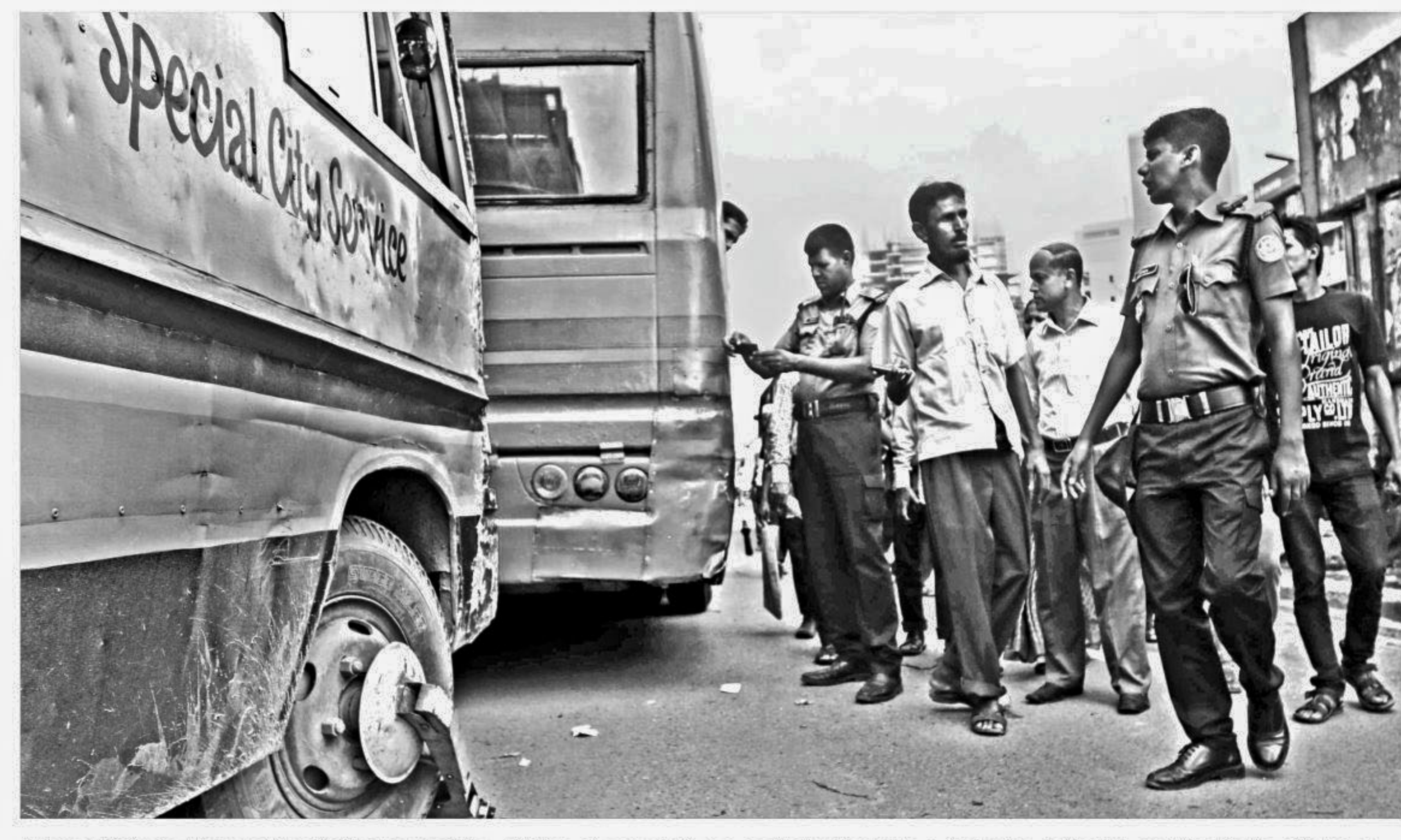
On October 5 of 2008, the ACC pressed charges against Khaleda and 14 others in the case.

The accused former ministers of BNP are M Saifur Rahman, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, M Shamsul Islam, MK Anwar, Barrister Aminul Haque, Altaf Hossain Choudhury, and AKM Mosharraf Hossain.

Former Jamaat ministers Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Motiur Rahman Nizami were also accused.

The other five accused are former acting secretary to the energy and mineral resources ministry Nazrul Islam, former Petrobangla chairman SR Osmani, former Petrobangla director Mainul Ahsan, former managing director of Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL) Sirajul Islam, and Hosaf Group Chairman Moazzem Hossain.

Of the accused, Mannan, Saifur died earlier and Nizami and Mojahid were earlier executed and Sirajul is on the run.



**A team of Dhaka Metropolitan Police hooked the vehicles of errant drivers and later fined them for indiscriminately parking their vehicles on the roads as part of its drive to lessen traffic congestion in the city.**

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**Govt working for**  
**cyber security with**  
**big three: Tarana**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim told parliament yesterday that alongside Google and Facebook, the government has also started working with Microsoft to ensure cyber security and prevent child pornography.

She said the government has taken various initiatives to prevent spread of propaganda, defamatory, dirty, abusive, harmful and anti-state speeches and contents through the internet.

Independent lawmaker Rustam Ali Farazi asked whether the government had an agreement with Google over sharing information.

Tarana, in a scripted answer, said, "We have not inked an agreement...but we have had elaborate discussions with Facebook, Google and Microsoft regarding sharing of information related to any unprecedented incident."

On abusive language, she said a newly formed Bangladesh Computer Security Incident Response Team would reduce it.

Furthermore, the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre is also stopping comments against the state and religions with the help of an international internet gateway (IIG), she said.

Tarana also mentioned that an internet safety solution system was being acquired to reduce cyber crimes and ensure surveillance.

On whether those distorting information were being punished, she said, "Under the ICT act, there are certain rules..."

As per Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's instruction, harmful websites or pages are blocked through the deep packet inspection, set up in the IIG, she said.

The Facebook authorities have already appointed Bangla translators, promised to reply to complaints within 48 hours and for the first time responded to 21 out of 58 requests lodged by the government, she said.

The site provided some data centring 16.67 percent of government requests between July and December 2015 and blocked four contents as per the government's request.

Replying to another query, she said fingerprints were taken during the SIM re-registration under biometric method just for the online verification of the information stored in the national identity server.

"The fingerprints are not being stored. No save option has been kept in the application of biometric device that takes fingerprints either," she responded to a lawmakers' query.

**WAR CRIME TRIALS**

**Kishoreganj's Hussain ordered**  
**rape of two women**  
*Victims testify at tribunal*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two women yesterday testified before International Crimes Tribunal-1 that they were raped by local Razakars during the 1971 Liberation War and their husbands, fathers and fathers-in-law killed, both at the local Razakar commander Syed Mohammad Hussain's orders.

The preceding first and second prosecution witnesses, Badal Chandra Barman and Badal Chandra Sutradhar, of the Kishoreganj war crimes case had linked Hussain to the crimes.

Facing six charges, Hussain is on the run while Muhammad Moslem Pradhan in jail, pleading not guilty.

Then 23 years old, one of the female

victims from Dampara village under Nikli upazila said Hussain was among those who forced the village's Hindus to convert to Islam early in the Bangla month of Bhadra.

On Ashwin 6, one Sanai Razakar arrived at their door with other Razakars, telling male converts to go to one Banabasi Sutradhar's home to get their identity cards from Hussain.

The Razakars took away her husband, father and father-in-law to Banabasi's house and Sanai returned with other Razakars around noon, when only she and her mother were at home, and raped her, she said.

Razakars also raped several other neighbouring women, she added.

The next day, three villagers -- the

first two witnesses and one Gopal Sutradhar -- arranged a doctor for their treatment and told her that the three men of her family had been shot dead at Nikli Cremation Grounds, she said.

She said the incidents took place following Hussain's orders. "I want justice," she added.

The other victim, then around 20 years old and from the same village, gave a similar description of how her family's males were taken away before they were killed and she was raped.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque adjourned proceedings until July 17 after a defence counsel completed cross-examining them.

**Court okays 7**  
**charges against**  
**6 Netrakona**  
**'Razakars'**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday took into cognisance seven charges prosecutors pressed on May 22 against six Netrakona men, allegedly involved with Razakar Bahini, over crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque also directed the inspector general of police to submit a report in compliance with its arrest warrant against five of them and fixed June 28 to pass the next order.

All from Purbadhala upazila, Abdur Rahman, 70, is in jail while Sheikh Abdul Majid alias Majid Maulana, 66, Abdul Khaleque Talukder, 67, Kabir Khan, 70, Salam Begh, 68, and Nuruddin alias Raddin, 70, are on the run.

The charges include the killing of three Hindu men including prominent

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**Police still not sure**

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 across the country against militants and other criminals on Friday in the wake of recent spate of targeted killings, including the murder of Mitu.

At the meeting, the IGP criticised National Human Rights Commission Chairman Mizanur Rahman for giving statement in media fearing arrest trade of police during the ongoing drives against militants.

Shahidul Hoque urged people to provide information

about the persons involved in any militant activities or who are conducting suspicious activities in the port city. He said police want to fight militancy with the help of people.

**IO CHANGED**  
 The investigation officer (IO) of the Mitu murder case has been changed following an order from Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner Iqbal Bahar last night. Kamruzzaman, an assistant commissioner of Detective Branch (DB), has been made IO in place of DB Inspector Rakibuddin.

**FIVE COMMITTEES FORMED**  
 The CMP yesterday formed five committees to support the investigation process of the case.

The committees will lead operation, interrogation of suspects, examination of the case dockets, collection and analysis of video footages and intelligence reports, Parithosh Ghosh, deputy commissioner (north) of CMP, told The Daily Star.

Nazmul Alam, DB's additional deputy commissioner (north), will lead the operation while DB's ADC Humayun Kabir will lead the committee formed to help support the interrogation.

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