

KILLING OF RP SHAHA ICT fixes June 29 for submission of probe report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit investigation report, if have any, on June 29, in a case filed over the abduction and killing of philanthropist Ranada Prasad Shaha and his son Bhabani Prasad Shaha during the 1971 Liberation War.

Accused Mahabubur Rahman, 69, of Boiratiapara village under Mirzaganj upazila of Tangail was shown arrested in the case on September 6 last year and is now in jail.



Participants at a roundtable on handover of land to the indigenous people in plain land, organised by rights organisation BLAST in association with Nagorik Udyog, and Association for Land Reform and Development in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Implement law to save plain land indigenous people's land

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday underscored the need for proper implementation of law to save the land of indigenous people living in plain lands.

They made the observation at the roundtable titled "Handover of land to plain land indigenous people: Implementation of section 97 of the State Acquisition and Tenancy Act, 1950" in the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

Rights organisation BLAST in association with Nagorik Uddyog and the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) organised the event. The organisers disseminated results of a survey, which finds some limitations of the use of the law.

Justice Md Ruhul Kuddus of the High Court division said it is possible to win the "battle" with proper implementation of the law.

Speaking at the event, rights activist Sultana Kamal said indigenous people are being evicted from their land by various means. "Those who are involved in running the state have to be responsible for this if they do not prevent it."

It is impossible for indigenous people to reclaim their lands from the grabbers who are well-connected to power and politics, she added.

Lawmaker Hajera Sultana, indigenous community leaders Sanjeeb Drong and Rabindranath Soren, ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, Supreme Court lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua, Dhaka University Professor Shapan Adnan, and Nagorik Uddyog's Zakir Hossain also spoke.

Govt to move int'l court to try Pakistani POWs

Law minister tells seminar on genocide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will petition the International Criminal Court to direct Pakistan to hand over the "195 prisoners of war" (POWs) to Bangladesh to face trial for their alleged war crimes committed during the Liberation War of 1971, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

"As the minister of law I will put forward this case before the cabinet and we will pursue to bring those criminals back," he told a seminar. "Yes, some have died but some are still alive. We should make a very strong claim for them."

The minister was addressing the concluding session of the seminar on "25 March-Genocide Day", jointly organised by the foreign ministry and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) at latter's auditorium in the capital.

After independence, Bangladesh collected specific evidence of genocide and war crimes against 195 Pakistani military personnel, who were in Indian custody as POWs.

On December 16, 1971, the armed forces of Pakistan surrendered to the joint command of the Bangladesh and Indian forces in Dhaka, but there were specific charges of serious war crimes against the 195.

After a long-drawn stressful negotiation over the POWs, a tripartite agreement was signed in Delhi in April 1974, in which Bangladesh said,

"having regard to the appeal of the prime minister of Pakistan to the people of Bangladesh to forgive and forget the mistakes of the past", Bangladesh decided not to proceed with the trials as an act of clemency.

However, legal experts say there is no legal bar to trying the "195 Pakistanis" and there has also been a long-standing demand to try them at the International Crimes Tribunal, which is now trying their local collaborators.

Anisul yesterday said after the trial of local collaborators, agreement. Since there has been a breach, we can now try the 195 Pakistani officers," Anisul said.

Talking about gaining international recognition of the 1971 genocide, Prof Payam Akhavan, member of the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration, said Bangladesh might address the issue by bringing a resolution either at the UN general assembly or UN Human Rights Council.

"Both of those options will face political problems because we can be sure the government of Pakistan that



Speakers at the seminar. PHOTO: STAR

the investigation team of the tribunal "has also investigated the complicity or the commitment of the crimes of 195 soldiers and officers of the Pakistan army." Referring to the tripartite agreement signed by Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, he said, "Many people said by that we agreed not to try them. I would like to disagree."

"Pakistan has not lived up to its commitment. So there has been a breach of the agreement, and we should not stick to that

carries considerable influence within the UN system will oppose any such resolution," he added.

Even Bangladesh may face problem in ensuring a majority vote in the UN general assembly, said Prof Akhavan of McGill University in Montreal while speaking through Skype from Canada. So the best option is to go to the International Court of Justice to bring the POWs back, he said.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 46th death anniversary of Shaheed Lt Col NAM Jahangir.

During the 1971 Liberation War, the Pakistani Army killed him along with fellow officers and soldiers on this day. He was the commanding officer of the then "40 Field Ambulance" stationed in Comilla cantonment.

Various programmes have been chalked out including special prayers at his last workplace and his ancestral home in Rajbari's Pangsha.



Bangladesh USA's most important regional partner

Says Undersecretary Shannon

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Ambassador Thomas A Shannon has praised Bangladesh as a global example of a tolerant, pluralistic, and moderate nation and said Bangladesh matters to the Trump administration.

"To Trump administration, Bangladesh matters, our friendship matters, and our partnership matters," he said speaking as guest of honour at the Independence Day reception at Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC on Tuesday.

Ambassador Shannon, who visited Dhaka in 2015, said he was impressed by idealism, optimism, and resolution of the people of Bangladesh.

"Bangladesh is our most important regional partner," he told the reception attended by US Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Ambassador William E Todd, former US ambassadors to Bangladesh, important officials from the Department of State, Justice, Commerce, Homeland and other departments of the US government.

Ambassador Shannon said although a relatively young nation Bangladesh had made tremendous progress.

Referring to Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971, he said the people of Bangladesh fought and died for liberty which would inspire future generation to continue their struggle for liberty, democracy and tolerance.

Offering his condolence for the killing of six people in recent terrorist act in Sylhet city, Ambassador Shannon said the tragic event underscored the need for continued partnership in the fight against terrorism. He said Bangladesh and the United States would confront the challenges together with courage, resolve and strength.

DETAINING BREAST-FEEDING MOTHERS HC asks IGP to withdraw OC, SI of Madaripur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the inspector general of police to withdraw Madaripur Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Ziaul Morshed and Sub-inspector Md Mahtab Hossain for detaining two breast-feeding mothers and keeping them away from their children for 13 hours.

The court also ordered the police chief to get the incident investigated and submit a probe report to it by May 8.

Yesterday, Ziaul and Mahtab appeared before the HC bench as per its March 21 order and apologised unconditionally for the incident, but the court rejected their apology. Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Biswas told The Daily Star.

Following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Rana Kawser, the HC bench on March 21 directed the duo to appear before it yesterday to explain their conduct.

Citing from reports of newspapers, Rana told reporters that SI Mahtab went to Lakkhiganj of Madaripur on March 12 to conduct an inquiry into a land-related case.

Over a trifling matter during investigation, Mahtab locked into an altercation with Ponir Hossain, son of Khalek Bepari, and ransacked his house.

Police then forcibly took wives of Ponir and his elder brother to the police station leaving their kids -- one three months' old and another 18 months' old -- behind. After 13 hours of detention, police released them.

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The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever. The Tender Committee is not bound to award the work to the lowest bidder. The tender committee also reserves the right to negotiate with any of the bidder and award the work order to that firm.

AKM Altaf Hussain
VP & Divisional Head

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Ref No: BCB/Commercial/DPDCL/2017/185

Date: 30th March 2017

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DELAYING RELOCATION HC rejects tannery owners' petition

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The High Court yesterday rejected a petition filed by the tannery owners seeking its permission to operate their factories at Hazaribagh in Dhaka till Eid-ul-Azha.

The apex court has not interfered in the March 6 order of this court and therefore, there is no scope for modifying the same order, it observed.

The Tannery Owners Association and Bangladesh Finished Leather, Leather Goods and Footwear Exporters Association jointly filed the petition with the HC on March 23 claiming that the process of gas and electricity connections to the Tannery Industrial Estate in Savar, was incomplete.

Following another petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), the same HC bench on March 6 directed the director general of the department of

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28 DRUG COMPANIES

HC verdict on production Apr 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed April 2 for delivering a verdict on a writ petition that challenged the legality of production and marketing of the drugs by 28 companies.

Following the petition, the HC on February 27 directed the government to stop in 72 hours production and marketing of antibiotics of penicillin and cephalosporin groups, hormones and anti-cancer drugs by 28 companies as those were found substandard and injurious to public health.

It also asked the authorities to explain why their inaction to stop the production and marketing of those drugs should not be declared illegal.

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Notice is given to the public on behalf of our client, Runner Properties Ltd that a registered deed executed on 09.03.2017 between Vice Chairman, Md. Mozammel Hossain of our client and Begum Sofia Kader and others for constructing a multi storied residential building in the scheduled property described hereunder through and to accomplish the covenants of the said agreement Runner Properties Limited has been appointed as lawful attorney vide a deed of irrevocable power of attorney. Therefore, any person(s) having any claim or interest in respect of the scheduled property described hereunder or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make same known to the undersigned at his chamber within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days of the publication hereof, failing which the claim or claims if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/abandoned.

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For and on behalf of **Runner Properties Ltd**
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