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3 get death for killing 4 kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday sentenced three people to death in a case filed over the killing of four schoolboys in Bahubal upazila of Habiganj in February last year.

Judge Makbul Ahsan of the Sylhet Speedy Trial Tribunal also handed down seven years' imprisonment to two others in the case, Public Prosecutor Kishore Kumar Kar said.

The death-row convicts -- Rubel Mia, Habibur Rahman Arju and Ustar Mia -- were also fined Tk 10,000 each while other convicts -- Jewel Miah and Shahed Ahmed Bashir -- were fined Tk 5,000 each.

The prime accused, Bachchu Mia was killed in a "gunfight" with the Rapid Action Battalion on February 25 last year.

The three other accused in the case -- Jewel and Rubel's father Abdul Ali and fugitives Babul Mia and Billal -- were acquitted as the court found them not guilty.

PP Kishore Kumar said the prosecution had successfully proved that all the accused were directly involved in the murder and so all of them should have been sentenced to death.

"We are disappointed with the verdict."

Shofiul Alam, lawyer of the accused, said the verdict was against the law, as according to the witnesses' statements the

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Customers and sellers around boats in Mirzapur of Chatmohar upazila in Pabna. The boat trade picks up during the monsoon when the people of Chalan Beel wetland have no other means of transport. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Good days for Chalan Beel boat makers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPIC with ANDREW EAGLE

When monsoon rains rejuvenate the Chalan Beel wetland that covers parts of Pabna, Sirajganj and Natore districts each year, boats become the most convenient and, at times of flooding, the only practical transport. It's good news for the area's seasonal and year-round boat builders. While the rains last boats are in peak demand.

"I usually make furniture," says Sagor Hossain from Mirzapur in Pabna's Chatmohar upazila. "From furniture I can make up to Tk 450 per day but during the monsoon months I switch to building boats since I can earn handsomely. My

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Armed guards for tomatoes in India!

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The price of tomatoes has risen so much in India that armed guards have been deployed to protect shipments of them in one state.

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PROPOSED RUSSIA SANCTIONS

EU warns US of swift retaliation

AFP, Brussels

The EU yesterday warned of swift retaliation after the US House of Representatives voted to impose tougher sanctions on Russia in a move Brussels says could punish energy firms and divide the West.

The Kremlin responded coolly to the sanctions vote, saying that President Vladimir Putin would wait for the approval

by the US Senate, the final step necessary before the law goes for signature by US President Donald Trump.

The sanctions were approved in a landslide on Tuesday by the US lower house despite the initial opposition of Trump who came to office on a pledge to mend ties with the Kremlin.

In an unusual twist, the strongest reaction came from the European Union, where

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'Cocaine dealer' treated as VIP

Deputy director, 3 other CMCH doctors made OSD for 'assigning him special cabin'

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

The deputy director of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) and three other doctors were made officers on special duty (OSD) allegedly for arranging a VIP cabin to treat an accused in a cocaine-haul case.

The doctors are Diderul Islam, deputy director of CMCH, outdoor medical officers Enamul Hasan and Rajibul Islam and Registrar of Neuro

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