

5 MOULVIBAZAR WAR CRIMES ACCUSED

Trial drawing to a close

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday completed recording the prosecution's closing arguments in a case filed against five Moulvibazar men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon placed his submission citing the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses and other documents while defence counsel Abdus Sobhan Tarafder also placed his arguments citing "discrepancies" of their testimonies.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam adjourned the case proceedings until today when defence will place further arguments.

The accused are Yunus Ahmed, 71, Ujer Ahmed Chowdhury, 63, Samsul Hossain Tarafder, 65, Nesar Ali, 75, and Mobarak

Mia, 66. Of them, Yunus and Ujer are now in jail while the rest are on the run.

The prosecution pressed five charges against them on May 26 last year and the tribunal framed charges on December 8 the same year.

Meanwhile, the tribunal fixed December 14 for deciding whether it would take charges into cognisance brought against seven Khulna men in a case filed for allegedly committing wartime crimes.

The prosecution on November 16 pressed four charges against the seven. The charges include killing, abduction, looting, arson and deportation.

The accused are Shahar Ali, Amzad Hossain Hawlader, Mozahar Ali Sheikh, Atiar Sheikh, Motasim Billah, and Kamal Uddin Goldar. Nazrul Islam, another accused in the case, is yet to be arrested. All the accused are from Batiaghata upazila in Khulna.

Justice has to be served

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On November 10, hundreds of zealots attacked Thakurbari village in Rangpur protesting a Facebook post "demeaning Islam" which the attackers claimed was posted from Titu's account. They torched 11 Hindu houses, vandalised many others.

A man was killed and about 20 others were injured after police fired rubber bullets and teargas to bring the situation under control.

Following the incident, police filed two cases accusing 2,000 people, and arrested Titu on November 14. Then, he was remanded twice.

At the conference, International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Justice Nizamul Huq Nasim said, "Police arrested some of the

attackers, but they did not feel the necessity to remand the culprits. Instead, they sought to place the victim [Titu] on remand."

Sending Titu to remand in such a case was not appropriate, he added.

Eminent historian Prof Muntasir Mamun said such attacks were not supposed to take place during the rule of Sheikh Hasina, but it was happening as the attackers were getting support from a faction of the government.

"Does it mean that the government has failed to resist the power of the extremists?" he asked.

Former justice Shamsul Huda and Nirmul Committee Vice President Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Investigation 'too slow'

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Rashedul Alam Jishan, Abu Torab Porash, Mansur Alam, Mizanur Rahman, Ariful Haque Opu and Abdul Malek.

On November 23, 2016, based on the report of the first post mortem conducted on the body at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, police purported Diaz's death as suicide by hanging.

The family members and fellow leaders however rejected the report saying that Diaz was murdered by an opponent BCL faction over tender manipulation.

Despite the allegations, Hathazari police filed an unnatural death case in this connection.

On November 24 in 2016, Diaz's

mother Jaheda Amin Chowdhury, a CU employee, rejected the post mortem report and lodged a complaint with a court in Chittagong, accusing ten persons for her son's murder.

Following her plea, the court ordered Chittagong CID to investigate the complaint.

The family's speculation was proven right when in a second autopsy, performed on December 11 at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, it was found that Diaz was strangled to death.

This year, on August 7, when Assistant Superintendent of Police Humayun Kabir Sarkar of CID, also former investigation officer of the case, submitted the autopsy report before a court, he was asked by the court to take

necessary steps so the accused cannot leave the country.

However, on September 13, Anwar Hossain, sub-inspector of Hathazari Police Station, submitted the final report in the case, saying that Diaz had committed suicide.

Later, on October 23 a court ordered Hathazari police to treat the complaint filed by Diaz mother as the FIR of the case.

Contacted, ASP Humayun of CID said, "Now the CID has nothing to do [with the case] as the case is being investigated by Hathazari Police Station."

Speaking on the phone, Belal Md Jahangir -- OC of the police station and also the IO of the case -- said, "We just received the case and investigation is still underway."



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A group of people gather in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding justice for the victims of the devastating fire in Ashulia's Tazreen Fashions garment factory on November 23, 2012, which killed at least 122 workers and left many more injured. However, the trial is yet to be finished.

PHOTO: STAR

Rangpur attack won't affect city polls: CEC
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday said the attack on Hindu community in Harkali Thakurpara village of Rangpur will not sway the upcoming Rangpur City Corporation election.

"All sorts of steps will be taken to hold a free, fair and acceptable election. There is nothing to worry about the atmosphere," he told journalists after holding a meeting with law enforcers at the Election Commission office in Dhaka.

Huda assured that all the candidates will get equal opportunities and voters can cast their ballots without fear.

Asked about deployment of army during the polls, the CEC said the issue was not discussed at the meeting as none proposed for it.

Huda said more than 3,500 law enforcers including police, Rab, APBn and Ansar will be deployed in the district during the polls scheduled to be held on December 21.

On November 10, protesting a Facebook post, hundreds of zealots attacked Thakurbari village in Rangpur.

They torched 11 Hindu houses, vandalised many others and looted valuable.

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NEWS IN brief

Freedom fighter Mahbubul Haque remembered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family members and friends yesterday recalled the memories of freedom fighter AFM Mahbubul Haque, also a former leader of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD).

They were speaking at a memorial meeting at Jatiya Press Club, organised by ex-leaders of JSD. Speaking on the occasion, Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury praised the role of Mahbubul in nation-building. He also condemned the rising incidents of disappearance and rape of women and children.

Information Minister and JSD President Hasanul Huq Inu said Mahbubul was a leader of national stature. The freedom fighter died on November 10.

15,149 Bangladeshis in foreign jails

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday told parliament that a total of 15,149 Bangladeshis are now staying in jails of different countries.

Of the total, the highest number, 10,885 Bangladeshis, are in the prisons of Saudi Arabia. In addition, there are 977 prisoners in the UAE, 810 in Malaysia, 661 in Oman, 384 in Kuwait, 309 in Qatar, 257 in Greece, 239 in Libya, 134 in Italy, 124 in the Maldives, 115 in Iraq, 79 in Hong Kong, 84 in Singapore, 59 in Jordan, 27 in South Korea, 23 in Japan, seven in Mauritius and one in Thailand.

8 passport brokers held in Ctg

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The Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police detained eight passport brokers with 170 passports in Panchlaish area yesterday.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (West-DB) AMM Humayun Kabir said the detainees admitted that they took money, ranging from Tk 5,000 to 7,000, from passport seekers, promising them to provide with passports easily. Legal measures will be taken against them.

Death anniversary

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The 23rd death anniversary of ATM Walie Ashraf, a freedom fighter and former lawmaker from Brahmanbaria-6 constituency, was held yesterday.

On the occasion, a mild and doa mahfil was held at his Mayakan residence in the capital's Kamalapur area, said a press release.

A political leader and social worker, Walie Ashraf was also a journalist working for the BBC and the founder editor of the "Janomot", a Bangla weekly published from the UK. All are requested to pray for his salvation.

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