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ZIA ORPHANAGE TRUST GRAFT CASE

# Khaleda gets 4 months' bail

Still waits for release as she is shown arrested in another case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday secured four months' bail in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case that saw her sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

But she could not walk out of jail as she was shown arrested in a case for instigating an arson attack on a bus on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Comilla's Chaudagram that left seven passengers dead and 25 to 30 others injured on February 3, 2015.

The High Court bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim passed the bail order in response to a petition filed by Khaleda.

In Comilla, Senior Judicial Magistrate Mustain Billah granted permission to show the BNP chief arrested in the arson case after police submitted a petition in this regard yesterday.

The court also asked Khaleda to appear before it on March 28, Comilla Superintendent of Police Md Shah Abid Hossain told The Daily Star.

Contacted, advocate Zainul Abedin, one of the counsels for the BNP chief, said Khaleda could not walk out of prison following the Comilla court's order.

"We will now move a petition before the High Court for her [Khaleda] bail in the arson attack case," he said.

Replying to a question, advocate Zainul also said if the government moves any appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the HC order on Khaleda's bail, her counsels will place arguments against it.

On February 8, the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka



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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina being received by her Singapore counterpart Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana, the office of the president of the Southeast Asian country, yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

ROHINGYA CRISIS

# Hasina seeks Singapore's assistance

AGENCIES, SINGAPORE

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged Singapore to request Myanmar to resolve the Rohingya crisis quickly as it is a big problem and burden on Bangladesh.

She made the call during her meetings with Singapore President Halimah Yacob and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana, the office of the president of Singapore.

Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque briefed reporters after the meetings, reports UNB.

As Singapore and Myanmar are the chair and member of the Asean respectively, the country can make the Myanmar government understand that the region's stability and development depend on the repatriation of Rohingyas, Hasina told the Singaporean leaders.

Mentioning that Bangladesh has already signed an agreement with Myanmar on the repatriation of Rohingyas, the PM said the implementation of the agreement was being delayed for many reasons.

"The prime minister told Singapore to request Myanmar in this regard and the Singaporean side responded very sympathetically," Shahidul said.

Hasina said Bangladesh continues to shelter more than one million Rohingyas. Of them, some seven lakh have recently taken shelter in Bangladesh fleeing persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

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# Chhatra Dal leader dies in police custody

Family alleges torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hours before his death in jail yesterday morning, Chhatra Dal leader Jakir Hossain Milon allegedly told his uncle that he might not survive.

"I am not feeling well. Please pray for me. Maybe I will not survive," BM Waliullah, the uncle, quoted him as saying.

"He said this after I asked him whether he was being tortured in custody," Waliullah added.

Jakir, 38, a vice-president of Dhaka city (north) unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, was declared dead yesterday morning after prison guards rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Mahbubur Rahman, jailer of Keraniganj jail, said Jakir had a heart attack before he was taken to the hospital.

Waliullah said he talked to Jakir when the latter was being taken to prison from a court on Sunday evening.

Talking to reporters at DMC morgue yesterday Waliullah said he had followed the prison van carrying Jakir on foot.

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Jakir Hossain

# Myanmar militarising Rohingya villages

Says Amnesty International

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar is militarising Rakhine State at an alarming pace as it is building security force bases and bulldozing Rohingya villages, making the voluntary, safe and dignified return of Rohingya refugees an even more distant prospect, Amnesty International said yesterday.

The atrocities by the Myanmar security forces drove out some 700,000 Rohingyas to Bangladesh since August 25 last year. During the operations, Rohingya villages were burnt to the ground, while thousands were allegedly killed and women raped.

The UN has denounced Myanmar's "brutal security operation" against Rohingyas in Rakhine State as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing."

Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Myanmar have signed a deal on Rohingya repatriation, though it has not begun yet.

Against this backdrop, Amnesty International in its new briefing "Re-making Rakhine State" yesterday said eyewitnesses and satellite imagery found how flattening of Rohingya villages and new construction have intensified since January in areas where hundreds of thousands fled the military's campaign of ethnic cleansing.

New roads and structures are being built over burned Rohingya villages and land.

"What we are seeing in Rakhine State is a land grab by the military on a dramatic scale. New bases are being erected to house the very same security forces that have committed crimes against humanity against Rohingyas," said Tirana Hassan, Amnesty International's crisis response director.

"This makes the voluntary, safe and dignified return of Rohingyas refugees an even more distant prospect. Not only are their homes gone, but the new construction is entrenching the already dehumanising discrimination they have faced in Myanmar."

The global rights watchdog said although the violence in Rakhine State has subsided, the campaign to drive Rohingyas out of their homeland -- and

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# India breeze past Sri Lanka

MAZHAR UDDIN from Colombo

Despite three early hiccups, India won their second game of the T20I Nidahas Trophy by six wickets as they rushed past Sri Lanka's modest 152 for nine to win by six wickets at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo last night.

The match was shortened to a 19-over side affair after the match lost 95 minutes to a rain-delayed start.

Manish Pandey remained not out on a 31-ball 42 while Dinesh Karthik was unbeaten on 39 off 25 balls. Their

unbroken 68-run fifth-wicket stand helped avenge the five-wicket defeat to the hosts in the tri-series opener on March 6.

After India chose to

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# Drones help clear up UK beaches

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Scientists are recruiting members of the public to help clean up the shores of Great Britain.

Plastic waste is scattered across the beaches of the UK and a computer programme is being developed to help spot the litter.

The charity campaign needs human volunteers to help train an artificial intelligence algorithm that will automatically spot plastic in pictures taken by drones.

Plastic Tide, the charity behind the project, hopes to harness cutting edge drone and algorithm technology to create an open source map of the plastic pollution problem.

Peter Kohler, founder and director of The Plastic Tide, said: "Marine creatures die each year through starvation due to eating plastic that stays in their stomach, making them feel full."

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**MARCH 13, 1971**

# Military regime issues threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the situation in the then East Pakistan worsened by the day, the martial law authorities on March 13 ordered all employed civilians to rejoin their duties at the military establishments.

The order specified that failure to do so would result

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**PRAYER TIMING MARCH 13**  
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AZAN	5-05	12-45	4-30	6-12	7-30
JAMAAT	5-40	1-15	4-45	6-15	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A grief-stricken Sultana Razia waits outside the Dhaka Medical College morgue for the body of her elder brother -- Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Jakir Hossain Milon -- yesterday. Milon's family alleged that he had been tortured in custody of the Detective Branch of Police. The detectives, however, refuted the allegation.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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