

1971 WAR CRIMES Charges filed against three Habiganj men

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Prosecution at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 (ICT-1) yesterday pressed charges against three Habiganj men for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

A three-member panel of the ICT-1 led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam set June 4 to hold hearing whether it will take cognisance of the charges.

The accused – Abul Khayer Golap Miah, 66, former chairman of Gojanapur union; and Jamal Uddin, 65, and Gias Uddin, 70 – are from Nabiganj upazila.

They were alleged members of Razakar Bahini.

Golap was arrested on April 12, 2017, and Jamal on November 23 the same year. Gias is still at large.

According to the prosecution, the three were accused of killing 17 people, raping six women, torching 25 houses, and abducting and torturing 30 people.



Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed hands over the “Ratnagarva Ma Awards 2017” to a winning mother during a ceremony at Samson H Chowdhury Centre, Dhaka Club, yesterday.

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Coast Guard destroys 10 lakh yaba pills 20,000 pieces seized in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Coast Guard yesterday destroyed over 10.05 lakh yaba pills and some liquor recovered last year by the force's east zone in Chittagong and different stations and outposts under the zone.

The seized drugs and beverages, including 1,549 cans of beer, 196 bottles and 39.2 litres of liquor, were destroyed at the Coast Guard base in Chittagong after disposal of related cases, says a press release.

Home Ministry's Public Security Division Secretary Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Coast Guard Director General Rear Admiral AMMM Aurangzeb Chowdhury and its East Zone zonal commander Capt M Wasim Maksud and top officials of Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) in Chittagong and other agencies were present.

Meanwhile, highway police yesterday arrested two drug traders with 20,000 yaba tablets and seized a private car which carried them in the Chakoria upazila of Cox's Bazar.

The detainees are Abul Kalam, 25, and Abdul Karim, 24, of Teknaf upazila.

Inspector Md Alamgir Hossain, in-charge of Malumghat Highway Police Outpost, said acting on a tip-off, a patrol team stopped the Chittagong-bound car and found the Yaba pills. Police filed a case with Chakoria Police Station against the two arrestees.

Tribute to mothers 50 women receive 'Ratnagarva Ma Awards'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even if she had wanted to, Halima Hossain could not continue her studies. Growing up in the '60s in Shayestabad under Barisal Sadar upazila, there was no secondary school in her neighbourhood.

But she was determined to make sure that her children would be able to pursue higher education.

The 68-year-old mother's dedication has paid off as all of her children – six daughters and two sons – are well established in the society. All her daughters are involved in teaching profession.

Her eldest child, a daughter, is an MPhil fellow at Dhaka University. One of her sons is a PhD fellow at DU and a teacher of Barisal University while the other is a physician and presently doing his master's thesis at Dhaka Medical College.

Yesterday, Halima got “Ratnagarva

Ma Awards-2017”, an award given to mothers whose children have become successful in their respective fields.

Fifty mothers, including Halima, were given the award at a ceremony organised by Azad Products (Pvt) Ltd at Dhaka Club.

Among the honorees, 25 mothers were awarded under “general category” and 25 under “special category”. Marking Mother's Day, Azad Products has been organising the ceremony since 2003.

Meanwhile, veteran singer and researcher Mustafa Zaman Abbasi was accorded “My Dad Wonderful” award at the ceremony.

Speaking as the chief guest, Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said children shine in their lives because of the dedication and hard work of their mothers.

At the event, Deputy Minister for

Environment and Forests Abdullah Al Islam Jacob also shared his mother's contribution to his life. “She not only raised me and my three siblings successfully, but also helped many women become solvent in Bhola,” he said.

His mother, Begum Rahima Islam, was awarded “Ratnagarva Ma”.

Md Abul Kalam Azad, managing director of Azad Products, said mothers are the ones who should be credited for their children's success.

Rubana Huq, managing director of Mohammadi Group, stressed the need for emergence of more women entrepreneurs and professionals.

Khairul Majid Mahmud, former president of Dhaka Club; MM Imrul Kayes, prime minister's assistant press secretary, whose mother Suraiya Begum was awarded at the event; and Faruk, a veteran actor; among others, spoke as guests.

BLOCKADE ON DHAKA-MYMENSINGH HIGHWAY

Transport workers start after students call off theirs

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In a twist of events, transport workers yesterday blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway protesting an act of vandalism by students of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) -- just half an hour after the students withdrew the similar programme protesting an attack on their fellows by locals in Sadar upazila of the district.

The blockade started around 7:00pm soon after students withdrew their blockade around 6:30pm.

The blockade was continuing till filing of the report as of 9:00pm, suspending vehicular movement on the highway, said SSA Newazi, additional superintendent of police (crime) of Mymensingh.

It all started when a truck hit a university bus carrying teachers and students in

Churkhai Beltoli area of Sadar upazila around 4:30pm, said Khandaker Shaker Ahmed, officer-in-charge (Investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

At that time, another bus of the university carrying students was passing by. The students of the second bus joined those of the former and protested the incident.

In the meantime, locals joined the truck driver and locked in an altercation with the students.

At one stage, they attacked the students, leaving some 20 of them and a teacher of the university injured, alleged Sanjoy Kumar Mukherjee, assistant proctor of JKNIU.

The injured students were treated at different hospitals including Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said the proctor.

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SUZIT KUMAR DAS with ANDREW EAGLE

For the last three years, retiree Khairul Bashar Khan has been working to bring light back to poor cataract patients in Rajbari and its adjoining areas.

Khairul started the mission in 2014. He made a decision of utilising zakat by investing the fund for the treatment of poor patients with cataracts, a leading cause of blindness.

A total of 234 patients have regained their eyesight under the generous programme till now.

The cataract operations are performed in two to three batches at Maleka Eye Hospital in Madhukhali upazila of Faridpur every year. Each batch is usually comprised of some 10 patients.

The first batch of this year had their cataracts removed in March. The next batch will get their free treatment in the upcoming Ramadan.

When asked about the idea behind the initiative, Khairul, also a

A gift of sight

Rajbari freedom fighter helps the poor combat cataract



Freedom fighter Khairul Bashar Khan, in black suit, with some of the cataract patients who recovered through his initiative.

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freedom fighter, said, “As a child, I learnt that love for humanity is the greatest asset any one can have. That is why I joined the Liberation War and went on to serve with the Bangladesh Ansars. Before I retired in 2017, I began to think about what else I might do to serve our society. I made a plan to help patients from poor families who are suffering from cataracts.”

“I believe sight is the greatest gift

given to the mankind. So, I decided to help people save and regain their eyesight,” he added.

“I discussed the idea with my son-in-law Khan Shamim Ahmed, who works as an accountant in a consultancy firm in Dhaka. He encouraged me and also helped me,” Khairul said.

“Cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss especially in older people. But, nowadays, we are

also getting cases of childhood or infantile cataracts. We had a 10-year-old boy named Hridoy who had infantile cataracts. We took him to Islami Eye Hospital in Dhaka for cataract surgery in 2017.”

Hridoy's father Abdul Farid Sheikh, a farmer of Khord Magchami village in Rajbari's Baliakandi upazila, said, “Khairul Bashar Khan funded the surgery. My son can clearly see now. I will never forget his contribution to our lives.”

Another patient, Profullo Kumar Shil, 70, of Tarapur village, said, “I had to suffer for several months with cataracts as I did not have money for my surgery. But, the Maleka Eye Hospital authorities informed me about Khairul's project and I contacted him and had my free operation done in July 2016.”

“I can see the beautiful world again and do not have to live at the mercy of somebody, thanks to Khairul Bashar Khan,” an overjoyed Profullo said.

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রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

জনাব মাফরুহা মৌরিন হোসেন'কে স্বপদে যোগদানের জন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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আপনি (জনাব মাফরুহা মৌরিন হোসেন) পিএইচডি গবেষণাকর্মের জন্য ২ মার্চ ২০১২ থেকে ১ মার্চ ২০১৭ পর্যন্ত ছুটি প্রার্থনা করেন এবং ০১.০৩.২০১৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত শিক্ষাছুটি অনুমোদন করা হয়। আপনি শিক্ষাছুটিতে গমনের আগে-
(১) ২ মার্চ ২০১২ থেকে ১ মার্চ ২০১৭ পর্যন্ত সময়ের বাইরে অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অবস্থান করবেন না;
(২) গবেষণাকর্ম শেষ হবার অব্যবহিত পরেই সর্বোচ্চ ৩ মাসের মধ্যে বাংলাদেশে ফিরে বিভাগে যোগদান করবেন শর্তে বাক্স কর করে অস্ট্রেলিয়া গমন করবেন।
পরবর্তীতে আপনি ২ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৭ তারিখের পরে আপনার পিএইচডি গবেষণা শেষ হয়েছে মর্মে জানালেও আপনি চুক্তিভঙ্গ করে অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অবস্থানরত অবস্থায় ০২.০২.২০১৭ তারিখে আপনার স্বাক্ষরিত এক চিঠির মাধ্যমে ছুটি ১ বছর বৃদ্ধি জন্য আবেদন করেন। আপনার আবেদন বিবেচিত হয়নি বিধায় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ ৩০.০৮.২০১৭ তারিখের ৩৬৭৭/১ই-৬৪৩০/স.শা. এর মাধ্যমে ২৭.০৮.২০১৭ তারিখের ৪৭২তম সভির ৬৩ নং সিদ্ধান্তে আপনাকে ০২ (দুই) মাসের মধ্যে বিভাগে যোগদান করতে বলা হয়। এক্ষেত্রে বার্থ হলে আপনার ছুটিতে গমনের তারিখ ০২.০৩.২০১২ তারিখ থেকে আপনাকে অবসিত (টার্মিনেট) করা হয়েছে বলে গণ্য হবে মর্মে জানানো হয়। কিন্তু আপনি যোগদান না করে ০৯.০৯.২০১৭ তারিখের পরের মাধ্যমে ৬ মাস মাতৃকাকালীন ছুটি এবং ৬ মাস অর্জিত/চিকিৎসা/অসাধারণ ছুটির আবেদন করেন। এমতাবস্থায় ৩১.১০.২০১৭ তারিখের ৪৭৩তম সভির ২৭ নং সিদ্ধান্তে আপনার প্রতি অনুকম্পা দেখিয়ে আরও ১ মাস সময় দিয়ে আপনাকে স্বপদে যোগদানের জন্য শেষবারের মত জানানো হয়। কিন্তু এই সিদ্ধান্তের পরও আপনি স্বপদে যোগদান না করায় বিষয়টি পুনরায় ১৯.০২.২০১৮ তারিখের ৪৭৬তম সভির ৪৭৬তম সিদ্ধান্তে সভায় এজেন্ডাভুক্ত হয়ে আলোচিত হয়। উক্ত সভায় জনাব মাফরুহা মৌরিন হোসেনকে স্বপদে যোগদানের জন্য ১ মাস সময় দিয়ে পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয় এবং প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞাপনের তারিখ থেকে ১ (এক) মাসের মধ্যে তিনি যদি স্বপদে যোগদানে বার্থ হন তবে শিক্ষাছুটিতে গমনের তারিখ (০২.০৩.২০১২) হতে তার চাকুরী অবসিত (টার্মিনেট) হয়েছে বলে গণ্য হবে।
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AK Chowdhury passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AK Chowdhury FCA, a freedom fighter and adviser to the interim Mujibnagar government during 1971, breathed his last at a Dhaka hospital on Saturday, aged 78.

He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

AK Chowdhury was also founder council member and past president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh.

He will be buried at his village home in Gutuma of Feni, says a press release.

He served as co-founder and founder vice president of Chittagong Stock Exchange in 1995-2000, and ex-officio member of Securities and Exchange Commission advisory board in 2000 and one of honorary members of NBR advisory committee in Chittagong during 1973-97.

He was a Rotarian, permanent member of Chittagong Club, life member of Diabetic Association (Feni and Chittagong), Kidney Foundation, Cancer Foundation and Bangladesh National Society for the Blind (BNSB) of Chittagong.



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