

HOLEY ARTISAN ATTACK Court sets Aug 8 for charge hearing

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A special tribunal in Dhaka yesterday fixed August 8 for hearing the charges brought against eight militants in a case filed over the 2016 militant attack on Holey Artisan Bakery, an upscale restaurant in Gulshan.

Judge Mujibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal in Dhaka set the date and asked the law enforcers to produce all the accused before it on the day.

Earlier, on July 26, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Saifuzzaman Hero transferred the case to the tribunal for disposal.

On July 23, police pressed charges against eight militants in the case. Five of the eight militants were killed inside the restaurant in a commando operation while eight others, including the mastermind, Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, were killed later in different pre-emptive anti-militancy drives.

Among the eight charge-sheeted accused, six are now in jail while two others -- Shahrif Islam Khaled and Mamunur Rashid Ripon -- have fled the country.

On July 1, 2016, armed militants stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan and killed 20 hostages, mostly foreign nationals. Two police officials were also killed during the 12-hour standoff.

Hammer attack on student beastly Says Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist and Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said the country has to get rid of those who attack students with hammers and sticks.

"[We] cannot allow this country to be uncivilised," he said, adding if the people protest strongly, perpetrators would not be able to escape.

He was addressing a discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity, organised under the banner of "Amra Shadharon Jonogon".

Urging unity, Dr Kamal said if the people remain united, misrule will no longer exist.

Criticising attacks on the students demanding quota reform, the politician said the way their hands and legs were broken with hammer strikes was brutal.

Those who can commit such brutality are not humans but beasts, he said. "This country is not for beasts...this country was liberated to build a civilised society."

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The corporation will also develop and repair 161.72km of roads, set up 222.82km of drains and develop 28.51km of canals to mitigate the water logging problem and plans to set up 11,224 LED lights on roads to ensure smooth movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

About relocating the Karwan Bazar wholesale kitchen market, the CEO said three DNCC wholesale markets in Jatrabari, Amin Bazar and Mohakhali have been constructed. "We are now in talks with the traders of Karwan Bazar and they will shift shortly," he said.

SC to hear Khaleda's review

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date after hearing the review petitions yesterday.

Advocate AJ Mohammad Ali argued for Khaleda while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan appeared for the government and the Anti-Corruption Commission respectively.

On May 16, the Appellate Division upheld an HC order that granted four-month bail to Khaleda in Zia Orphanage Trust graft case and also ordered the HC bench to hear and dispose of her appeal by July 31.

Earlier on February 8, the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka sentenced Khaleda to five years' imprisonment in connection with the case filed by the ACC.

Meanwhile, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman yesterday for the 10th day continuing hearing Khaleda's appeal challenging the trial court verdict in the case.

The BNP chief filed an appeal with the HC in this regard on February 20 this year. The appeal hearing began on July 12.

COMILLA MURDER CASE

The HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice SM Mozibur Rahman fixed

tomorrow (August 1) for delivering its verdict on a bail petition filed by Khaleda in connection with a murder case lodged against her in Comilla in 2015.

The case was filed for torching a bus and killing eight persons and injuring 25-26 others in Comilla's Choudhagram on February 2, 2015, Deputy Attorney General Dr Md Bashir Ullah said.

On May 28, the HC granted six months' bail to Khaleda and issued a rule asking the government to explain why the BNP chief should not get permanent bail in this case.

Following the bail petition filed by Khaleda, the HC on May 28 this year granted six months' bail to Khaleda in this case and issued a rule asking the government to explain why Khaleda should not be granted permanent bail in this case.

On May 31, an SC chamber judge stayed the HC order that granted bail to Khaleda Zia in the murder case. Later on July 2, the apex court extended its chamber judge's order, but asked the HC to hear and dispose of the rule within four weeks.

Advocate Khandker Mahbub Hossain and Advocate Zainul Abedin appeared for Khaleda while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam argued for the state.

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to them and fixed August 19 to start trial of the case.

On September 1, 2008, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Gulshan Police Station, accusing the trio of abusing power and corruption.

According to the case statement, Khandaker Mahbub misappropriated a huge amount of money from a government fund by giving false information.

The accused, misusing his father's then ministerial power and using fake names, letterheads, officials and signatures withdrew the money, the ACC statement said, adding, Dr Mahbubur Rahman assisted the minister's son in the forgery.

Mostafizur Rahman, assistant director of the anti-graft body, submitted the charge sheet against them on April 12 last year.

Initiatives to combat

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Trafficking Act-2012. Reading out a written statement, Shohel said 778 human trafficking cases were filed in 2017 with only one successful conviction. In the first six months of 2018, 267 cases were filed with four successful convictions.

He also said 940 complaints were made to the call centre of Wage Earners Welfare Board in the first half of this year and 95 percent of those were made from the Middle East.

Speaking at the discussion, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said human trafficking has been occurring in Bangladesh due to "negligence in duty" and syndicates of unscrupulous middlemen.

Separate tribunals to deal with trafficking cases have not been established yet. Women and children repression prevention tribunals are tasked with additional duty to deal with the cases but they could not provide expected results.

He also alleged that the manpower sector has been handled by unqualified people who are sending unskilled workers abroad, resulting in frequent incidents of abuse.

AKM Masud Ali, executive director of Integrated Community and Industrial Development Initiative in Bangladesh, said a lack of government initiatives, coordination among institutions and inadequate budget allocations are challenges in fighting trafficking.

Currently Bangladesh's position is in the "Tier 2 Watch List" of the US State Department's annual trafficking in persons report. Further demotion in the list may cause economic sanctions on Bangladesh, he added.

Abul Kalam Azad, additional superintendent of police (Dhaka range), said a delay in reporting of trafficking by its victims makes it difficult for police to apprehend the criminals.

Vincent Gule, protection officer of UNHCR in Bangladesh, among others, spoke at the event.

Freedom fighters, razakars cannot coexist Inu tells publication ceremony

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Looking back on the history of Liberation War in 1971 is a must to realise whether the country is moving forward on the right track, said Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday.

"Freedom fighters and razakars cannot coexist as it is against the spirit of Liberation War," he said.

He slammed the political parties that made alliance with those against the spirit.

As chief guest, the minister was launching a book titled "Phire Dekha Ekattor" [looking back '71] at a publication ceremony at Jatiya Press Club.

Written by noted journalist Abu Sayeed Khan, the book was published by Shrabon Prokashani. The writer depicted various aspects and political thoughts regarding the war.

Addressing the programme, historian Prof Syed Anwar Husain urged people to correct themselves if they are displaced from the war spirit.

Communist Party of Bangladesh President Mujahidul Islam Selim, DU Associate Professor Robaet Ferdous and Shrabon Prokashani Publisher Robin Ahsan also spoke at the event.

MA Motaleb passes away

CITY DESK

MA Motaleb, proprietor of M/S Gosfi Trading Co, Dawn chamber, Khanpur, Narayanganj, passed away yesterday, aged 105, says a press release.

Former EC member of Bangladesh Jute Association, MA Motaleb was also a senior member of Narayanganj Club.

In the association, he was a prominent organiser of sports.

His family members, colleagues and well-wishers expressed deep shock at the death.



QUOTA REFORM MOVEMENT

Six leaders seek bail from Sessions Court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Six leaders of quota reform-demanding platform Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad, including Muhammad Rashed Khan, yesterday sought bail before the Sessions Court, challenging the bail rejection orders of the lower court in five cases.

Earlier on different dates, Dhaka metropolitan magistrates rejected their bail petitions in the cases.

All the cases were filed with Shahbagh Police Station in April for vandalising the house of DU vice-chancellor, assaulting police.

The other leaders are: Moshir Rahman, Jasim Uddin Akash, Faruque Hasan, Tariqul Hassan and APM Suhel. Advocate Jaydur Rahman submitted five separate bail petitions in the cases.

Judge KM Imrul Kayes of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka fixed August 27 for hearing on the bail petitions.

Rashed is accused in two cases -- one filed under the ICT Act and the other for attack on DU VC's residence -- while five others were accused in three other cases.



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