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It 'should be settled'

War crimes probe agency expresses discontent as Jamaat's trial yet to begin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday expressed discontent as trial of Jamaat-e-Islami as a party did not begin even five years after completion of a probe over its role in 1971.

"My personal opinion is that the matter [trial of Jamaat] should be settled. It [Jamaat] has already lost registration. There are allegations and observations against it. It has been mentioned as a criminal organisation in each judgment," said Abul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the agency.

"This is also my question why the trial has not started. You better ask the prosecution ... We had hurriedly completed our investigation on March 27, 2014. It is now around five years."

The Election Commission has already done its part by cancelling Jamaat's registration, he said. "So, where is the barrier to try [Jamaat] as a party. We all want it. But I don't know why it is not happening," he said and asked journalists to find the reason behind it.

At a press conference in the agency's Dhanmondi office, Hannan was revealing the agency's findings in a case against two Habiganj men over their alleged involvement in crimes committed during the Liberation War.

Justice seekers and war crimes victims and their families have long been demanding the trial of Jamaat as a party.

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A bus in flames in the city's Hazipara last night, hours after two girls, including a garment worker, were killed in a road crash in the area. Workers from nearby garment factories vandalised vehicles on the road, disrupting traffic. Inset, people walk on a street as there is no traffic movement.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Mayhem in Malibagh as road crash kills two

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The capital's Malibagh neighbourhood turned violent yesterday as garments workers went on a rampage -- vandalising and setting fire to vehicles -- and clashed with police following the death of two girls, including a garment worker in a road accident in the area.

The dead are Jamila Khatun Poly, 19, who worked at MH Fashion, a readymade garment factory, and Meem, 13, a class V student who went to visit the factory with Poly.

Meem died on the spot while Poly was declared dead after she was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

Poly was the daughter of late Ezaz Ahmed from Satkhira's Kolaroa upazila and Meem was the daughter of Sonai Mollah from Bogura's Gabtoli upazila.

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RAPE IN NOAKHALI Nine sued except 'who ordered it'

STAR REPORT

Nine people have been sued over the gang rape of a woman in Noakhali's Subarnachar upazila on Monday.

But the list of the accused did not include the name of a former union parishad member who, according to the victim, allegedly ordered his men to rape her for voting for "sheaf of paddy".

The victim's husband, who filed the case yesterday, told this correspondent that police wrote the First Information Report and asked him to sign it.

"I am illiterate ... I could not read what was written in it. I just signed," the complainant told The Daily Star yesterday.

While undergoing treatment at Noakhali General Hospital on Monday, the victim, a mother of four, told this newspaper that 10 to 12 accomplices of Ruhul Amin raped her for voting for "sheaf of paddy", the electoral symbol of the BNP, in Sunday's national polls.

Ruhul, who claimed to be publicity affairs secretary of Subarnachar Awami

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MANCHESTER KNIFE ATTACK Terror probe starts after three hurt

AFP, Manchester

A British police probe into a triple stabbing at a Manchester railway station on New Year's Eve which injured three people is now being treated as "a terrorist investigation", the city's top officer said yesterday.

Counter-terrorism officials have arrested a man who remains in police custody, and are searching an address where he recently lived in the north-western English city, Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said.

A man and a woman, both in their 50s, are still being treated in hospital after sustaining "serious" injuries in the attack on Monday evening, while the police officer was also stabbed in the shoulder, he added.

"We are treating this as a terrorist investigation which is being led by counter-terrorism officers with support from Greater Manchester police," Hopkins told a briefing.

"They were working through the night to piece together the details of what happened and to identify the man who was arrested," he said, adding that an address in the Cheetham Hill area of the city was being searched.

Prime Minister Theresa May thanked emergency services for their "courageous response".

She wrote on Twitter: "My thoughts are with those who were injured in the suspected terrorist attack in Manchester last night."

'PURE FEAR' No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, which happened at around 8:50pm (2050 GMT) when many revellers in the city would have been enjoying New Year's Eve celebrations.

Witness Sam Clack, 38, a BBC radio producer, said he heard the suspect saying: "As long as you keep bombing other countries, this sort of shit is going to keep happening."

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30 lakh reapply for inclusion in Assam NRC

THE HINDU ONLINE

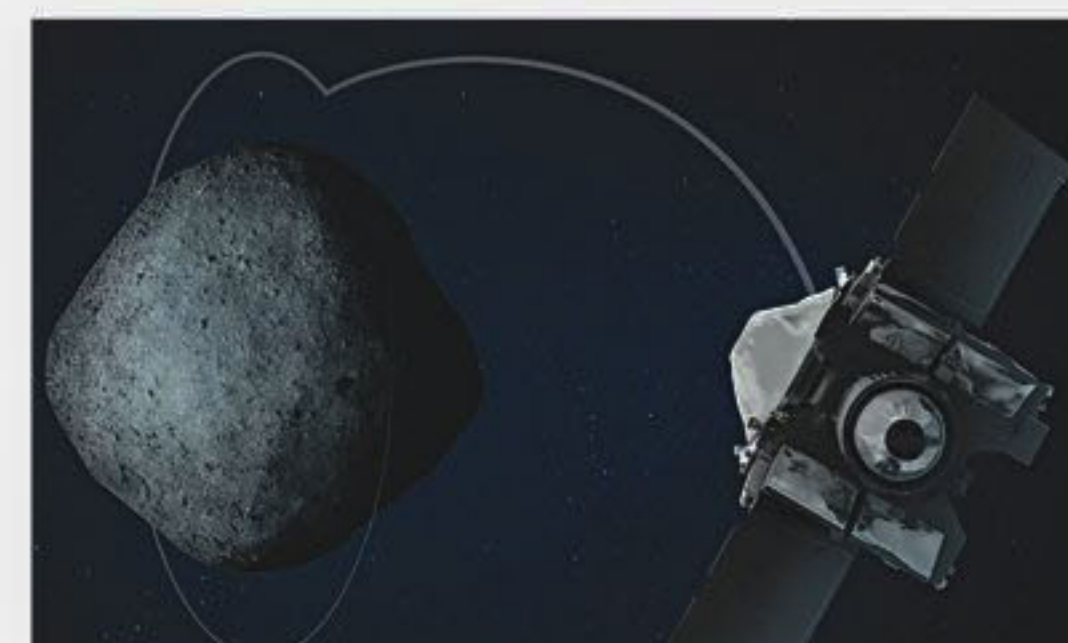
About 30 lakh of the 40.07 lakh people left out of the final draft of the updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam published five months ago have applied again for inclusion during the claims and objections round that ended on Monday.

During the phase, 600 objections also came in from those who doubted the citizenship of others included in the draft.

The window for 40.07 lakh of the 3.29 crore applicants excluded from the complete draft was opened on September 25. It was to have closed on December 15, but the Supreme Court, which is monitoring the exercise, extended the last day to December 31 after the Assam government said the panchayat election, held on December 5 and 9, had

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Record breaker! Nasa probe slips into orbit around asteroid



AFP, Tampa

A Nasa spacecraft set a new milestone Monday in cosmic exploration by entering orbit around an asteroid, Benu, the smallest object ever to be circled by a human-made spaceship.

The spacecraft, called OSIRIS-REx, is the first-ever US mission designed to visit an asteroid and return a sample of its dust back to Earth.

The \$800 million unmanned spaceship launched two years ago from Cape Canaveral, Florida and arrived December 3 at its destination, some 70 million miles (110 million kilometres) away.

On Monday, after closely studying the asteroid for several weeks, the spaceship fired its thrusters to bring it into orbit around Benu at 2:43 pm (1943 GMT).

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Veteran actor Kader Khan dies at 81

CNN ONLINE

Veteran Bollywood actor Kader Khan has died in a hospital in Canada at the age of 81 following a prolonged illness.

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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 2

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-00
JAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Putting themselves in harm's way, transport workers travel on an overloaded mini truck on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar's Hemayetpur area yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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