Two decades gone by, yet

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court [HC] will hold the hearing after the state and defence lawyers will get prepared for placing arguments on the case," he told The Daily Star on March 30.

Last year, too, courts -- including the Appellate and HC divisions of the Supreme Court -- were closed across the country due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak and the then attorney general Mahbubey Alam had told The Daily Star that his office would take steps for hearing and disposing of the death reference and appeals of the case after the court reopened.

Mohammad Shishir Manir, a defence lawyer for death-row convict Moulana Akbar Hossain alias Helaluddin, told The Daily Star recently that the case has been included in the HC's hearing lists 315 times since 2014, but the benches concerned adjourned the hearing each time following the state's adjournment pravers.

There is no evidence and documents to prove charges brought against the convicted accused of the case, he said, adding that the trial court has delivered an "emotional verdict" in the case, he said

"My client has been suffering in a condemned cell for around 20 years although there is no evidence against him," he added.

On March 14 this year, Deputy Attorney General Shahin Ahmed sought adjournment from the HC bench led by Justice Krishna Debnath for hearing the case, saying that the Attorney General will place arguments on the issue.

Earlier, two separate HC benches had refused to hear the same matter for different reasons

According to the sources in the attorney general's office, the investigation of the case was conducted carelessly during the rule of the then BNP-Jamaat alliance government.

Besides, the main accused, Mufti Abdul Hannan, has already been executed in 2017 in connection with another criminal case.

There are no proper documents and evidence, other than confessional statements from one or two convicts, to prove the charges brought against the accused and therefore the state counsels are not serious about this case, these sources said

If a lower court sentences any person to death, its judgment is examined by the HC through hearing arguments for confirmation of the death sentence.

reach as death references to the HC from the Commissioner Anwar Choudhury in Sylhet lower court within seven days of the latter on May 21, 2004.

delivering the verdict, as per the relevant rules of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The HC bench led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim had started hearing the death references and appeals of the Ramna case on January 8, 2017; after hearing for several days, it adjourned the hearing on February 22 the same year.

This bench then dropped the matters from its cause list on August 8, 2017 as state counsel had not officially informed it about the execution of Mufti Hannan.

Subsequently, the Chief Justice assigned the HC bench led by Justice Md Ruhul Quddus to finish the hearing of the death references and appeals. But this bench too could not hear the case as its hearing jurisdiction was reconstituted. THE RAMNA BLASTS

Two bombs went off during Bangla New Year 1408 celebrations on April 14, 2001 organised by Chhayanaut, a leading cultural organisation, at Ramna Batamul in Dhaka. Ten people were killed and dozens injured in the incident.

On June 23, 2014 a Dhaka court handed down the death penalty to eight militants of Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (Huji), including its top leader Mufti Abdul Hannan, for the killings. Six other militants of the banned Islamist outfit were sentenced to life imprisonment for their involvement in the blasts.

The accused who got capital punishment by the trial court are Mufti Abdul Hannan, Moulana Akbar Hossain alias Helaluddin, Moulana Mohammad Tajuddin, Hafez Jahangir Alam Badar, Moulana Abu Bakar alias Selim Hawlader, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hye, and Arif Hasan Suman

The court awarded life imprisonment to Moulana Abu Taher, Moulana Sabbir alias Abdul Hannan, Moulana Yahiya, Moulana Shawkat Osman alias Sheikh Farid, Moulana Abdur Rouf, and Shahadat Ullah alias Jewel.

Nine of the convicted accused are in jail while five -- Tajuddin, younger brother of BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu, Hafez Jahangir, Moulana Abu Bakar, Mufti Shafiqur, and Mufti Hye -- are absconding.

Mufti Abdul Hannan, one of the country's most notorious militants involved in plotting and carrying out terror attacks by Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami Bangladesh, was executed at Kashimpur High Security Prison on April 13, 2017.

Hannan was executed for carrying out The case documents and judgement a grenade attack on the then British High Resume int'l flights, help migrants FROM PAGE 12

out of the purview of this suspension, CAAB said.

and leaders Baira Atab demanded that the manpower sector be kept out of the purview of lockdown by declaring the sector as an emergency service sector.

On behalf of Baira, its former finance secretary Fakhrul Islam read out a written statement at the press conference while Monsur Ahmed Kalam, president of Atab read out their demands.

Baira said about 20,000 to 25,000 migrant workers have already bought air tickets at high prices and are waiting to go to their workplaces abroad within the next week

Besides, thousands of expatriate workers are waiting for tickets. As a result of the sudden suspension of flights, migrant workers became frustrated due to uncertainty over their travel abroad.

The newly formed provisional

government today set about the

task of transforming the liberation

army into an organised force by

setting up a full-fledged operational

base and an interim capital and

naming commanders for well-

Colonel Osmani was appointed the commander-in- chief of the

Mukti Fauj. The names of regional

commanders as announced by

Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad

were: Maj Khalid Musharaf, Sylhet-

Comilla; Maj Ziaur Rahman,

Chittagong-Noakhali; Maj Safiulla,

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A LAND LIVING IN FEAR

According to Baira, if all

for a week, migrant workers along with recruiting agencies will suffer a serious loss, and the country will be affected as well.

They said thousands of Qatar and Óman-bound workers have booked hotels for quarantine with a huge amount of money and those are non-refundable and if the workers cannot reach their respective destinations on time, they will have to suffer a huge financial loss.

The Atab president said thousands of expatriate visas had expired due to a two-month-long ban on the international flight during the lockdown last year.

"After huge sufferings, many of them have completed all the process of going abroad again and are just waiting for the flight. Due to the ban on an international flight, their fate will be put in serious uncertainty again," he also said.

Atab said about 20,000 workers

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first allowed to enter the country

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throughout by the Pakistan army

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the correspondents were allowed

to talk to people without being

The report submitted by

Quaintance was published in

Guardian (UK) on April 14, 1971.

He wrote: "A horrifying picture

of slaughter and destruction met

journalists on an official visit over

international flights are canceled had bought high-priced tickets to go to Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Oman, and Qatar during the six days of the lockdown. Of these, tickets of various airlines are not refundable.

Atab and Baira leaders said after getting visas, thousands of fresh workers were waiting to fly to their workplaces within a week.

"Since there are no restrictions in the recipient countries, international flights should be operated from Bangladesh following proper health guidelines," M Shahadat Hossain Taslim, a member of Atab, said.

According to Baira, Nepal, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and other manpower export countries are sending their workers to different countries even during the lockdown.

"If the sending of workers from Bangladesh is stopped, Bangladesh will lag behind the competition in the international labor market," said Taslim.

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of army operations in various parts

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a senior officer at Khulna, who said,

"It took me five days to get control

of this area. We killed everyone who

came our way. We never bothered

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were attacked and brutally killed by

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Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist

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and researcher. He can be contacted

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Camel traffic

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Dunhuang City sits in an oasis in the Gansu-Xinjiang desert region, and was the first Chinese-administered settlement reached by travellers heading east on the ancient Silk Road.

In recent years, tourism to the area has grown, thanks to the Mingsha Mountain, the Mogao Caves temple complex, and the Yumen and Yangguan passes, which are the westernmost gates of the Great Wall.

A camel train, also known as a caravan, is a group of camels that transport passengers and goods between points on a daily or semi-regular basis.

Camels caravans connected the Beijing/Shanxi area of eastern China with Mongolian centers (Urga, Uliastai, Kobdo) and Xinjiang as late as the early twentieth century.

The roads crossed Mongolia's interior and exterior.

In 1926 a camel caravan crossed northern China for five months with a caravan from Hohhot to Gucheng via Inner Mongolia.

The arrival of foreign steamships and the construction of the first railways in eastern China increased demand for caravan trade as they improved access to the world market for such western Chinese products.

Hefajat

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in bringing Hefajat under their control, defying opinions of most of the Hefajat leaders. Those controversial outsiders forced the organisation into enforcing hartal-like programmes that caused public sufferings.

He also said Hefajat in the past used to carry out its activities through discussions among its top leaders. 'But in recent times, Hefajat has become a platform which materialises the personal agenda of some of its leaders. After realising these matters, have resigned as naveb-e-amir of Hefajat-e-Islam,″ said Hasan.

In a written statement, he also said he was very much saddened by the death of 20 people and injuries of scores of others at different parts of the country, including Hathazari of Chattogram, and Brahmanbaria, luring recent Hefajat protests.

Besides, he urged the government not to harass innocent alem-ulema.

Shipbreaking yard foreman dies in Ctg

iron plate from the rope suddenly fell on him, leaving him critically wounded.

took Ataur to a nearby place, but he was not hospitalised by the shipyard manager and safety officer for around three hours, the workers alleged.

A vehicle takes around half an there, they said.

Asked why Ataur was not hospitalised for hours, Md Majid,

safety officer of RA Shipbreaking deputy inspector general of Yard, claimed that he was taken to nearby BSBA hospital, run by the shipbreaking yard owners. Doctors of the hospital referred Ataur to CMCH. He died on the way to the public hospital.

He also claimed that the victim wore necessary safety gear. Witnesses said Ataur was taken

to BSBA hospital at the eleventh hour from where he was rushed to

CMCH. According to the death certificate, Ataur was brought dead at the CMCH around 10:10pm. Abudllah Al Sakib Mubarrat,

Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, Chattogram, told this paper that primarily, they found evidence of delay in ensuring medical care for the injured. They would look into the matter, he said.

Mohammad Ali Sahin, coordinator of YPSA (Young Power in Social Action) working with shipbreaking workers to ensure safety and labour rights, said the life of the injured worker could have been saved if he had been given proper treatment in due time. There was negligence, he said.

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victim's body showed that the victim was a female. Police then went back to the hospital to recollect DNA samples from its sample bank, but the hospital authorities claimed that those were damaged, the OC added.

Police later exhumed the victim's body with permission from a local court and collected DNA samples again for repeat testing. They are now awaiting results of the test.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Hasibul Alam, superintendent of Sirajganj police, said the police's investigation was hampered due to the wrong DNA report. He blamed the hospital authorities for this.

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Ĥealth Minister Harsh Vardhan has blamed several factors for the latest surge

"There have been elections, religious gatherings, reopening of offices, lots of people travelling, attending social functions, not

yesterday, taking its total to 13.7 following rules, little mask-wearing million. Deaths rose by 879 to in functions like weddings, even on in functions like weddings, even on crowded buses and trains," he told a video conference last week.

> India is currently reporting around double the daily cases of the United States and Brazil, the two other worst affected countries, though its daily death toll lags those of both nations. India's total infections rank

after only the United States, having overtaken Brazil on Monday.

The total number of virus deaths is approaching three million globally, as the World Health Organization warned infections are rising exponentially despite efforts aimed at stopping them.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Europe, the worst-hit continent, passed the threshold of one million coronavirus deaths, while South Asian countries battle a spiralling outbreak of the disease that has crippled the global economy.

More than 800 million vaccine doses of vaccines have now been administered globally, according to an AFP tally, as governments ramp up inoculation efforts in a bid to emerge from the bruising pandemic.

But the US campaign to vaccinate most of its population hit a hurdle yesterday as regulators recommended the use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine be paused "out of an abundance of caution".

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