

## Two decades gone by, yet

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The 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 prayers.

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.

The case documents and judgement reach as death references to the HC from the lower court within seven days of the latter

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

The HC bench led by Justice M Enayetullah 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 Chhayanat, 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 Yahya, 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 a grenade attack on the then British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury in Sylhet on May 21, 2004.

## Resume int'l flights, help migrants

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

Baira and Atab leaders 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 Fakhru 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.

According to Baira, if all

international flights are canceled 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 Oman-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

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.

## Bangladesh cabinet approves 7-point

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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-defined liberated zones.

Colonel Osman 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 Safula, Mymensingh-Tangail; and Maj MA Osman, south-west.

Besides the interim capital located in the western zone, a regional unit had been set in the Sylhet-Comilla zone with full administrative authority for the eastern region.

**A LAND LIVING IN FEAR**  
A Maurice Quaintance of Reuters news agency conducted a tour of war-torn Bangladesh in the first

half of April, 1971 with five other correspondents. They were the first allowed to enter the country since the expulsion of all foreign correspondents at the start of the war. The tour was supervised throughout by the Pakistan army and it was only after protests that the correspondents were allowed to talk to people without being overheard.

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 the past week. The scale of it went beyond the imagination. No one will ever know the full truth but authoritative sources put the figure of dead at 300,000 and others asserted that it was perhaps as high as half a million."

"Priests speak in a whisper at a Roman Catholic mission hospital in East Pakistan where Father Mario Veronese from Padua, was gunned

down by soldiers last month. They look over their shoulders for the officer outside as journalists ask them questions. Repeat the experience scores of times over four days and it conjures up the fear - justified or not - that lurks outside the military cantonments in a land where tens of thousands of people have been put to death," the report continued.

The report also provided details of army operations in various parts of the country. Indicating to the Pakistan army's ruthless method of combating rebels the report quoted 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 to count the bodies."

The reports also mentioned incidents where non-Bangalees were attacked and brutally killed by the Bangalees.

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## Shipbreaking yard foreman dies in Ctg

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without wearing any safety gear, an iron plate from the rope suddenly fell on him, leaving him critically wounded.

Soon after the incident, they took Aatur 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 hour to reach Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) from there, they said.

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

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

He also claimed that the victim wore necessary safety gear.


Witnesses said Aatur was taken to BSBA hospital at the eleventh hour from where he was rushed to CMCH.

According to the death certificate, Aatur was brought dead at the CMCH around 10:10pm.

Abudllah Al Sakib Mubarrat,

deputy inspector general of 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.



### Gopalganj Pourashava

Gopalganj

Memo No. GOP/Eng.D/2020-2021/272/2 Date: 13/04/2021

#### Corrigendum Notice

**e-Tender Notice Number: 07/2020-2021**


This is to inform all concerned that the tender notice No. 07/2020-2021 floated vide Memo No. GOP/Eng.D/2020-2021/235, Dated: 15/03/2021 the following Corrigendum is as follows.

Package No.	Tender ID reference No. & scheme name	Field name	Old value	New value
NUPRP/W2	554052 Construction of 5-storied "Climate resilient housing and basic services for the low-income household" at Gopalganj Pourashava (Building 1 and 2)	Tender last selling date & time	18 April, 2021 Time: 16:00	28 April, 2021 Time: 16:00
		Tender closing date & time	19 April, 2021 Time: 13:00	29 April, 2021 Time: 13:00
		Tender opening date & time	19 April, 2021 Time: 13:00	29 April, 2021 Time: 13:00
		Last date & time for tender security submission	19 April, 2021 Time: 12:00	29 April, 2021 Time: 12:00
NUPRP/W2.1	554058 Construction of 5-storied "Climate resilient housing and basic services for the low-income household" at Gopalganj Pourashava (Building 3 and 4)	Tender last selling date & time	18 April, 2021 Time: 16:00	28 April, 2021 Time: 16:00
		Tender closing date & time	19 April, 2021 Time: 13:30	29 April, 2021 Time: 13:30
		Tender opening date & time	19 April, 2021 Time: 13:30	29 April, 2021 Time: 13:30
		Last date & time for tender security submission	19 April, 2021 Time: 12:00	29 April, 2021 Time: 12:00

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বিভাগীয় ভূ-সম্পত্তি কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়  
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#### Corrigendum of Tender Notice IFT Number : 55/2020-21

This is for all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstance the IFT No: 55/2020-2021 Published vide Memo No: 46.02.6100.000.07.001.21-1295, Date: 31/03/2021 will be changed in the following manner.

Package No & Name of Scheme	Tender ID	Previous Last Selling Date & Time	Previous Closing/Opening Date & Time	Amended Last Selling Date & Time	Amended Closing/Opening Date & Time
1	2	3	4	5	6
e-Tender/LGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-69 Rehabilitation of 1x2.00m x 2.00m RCC Box-culvert on Chechua-Khamarer Bazar Road Via Mogailola & Syedpara Bazar Road at Ch. 9241m Under Muktagachaa Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361652009	563578	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00
e-Tender/LGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-70 Rehabilitation of 1 x 2.50m x 2.50m RCC Box-culvert on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj R&H Musullii Bus Stand to Tarail Road at Ch. 3000m Under Nandail Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361722004	563579	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00
e-Tender/LGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-71 Rehabilitation of 1 x3.0m x 3.0m RCC Box-culvert on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj R&H Musullii Bus Stand to Tarail Road at Ch. 3200m Under Nandail Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361722004	563580	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00
e-Tender/LGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-72 Rehabilitation of 1 x3.0m x 2.50m RCC Box-culvert on Nandail H.Q.Atharabari GC Rd at Ch. 2400m Under Nandail Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361722005	563581	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00
e-Tender/LGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-73 Rehabilitation of 1 x3.0m x 3.0m RCC Box-culvert on Jhalua Bazar Nandail U.P. Dateratifa bazaar at Ch. 500m Under Nandail Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361723004	563582	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00
e-Tender/TGED/MYM/GOBM/20-21/W-74 Rehabilitation of 1 x3.0m x 2.50m RCC Box-culvert on Surati Bazar-Battola Bazar at Ch.550m Under Nandail Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID 361725091	563583	Date: 18-April-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 19-April-2021 Time: 13:45	Date: 02-May-2021 Time: 17:00	Date: 03-May-2021 Time: 17:00

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