

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 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 Deb Nath 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, Mufi 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 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 Mufi 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 Chhayantun, 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 Mufi 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 Mufi Abdul Hannan, Moulana Akbar Hossain alias Helaluddin, Moulana Mohammad Tajuddin, Hafez Jahangir Alam Badar, Moulana Abu Bakar alias Selim Haulader, Mufi Shaifur Rahman, Mufi 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, Mufi Shaifur, and Mufi Hye -- are absconding.

Mufi 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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out of the purview of this suspension, CAAB said.

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 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 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
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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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.

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, 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.

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Top Hefajat leader resigns

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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, I have resigned as nayeab-e-ameer 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, during recent Hefajat protests.

Besides, he urged the government not to harass innocent alem-ulema. HEFAJAT'S ASSISTANT PUBLICITY

SECRETARY ARRESTED

A team of detective branch of police (Wari division) has arrested Mufi Sharifullah, assistant publicity secretary of Hefajat-e-Islam's central committee, from Mir Hazirbagh area of Jatrabari yesterday.

Based on information, the DB team conducted a drive around 7:30pm and made the arrest, Azharul Islam Mukul, additional deputy commissioner of DB police, told The Daily Star.

DNA report

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the deceased was a man. Later, a woman named Selina Khatun claimed the body to be of her husband's.

However, DNA testing of samples from the victim's body showed that the dead 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.

In another incident, police recovered the body of a girl in Belkuchi upazila on July 1 last year and sent DNA samples to the CID forensic lab for testing. The test report shows that the dead was a boy. Due to the wrong DNA report, the identification of the body is yet to be confirmed.

Police later exhumed the victim's body, collected DNA samples from it and sent those to the forensic lab for retesting.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Hasibul Alam, superintendent of Sirajganj police, said their investigations were being hampered due to incorrect DNA test reports. He blamed the hospital authorities for this.

"Due to mistakes by hospital staffers, identification of victims is delayed," the SP said.

He said they have lodged a complaint with the hospital authorities in this regard.

The hospital authorities, however, claim wrong identification of samples causes the problem. They said they are now ensuring that DNA samples from bodies are collected in presence of an expert from the hospital.

"We have ordered our staffers to collect DNA samples in presence of an expert so that there is no mistake in the process," Dr Md Saiful Islam, superintendent of the hospital, told The Daily Star.

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.

India fast-tracks

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India has sold more than 54.6 million vaccine doses abroad and gifted more than 10 million doses to partner countries.

It is currently using the AstraZeneca shot and a homegrown vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech for its own immunisation drive. The country this week approved Russia's Sputnik V shot for emergency use.

Since April 2, India has reported the world's highest daily tallies of infections, reaching more than 100,000 a day in the last week, compared with fewer than 10,000 daily cases earlier in the year.

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