

Nizami Being Quizzed at 'Safe Home'

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Nizami, one of the five detained top Jamaat leaders facing war crimes charges, had been brought to the safe home from the Dhaka Central Jail around 9:30am, he added.

A house at the city's Dhanmondi, allocated to the ICT for interrogating the suspected war criminals, is called 'safe home'.

The investigation panel earlier decided to interrogate the detained Jamaat chief at its safe home on Thursday and secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed on Sunday.

Razzak informed the two Jamaat leaders' lawyer Mohammad Tazul Islam Khan of the matter in a notice on Wednesday.

The ICT on Apr 21 rejected bail for four of the five detained top Jamaat leaders.

The tribunal, led by Justice Nizamul Haque, turned down the bail prayers of Nizami, Mojaheed and party's assistant secretaries general Muhammad Qamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Mollah in their presence.

On Apr 20, it denied a similar appeal from party's executive council member Delwar Hossain Sayeedi.

Apart from the five Jamaat leaders, two BNP leaders were also arrested on same charges since the tribunal had been formed on Mar 25 last year.

Of the two, BNP MP Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury is behind bars while Abdul Alim, a minister of Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, is on conditional bail.

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