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SHAZNEEN CASE

Prosecution ends argument with plea to uphold verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution in the death reference and appeal hearing of Shazneen murder case completed their argument yesterday saying justice is yet to be delivered even eight years after her killing.

Seven killed in suicide attack on Pak army

AFP, Miranshah, Pakistan

Seven Pakistani soldiers were killed when a suicide bomber blew up his car at a checkpoint in a restive tribal area, a day after militants there announced a truce.

It was the second suicide blast in a month in rugged North Waziristan, where Pakistani forces recently fought bloody battles against Taliban and Al-Qaeda insurgents who fled from neighbouring Afghanistan in 2001.

Security officials said Monday paramilitary troops ordered the explosives-filled Toyota Corolla station-wagon to stop as it neared a

Bigots not seen on Uttara streets to enforce hartal for 2nd day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Khatme Nabuwat Andolan Bangladesh called two-day 'hartal' ended yesterday without any effect as none of the anti-Ahmadiyya bigots took to the streets after their chief got injured in Sunday's police action.

Following the failure to enforce the hartal in the five northern police stations areas in the capital, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Pry education in disarray as teachers' strike goes on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of teachers of government primary and community primary schools across the country are now at Muktagong and on the premises of Central Shaheed Minar in the capital as they continued their hunger strike until death for realisation of their demands for better pay.

Meanwhile, non-government etbedayee madrasa teachers also started hunger strike until death at Muktagong yesterday demanding their incorporation into the national pay scale.

Both pro-government and anti-government teachers' organisations are continuing the indefinite hunger strike demanding realisation of their demands before passing the budget in parliament on July 29.

Besides, indefinite strike has been going on at the government primary schools and community primary schools since June 17.

Community primary teachers: Community primary teachers who have continued hunger strike unto death on the Central Shaheed Minar premises since June 18

demanding nationalisation of their jobs announced that 15 teachers of them will immolate themselves today protesting the government's indifference to realising their demands.

"Enough is enough. We have passed nine days with hunger strike but the government is still indifferent. We have decided that

LATEST: Agitating primary teachers called off their programmes following discussion with Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury at his office last night. During the meeting, Harris Chowdhury assured the teachers' representatives of looking into their demands and having talks with them in July.

our 15 teachers will immolate themselves tomorrow (June 27) protesting the government's deceptive role," Habibur Ahsan Bablu, president of the Bangladesh Community Primary Teachers Association, said yesterday.

He said they have also listed the names of 15 teachers who would immolate themselves at 12:00 noon

today by setting themselves on fire.

"What can we do? We have no other alternative but to take such inhuman programmes. We will not return home without realising our demands," Hafizur Rahman, secretary general of the association, said.

As many as 10,565 teachers of 3,778 community primary schools across the country who draw only Tk 750 a month each from the government exchequer, have been observing indefinite strike since June 18.

Several hundred community teachers under the banner of Bangladesh Community Primary Teachers Association simultaneously started their hunger strike until death on the Central Shaheed Minar premises demanding the nationalisation of their jobs.

Government primary teachers: Two groups of government primary teachers continued their fast-unto-death strike for three consecutive days demanding the elimination of wage discrimination and introduction of school based examination system.

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Hundreds of government primary school teachers continue their fast-unto-death at Muktagong in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Japan to fund \$218m in 3 projects

UNB, Dhaka

Japan will provide \$218 million or approximately Tk 1,462.5 crore in loan for implementing Karnaphuli water supply and two other projects.

An agreement to this effect was signed between Japan and Bangladesh yesterday.

Masayuki Inoue, Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh, and Md Ismail Zabihullah, secretary, Economic Relations Division, signed the exchange of notes on behalf of their respective government.

The loan assistance will carry an interest rate of 0.01% per annum with a repayment period of 40 years, including a grace period of 10 years.

This highly concessional condition has recently been introduced by the Japanese government to support low-income countries in

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DCC DECLARES BIG BUDGET High revenue target, but no new taxes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday announced a Tk 1,505 crore budget for FY2006-07, which is Tk 768.21 crore higher than the revised budget of FY2005-06.

"We have targeted high revenue income through proper management and accelerating tax and fees collection from the existing sectors without increasing taxes," Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said announcing the proposed budget.

The new budget earmarked a development expenditure of Tk 1,245 crore, which is 83 per cent of the total budget, the mayor said in his budget speech at Mahanagar Natya Mancha in presence of ward commissioners, DCC officials and journalists.

Last year the DCC had announced an ambitious budget of Tk 1,247.72 crore but finally it could

implement only Tk 737.64 crore of the total amount, the revised budget shows.

The DCC has fixed a revenue-earning target of Tk 463.86 crore for

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Sadeque Hossain Khoka

Provision to control use of black money inadequate

Says election commissioner

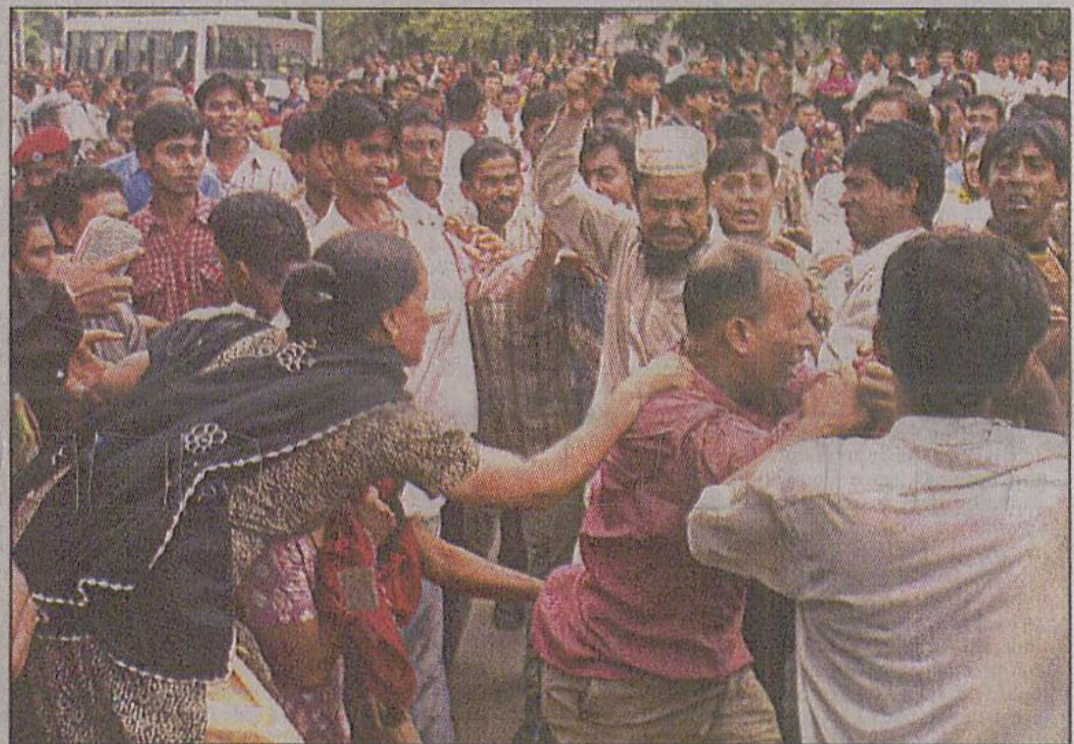
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commissioner SM Zakaria yesterday termed inadequate the existing legal provisions for controlling the use of black money in the elections and suggested introduction of rigorous punishment for violation of election expenditure laws.

"The laws related to the election expenditure should be looked into closely. I personally believe the provisions are inadequate," the election commissioner said while talking on electoral laws at a training workshop in the city.

As part of the reforms in the electoral laws, provision for rigorous punishment for violation of the election expenditure laws should

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Workers scuffle with officials of Youngone Group during a demonstration against the closure of a factory of the group in Dhaka Export Processing Zone yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

UNREST AT DEPZ 30 hurt as cops try to stymie workers

JU CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 workers of Youngone Group (YG) at Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) were injured yesterday in clashes with the police as the workers continued their demonstration for the second day demanding immediate resumption of operations at all units.

The YG had closed all its operations sine die after fresh agitation mounted on Sunday.

Several thousand workers

gathered yesterday to protest the closure of the factories including the largest section of the factory Youngone Hitech, which employs around 7,500 workers.

A group of workers closed off the main entrance of DEPZ during their demonstration.

Police swooped on the agitators on factory premises and got the situation under control by chasing them out of DEPZ. Chase and counter chase took place between the workers and law enforcers that

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2 Bangladeshis in UAE burnt alive

UNB, Dhaka

Two unidentified Bangladeshis were burnt alive and five others injured in a fire, which broke out at a house behind Fairmont Hotel at Satwa in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) early Saturday.

The incident took place at about 3:30am when the victims were fast asleep at the house. It is suspected that a short circuit in the electric supply system caused the fire, according to a Khaleez Times report.

About 85 people have been living in 10 small rooms of the house, which was completely damaged by the fire.

Top general, 3 others killed in Lanka attack

REUTERS, Panipitiya, Sri Lanka

One of Sri Lanka's top generals was assassinated yesterday by a suspected Tamil Tiger suicide bomber who rammed his motorbike into an army convoy near the capital, officials said.

Three other people were also killed.

Army deputy chief of staff Major-General Parami Kulatunga was travelling to army headquarters when the attacker approached his vehicle and an escorting army pickup lorry in rush-hour traffic about 12 miles (20 km) from Colombo.

The blast left the car a twisted wreck.

"The general is dead. Two others (soldiers) are also dead," police Chief Inspector Chaminda Bamunuarachchi told Reuters at the scene. A civilian was also killed. "I think it was a suicide attack against the general."

The attack comes on the heels of a rash of ambushes and military clashes that have killed around 700 people -- half of them civilians -- so far this year. Many fear the violence could wreck a 2002 truce and reignite a two-decade civil war.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil

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Akbar laid to rest in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

Shipping minister Lt Col (retd) Akbar Hossain was laid to eternal rest with state honour at his family graveyard at Sharifpur village in Laksam at 5:30pm yesterday.

An Air Force helicopter, carrying the body of Akbar Hossain, landed at Comilla Eidgah Maidan at 1:30pm.

Hundreds of people paid their homage to the minister. Wreaths

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Sangsad adopts condolence motion on Akbar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously adopted a condolence motion paying tribute to late shipping minister Akbar Hossain, who died of a cardiac arrest on Sunday night.

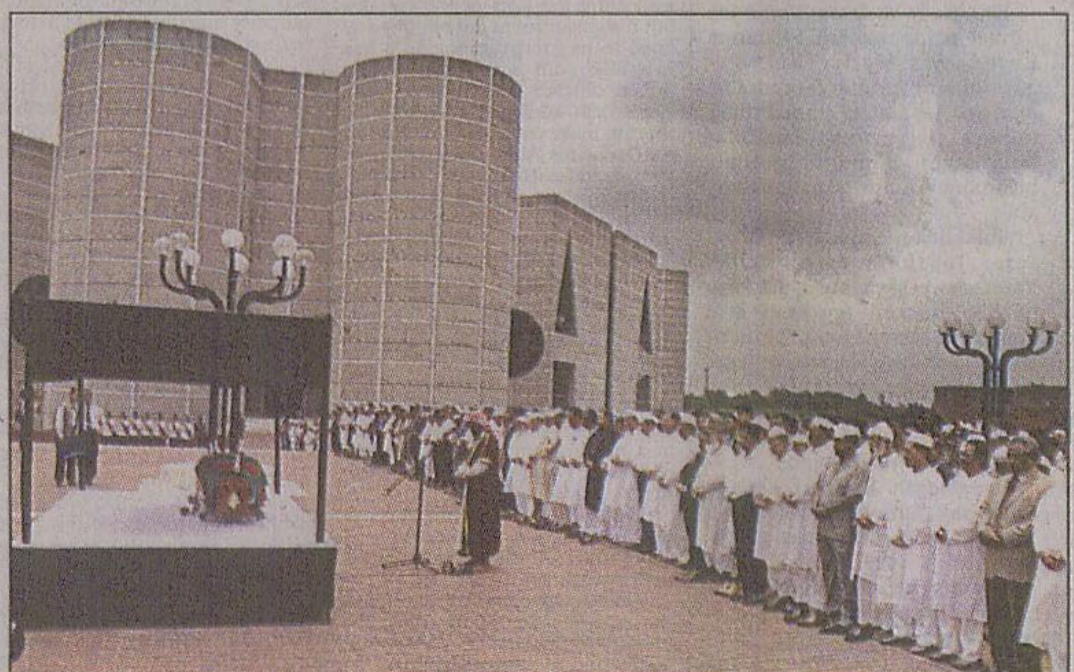
"The country has lost a prominent politician, a brave freedom fighter and a social worker," reads the condolence motion.

Lawmakers from both ruling and opposition benches appreciated the role of the veteran freedom fighter during the Liberation War.

In the post independence period, Akbar Hossain played a great role in movements for democracy as well as in critical times of the country, they said.

Akbar Hossain was a visionary, a talented and enlightened person, lawmakers said, adding that the

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Namaj-e-janaza of veteran freedom fighter and shipping minister Akbar Hossain was held yesterday on the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

PHOTO: STAR

Prayer Timing June 27 table with columns for Azan and Jamaat at various times.

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