

Mobile court fines 8 visitors to Secretariat

UNB, Dhaka

A mobile court led by Magistrate Sarder Keramat fined eight people Tk 4,000 yesterday for entering the Secretariat without valid pass. The unauthorised visitors include a college principal who went to the

Ministry of Education to discuss certain problems of his college. Magistrate Keramat set up the court inside the Secretariat at noon and asked the visitors to show their passes. He fined the eight visitors Tk 500 each as they failed to produce valid passes.



Karmojibi Nari stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding payment of salary arrears and bonus to workers before Eid.

RAJSHAHI BNP LEADER ABDUL HAMID MURDER CASE Three to die, four get life

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Rajshahi divisional speedy trial tribunal yesterday sentenced three people to death and four others to life imprisonment for the murder of Rajshahi district BNP vice-president Abdul Hamid alias Moru Hamid. The convicts with death sentence are Workers' Party leader and freedom fighter Ali Khwaja M Abdul

Mazid and his nephews Paltu and Shukur Ali. Four other convicts are Nawshad, Zaidul Islam, Asadul and Abdur Razzak Sarkar alias Art Babu.

Ali Khwaja and his nephews, who were on the dock, instantly protested the judgement.

Tribunal Judge AFM Aminul Islam, however, acquitted eight other accused in the case.

According to the prosecution, masked assailants killed BNP leader Abdul Hamid Moru at Ghospara in the city on November 9 in 2003. They slaughtered him and left the scene chanting slogans in favour of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

Police pressed charges against 16 people in the case on July 19 in 2004.

Public Prosecutor Ketab Uddin appeared for the state while Sayed Ekramur Rasul, Mansur Rahman and Entajul Haque Babu defended the accused.

Rejecting the verdict, the lawyers for the accused said that implicating Ali Khwaja in the case was politically motivated.

Khwaja was the main political opponent of Moru Hamid and so he was victimised, they said.

Ali Khwaja is also the chairman of Jhikra union in Bagmara upazila and vice-president of the district unit of Jatiya Krishak Samity.