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## UN launches int'l prize in honour of Bangabandhu

*Unesco-Bangabandhu award to recognise sustainable job creation*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations has decided to establish "UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Prize in the field of the Creative Economy" to promote creative industries that provide youths, women and migrants with sustainable jobs globally.

The recognition comes as the nation celebrates the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman this year and prepares for the 50th

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SINHA MURDER CHARGE SHEET

## He knew too much to be spared

*OC Pradeep threatened to destroy Sinha for finding his links to drug trade*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Days before Maj (retd) Sinha Rashed Khan was murdered on July 31, then officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das had threatened to "destroy" him unless he left the area.

"While filming for his YouTube channel, Sinha independently looked into drug trade in Teknaf and found its links with Pradeep," Lt Col Ashiq Billah, director of Rab's legal and media wing, told a press conference yesterday.

"Sinha was a friendly person and people opened up to him, telling him how the OC oppressed and used them for the drug trade. Upon finding such allegations, he went to meet Pradeep at the Teknaf Police



Station in mid-July," he said.

Billah was addressing the press conference at the Rab's media centre in the capital after investigators pressed charges against 15 accused, including Pradeep and Baharchhara Investigation Centre's Inspector Liaquat Ali, for the murder.

"Pradeep told Sinha to leave the area and threatened to destroy him if he did not do so," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star later, a highly-placed Rab source said Sinha had found out that the OC had been using several Rohingyas in a cross-border yaba trade, the daily worth of which was estimated at Tk 50 lakh.

Several sources linked with the murder investigation said Sinha had volunteered

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### THE KILLING

JUL 31

Maj (retd.) Sinha Rashed Khan was killed at Shamlapur on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway (Marine Drive).

AUG 5

A case was filed by sister of the deceased, Sharmen Shahria Ferdush, charging OC Pradeep, Inspector Liaquat, SI Nandadulal Rakshit and 6 others.

AUG 6

OC Pradeep surrendered and 7 cops were incarcerated.

AUG-SEP

14 people arrested including 3 police sources, and 3 members of Armed Police Battalion.

AUG 23

Anti-Corruption Commission sued Pradeep, his family for illegal wealth.



OC Pradeep



Inspector Liaquat

### THE INVESTIGATION

• First information report filed by SI Nandadulal claiming this was a "gunfight" did not match with the medical inquest report.

• Home ministry's probe committee found that Sinha was still alive when OC Pradeep came to the spot and that they delayed taking him to the hospital.

### CHARGE SHEET

• Sinha's murder was pre-planned by Pradeep because

Sinha discovered the OC's links to drug trade.

• Sinha was investigating into the drug trade of the area.

• Pradeep met with Sinha at Teknaf police station mid-July, and threatened him.

• 15 people have been charged. 14 of them are in jail.

• Departmental action recommended against former SP of Cox's Bazar ABM Masud.

• OC Pradeep ensured that Sinha bleed to death before sending him to hospital.

• 83 witnesses named.

### MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS DAY TODAY



LISTING MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS

## It begins, at last

*49 years on, no official number or definition yet; committee starts work*

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

They were the country's leading intelligentsia who were the guiding light for Bangalees. These brightest sons and daughters of the soil were instrumental in the mass movements against the disparity and repressive measures of the Pakistani rulers and contributed to the 1971 Liberation War efforts.

But, faced with impending defeat, the Pakistan army, aided by their bootlicker local collaborators, planned and brutally killed them to cripple the future nation intellectually so that it could never stand tall.

Sadly, 49 years after the country's independence, the nation is still in the dark about how many of these luminaries faced martyrdom -- lacking a comprehensive and final list of martyred intellectuals or even a definition of the term.

Successive governments since 1971 have failed to prepare a list of the martyred intellectuals, despite making repeated pledges. The Awami League government is no exception -- it is

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## Hasina-Modi virtual summit on Dec 17

*Focus on 50yrs of independence*

PORIMOL PALMA

The virtual summit between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi scheduled for December 17 will highlight the celebration of Bangladesh's 50th anniversary of independence next year.

"The highlight of the summit will be the victory of Bangladesh... They [India] helped us in the war of 1971. The history could be different if they had not," Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said yesterday.

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COVID VACCINE

## First shipment arriving in Jan

*Says health minister*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country will receive the first consignment of Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine in January, Health Minister Zahid Maleque yesterday said.

Fifty lakh shots of the three crore doses of the vaccine could reach the country on any day of January, he said while addressing a procurement contract-signing ceremony of the vaccine at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in Dhaka.

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## BLUEPRINT OF EVIL

*War-time documents reveal Mojaheed's outline for a ruthless Al-Badr that wouldn't spare even 'nearest relatives'*

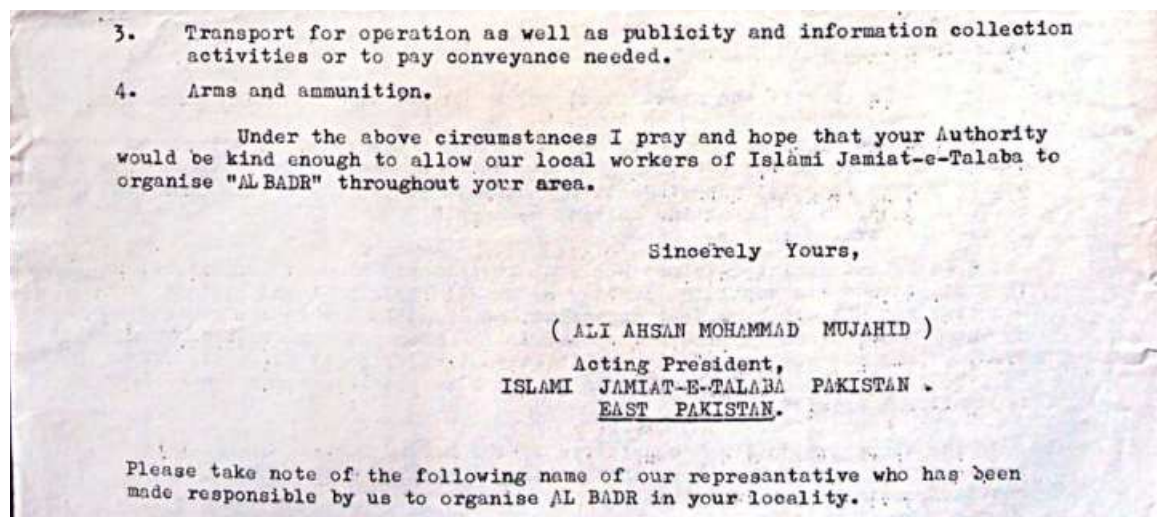
ANWAR ALI

"The workers of Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha who are spread throughout the nook and corner of the country and who are loyal, sincere and honest Pakistanis, like to serve the nation in this odd hour in the best possible manner."

That's how Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed introduced the members of Islami Chhatra Sangha (ICS), the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, to Pakistan's martial law administration as he proposed the formation of Al-Badr during the Liberation War, 1971.

Al-Badr was the fearsome militia which under Mojaheed's leadership traced houses and systematically rounded up, tortured and killed the nation's brightest luminaries -- academics, litterateurs,

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## HC stays trial proceedings against Matiur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for six months the trial proceedings of a case filed against Prothom Alo Editor and Publisher Matiur Rahman over the death of Dhaka Residential Model College student Naimul Abrar Rahat.

The court also issued a rule asking the state to explain in four weeks why the case proceedings

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ACC CORRUPTION CASES

## Govt cannot withdraw, or even ask for it

*HC issues rule*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has ruled that the government can neither withdraw any corruption cases filed and moved by the Anti-Corruption Commission, nor can it recommend withdrawal of such cases from trial proceedings.

The ACC is an independent body as per the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2004, the HC observed. The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice

Md Mostafizur Rahman came up with the observation while delivering a short verdict last Thursday on a revision petition filed by the ACC involving this issue.

The government has reportedly recommended the withdrawal of over 7,000 criminal cases filed before the Awami League came to power.

ACC lawyer AKM Fazlul Hoque yesterday told The Daily Star that the HC bench endorsed his arguments that

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## We Deeply Mourn



**Bir Muktiyoddha Asoke Das Gupta**  
17 February 1942 – 13 December 2020

ONE Bank Family deeply mourns the sad demise of Mr. Asoke Das Gupta, Vice Chairman of ONE Bank Limited. He breathed his last on 13 December 2020, Sunday, around 2:30 p.m. due to old age complications.

Mr. Asoke Das Gupta was one of the most renowned businessmen in Bangladesh. He was the Chief Executive of IMTrex, Managing Director of Uniroyal Trade Ltd. as well as Chairman of Uniroyal Securities Ltd. and Ocunova Eye Hospital.

We, ONE Bank Family, pray for the salvation of the departed soul and express our profound sympathy to the bereaved family.



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