

# 12 get life terms in two murder cases

Twelve people have been convicted to life term in jail in two murder cases in Rangpur and Chapainawabganj districts, reports reaching here said yesterday, says UNB.

Rangpur District and Sessions Judge Ali Akbar Khan awarded on Tuesday rigorous life imprisonment to Soltaman Ali, Abdul Awal, Abul Kashem, Abdur Rashid, Anarkali and Abdus Samad for killing Sekander Ali.

Abdur Rashid Chowdhury conducted the case on behalf of the state while advocates Talab Ali, Asziz Rahman and Zohaidul Islam were in the defence.

In Nawabganj, District and Sessions Judge M Abdul Quar Khan awarded life imprisonment to six people for killing Iqbal.

The convicts were also fined to pay Tk 500 each, failing which to suffer three months more in jail.

The lifers are Sentu, Apple, Maruf, Vim, Pihu and Jewel.

The case in brief was that the accused equipped with deadly weapons injured Iqbal fatally on November 19 in 1990 at about 7 pm. He died at hospital.

On proper investigation of the case, sadar thana police submitted chargesheet against 12 persons. The court after examining witnesses found six guilty of the murder.



Jamaat leader Abbas Ali Khan addressing a rally of the party in city yesterday. — Star photo

## 49 victims

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border camps in India.

At Bhatsala border under Debhata thana, 500 "push back" victims have been stationed. The BSF often tries to smuggle them across the border under the cover of night.

Two children from this border camp of Jalalpur drowned in the river Ichamati while being forced to cross the river into Bangladesh.

A UNB report from Satkhira says: About 50 Indian nationals were sent back today by BDR through Kharjapara while 180 others pushed into Bangladesh through Banshantapur were waiting near Kulia bridge within 10 miles of the border. They will be sent back to India anytime, officials said.

Indian border security force (BSF) pushed in hundreds of her Bangla speaking Muslim nationals all along Satkhira, Chuadanga and Meherpur borders during the last two days.

BDR however foiled several attempts of pushing the Indian nationals.

About 70 Muslims pushed into Bangladesh through Kathuli were sent back by BDR early Tuesday morning. Another push in attempt of BSF was foiled at Dhalahat the same morning. BDR personnel thwarted BSF attempts of push in Indian nationals through other routes.

## Jamaat: Push back

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trying to destabilise the political situation, disrupt national development and ruin the economy of Bangladesh," the Jamaat leader said.

He blamed the government for patronising the "anarchists" of the Nirmul body instead of bringing them to book.

The city unit of Jamaat organised the meeting in protest against the Indian push back operation and terrorism in the country and in demand of Golam Azam's release.

Chaired by the city Jamaat Ameer ATM Azharul Islam, the meeting was also addressed by the party's Secretary General Matur Rahman Nizami, MP, Abdus Sobhan, MP, Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid, Yusuf Ali, and Jastmuddin Mandol.

The Publicity Secretary of the party Kamaruzzaman announced in the meeting a series of fresh programmes which include the observance of November 7 as the Day of Revolution and Solidarity, nationwide demonstration on November 10 to demand Golam Azam's release, Care-Target Government Day on November 20, Mass Right Day on December 3, Intellectual Day on December 14 and the Victory Day on December 16.

In his speech Jamaat's Parliamentary Party leader Matur Rahman Nizami observed the

hopes and aspirations of the nation were shattered as the present government failed to resolve any of the national problems.

The Jatiya Sangsad, established through an unprecedented neutral elections after the fall of nine-year-long autocracy, did not take up any issue of national interest, Nizami remarked. It (US) spent a lot of time to discuss the Golam Azam issue, and raised the remuneration of the Members of Parliament (MPs), he added.

Nizami accused the "Gana Adalatis" (pro People's Court) of conspiring to destroy the hard-earned democracy and hinder the national development in the name of fighting against Golam Azam and his party.

## One boxed to death in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A youngman was boxed to death at Mirpur, Section-14, in the capital late Tuesday. Mohammad Faruque, 25, an auto-rickshaw driver, was critically wounded and died on way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) as one Maimuddin boxed on his chest at Mirpur, Section-14 under Cantonment Police Station at around 10:30 pm Tuesday night.

Those who addressed the rally were Maimuddin Afzal (Ganatantri Party) Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Badruddin Umar, Foyez Ahmed, Panna Kaiser, Abdur Rashid Chowdhury (Muktijoddha Sangsad), Mohammad Zakir Hossain (Aha-e-Sunnat Al Jamaat), Lt Col (Retd) Kazi Nuruzzaman, Begum Sulfa Kamal, Ahmed Sharif, Kabir Chowdhury, Nurul Islam Nahid (CPB), Nirmul Sen (Five Party), Pankaj Bhattacharya (PDF), Syed Hassan Imam, Kazi Aref Ahmed (JSD) and Abdur Razzak MP (AL).

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## Nirmul body

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Park) to Fisheries building. Several thousand people from different districts joined the rally carrying festoons and banners and defying rains.

The opposition leader said that "it was the present Prime Minister's husband Ziaur Rahman who gave political right to Jamaat and voting right to the war criminals."

She claimed that this government promised to restore nationality of the controversial Jamaat chief Golam Azam in return of Jamaat's backing during formation of the government.

Hasina accused the government of repeatedly betraying the people and said that the four-point agreement in Parliament regarding trial of Golam Azam and withdrawal of cases against 24 personalities were yet to be implemented.

She demanded that the government form a special tribunal under the International Crimes Act 1974 to try Azam and urged the people to continue the united movement till the spirit of the Independence War was established.

Hasina said that her father gave general amnesty but it did not cover the "arsonists and rapists". The post-75 government amended relevant laws and rehabilitated the war criminals, she added.

The first session of the rally began with the patriotic song "Salam Salam Hazar Salam" rendered by Charan Cultural Group at around 2 pm.

A number of other cultural groups put up a two-hour variety show based on the liberation war.

The traffic movement in the areas, from Shahabag square to Motijheel, came to a halt as the Jamaat-e-Islami held separate rally near the Dainik Bangla square demanding release of its jailed chief Golam Azam.

Barbed wire barricade was put near the Purana Paltan square and riot police were alert on strategic points with hot water vans to fall possible violence.

The second session of the rally began with committee convenor Jahanara Imam in the chair which was addressed by at least two dozen leaders until 8 pm.

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# The Midnight File

## Pindi may halt protest by Kashmiris once again

ISLAMABAD, Oct 14: Pakistan today said it was "concerned" about some Kashmiri political parties resolve to storm the border with India next week and indicated the planned protest might be halted once again, reports AFP.

## Cresson won't seek reelection

PARIS, Oct 14: Edith Cresson, forced to resign as France's first woman premier in April after only 10 months in office, will not seek reelection to parliament next year, the Socialist Party said Wednesday, reports AP.

## Mass murderer convicted

ROSTOV-ON-DON (Russia), Oct 14: A former teacher accused of being the world's worst serial killer was convicted Wednesday on 52 counts of murder while he protested his innocence through the bars of a courtroom cage. Andrei Chikatilo, a 56-year-old grandfather, was led in and out of the courtroom by armed police because of his outbursts during the three-hour reading of the verdict against him in the southern Russian city of Rostov, reports AP.

## Yangon jails 9, moves to dislodge 100 legislators

YANGON, Oct 14: Myanmar's junta has given nine dissidents long jail terms for producing anti-government leaflets and is moving to strip more than 100 more opposition politicians of their parliamentary seats, diplomats said, reports Reuters.

A military tribunal in Yangon sentenced the nine, five of whom were students, on September 23. Eight were jailed for 10 years and one for six years, said the diplomats, quoting reliable Myanmar sources.

The sentences came four days before the junta lifted two martial law decrees giving regional military commanders the right to dispense summary justice through military tribunals. It remains unclear if such tribunals still function in Yangon.

The diplomats said election tribunals recently began sum-

moning 130 politicians who won seats in the May, 1990, general election to answer allegations of financial irregularities during the campaign.

According to a list seen by Reuters today, 85 were members of the National League for Democracy (NLD), which won the poll by a landslide, taking 392 of 485 available seats.

The junta, which calls itself the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), has refused to hand over power to the NLD and has stripped many of the party's members of their seats.

Since the election, 13 opposition members of Parliament have died, one of them in custody, and 107 others have been jailed, or forced to resign their seats or flee the country. All but 16 of a total of 120 lost seats belonged to the NLD.

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## Home Ministry Booker Prize

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Michael Ondaatje, 48, is a Canadian who spent his early life in Sri Lanka then moved to England when he was 11. He now lives in Toronto where he teaches English.

His novel, *The English Patient*, is set during World War Two. It tells the story of four war casualties stranded in a villa near Florence, Italy and a mysterious, badly-burned English Patient who stays in an upstairs room.

Barry Unsworth, 62, was born in Durham in northeast England and now lives in Umbria in Italy. His novel, *Sacred Hunger*, set in 1752, is an exploration of slavery, and centres on the lives of two violently opposed cousins. One who protests at the brutal treatment of slaves on a ship where he is the surgeon and the other who is driven by entrepreneurial greed.

Local people believe, the attack was the backlash of a fiction between two factions of the pro-BNP CBA of the mill.

Witnesses said the attackers rushed to the mill at about 6 this morning and attacked the workers.

They also ransacked the CBA office and damaged the administrative building