

BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

Verbatim Text of Cross Examination of Second Prosecution Witness

Following are the excerpts from cross-examination of Abdur Rahman alias Rama, the second principal witness in Bangabandhu murder case by the defence counsels during Wednesday's (July 16) trial proceedings:

Examination by advocate Abdur Razzak Khan, counsel of Honorary Captain (retd) Abdul Wahab Jardar:

Q: Is Tungipara your permanent address?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you do something?

A: Yes.

Q: Agriculture?

A: Service in Gopalganj.

Q: What sort of service?

A: Government.

Q: Would you tell the name of your office?

A: District livestock office.

Q: Post?

A: MLSS.

Q: What is your academic qualification?

A: I had appeared in class two examination at Keralkoppa Primary School but could not pass.

Q: When did you get the job?

A: In 1992.

Q: Did you get the job after application?

A: Yes, by application.

Q: Did you get the job following recommendation by local Awami League MP?

A: No, by appearing in interview.

Q: Was there any advertisement in the newspapers?

A: Yes.

Q: How many interviews were there?

A: I was the 35th. There was a lot after me.

Q: Did you see in newspapers that the Bangabandhu murder case had been lodged?

A: Yes, I saw.

Q: After how many days of filing the case you gave statement at the CID office?

A: 4/10/96.

Q: Did any body go to you from the CID office?

A: I was asked by local OC to go to CID office.

Q: When did your deposition to CID start and when concluded?

A: It took two to three hours.

Q: Who has written? What was his post?

A: He was in plainclothes. I can't say what his post was. He also did not tell me about it.

Q: On which floor of the CID office your deposition was recorded?

A: On the third floor.

Q: Did anybody else give statement at the office during recording of your deposition?

A: I don't know.

Q: Was Ajan from the nearest mosque heard from the house of Bangabandhu?

A: Yes.

Q: How long before the Ajan, the incident on the day had begun and after how long it ended?

A: I couldn't hear Ajan on that day.

Q: Was it dawn when you came to the bank of the lake?

A: Not dawn. It was about to dawn.

Q: Did you go near the lake being asked by Begum Mujib?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you go upto the lake?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you not talk to the security guards?

A: No, I didn't talk to them.

Q: Did you not talk to them even after witnessing the firing?

A: No, I didn't talk to them.

Q: Didn't you see them?

A: Yes, I saw them.

Q: How long after the army had entered the house did you go out? Would it be 15 to 20 minutes?

A: May be.

Q: How much time the incident took to take place?

A: I can't say.

(Court: Tell the approximate time)

Q: Would it be more than an hour?

A: It would be one to one-and-a-half hours.

Q: After how long talking by phone at the reception Bangabandhu went upstairs?

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