

BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

Verbatim Text of Cross Examination of Third Prosecution Witness

(Continued from Wednesday)

Cross-examination of Mohammad Selim alias Abdul, the third prosecution witness in Bangabandhu murder case, continued for the third day on Wednesday, July 23.

Excerpts from the cross-examination by advocate TM Akbar, defence counsel for accused Col (LPR) Muhuuddin, follow:

Q: Can you read halifnama?

A: No, I can't.

Q: Can you read and write Bangla and English?

A: I can neither read nor write.

Q: Do you know the names of the months of English calendar?

A: Not all the months.

Q: What names can you mention?

A: January, February, April, June, August, September.

Q: Can you say what was the month on 3.10.96?

A: I can't.

Q: Where did you work as moshalchi?

A: Then my services was at Bangabandhu, but I worked at the residence of Bangabandhu.

Q: From where did you receive salary?

A: From Bangabandhu.

Q: Where did your fellow pantryman work at that time?

A: He worked at Bangabandhu.

Q: At that time there was no pantry at the house of Bangabandhu. What did you do then?

A: I did what I was asked to do.

Q: Is it true that there was an attached bathroom in the north of Bangabandhu's bedroom?

A: Yes, true.

Q: Adjacent to this, there was a staircase in the north-western side. Correct?

A: No, there was a backside staircase adjacent to the room of Hasina apa.

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: Where was the hallroom? A: A room without any partition was used as hallroom and also as dining room.

Q: Where did you sleep?

A: In front of the door of the dining room.

Q: Was there any separate bathroom for you?

A: We had no separate bathroom. Usually, we used the bathroom of Hasina apa.

Q: Did you enter the bathroom to hide yourself?

A: No, I entered the bathroom to protect me from bullets.

Q: Was the door of Bangabandhu's room made of wood?

A: Yes.

Q: Was it the President's house?

A: The house was not built for President. It was built for general people.

Q: Was it difficult to open the door of Bangabandhu's room?

A: No, it could be opened easily.

Q: There was an open place in the north of Bangabandhu's house.

A: Yes, several small cars could be kept there.

Q: What type of car?

A: Private car.

Q: Was there any room in the west of pigeons' nest?

A: There was a tinned for cows.

Q: There was another shed in the south of the pigeons?

A: Not at that time.

A: I can't remember.

Q: There was another tinshed in the west of the cowshed?

A: Yes.

Q: Where was the kitchen?

A: The kitchen was in the south of the cowshed.

Q: Was the garage two-storey?

A: Yes.

Q: Was the garage in the north-west corner of the main building of Bangabandhu's house?

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the Investigation Officer (IO) that "I got courage when two black uniformed men came to me as I thought they had come after receiving the news of attack on the house of Bangabandhu".

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: Adjacent to this, there was a staircase in the north-western side. Correct?

A: No, there was a backside staircase adjacent to the room of Hasina apa.

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the IO that "one armyman indicating me told another to take me to hospital as bullet struck me."

A: I told him.

Q: You didn't tell him that "I told them that all have been killed when they asked me about Bangabandhu's house."

A: I told him.

Q: The cowshed was in the south of the pigeon holes.

A: This is not correct.

Q: All you said are false.

A: Your statement is not

true.

Examination by advocate Khan Saifur Rahman, defence counsel for Col (retd) Syed Farooqur Rahman:

Q: You are from Mehendiganj of Barisal. I also hail from the same district. Was your village home devoured by river erosion?

A: No.

Q: Was there any relative of Bangabandhu in Barisal?

A: Yes.

Q: Judge Kazi Golam Rasul smiled and remarked: He is more smart today.

Q: Did they come to the house of Bangabandhu?

A: Yes.

Q: Was your service full time at the house of occurrence?

A: Excepting the time for sleeping.

Q: Where there army security at the house before the outsider army personnel came there?

A: The house was not built for President. It was built for general people.

Q: Was it difficult to open the door of Bangabandhu's room?

A: No, it could be opened easily.

Q: There was an open place in the north of Bangabandhu's house.

A: Yes, several small cars could be kept there.

Q: What type of car?

A: Private car.

Q: Was there any room in the west of pigeons' nest?

A: There was a tinned for cows.

Q: There was another shed in the south of the pigeons?

A: Not at that time.

A: I can't remember.

Q: There was another tinshed in the west of the cowshed?

A: Yes.

Q: Where was the kitchen?

A: The kitchen was in the south of the cowshed.

Q: Was the garage two-storey?

A: Yes.

Q: Was the garage in the north-west corner of the main building of Bangabandhu's house?

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the IO that "I got courage when two black uniformed men came to me as I thought they had come after receiving the news of attack on the house of Bangabandhu".

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: Adjacent to this, there was a staircase in the north-western side. Correct?

A: No, there was a backside staircase adjacent to the room of Hasina apa.

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the IO that "one armyman indicating me told another to take me to hospital as bullet struck me."

A: I told him.

Q: You didn't tell him that "I told them that all have been killed when they asked me about Bangabandhu's house."

A: I told him.

Q: The cowshed was in the south of the pigeon holes.

A: This is not correct.

Q: All you said are false.

A: Your statement is not

bangabandhu and I heard firing.

Examination by advocate Khan Saifur Rahman, defence counsel for Col (retd) Syed Farooqur Rahman:

Q: You are from Mehendiganj of Barisal. I also hail from the same district. Was your village home devoured by river erosion?

A: No.

Q: Was there any relative of Bangabandhu in Barisal?

A: Yes.

Q: Judge Kazi Golam Rasul smiled and remarked: He is more smart today.

Q: Did they come to the house of Bangabandhu?

A: Yes.

Q: Was your service full time at the house of occurrence?

A: Excepting the time for sleeping.

Q: Where there army security at the house before the outsider army personnel came there?

A: The house was not built for President. It was built for general people.

Q: Was it difficult to open the door of Bangabandhu's room?

A: No, it could be opened easily.

Q: There was an open place in the north of Bangabandhu's house.

A: Yes, several small cars could be kept there.

Q: What type of car?

A: Private car.

Q: Was there any room in the west of pigeons' nest?

A: There was a tinned for cows.

Q: There was another shed in the south of the pigeons?

A: Not at that time.

A: I can't remember.

Q: There was another tinshed in the west of the cowshed?

A: Yes.

Q: Where was the kitchen?

A: The kitchen was in the south of the cowshed.

Q: Was the garage two-storey?

A: Yes.

Q: Was the garage in the north-west corner of the main building of Bangabandhu's house?

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the IO that "I got courage when two black uniformed men came to me as I thought they had come after receiving the news of attack on the house of Bangabandhu".

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: Adjacent to this, there was a staircase in the north-western side. Correct?

A: No, there was a backside staircase adjacent to the room of Hasina apa.

Q: One had to go through the dining room for Bangabandhu's room to the northern staircase.

A: Yes.

Q: You didn't tell the IO that "one armyman indicating me told another to take me to hospital as bullet struck me."

A: I told him.

Q: You didn't tell him that "I told them that all have been killed when they asked me about Bangabandhu's house."

A: I told him.

Q: The cowshed was in the south of the pigeon holes.

A: This is not correct.

Q: All you said are false.