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Salman Shah's death case referred to CID

By Staff Correspondent

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Azizul Haq yesterday referred filmstar Salman Shah's death case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for further investigation, according to police sources.

The Detective Branch of police handed over the documents relating to the case to the CID yesterday evening and Assistant Police Commissioner (CID, city zone) Khalequzzaman has appointed the Investigation Officer.

The death of Salman, accorded as an unnatural death (UD) case on September 6, 1996, took a dramatic turn on July 22 last when one Rezvi Ahmed in a confessional statement said that he killed Salman with the help of Salman's wife and mother-in-law and eight other accomplices.

Later, Salman Shah's father Kamaruddin Chowdhury filed a petition with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court praying for converting the UD case to a murder case on the basis of confessional statement made by Rezvi under Section 164 of the CrPC.

The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sunday ordered the IGP to take necessary action relating to the petition filed by Salman's father.

Earlier last week, the DMP Commissioner had asked the Detective Branch (DB) to re-in-

Police van crashes into shop in Bogra: 29 hurt

SIRAJGANJ, July 28: Twenty-six cops and three other people were injured, six seriously, when a police van skidded off Bogra-Nagarbari highway and crashed into a shop at Sherpur thana Sadar in Bogra district today, reports UNB.

Police said the vehicle, carrying a huge amount of money from Sonali Bank here for Bangladesh Bank's Bogra branch, met with the accident as the driver tried to save a rickshaw at the spot, 20 km off Bogra town, at 9:30 am.

In the accident, the police van, three rifles and the shop were severely damaged.

Pak offer

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sell 3,000 megawatts of electricity to India after Prime Ministers of the two South Asian rivals met in the Indian Ocean nation of Maldives for the first leadership talks in eight years.

Meanwhile, a 25-member top business team was leaving for Pakistan today for a six-day visit aimed at boosting trade ties, officials said.

They said the delegation, headed by Binay Kumar, the president of the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry trade forum, would also explore possibilities of joint ventures and cooperation in third countries.

Annual trade between Pakistan and India has been confined to exchanges worth 100 million dollars due to strains in relations linked to political issues, mainly the dispute over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since their 1947 independence from British rule.

The arrested were sent to court after the filing of a case

Drilling of relief well

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special types of helicopters have been brought to Bangladesh for this purpose.

Burtchell told the Energy Secretary that Occidental had given emphasis on restoration of the train link. But he said, at this moment train link could not be restored through the affected area.

Occidental was considering installing substitute rail line and was conducting a survey and framing plans for this.

Steps have been taken to build a temporary by-pass road in collaboration with the authorities concerned. The final decision regarding use of the original road will be taken on the basis of the situation in the area after the relief well is completed.

The rig will be brought to the affected area within two to three weeks. The site for the relief well is some 600 metres west of the main well and it will be drilled diagonally to meet the original well. Then a type of chemical will be pumped there with high pressure to seal all the channels through which gas is now leaking out.

The Energy Secretary asked the Occidental Vice President to take immediate steps to restore rail and road links and assured him of cooperation from all concerned authorities. He noted that the economic activities of the Magurjhara-Sylhet region had also been affected while ecological balance in the area needed to be immediately restored.

The Occidental representative said that Occidental was actively considering rehabilita-

vestigate into the death of the filmstar, the sources said.

The DB had declined to take up the case as it had earlier conducted two investigations with same finding that Salman had committed suicide. At that time, two postmortem reports on Salman Shah's body also produced the same result.

Meanwhile, the dramatic confession of Rezvi had triggered Salman's fans to bring out processions in the city in the last few days demanding trial and punishment of the killers.

At the same time, many people expressed their doubts about the credibility of Rezvi.

Many newspapers focused on Samira, the wife of Salman Shah, saying that she had married the son of a businessman from Chittagong and left the country. After investigation into the matter by The Daily Star, this report was found to be baseless.

Schoolboy shot dead in Pabna

PABNA, July 28: A schoolboy was shot dead by assailants at Noldah village in sadar thana of the district today, reports UNB.

Police said unknown miscreants waylaid Abdul Matin, 13, a class VIII student of the Dogachi High School, when he was going to the school and gunned him down at about 9 am.

Local people attributed the killing to the long-running rivalry between two groups — one led by Kamrul Master and the other by Shahidur Rahman Shaid — over establishing supremacy in the area.

Matin was a resident of the Shahid group area. A case was filed with Sadar police.

Schoolboy commits suicide

A student of Alokdei High School at Pallabi allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling at his residence in the city yesterday morning, reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Abul Mia, 12, son of Mejbahuddin. He was a student of class seven.

Police said earlier his mother allegedly rebuked him for his failure in the half-yearly examination.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

2 Indians held in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, July 28: Three persons, including two Indian nationals, were arrested by Moheshpur thana police on Saturday night, according to police.

They were identified as Parmit Sarkar, son of Kalu Shashi Sarkar, Kamal Tamli, and General Secretary of the Gano Forum, and other political parties and groups also condemned the incident.

The LDF staged a demonstration at the Nur Hossain Square in a resolution taken at the LDF central committee meeting with Nirmal Sen in the chair, the coalition of left-wing parties demanded arrest of all bank loan defaulters and attachment of their property.

Condemning the incident, Dr Kamal Hossain and Saifuddin Ahmed, President of NAP (M), demanded punishment of the defaulters for their indecent behaviour with the BB Governor.

Mohan Rahman and Mabbubur Rahman, President and General Secretary of the Bilkop Commerce and Industrial Association, also condemned the incident.

Industrial bond

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allowed to purchase the bond.

It was decided that the source of the money, to be used for purchase of the bond, would not be questioned and the investors in the bond would get income tax rebate.

The interest on the bond would be higher than that of the existing rates for deposits in the banks.

The commercial banks will disburse the industrial credit to be mobilised by the bonds. Even the foreign banks would be proposed to be involved in disbursing the industrial loans through their outlets.

But Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) and Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS), the two state-run development financial institutions, would not be allowed to disburse the money.

The decision to omit the two organisations in disbursing the bond-generated money was taken considering their past dismal performance, the sources said.

The banks would individually disburse a maximum of Tk 10 crore. If the amount is bigger than Tk 10 crore, they would have to form a syndication to disburse the sanctioned amount.

Bangladesh Bank will manage the bond while the concerned banks will be fully responsible for sanctioning the loans and their recovery. The basis of sanction will be customer-bank relationship.

Senior officials of the Finance ministry and the central bank governor were present in the meeting.

Policy unchanged, says Gujral

My offer was aimed at misled young Kashmiris'

NEW DELHI, July 28: Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral said today India's policy on Kashmir had not changed and denied he had made and later withdrawn an offer for unconditional talks with separatists, reports Reuter.

"No new policy statement has been made," Gujral told parliament in response to opposition charges after reports that he had made an offer for unconditional talks with separatists.

"I have always been willing to talk to the young boys who are our own children like in a family," he said.

Gujral made a stunning statement aimed at separatists during a trip to Jammu and Kashmir. "I am

willing to talk to them without any conditions," he said.

On Sunday he made an about-face, saying talks would not be held unless the militants waging a seven-year war against new Delhi laid down their arms.

"I strongly protest against the allegations that I say one thing in the morning and another in the evening," Gujral told the lower house, Lok Sabha, today.

Gujral said his offer for talks was aimed at young men who he said were misled by separatist propaganda.

"During the speech I had said I was prepared to talk to all those young men who have been misled," he said.

BB list of defaulters

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Limited (NCCBL) has been asked to repay Tk 1.78 crore to the State Bank of India against his loans for Bengal Electric Ltd and Associated Garment Ltd.

ASF Rahman and Salman F Rahman of the IFIC Bank and Iqbal Ahmed of AB Bank have been asked to repay Tk 1.39 crore overdue loans against Beximco Textiles to the Dutch-Bangla Bank.

ASF Rahman, Salman Rahman of the IFIC Bank and M A Kashem and Iqbal Ahmed of the AB Bank have also been asked to repay nearly Tk 1.15 crore overdue loans against Beximco Synthetics and Tk 1.56 crore against Beximco Denim to the Sonali Bank.

M A Hashem of the City Bank and Sultan Hashem of the United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL) have been asked to repay the Sonali Bank Tk 47.23 lakh against Rasel Steel Mills. Tk 45.18 lakh against Star Vegetables and Tk 5.82 lakh against Star Synthetic Particles.

M A Hashem of the City Bank and Sultan Hashem of the United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL) have been asked to repay Tk 1.64 crore overdue loan against Cast International to the Sonali Bank.

Ramjul Siraj of the AB Bank has been asked to repay Tk 18.35 lakh overdue loan against Elite International to the Sonali Bank.

Nurul Haq Sikdar of the Prime Bank has been asked to repay Tk 11.55 lakh overdue loan against NKK Knitwear to the NCCBL.

Nurul Islam of the NCCBL has been asked to repay Tk 29.70 lakh overdue loan against Progati Enterprises to the Sonali Bank.

Jahangir Alam Khan and Monwara Jahangir of the UCBL were given notice to repay some Tk 1.23 crore against JK Fabrics Ltd to the Sonali Bank.

Afroza Abbas of the Dhaka Bank has been asked to repay Tk 1.78 crore overdue loan against National Trading Corporation to the UCBL.

Syed Sadullah Ahmed and Salma Haq of the Prime Bank have been asked to repay Tk 48.31 lakh overdue loan against QG Traders to the Southeast Bank.

Badiur Rahman of the Al Arafah Bank has been asked to repay nearly Tk 2.11 crore overdue loan against Eastman Steel to the Sonali Bank.

ASF Rahman and Salman Rahman also were asked to repay Tk 1.82 crore against Beximco Synthetics and Tk 12.79 crore against Beximco Textiles to the Sonali Bank.

Badiur Rahman of the Al Arafah Bank has been asked to repay Tk 1.16 crore overdue loan against Zia Engineering Works to the Hanil Bank.

2 bank directors say they're not defaulters

By Staff Correspondent

MA Hashem and Shawkat Aziz, directors of City Bank and UCBL respectively, in separate statements yesterday said they are not defaulters with any bank.

They claimed they are not involved with any defaulted bank loans and that this news item has caused serious negative impact on the goodwill of their organisations.

Youngman

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gold chain from a trader who was coming to Dhaka from Shampur. The trader, identified as Manik Miah filed a case in connection with the mugging.

However, police said, Anwar's mother Noorjahan Begum filed a murder case with Demra thana alleging that three young men called her son from their house at Fattullah early in the morning. Later, they took Anwar to Shampur and killed him.

Demra police arrested Moktar Hossain who was reportedly driving the autorickshaw in which Anwar was travelling.

Despite several rounds of talks, the feuding JCD and BCL could not reach any agreement over the issue. JCD had already begun an indefinite strike at the university since July 27.

The situation in Surya Sen Hall became tense following its 'capture' by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League last Thursday.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BCL, dominated the hall earlier.

The election commission Prof AKM Shamsul Islam made the scrutiny, and declared it elected.

AE Mohamad Zakaria has been named Vice-President while Biblob Kumar Roy General Secretary of the new DM-DSU.

The election was scheduled for August 7.

JCD leaders boycotted the election on the ground of "abnormal atmosphere" due to unavoidable reasons, said a press release.

Fresh dates for the postponed examinations would be announced later.

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with his jawans took 'like position' alongside the southern boundary wall of the house.

He said he looked for guard commander Abdul Gani for ammunition as firing started.

Soon, a group of soldiers in black and khaki uniforms stormed in shouting 'hands up'.

Replied to a question from a prosecution lawyer, the witness said among the soldiers, he recognised Captain Bazlul Huda and Major Noor and Major Mohiuddin of lance.

Captain Bazlul Huda and Major Noor, he said, then came near the verandah and Captain Huda fired his stern gun on Sheikh Naser in the bathroom of the reception room.

Quddus said he also saw the body of a plainclothes police-man near the gate.

Major Noor then came out into the road and talked over wireless and Major Pasha also came near the gate.

Quddus said Sheikh Russel, who was in the line near the gate, was crying for going to her mother. Major Pasha then ordered one havilder of lancer to take Russell to his mother.

The havilder took Russell to the first floor and after some time, Quddus said, he heard the sound of firing and groaning. The Havilder then came down and told Aziz Pasha: "Sir, finished."

A tank rolled up to the gate and Major Farooque came out of the tank and talked to Major Aziz Pasha. Major Noor, Major Mohiuddin and Captain Bazlul Huda. He (Farooque) then left the scene with his tank," said the witness.

The body of Col Jamil was then brought into the house in a red-coloured car, Quddus said, when he also heard sound of breaking.

He said he then went to Bangabandhu's bedroom on the first floor of the house through the north-side staircase and saw the bodies of Begum Mujib and Sheikh Kamal. Quddus said he also found Sheikh Kamal and Sheikh Jamal's wives lying in a pool of blood.

In that room, I saw the body of Sheikh Russel with brain and eyes spattered beside