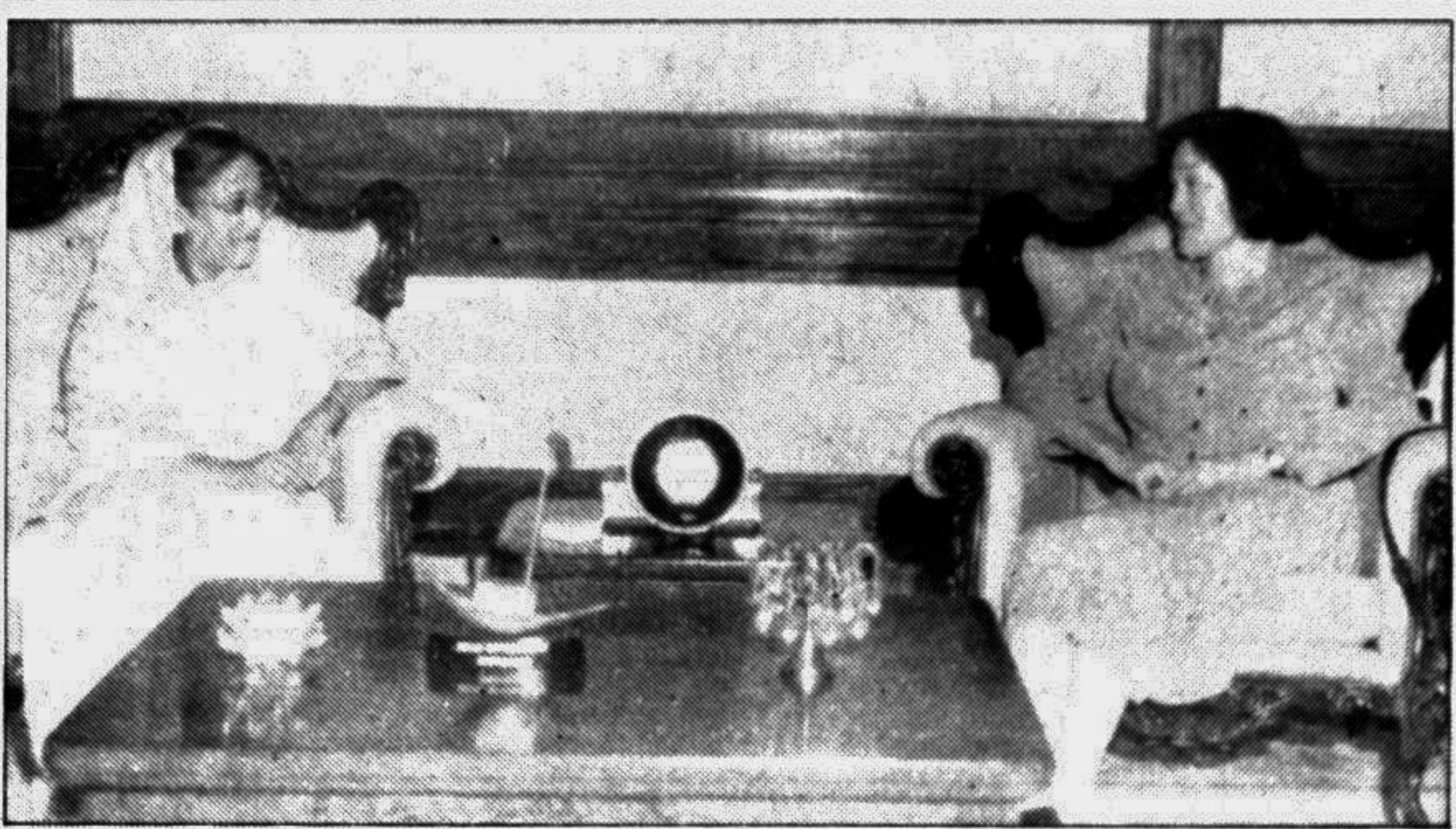


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British Secretary of State for International Development Clare Short called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Ganabhaban in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Fisheries policy soon

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government will announce a Fisheries Policy in the shortest possible time for rapid development of the sector, reports UNB.

Considering its huge potential, the fisheries sector has been integrated with the poverty alleviation programmes, she said while inaugurating the Fisheries Week at a function at the BARC premises in the morning.

Hasina directed the officials to take specific actions for the increase of fish production and said, "Our challenge is to increase the fish production up to 20 lakh tonnes by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan."

She said the export of fish and fish products has come under threat for failing to meet the quality as demanded by some of the importing countries.

Steps have been taken to improve the processing system and modernise the processing plants, Hasina said, assuring that the government would extend all-out support for the improvement and renovation of the fish processing factories.

The Prime Minister said the government has also taken steps to ensure a hygienic atmosphere for shrimp supply and processing through establishing service centres.

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JS body discusses service rule & activities of Titas Gas Co

Public establishment committee of the Jatiya Sangsad held a meeting yesterday with committee chairman Whip Rafiqul Islam in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed employment of manpower in Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited, service rule, formation of board of directors and system loss.

Besides, the company's realisation of arrears from different organisations and settlement of audit objections also came up for discussion.

Committee members Imran Ahmed, Fazle Rabbi, AKM Mosharrar Hossain, Abul Kalam Azad, Mohammad Dobirul Islam, Quazi Shamsur Rahman, Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain and Faruk Khan attended the meeting.

Comptroller and Auditor General M Hafizuddin Khan and Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Power and Energy Mahfuzul Islam were also present.

Work stoppage protesting terrorism at Feni tomorrow

FENI, Sept 16: The district anti-terrorism committee has called a 15-minute token work stoppage-cum-human-chain programme here on Thursday to protest terrorism, reports UNB.

The programme, which was declared at a meeting on September 11, will begin at 11 am.

The committee gave the call to reiterate its demand for the removal of the DC and SP for their 'failure' in curbing terrorism in the district.

BCL activist held with arms in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Sept 16: Kotwali police arrested a BCL activist on charges of terrorism and recovered two pipe guns and four bullets from his possession on Monday midnight. A case has been lodged.

Abdul Khaleque, 22, was arrested from UNO park.

Road security

From Staff Correspondent
The member-secretary of the Council will sit with focal points to review progress of the implementation of the plan at least once in two months, the handout said.

The meeting also decided to float a fund for training and publicity about the road security measures to create awareness among the members of the public.

District/metro road security committee will also be formed to check road accidents and to ensure safety on roads headed by deputy commissioners and police commissioners respectively, the handout said.

The minister stressed the need for training of drivers and compliance of traffic laws to avoid accidents and ease traffic jams.

The meeting was attended by national professor Dr MR Khan, Director of IT, Prof. Anwar Hussain, president of Bangladesh Road Transport Samity Alhaj Mogbul Hussain MP, executive chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Samik Federation, Shahjahan Khan MP, Communications Secretary Sayed Rezaul Hayat, Chairman of BRTA AN Hussain, additional IGP Mohammad Salam and concerned officials.

Recommendations for edn policy to be implemented soon: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said recommendations for introducing an education policy giving priority to science and technical education are being evaluated and would be implemented soon, reports UNB.

She said the government had formed a 51-member committee to formulate a proper education policy and it had already submitted its recommendations.

Addressing the prize-giving ceremony of National Education Week at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday, the Prime Minister stressed the need for building a life, work and target-oriented dynamic education system for providing the nation with quality education.

Terming education as a fundamental right of the people and first and foremost instrument for development, she said no development efforts would be successful without spreading proper education.

The Prime Minister said the government had taken a massive programme to build educated, skilled, honest, patriotic and responsible human resources.

She regretted that the existing education system of the country is not capable to meet the needs of time as it is not life and work-oriented.

Hasina said the Bangladesh government formed the Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission to introduce a scientific and work-oriented education system, but the plan could not be implemented.

Referring to the theme of this year's education week, 'The Development of Science and Technology', she said the government was determined to introduce a scientific and work-oriented education system, but the plan could not be implemented.

Token hunger strike by newspapermen

By Staff Correspondent
Journalists and employees of the newspapers under the Times-Bangla Trust observed a nine-hour hunger strike in the premises of the Dainik Bangla Bhaban yesterday to press their demands including payment of three months' arrears salaries and implementation of the Fifth Wage Board Award.

Newsmen and employees of the Dainik Bangla, The Bangladesh Times, weekly Bichitra and fortnightly Ananda Bichitra participated in the hunger strike from 9 am to 6 pm.

Police guarded the Dainik Bangla Bhaban during the strike which was carried out peacefully.

Leaders of different political parties, journalists unions, trade union bodies and individuals visited the striking newsmen and employees and expressed their support to their demands. They included BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, and party leaders Tariqul Islam, Abdullah Al Noman, Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, Ahmed Musa, Emran Saleh Prince, Khairul Kabir Khokon and Rezabuddin; Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers' Party, Mattur Rahman, Nizami and Abdul Kader, Mollah of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Mujahidul Islam Selim of CPB, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar of Jatiya Party (Z-M), Pankaj Bhattacharya of Gana Forum, Meshaur Rahman of JJO, Shah Jamal of Jagpa, SKOP leader Shaifur Rahman, Nurul Islam and Dr Wajedul Islam Khan of Trade Union Kendra, BFUG leaders Amanullah Kabir, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Zahurul Islam and Abu Saleh and TV actress Rekha Ahmed.

During the strike, State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed enquired about the situation in the newspaper offices housed in the Dainik Bangla Bhaban.

The agitating staff of the Times-Bangla Trust will announce their next course of action in a day to two, according to leaders of the striking journalists and employees.

PM: Poverty alleviation

From Staff Correspondent
Clare Short had a busy day yesterday as she met government leaders, NGO officials and health and garment workers.

Short said eradication of poverty by the year 2015 is 'achievable' and 'realistic' if there is a political commitment in the 'true perspective'.

She underscored the need for a united and integrated thrust by all international agencies concerned to achieve the target of freeing the world from the curse of poverty within the stipulated period.

Expressing her instant reaction to the media after visiting a slum at Mirpur, Short expressed her optimism that her government could make meaningful contributions to eradicating poverty in Bangladesh.

The British Minister talked elaborately with the members of 'Busteebari Bustee Samanoy Parishad', (slum development coordination committee) organised by Proshika, a leading NGO of the country. She also visited the adult literacy centre and a non-formal primary education centre, being run by Proshika, under its urban poor development programme.

Later, she went to Banani where she visited Proshika-organised 'karali' slum. She also visited the Ocean Garments factory at Mohakhali.

She also mentioned the 'Asrayam' programme of the government under which the homeless distressed people are being provided with shelter.

She pointed out the reform measures taken in the banking sector for bringing back transparency and discipline. She said local government institutions, which were destroyed by the previous government, are being strengthened.

Technical Education," she said the government wants to integrate science and technical education to keep pace with the fast-changing world.

The government has a plan to set up 12 science and technological universities in different parts of the country, she told the function, adding that necessary steps had also been taken to create scopes for providing technical and vocational education in each thana.

Education Minister A S H K Sadique and Education Secretary Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed also addressed the function, attended by the ministers, MPs, educationists, diplomats, teachers and students.

Later, the Prime Minister distributed prizes, including gold medals, crest and certificates, among 30 best educational institutions and 44 best teachers of the country.

She also distributed prizes among 168 students for their best performance in essay recitation, debate, kerat and other competitions that were held across the country on the occasion of education week.

Bangabandhu murder

Interpol help sought to bring back absconding accused

Bangladesh Police has sought further assistance from Interpol in bringing back the absconding accused in Bangabandhu murder case, reports UNB.

Inspector General of Police M Azizul Huq made the request during a meeting with Interpol President Toshinori Kanemoto in Japan.

He also thanked the Interpol President for the 177-nation police body's assistance in tracing the fugitives who are now living in different countries.

Interpol, the international federative body of police, has already issued its Red Alert Notices against the 14 absconding accused in Bangabandhu murder case.

Official sources said Bangladesh is also planning to raise the matter of non-execution of the Notices against the fugitives when the Interpol meets in its 66th annual conference in October.

The IGP visited Japan on invitation of government of that country. He returned home on September 14, said a press release yesterday.

11 forged passports recovered : 2 held

By Staff Correspondent
The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered a number of forged passports and other materials used in forgery and arrested two persons in this connection from Arambagh under Motijheel thana in the city Monday.

During a raid, a DB team arrested Bilal and Faruk with 11 forged passports, four seals and materials used in preparing fake passports from the first floor of a building at Arambagh at about 11:50 pm.

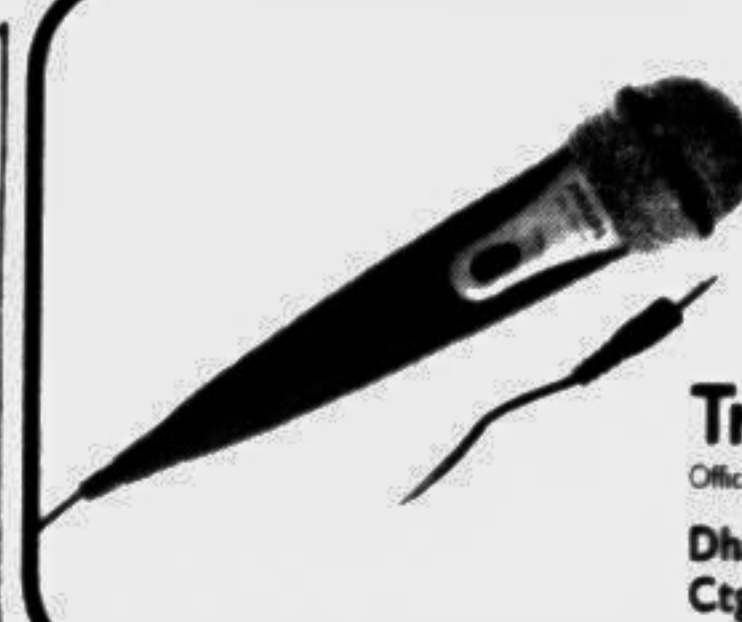
A case was filed with Motijheel thana in this regard.

2 BCL leaders

From Staff Correspondent
A large contingent of police remained deployed on the campus and students and employees of the university were allowed entry into the campus after checking identity cards at the main gate in presence of the Proctor and Students Adviser of the university.

No student organisation held any rally or brought out procession as the university authorities earlier imposed a two-day ban on such activities from Monday last.

Talking to The Daily Star, Proctor Dr Abdul Karim Khan said today the university authorities are going to impose a ban on political activities on the campus.



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60 hurt in bus accident

MANIKGANJ, Sept 16: Some 60 people were wounded, 10 of them critically, when a crowded bus skidded off the Dhaka-Archa highway this evening, reports UNB.

The Panchagarh-bound coach turned upside down on the roadside trying to overtake a tempo at Bhatkaur, one kilometre off the town, at about 6 pm.

Many a passengers were seen even on rooftop of the long-roofed bus, said witnesses.

Ten of the injured were sent to hospital in Dhaka and the rest 50 admitted to Manikganj Modern Sadar Hospital.

JCD-BCL clash in Boalkhali: 7 injured

CHITTAGONG, Sept 16: A clash between the activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League and BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at a college in Boalkhali thana today left seven JCD men injured, reports UNB.

Police said the two parties during the clash at Kanunguhopara College chased each other with lethal weapons this noon. Several homemade bombs were exploded.

JCD leaders alleged that the trouble erupted as some BCL activists attacked a freshers' reception arranged by them.

The injured — Nurul Huda, Mamunur Rashid, Abdul Huq, Saidul Islam, Joydul Abedin, Nazmul Huda and Babar Ali — were admitted to the local health complex.

Indo-Pak talks

From Staff Correspondent
ground in Siachen, a glacier located at a height of 18,000 feet (6,000 meters) in Jammu-Kashmir state.

Both nations also have not yet marked the maritime boundary in the western state of Gujarat that borders Pakistan.

Earlier the main separatist alliance of the disputed region said, Kashmir must top the agenda at peace talks.

Leaders of the all parties Hurriyat (freedom) Conference met Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Shamsad Ahmad in the Indian capital over dinner on Monday and 'impressed upon him the urgency of taking up the Kashmir issue on a priority basis,' Hurriyat said in a statement.

The foreign secretary assured the delegation that the government of Pakistan will leave no stone unturned in finding a permanent solution to the Kashmir issue in the interests of peace and security in South Asia," it said.

The Hurriyat, representing some 30 political and religious groups, wants self-determination through a UN-mandated plebiscite for the people of Kashmir. It includes some groups that favour merger with Pakistan.

India, which controls two-thirds of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, has said it will not give up an inch of the territory.

Laraki

From Staff Correspondent
of many countries to the institute remained unpaid. Students from member states are pursuing their studies in the institute, she added.

Dr Laraki said he would look into the matter.

Islamic Institute of Technology, an academy for the students of the Muslim countries, is being run by the OIC.

Laraki arrived here yesterday morning on a three-day visit to Bangladesh. He was received at Zia International Airport by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

The OIC Secretary General will attend the convocation of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) at Gazipur today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the function as the chief guest.

Reform plan

From Staff Correspondent
office hours, equipment lying out of order, poor water supply, unhygienic condition of hospital premises, conduct of nurses and Class Four employees are among those which have been given priority for correction. These problems will be removed to ensure better services in hospitals," he added.

"No post of doctor will remain vacant in the THCs and district hospitals. Government will fill up the posts in phases," he said.

Bangabandhu murder

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During the day's proceedings yesterday that began at around 11.15 am, the lawyers of the accused in custody completed their cross examination of Shafiuddin Sarder, PW-13. Cross examination of Shafiuddin was completed before the lunch break.

The PW-14 made his deposition in the court after the lunch break. He was being cross examined by the lawyers of the absconding accused when the proceedings were adjourned at about 4.40 pm till 10.00 am today.

"I along with Dafadar Halim Tarafdar were in the tank under command of Maj Ahmed Shariful Hossain," the PW-14 said, adding "The commanding officer ordered us to move straight to the Radio Station."

"As our tank reached the Radio Station, our commanding officer got down and told the gatekeeper, we are from army... do not move... and do not try to run away. The tanks came via Balughat, Old Railway Station, Mahakhali, Farmgate and then to the Radio Station. Lt Nazmul Hossain's tank took position at the Old Race Course Crossing."

"Maj Dalim came to the Radio Station at around 5.30 am in a gun-mounted army jeep. He spoke to Ahmed Shariful Hossain and then entered the Radio Station. Within five to seven minutes, Maj Shahriar came there in another army jeep. Both of them left the place after about half an hour."

"Maj Khandaker Abdur Rashid and Maj Farook along with some troops also came there afterwards. I also saw some more army officials and civilians visiting the Radio Station later Maj Ahmed Shariful Hossain was checking all those visiting the Radio Station."

"I felt bad, when passersby told me about the Radio broadcast which announced, this is Maj Dalim speaking... Sheikh Mujib has been killed."

"The Chief of Army Staff arrived there some time after 8:00 am and Maj Dalim came immediately afterwards in a gun-mounted jeep. Officers of various other corps also came later. I, however, remained posted there till about 2:00 pm on August 17, 1975."

Khan Saifur Rahman, the lawyer of accused Farook, in continuation of his petition filed on Monday under section 526(8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, filed another petition yesterday. His previous petition was rejected.

In the previous petition, the lawyer had prayed for adjournment of the hearing because newspaper reports said the judge had met a diplomat who witnessed the hearing. The judge denied the reports and rejected the petition.

According to the prosecution, one Abdur Rahman, 50, of Ukhia Ghona village was called out of his residence and later found dead in a bed.

CHT talks

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station at Bethunia, something the NCCHT has already ruled out.

Mentionably, there has been no briefing ever since the talks began at the state guest house Padma on Sunday. It was the sixth in the current process of negotiations and the 25th since negotiations began in October 1988.

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