

BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

Verbatim Text of Cross Examination of Fourteenth Prosecution Witness

Continued from Friday

Cross-examination of Dafadar (ret'd) Abdul Jabbar Mridha, PW-14 in Bangabandhu murder case, began when the trial proceedings resumed today (Tuesday).

Following are the excerpts from his examination by advocate Khan Saifur Rahman, defence counsel for accused Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooqur Rahman:

Q: There were separate tanks for A, B, C and Headquarters squadrons. A: It depends on the commander. If squadron commander wants he can change the crews before moving the tanks.

Q: Of which squadron Major Syed Farooqur Rahman was in charge on that day? A: He was the commanding officer. I can't remember if he was in charge of any squadron.

Q: In which squadron were Lt Nazmul Hossain Ansar and Lt Kismat Hashem? A: I can't recall. Q: The head gears on tank riders is called tank crew helmet.

Q: Correct. All riders have it. Q: Did all the tank riders wear the same uniforms? A: Except the tank commander, the rest four wore the same dress. Khaki or black.

Q: Were two tanks separated from Bijoy Saranee? A: Yes. Q: Can other riders hear when the tank commander conducts radio communication?

Q: Riders can't hear radio communication as it takes place in separate frequencies. However, riders hear the intercom. Q: Radio communication was under your jurisdiction as you were a wireless operator.

Land for the Landless

by Ranesh Maitra

Through its activities and struggles, launched in a lawful manner for establishing lawful rights of the landless peasants over land, Samata Samaj Kalyan Samity virtually started a sustained movement for achieving the most important fundamental rights — right to food and work — for the rural poor.

IN 1986, an international journal, Society and Culture, ran in its April-May issue a big story — after their correspondent Amand Millgan visited Samata, a welfare association in Pabna district — on the landless peasants and the khas land around the famous Ghughudaha Beel.

They usually do otherwise — for highlighting the issues that touch the hearts of the poor — the exploited ones. The front organisations of such political parties, either in power or aspiring for it, despite all high-sounding words, have got no branches around the villages nor do they have any link with the real problems of the people.

They police instituted, false murder cases against the landless peasants and the Samata leaders. Many were arrested in connection with a number of such falsely instituted cases. Among those arrested by the police and sent to the prison were Abdul Kader, the Executive Director of the Samata and his colleagues.

They have a vacuum, let us all admit, politically and organisationally, none having connection with the toiling masses. Vacuums are often being filled by different NGOs and other such organisations. Growing awareness among the masses is also being noticed.

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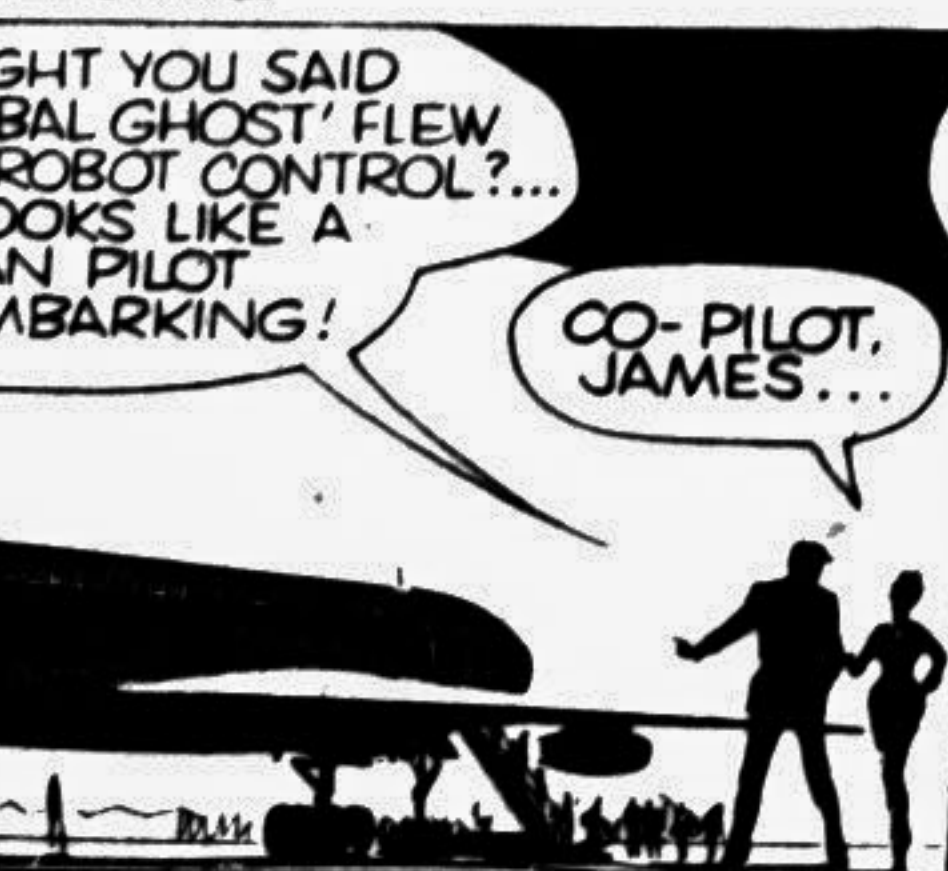
by Jim Davis



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Another aspect not yet looked into much by our people and the press alike is that the political parties, especially the major ones, running away after power, hardly take up such issues of the common voters. They are hardly found to ob-

A Unique Academy—a Noble Step

by Abul Bashar

TUNKU Abdul Rahman Memorial Academy founded in 1992, two years after the demise of the great national leader of Malaysia, is the humble beginning of a great task by a group of enthusiasts at a village of southern Bangladesh.

They are established the institution with a mission to kindle the torch of education in the area, and named it so mainly being guided by twin objectives of further cementing the age-old bond of friendship between the two brotherly countries and upholding the common cultural heritage shared by both the peoples right from the dawn of Islam.

As it was told earlier, the organisers had in mind a unique idea of marking memory of and respect to celebrated national hero of Malaysia, late Tunku Abdul Rahman, by naming the institution after him, which they thought would inspire the

young learners to take lessons from his life and works and prepare themselves to be the future leaders. The late Tunku was the father figure in the then turbulent politics of Malaysia for two decades. Born in a royal family, he served the causes of the commoners till his death. He led his nation to independence uniting all the communities and served his nation throughout his eventful and chequered career.

S Korean donation for Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

The South Korean Ambassador in Bangladesh Han-Tae Kyu handed over a cheque for USD 3000 to Rotarian President Shamsuzzoha Chowdhury of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West at a simple ceremony Wednesday afternoon at the Dhaka Club.

This donation from the Rotary Club of Seoul South has been made as part of the World Community Service (WCS) project for buying hearing aids for the deaf students of Bijoyranga Deaf High School run by the Bangladesh National Federation of the Deaf. Rotarian M Ali Hossain a past president of the club and also a life member of the National Federation of the Deaf was also present at the function. Past District Governor Iqbal Ansari Khan proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the club members while past president and chairman of the WCS committee Rtr. Zainul Abedin spoke on the project.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Lion Moshleh Uddin Ahmed, founder of Liton Tutoring and Liton Speech Training Institute and General Secretary of Shishu Mangol and Social Welfare Society will be held on Friday after Juma prayers at his residence K-5, Kazi Nazrul Islam Road, Mohammedpur, says a press release.

UNCTAD Secty Gen calls on Abul Hasan Chy

Visiting UNCTAD Secretary General Rubens Ricupero called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

Ricupero expressed satisfaction at people's spontaneous participation in different trades in the private sector as well as in economic activities, according to a press release of the Foreign Ministry.

BDR seized goods worth Tk 22.51cr during 8 months

KHULNA, Sept 24: BDR jauranis in the southern zone of the country have seized smuggled goods worth Taka 22.51 crore during the last eight months, reports BSS. A source of the BDR said that under Khulna sector smuggled goods worth about Taka 10.96 crore were seized during January 1 to September 11, 1997 from border areas of Khulna and its adjoining areas.

Formulation of law to try anti-liberation forces demanded

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee has demanded formulation of a law to try those who speak against the Liberation War and satire its spirit, reports UNB. The demand came from the second council of Dhaka city unit of Nirmul Committee held at Dhaka University TSC auditorium yesterday with Shamim Akhter presiding. It was addressed, among others, by Shahriar Kabir, Muntasir Mamun, Sheymol Nasrin Chowdhury, Mojammel Haq, Prof. Zerinia Rahman Khan, Salma Haq, Kazi Mukul and Sadiqur Rahman Parag. Later, a rally was held at the Central Shaheed Minar with Prof Kabir Chowdhury in the chair. It was addressed by Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Shahriar Kabir and Dr Anwara Syed Haq. Addressing the rally, Multijoddha Sangsad Chairman Abdul Ahad Chowdhury blamed late President Ziaur Rahman for rehabilitating the anti-liberation forces. 'Although Zia was a freedom fighter, he rehabilitated the AI Badras and Rajakars and made Shah Azizur Rahman prime minister of the country to strengthen his chair,' he said. Members of martyred fami-

BCL, JCD hold rallies on DU campus

Student organisations of ruling Awami League and opposition BNP held two separate rallies on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to drum up support for and against the BNP called hartal. The leaders of ruling party backed-Chhatra League (BCL) urged the opposition BNP to refrain from giving any programmes which would hamper the ongoing economic development of the country. They said that government of Sheikh Hasina could not be ousted through hartal. BCL leaders also warned that politics of destruction would not be tolerated for long. The BNP backed-Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) called upon the students to make the BNP called hartal a success. The JCD leaders said that the government was oppressing the BNP and JCD leaders across the country. They urged the government to stop oppression or face a tougher agitation in the days ahead. The BCL rally was addressed, among others, by BCL president Enamul Haq Shamim, General Secretary Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, and DU unit president Bahadur Bepari.

What's on today

- Jazz Night: Live Performing Club of the Alliance Française de Dhaka will organise Jazz Night. Time : From 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Venue: Alliance Française. Lions Club of Dhaka Parijat: The fifth installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of the club will be held. Venue: White House Hotel, 155, Shantinagar. Time : 7 pm. Lions Club of Dhaka Golden: The board and regular meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time : 6:30 pm. Chalachitram Film Society: The third programme of Focus on Asian Cinema: Films from India will be held. The programme has been organised by the society in collaboration with the High Commission of India in Dhaka. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre at Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time : 6 pm. The film 'Charachar' will be screened. Lions Club of Dhaka Glydia: The installation induction and charter night ceremony of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time : 6:55 pm. Sergei Bandarchuk Club: On the concluding day of the three-day session of Russian Feature Film on the occasion of the second foundation year of the club and the 77th birth anniversary of renewed Russian film director and actor Sergei Bandarchuk, the film 'Fate of a Man' will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Road No 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time : 6:30 pm. Painting exhibition: An exhibition of paintings created during a camp from Sept 14 to 24) jointly organised by the Shilpakala Academy and Goethe Institute, Dhaka, German Cultural Centre will be opened. Venue : Shilpakala Academy Gallery. Time : 5 pm.

Chehlum

Chehlum of eminent water expert and ex-chairman, Bangladesh Water Development Board Md Amjad Hossain Khan will be held on tomorrow at House No. 19, Road No 6, Dhanmondi R/A.