

BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

Verbatim Text of Cross Examination of Sixteenth Prosecution Witness

Following are the excerpts from cross-examination of PW-16 Major (ret'd) M Shahidullah by a state defence counsel for absconding accused Risaidar Moslemuddin:

A: No. Q: When did you reach your troops? A: At about 10 am. Q: What was the distance of the place from Bangabandhu's house where three officers were held captive?

Q: Did you retire in 1987 in regular way? A: Yes. But the retirement was premature. Q: Is the house where you stay in Dhaka owned by you?

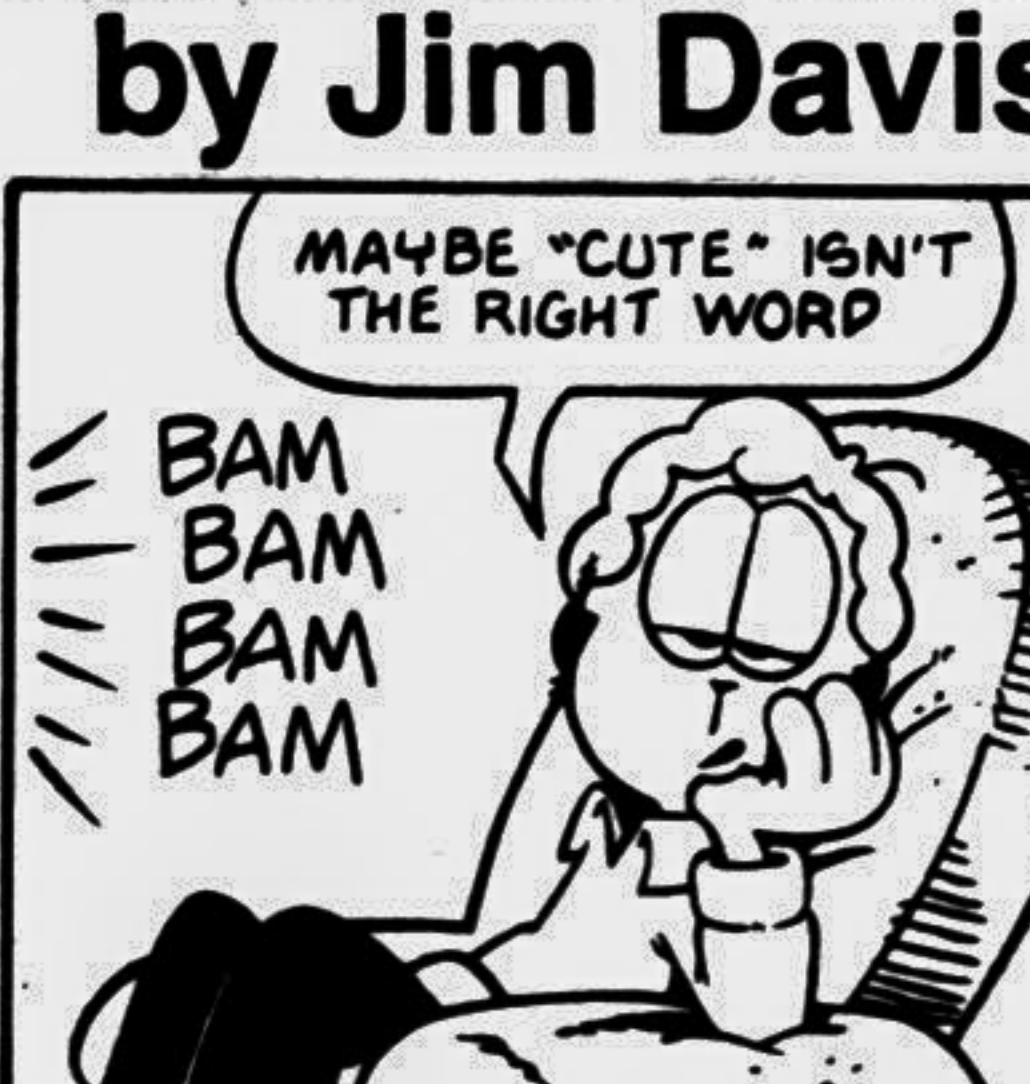
A: About 500 yards. Q: How many from your unit were in that training course? A: None from my unit. Q: Any other officer from any of the units in Dhaka attended that course?

Q: You reported to the adjutant on August 15 morning. A: Yes, adjutant was the duty officer at that time. Q: What was the number of officers and jawans at that time?

Q: The 1st Field Artillery had been in charge of security of Ganobhaban till August 16. A: I can't say. Q: It is not true that he went to Ganobhaban on August 15?

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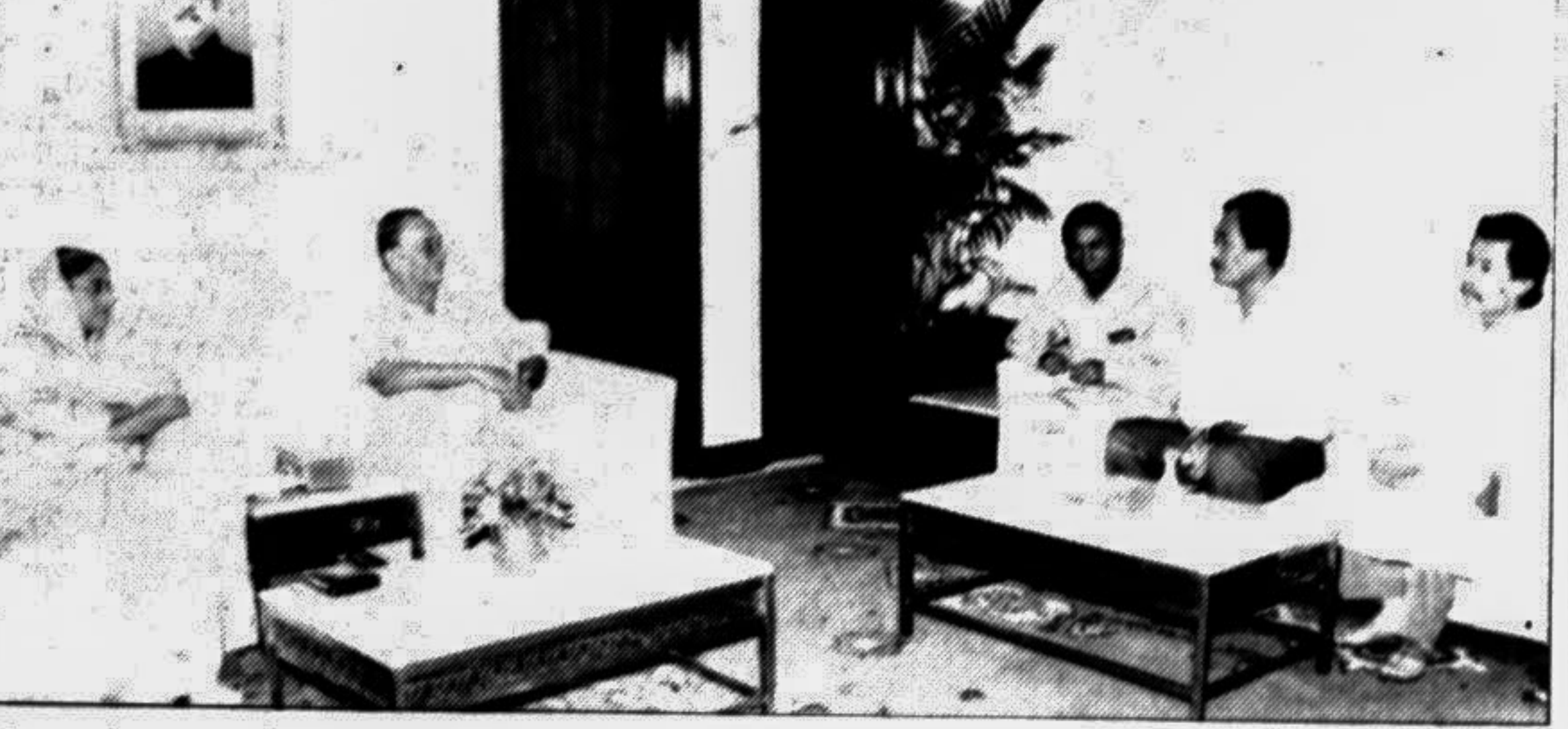
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Metropolitan



Three interim chairmen of the three hill district local government councils, Samiran Dewan of Khagrachhari, Ching Qu Roaza of Rangamati and Thoing Cha Prue Master of Bandarban, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. —PID photo

Analogue phone bills: Last date of payment Oct 7

T&T board has already issued the analogue telephone bills for the month of August to the subscribers of Dhaka Multi exchanges by post on Sept 18, reports UNB.

Jiang Zemin, Li Peng greeted

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday greeted President Jiang Zemin of China on the occasion of the 48th founding anniversary of People's China, reports BSS.

Malaysian envoy calls on PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed the hope that the Malaysian investors would avail themselves of the favourable investment opportunity in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

1 killed, 5 injured in road mishap

One person was killed and five others injured as a bus hit the pedestrians at Sonir Akhra on Dhaka-Narayanganj highway under Demra thana in the city yesterday.

IBA of DU Graduation ceremony Friday

The Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University will hold its 29th MBA Graduation ceremony at TSC auditorium on Friday, reports UNB.

Winter schedule of Nat'l Museum

The Bangladesh National Museum authorities have fixed a new schedule for visitors during the winter season (October-March), a museum press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

What's on today

- Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of International Day of the Aged will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 10:15 am. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Discussion: Bangladesh Association for the Aged has organised a discussion on the occasion of International Day of the Aged. Venue: Proben Bhaban, Agargaon. Seminar: A seminar on diabetes mellitus will be held under the CME programme of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS). Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 11 am-4:30 pm. Reunion: On the occasion of the 19th founding anniversary of Dhaka Little Theatre, a reunion will be held. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm. Photo exhibition: The inaugural and prize distribution ceremony of the Annual Photography Competition and Exhibition '96, organised by the Bangladesh Photographic Society, will be held. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 5 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm at the Academy gallery till Oct 4. Children's film festival: Dipu Number Two directed by Morshedul Islam will be screened on the concluding day of the three-day festival organised by Dhaka Little Theatre and Chalcitram Film Society. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 5:30 pm. General knowledge contest: A 2-day Ninth Inter-College General Knowledge Competition '97 will begin. Organiser: Notre Dame Bigyan Club. Venue: Notre Dame College auditorium. Time: 2 pm. Premiere show: The premiere of a TV drama serial titled 'Shabuj Shathi', written and directed by Humayun Ahmed, will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. The 13-episode serial will be broadcast from tomorrow. Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Guest speaker: Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will talk on 'The challenges facing higher education in Bangladesh'. Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm. Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Obituary

Begum Hashmat Ara died on Sunday at the Shaheed Shurwady Cardio-Vascular Hospital. She was eighty, says a press release.

BATEXPO '97 begins tomorrow

Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exposition (BATEXPO) '97 will begin tomorrow at Hotel Sonargaon in the city.



Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury yesterday talking with destitute freedom fighters who have been staging a sit-in demanding rehabilitation in front of the Jatiya Press Club for 15 days. —Star photo

10000 phone lines under Nilkhet Exchange partially out of order

Nearly 10,000 digital telephone lines under Nilkhet Exchange have been partially out of order since Sunday night due to some technical fault, according to T&T officials.

October Service week of Lions Club Int'l begins today

'October Service Week' of Lions Club International will begin today. Lion Dist 315 B1, Bangladesh has taken different programmes to uphold its ethics — 'We serve', says a press release.

SA parliamentary team calls on Speaker

The visiting South African parliamentary delegation called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at his Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, reports UNB.

Oil Tanker Owners' Assoc polls held

An 11-member executive committee of Bangladesh Oil Tanker Owners' Association for 1997-99 has been elected with TM Ghyasuddin Ahmed as its chairman and Habibul Alam and MH Khan Monju as vice chairmen.