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Persons involved in Baburabad incident will be tried: PM

SATKHIRA, Aug 18: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today announced that those responsible for the July 27 Baburabad incident would be tried, report agencies.

A landless woman, Jayeda Khatun, was killed and over a hundred others were injured at Baburabad village under Debhata thana in Satkhira district in a clash between the local people and the members of law-enforcing agency.

"I am ashamed, I am shocked over the inhuman incident," the prime minister told a big public rally here. "I never accept any wrong-doing, I shall never give shelter to an offender," she told the gathering amid cheers.

Sheikh Hasina said, "In the tragic incident we have lost our

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Girl raped at flood shelter: One arrested

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage girl of a flood affected family was raped by a gang, allegedly led by her cousin, at Badda under Gulshan thana in the city Wednesday last.

After coming to know about the incident yesterday, the Mahila Ainjibi Samity admitted the fifteen-year-old victim, a resident of North Badda, to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Police arrested one of the alleged rapist, identified as Shaim, soon after the victim's mother filed a case with Gulshan thana yesterday under Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act accusing five persons.

The incident took place when the victim, who took shelter

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KCC mayor threatens to resign from post of advisor to law & order committee

By Staff Correspondent

Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Taiyabur Rahman has threatened to resign from the post of Advisor to the Khulna Divisional Law and Order Committee if the government "continues to politicise the law enforcing agencies and the overall law and order further deteriorates."

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday, the mayor alleged that law and order has deteriorated to the worst level because the law enforcing agencies have been made partisan and laws are not being properly enforced.

"The entire country has been experiencing extreme deterioration of law and order," Taiyabur

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11 more factories allowed to export fish, fish products to EU states

Eleven more factories have been given permission to export fish and fish products to member countries of the European Commission, reports UNB.

With this the total number of factories given permission to export fish to the EU stands at 17.

The government has sent a list of 11 companies to the EU after improving the condition of the factories and laboratories with joint efforts from the owners and the government it-

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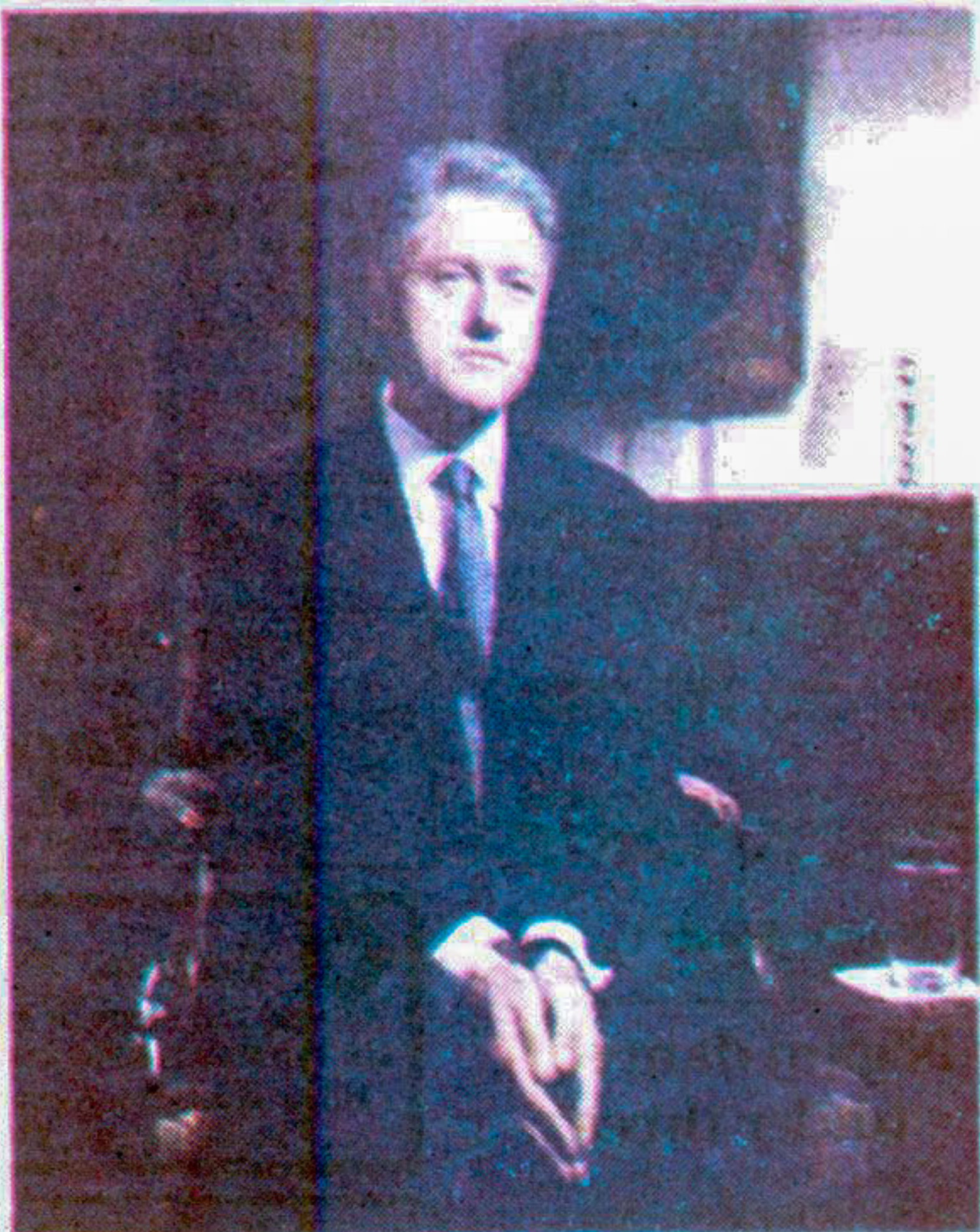
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Clinton admits affair with Lewinsky

I misled people... I regret



President Clinton sits in the Map Room of the White House in Washington on Monday before making a personal statement to the American people about his relationship with former intern Monica Lewinsky. — AP/UNB photo

WASHINGTON, Aug 18: President Bill Clinton and his family prepared for vacation today as the nation weighed his suspenseful testimony in the Monica Lewinsky case and his prime-time television declaration that he had misled people, including even my wife, reports AP.

Friends and advisers rallied around the president in morning TV appearances, amplifying his plea for an end to the lengthy investigation by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr that turned from Clinton's financial affairs to his private life.

One of his harshest Republican critics, Sen. John Ashcroft, said he thinks the president lost his moral authority to act when he admitted to an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, then a White House intern.

"He has basically said that he has lied to the American people, he's lied to his daughter, lied to his wife, lied to his staff, lied to the legal community," Ashcroft said on NBC's "Today."

In a dramatic day of testimony capped by a brief television address to the nation Monday night, Clinton acknowledged for the first time that he had an improper relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, but denied that he committed perjury or asked anyone to lie.

He also told the nation that Starr's investigation had "gone on too long, cost too much and hurt too many innocent people."

"I misled people, including my wife. I deeply regret that," Clinton said.



For Hillary, the pain is personal

WASHINGTON, Aug 18: For Hillary and Chelsea Clinton, the pain is personal, reports AP.

Mrs Clinton feels a sense of humiliation over the allegations of infidelity that landed her husband in front of a federal grand jury, says Jesse Jackson. But Jackson, in the

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Where is she?

WASHINGTON, Aug 18: As President Bill Clinton testified before prosecutors from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office, Monica Lewinsky was nowhere in sight, reports AP.

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Donors briefed on flood damages 9.5 lakh MT food shortage likely

Star Report

Finance Minister S A M S Kibria yesterday briefed the donor community here about the damage by the on-going flood and urged them to provide assistance for rehabilitation of the flood victims.

World Bank (WB) representative Pierre Landell-Mills, who was present in the meeting, suggested that the donors would be willing to redirect funds from existing projects for the rehabilitation of infrastructure.

According to sources, the WB is also examining the existing projects to determine from where the funds could be redirected. The Bank is also thinking that supplementary funds could also be pooled in after the emergency situation is over to support the existing projects.

During the informal appeal to the donor community at the NEC auditorium yesterday afternoon, Kibria said although there is no food crisis at this moment, the flood would badly affect the Aman output next season. He said this would then require donor help in the form of food, medicine and house building materials.

The donors were also told that the government anticipates a foodgrain shortage of about 9.25 lakh metric tons because of the damage by the flood. At present, the government's food stock is around half a million metric tons.

Kibria, however, said that a formal appeal to the donor community is likely to be made within the next few days.

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Gherao, barricade in Khulna UP chairman shot dead inside TNO office

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 18: The chairman of Damodar Union Parishad under Phultala thana was gunned down by some unidentified assailants inside the TNO's office chamber this afternoon.

UP Chairman Shaikh Abul Kashem, 52, was shot dead at around 1:45 pm in the presence of TNO M Qamrul Huq and AC (Land) Sher Ali.

Police said his head was smashed by two rifle bullets. But officials and employees of TNO office said they saw five masked young men entering the chamber of the TNO and heard four gun shots.

The assailants were seen leaving the place by three motor cycles without any number plates.

Hundreds of angry people gheraoed the police station and

TNO office following the murder of the UP chairman. The angry mob went into a rampage and badly damaged doors, windows, furniture in the two-storied TNO office.

Police opened at least six rounds of gunshots in the air when the police station came under attack by agitated people of Damodar Union who also put up barricade on Khulna-Jessore road.

The mob damaged at least 19 buses, four trucks and nine private cars.

TNO Qamrul Huq and AC (Land) Sher Ali left the TNO office immediately after the incident. Till the time of writing this report they could not be contacted and the tense situation could not be brought under control.

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BNP whips yet to collect resignation letters of MPs

By Nazmul Ashraf

There was no substantial progress in the BNP move to collect the party lawmakers' letters of resignation from the Jatiya Sangsad until yesterday despite a fresh bid to push the party decision in this regard.

Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain, who was assigned to collect the letters for depositing those with party chief and Leader of the Opposition in the House Begum Khaleda Zia, could not confirm how many of the BNP legislators have so far deposited their resignation letters.

The party whips, who were supposed to contact the MPs on the issue, were also not up-to-date with the figure.

Delwar denied having any knowledge about the depositing of resignation letters by eight BNP MPs from Khulna Division directly with the party chief, as reported by a daily on Tuesday.

Talking to a group of reporters at the Opposition Lead-

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7-yr-old witness identifies man who raped Tania

By Court Correspondent

The man who raped minor girl Tania at the CMM's court building was identified by a 7-year-old witness, Shipon, a friend of the victim, at the Narin-o-Shishu Nirjatan Daman Adalat, Dhaka yesterday.

In his deposition, Shipon told the court that on the date of occurrence Mora took Tania to show her the toilet in a room of the CMM's court building. After some time, Tania came out and told him that Mora did something bad to her. She was also bleeding. Then, some people came and took Tania to the hospital, he said.

Responding to a question from the judge, Shipon said, "I know the man who did bad things to Tania. He is now present here," and pointed towards Mora.

Flood situation deteriorates

Country's overall flood situation took an alarming turn yesterday as major rivers in three basins continued to swell due to downpour and onrush of waters from the upper catchments, reports UNB.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) in its daily bulletin yesterday said the situation will continue to deteriorate in the Brahmaputra and Ganges basins as well as central districts and around Dhaka city.

In the next 48 hours till 6 am on Thursday, the flood situation in upper parts of Meghna basin may deteriorate slightly but from Bhairab Bazar to downstream the situation is likely to aggravate, said the bulletin.

The FFWC said major rivers in the country's four basins were flowing above the red mark at 23 out of 46 representative points.

The relief ministry control room said the situation further deteriorated yesterday in 12 districts, remained unchanged in seven and improved in four districts.

The districts where the flood situation deteriorated are: Dhaka, Narayanganj, Manikganj, Rajbari, Faridpur, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Jamalpur, Kurigram, Sirajganj, Gaibandha and Brahmanbaria.

The situation in Mymensingh, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Pabna and Bogra remained unchanged.

Improving trend was shown in Comilla, Netrokona, Chandpur and Moulvibazar districts, said the Relief Ministry control room.

The health directorate control room sources said three people died of diarrhoea while 3,434 people were affected the disease in last 24 hours till 12 yesterday noon.

With this, 80,436 people have been attacked by the waterborne disease since July 15 while the death toll from diarrhoea rose to 48.

The FFWC said the Brahmaputra-Jamuna and Padma recorded further rise at all points.

Rivers in the Meghna basin registered rise at most points

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By-polls if BNP MPs resign: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said if BNP MPs resign from parliament it would be accepted without any delay, reports UNB.

"We will not keep the issue hanging as they (BNP) did during their rule... we will immediately go for by-elections," she told a discussion meeting marking the National Mourning Day.

The Prime Minister's remarks came responding to the main opposition's move for resignation from parliament.

Last month BNP's Standing Committee decided that all the BNP MPs should deposit their resignation letters to party chief Begum Zia for using those when she deems it necessary.

The opposition's move was ostensibly taken to check horse trading of BNP MPs by the ruling party. Two BNP MPs had al-

ready joined the government with ministerial job.

"They (BNP MPs) have decided to resign from parliament... but why? Whenever they wanted to discuss any issue we facilitated the discussion. But when we were in the opposition they did not allow us to discuss the issues we wanted to discuss," said Hasina, who is also the President of Awami League.

"Let them resign, we will accept and organise by-elections. Then people will judge who is right," the Prime Minister said.

Accusing the opposition BNP led by Begum Khaleda Zia of creating trouble in the country deliberately, Hasina said: "Actually, they don't want that the country runs smoothly."

"They don't want to allow the Awami League to run the country peacefully."

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Harsh programme after flood: Khaleda

Opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday hinted at a harsh political programme after the flood waters receded, reports UNB.

"Do or die, we must reach the goal of the movement to save the nation," she told a group of BNP workers from Kotwali thana at her official residence last night.

The BNP workers came along with Abu Mohammad Mainuddin Mainu, a city BNP leader, who was set free recently from detention.

Begum Zia told the enthusiastic party workers that the anti-government movement has not been discarded. It was suspended for the flood and to direct the party activities toward helping the suffering people.

Referring to observance of the National Mourning Day on August 15, Begum Zia said the

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A frustrated Rubel's mother says CID has failed to identify those who instigated the DB men

By Staff Correspondent

The CID yesterday recorded the statements of three persons, including Rubel's mother, at the Sidheswari house of Rubel's family.

The two other persons who recorded their statements under Section 161 of the CrPC were Qari Abu Taher, 32, a tenant on the third floor of the building in which Rubel's family resides, and Murad Ahmed Liton, 30, a friend of Rubel's elder brother. A CID team recorded the

statements of the persons at Rubel's family residence from 8:30 pm to 10:15 pm yesterday.

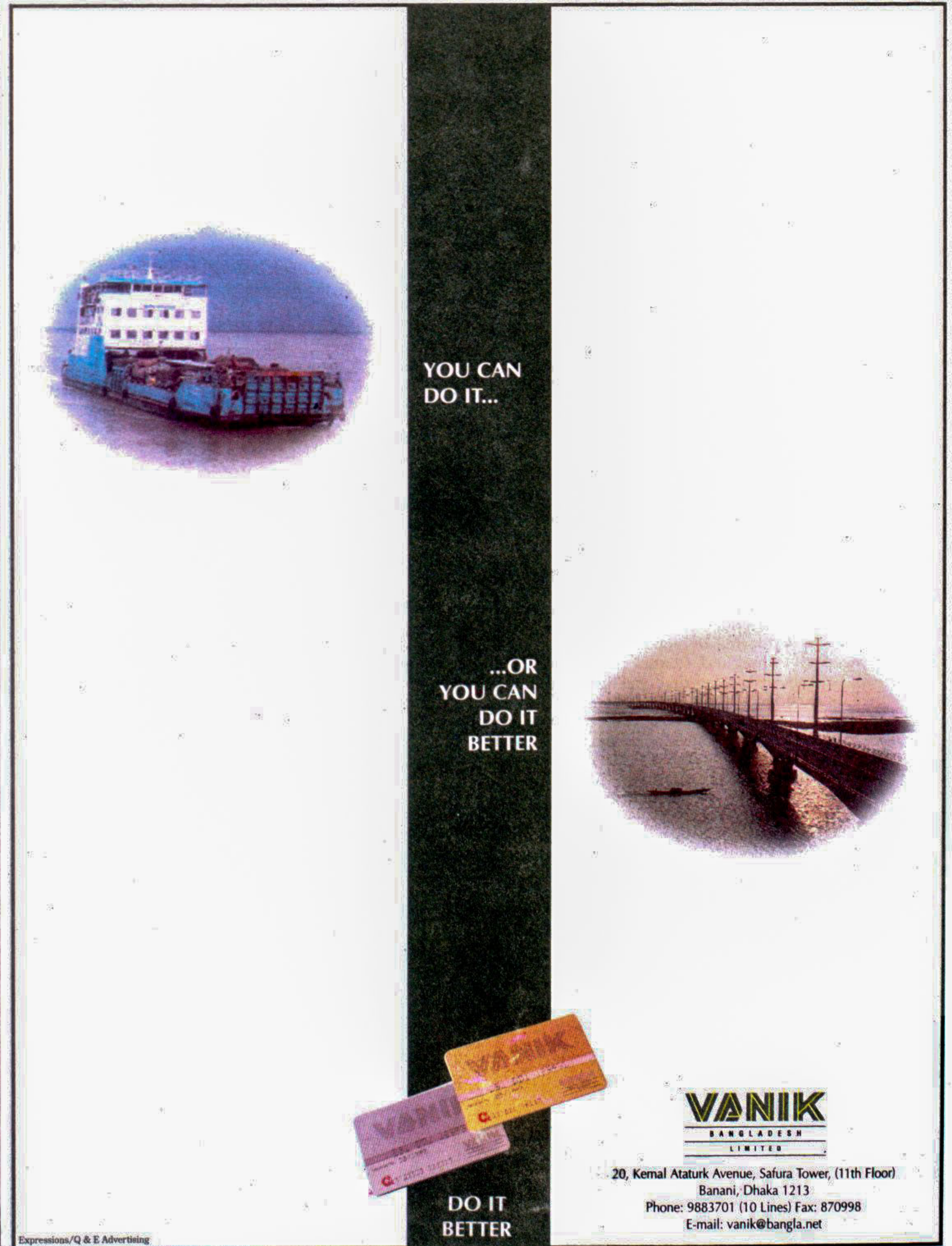
Jahanara Begum, mother of Rubel, expressed her frustration at the CID investigation saying, "You have not been able to ascertain who instigated the DB men to arrest my son even after 25 days of his death," family sources said.

In her statement, Jahanara Begum said that soon after getting the information of her

son's arrest she rushed to the residence of Mukuli Begum, a local leader of the ruling Awami League and her neighbour, police and family sources said.

Jahanara told the CID that she had visited Mukuli Begum twice in that evening. Explaining the reason of her visit to Mukuli Begum's residence, she said that her neighbour was known for her contacts with the

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