



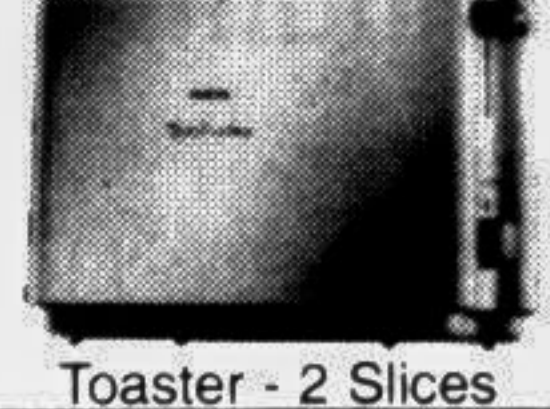
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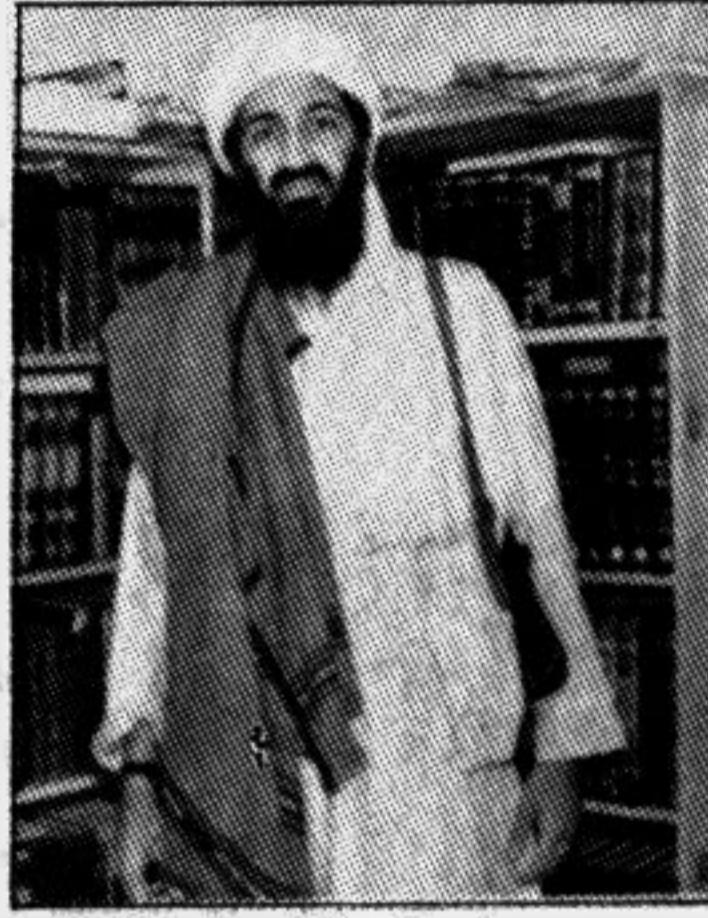
US offers \$5m reward for capture Osama Bin Laden indicted

NEW YORK, Nov 5: Saudi-born multi-millionaire Osama Bin Laden was indicted here for the August 7 bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. US Attorney Mary Jo White said, reports AFP.

In a 238-count indictment on Wednesday, Bin Laden and his military commander, Muhammad Atef, were also charged with "plotting and carrying out the most heinous acts of international terrorism and murder ever committed against American diplomatic posts."

The US State Department posted a five-million-dollar reward for any information leading to the arrest of the two men who were indicted in a Manhattan Federal Court for the embassy bombings that killed 224 people and injured thousands.

The announcement of this indictment demonstrates the resolve of the United States to bring to justice all of those responsible for the murder of innocent Americans, Kenyans and Tanzanians on August 7 of this year," said Lewis Schillro.



Osama Bin Laden

Assistant director of the FBI's New York office.

Bin Laden and Atef — also known as Abu Hafs — were also indicted for conspiring to assassinate Americans outside the United States.

The indictment says Bin Laden is a founding member and leader of worldwide terrorist network Al Qaeda and sat on

the group's council that planned terrorist activities.

Bin Laden also conspired to kill US soldiers in Somalia and Saudi Arabia in the early 1990s, ran terrorist training camps, established front companies in Sudan to provide weapons and explosives, it said.

In Islamabad, an Islamic militant group today threatened to retaliate if Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden is arrested, and described Washington's No. 1 enemy as "hero" to Muslims worldwide.

"It is a challenge to the entire Muslim world... Bin Laden is a hero of the Muslim world," said Omar Warsi, a leader of Pakistan's militant Sunni Muslim group, Sipah-e-Sahaba, or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet. "If anything happens to him, America will be responsible."

Many Sipah-e-Sahaba followers are fighting in Afghanistan alongside the Taliban Army, which rules 90 per cent of Afghanistan and has imposed a strict version of Islamic law in those areas.



Sammilito Nari Samaj in a procession in the city yesterday demanding trial of those responsible for the incidents of rape at JU. — Star photo

6 bills placed in JS

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The President has the right to promulgate an ordinance only when parliament is not in session and the matter is very urgent.

"But the President promulgated this ordinance four days after the parliament session was summoned," the BNP legislator said. "Besides, the promulgation of the ordinance, imposing fresh taxes for post flood rehabilitation, was not that urgent when the government has been claiming that it has already received commitment for foreign assistance more than it had appealed for."

Quoting Article 83 of the Constitution, the BNP legislator further argued that the President has the right to impose taxes by an ordinance. "No tax shall be levied or collected except by or under the authority of an Act of Parliament."

However, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khairur who moved the ordinance interpreted another article to prove that the Constitution has given the President the right to promulgate ordinance similar to an Act of Parliament.

Besides, the minister cited precedence in which the presidential ordinance imposed duties and taxes under the government of Khaleda Zia.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury helped the law minister by citing another example that took place during the BNP rule, and allowed the minister to lay the ordinance before the House.

Problem arose again when Finance Minister S A M S Kibria sought Speaker's permission to introduce the ordinance in the form of a bill during the same sitting of the House, and the Speaker entertained Kibria's proposal.

As the finance minister officially began introducing the bill, in other words the ordinance, BNP legislator Aminul Huq objected to the procedure. But the Speaker gave him the floor when the bill had already been introduced in the House.

Aminul Huq, Former State Minister for Law in the BNP government, said that introduction of the bill was violative of

Intelligence chief testifies

Mahathir's men may have plotted Anwar's ouster

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5: Malaysia's intelligence chief testified today that a top aide of the Prime Minister may have schemed with other Cabinet ministers to oust Anwar Ibrahim, reports AP.

Daim Zainuddin, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's chief economic adviser, plotted with the sister of Anwar's private secretary to prove he was indulging in illegal sex, Mohamed Said Awang testified at the fourth day of the sensation corruption and sexual misconduct trial.

A statement by Ummi Hafida Ali, saying her brother's wife had sex with Anwar, is being used by the prosecution in the trial of Malaysia's former No 2 leader.

The other statement being used against Anwar is by his personal driver, Azizah Abu Baker, who said Anwar sodomised him 15 times.

The details of possible involvement of government ministers in a scheme to unseat

JS briefs

Obituary ref
Jatiya Sangsad yesterday adopted a resolution condoling the deaths of four former members of parliament, report agencies.

They are: Azizur Roshman Mia, Sadakat Hossain (Chhakkul Mia), Alhaj Mirza Abdur Rashid, Mohammad Nurul Huq and Rafiqul Islam Roni.

Parliament members stood in silence for one minute and prayed for peace and salvation of their departed souls. Hafez Ruhul Amin Madani MP led the *munajat*.

Truck terminal
LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman told the Jatiya Sangsad that an inter-district truck terminal would be built at Aminbazar under Savar thana to ease traffic congestion in capital Dhaka.

The construction work of the terminal will start in December this year and is expected to be completed by March in 2000.

We further informed that Tk 716.15 crore will be needed to rebuild the rural and municipal infrastructure damaged by the recent floods.

Home minister claims 50pc fall in crime

Reform, reorganisation and modernisation of police force are a must for maintaining law and order in the country, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam said yesterday, reports UNB.

At a roundtable, he claimed that crimes have fallen by 50 per cent and said a drastic change is not possible overnight. "It will take some time to make the police force fully equipped with modern thoughts and technologies."

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) organised the discussion on "Law and Order And Traffic System in Dhaka City: Problems and Remedies" with the participation of government officials and businessmen.

The home minister said Bangladesh may get cooperation from the UK, France and USA to modernise its police force.

As businessmen stressed the need for a smooth traffic system to have more investment, the minister spoke of a separate police force for industry and commerce sector.

"Launching of industrial police is now under active consideration of the government," he said adding before that a special cell will be opened shortly for industry and commerce.

"We are also thinking of introducing a cell in police for you to engage them on payment," he said.

About the existing traffic congestion in the city, Rafiq said, "we are facing the problem for unplanned expansion of the capital in the past."

"A city should have roads of 25 per cent of its total area. In Dhaka, 8 per cent area is said to be roads, but in fact the road area will not be more than 5 per cent of the total area," he added.

Rapes at JU 'Silent' protest angers SNS

By Staff Correspondent

The silence of intellectuals over the recent rapes at Jahangirnagar University has hurt the women of the country, Sammilito Nari Samaj (SNS) leader Farida Akter said yesterday.

"After 40 days they held a silent gathering at the Central Shahid Minar. Why is this silence? Is this a protest? asked the SNS leader at a rally at the TSC crossing on the Dhaka University campus.

"This is a big blow for the ongoing movement of the women," she said. Pointing at the intellectuals of the country, the women group leader said: "We do not want silent sympathy from you. If you really want to do something for the oppressed... then raise your voice against the culprits no matter who they are."

SNS earlier brought a procession in the city at around 4:30 pm to protest the incidents of rape at JU.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Khaleda Khanom, Hajera Sultana, JU student Afiana, JU teachers Akter Hossain and Shirin Akter.

The speakers stressed the need for enacting strict laws to deal with the rape cases. They observed that the country does not have any law to stop recurrence of rape incidents. They urged the people to help implement the demand of the Nari Samaj.

The punishment given by the JU authority was not sufficient for an offence like rape, they said, adding expulsion from the university can not be a punishment of rape.

Nari Samaj leaders demanded legal action against those involved in rape incidents at the JU and cancellation of their academic certificates.

Admission of 2 DU students cancelled

The Dhaka University authorities have cancelled admission of two students and decided to serve notice upon 16 others as to why their enrolment will not be cancelled, reports UNB.

The admission of the two students of the Political Science Department were cancelled for submitting fake documents. Allegation against 16 others is also the same.

Both the students with fake documents got admission to the university in 1993-94 academic session.

The were identified M Iqbal Hossain (roll 1473), son of M Ismail Hossain Bagmar and M Anisur Rahman (roll 1475), son of M Osman Ghani.

JS body to probe fall in revenue collection in 3 dists of Sylhet Div

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Nov 5: Members of the probe body, formed by the Parliamentary Committee of the Ministry of Land, will visit three districts of Sylhet division tomorrow and the day after (November 7) to investigate into the causes of fall in the revenue collection from the *Jalmohal, Sairat Mohal* (Fishery, Sand and Stone Quarry) and hats and bazaars.

An official in the district administration informed that the committee, headed by Suranjit Sengupta MP, Prime Minister's Advisor for Parliamentary Affairs, will sit with the local leaders and elite of the district at 2 pm tomorrow at the Sylhet Circuit House.

The committee will sit at the Moulvibazar Circuit House at 5 pm same day to discuss the situation in that district. The probe body members are also scheduled to discuss the situation of Sunamganj district at the Sunamganj Circuit House the next day, the official added.

The collection of revenue from the sources had declined due to different reasons during the last few years, which is an abnormal phenomenon. Red-tapism, corruption by high officials and unwanted influence by different quarters caused the situation, said some officials.

According to the official statements, a total amount of Tk 32.96 crore was realised from the said sources in the district of Sylhet during the last year (Bengali year 1404) while an amount of Taka 20 crore has been lying unrealised.

Share scam

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they would receive fees at government rates. The appointment also stated that "Supreme Court Bar senior lawyer Dr M Zahir and Dr AKM Ali and Dhaka District Bar lawyer Hyder Ali have been appointed to assist the public prosecutors in dealing with share scam cases filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission."

"How could the ministry think of assigning the senior lawyers to assist the public prosecutors who are junior to them?" a source close to Zahir said.

Onion

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told The Daily Star.

"Several consignments of onion have already arrived from Dubai at the private level and the processing is on to import the item from Myanmar and Nepal," he added.

"Import of the item by the government will depend on the amount of subsidy and its possible price after the import," he said.

"We are examining whether ships will be available. Import of the item by air is also being considered" he said.

"The government is examining the matter carefully as it had to incur a huge loss by importing onion when its price shot up a couple of months back," he said.

Chairman of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) Hiralal Bala when contacted said, "We are collecting information on onion import from Pakistan, Myanmar, Iran, Thailand, Abu Dhabi and Uzbekistan." "We are ready to import the item after government instruction is available" he said.

Government earlier reduced the import duty on onion 7.5 per cent from 23.5 per cent after its price shot up last week.

Shaheda Obaid not allowed to meet her husband

By Staff Correspondent

Shaheda Obaid, wife of arrested BNP leader Obaidur Rahman, MP, was not allowed to meet her husband at Dhaka Central Jail yesterday despite a court order, a press release signed by her said.

Obaidur Rahman is a diabetic and heart patient with high blood pressure, it said.

Shaheda Obaid urged the government to give a sympathetic consideration to the matter. She also met the Speaker yesterday and requested him to take necessary steps so that her husband could join the ongoing parliament session.

Home minister claims 50pc fall in crime

Regarding a proposal from the business community to leave some city roads on private sector to maintain traffic on experimental basis, he said he would discuss it with the highest authority.

The discussion was participated by Abdul Alam Bhuiyan and Firoy I Faruque of World Bank, Lailun Nahar Ekram of Asian Development Technology Centre, additional chief engineer of Roads and Highways Fazlul Haq, Dr Zubair Bin Alam of BUET, DC (Traffic) Mustaq Hossain Khan and Walur Rahman, M Yunus, Abdur Rab Chowdhury and Selina Haq, DCCI president R Maksud Khan presided.

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