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Shafi murder case Two more DB informers implicate Inspector Zia

By Staff Correspondent

Two Detective Branch (DB) informers yesterday told a metropolitan magistrate that Shafi's relationship with Inspector Zia deteriorated following distribution of money gained illegally by some DB personnel.

The decomposed body of Jalal Ahmed Shafi, also an informer of DB, was recovered from a water tank at the rooftop of the Minto Road DB office on March 25. CID has so far arrested five people, including Inspector Zia, who are now detained at the Dhaka Central Jail.

The two informers — Abdul Huq and Nasir Uddin — yesterday recorded their judicial statement under section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure before metropolitan magistrate A K M Abdus Salam from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Earlier, two other DB informers recorded their judicial statements.

While recording their statements, Abdul and Nasir said that Shafi was known to them. On the basis of Shafi's information Inspector Zia along with other DB personnel recovered huge sums of money in US dollars from city's Uttara area and heroine from Demra area.

But Shafi's relationship with Zia deteriorated as he did not get his share of money, gained illegally after the recovery. Subsequently, Shafi started working as informer of another inspector of DB.

Zia became annoyed when he came to know about it and he threatened Shafi, both of the informers said. Abdul Huq in his statement also said that Zia was not drinking the water of the DB office starting from about five days before the recovery of Shafi's body. Zia used to drink water from a shop just outside the DB office premises.

Jamaat fails to move writ against text book statement

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday failed to move a writ petition in the High Court challenging validity of the text books, published by the Text Book Board, that accused the party of killing intellectuals at the lag end of 1971 war of independence, reports UNB.

Justice K M Hasan, the presiding judge of the writ bench, refused to hear the petition as he felt 'embarrassed and emotional'.

Taking back the petition barrister Abdul Razzak, the counsel for petitioner Jamaat secretary general Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami said he would move the writ in another Court today as advised by the judge.

Opposition to observe 'black day' Thursday

The opposition parties will observe 'black day' throughout the country on Thursday the day Santu Larma takes charge of CHT regional council, reports UNB.

This was decided at meeting of the four-party liaison committee yesterday. Protest rallies and demonstrations will be held throughout the country as part of the 'black day' programme, said a press release.

Proceedings of Shazneen murder case adjourned

By Staff Correspondent

The Special Court for Women and Children Repression, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the proceedings of Shazneen rape case till June 28 following 'time petitions' filed by both defence and prosecution lawyers.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, youngest daughter of leading industrialist Latifur Rahman, was raped and murdered at their Gulshan residence on April 23 last year. ASP of CID Mujibur Rahman, investigating officer of the murder case, See Page 11



Begum Khaleida Zia leading a procession of her party lawmakers in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Election only means

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verdict and have confidence in them," she said. "After completing such programmes, we will announce the 'Chalo Chalo Dhaka Chalo' programme.

When asked about discord within the opposition alliance, she said the parties always take decision after discussion. "There may be difference of opinion but there is no conflict in the alliance."

Addressing the post-procession huge gathering in front of the Press Club, she said the opposition lawmakers have forced to come down to the street as this 'autocratic government do not allow us to speak in Parliament'.

In her nearly 20-minute speech, the opposition leader said the government is now conspiring to impose new taxes on the people in the forthcoming budget and called upon the people to be ready to come down to the street if the budget affected them.

Begum Zia advised government officials, police and others to maintain neutrality and discharge their duties without fear and favour. "You are servant of the republic. We have no conflict with you. You should work for the country and its people," she said.

Turning to yesterday's programme, she said the lawmakers came down to the street as the government resorted to repression and oppression on them. The government is not only harassing and arresting opposition leaders and activists but also arrested MPs including KM Obaidur Rahman and Alamgir Kabir and filed false cases against them.

The BNP Chairperson listed 'failures' of this government in various fields including economy, law and order and development.

Earlier, thousands of leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations as well as the commonman lined up on both sides of the roads from Nayapaltan to the Press and Club. They clapped and cheered the MPs who were carrying placards inscribed with various slogans and demands.

When the MBPS procession reached Dainik Bangla crossing, it turned into a mass procession as those lining up on the roads joined them.

Huge contingents of riot police and armed police were deployed at different points and a large number of others followed the procession.

Bangladesh win

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dominant, but a hand of bowler Manjural broke the stumps. The television replays confirmed that he was out of his crease.

Then Monjurul took a gem of a catch off a Khaled Mahmud's ordinary delivery to send Davies home and Scotland to 158 for eight.

With deafening chants from Bangladesh fans, Hasibul then ran out Blair with a masterful throw from long on and Bangladesh were in sight of victory.

The moment came when, with the Scottish needing 22 runs from 16 balls, Aminul Islam held a simple catch from Asim Butt's bat.

Scotland had their overs curtailed to 49 because of slow bowling rate during Bangladesh's innings.

As Minhazul turned out to be the hero of the match that Bangladesh came here to win, there were no shortage of people here trying to take the credit for his inclusion from outside the list of 19. Even when some influential BCB officials said it was not possible "to include Minhazul" because he was not in the 15-man final squad, media in Bangladesh kept up the pressure. The rest is history.

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Windies blow away Kiwis

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batsmen had struggled to dominate the Kiwi attack in reaching 49 for two.

The left-hander, dismissed for 11 and 25 in previous matches, began with an on-drive off Geoff Allott for three. His next scoring strokes were a six over the straightfield and a cover drive, both off Gavin Larsen.

Jacobs, whose previous best was 68 against Australia last month, grew in confidence and unleashed a succession of boundaries to step up the run-rate towards the end of the innings.

The pair added 72 for the third wicket before Lara fell to a diving catch by Dion Nash at mid-off.

Earlier, Curtly Ambrose bowled a superb opening spell and Mervyn Dillon took four wickets as he polished off the tail.

Ambrose showed no signs of the shoulder injury which forced him to miss the match against Bangladesh as he sent down an unbroken 10-over spell with the new ball.

By the time he finished with one for 19, New Zealand, put in by Lara, had crawled to 39 runs for the loss of four wickets in 20 overs.

The Kiwis, who slipped to 75 for six with 19 overs to go, added 81 runs for the last four wickets. Chris Harris was the last man out for 30.

Ambrose began the rout in his first over when he forced Nathan Astle to edge an outswinger to Jacobs. Courtney Walsh then removed the other opener, Matthew Horne, to make it 13 for two.

Reon King, who replaced Walsh in the 11th over, broke the back of New Zealand's innings with the wickets of skipper Stephen Fleming and the in-form Roger Twose before either had scored.

Fleming was caught behind in King's first over, and Twose, who made an unbeaten 80 against Australia, edged an easy catch to first slip in his fourth.

Craig McMillan hit the first boundary of the innings in the 21st over, a punch to point off King, before being hit on the left ear by a short ball from the same bowler.

McMillan, then on 29 and clearly dazed by the blow, added

only three more before giving Jacobs his third catch off the medium-pace of Phil Simmons.

New Zealand's previous World Cup low came in the inaugural tournament in 1975 when they made 158 against the West Indies.

The West Indies play Scotland on Thursday, before taking on Australia on Sunday. The Kiwis clash with Pakistan on Friday and Scotland next Monday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings in the cricket World Cup group B match against New Zealand I Southampton on Monday:

WEST INDIES:					
S Campbell lbw b Nash	8				
R Jacobs not out	80				
J Adams c Parore b Allott	3				
B Lara c Nash b Harris	36				
S Williams not out	14				
Extras (lb4, w5, nb8)	17				
Total (for 3 wickets, 44.2 overs)	158				
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-49, 3-121					
Did not bat: S Chanderpaul, P Simmons, R King, C Ambrose, M Dillon, C Walsh					
Bowling:		O	M	R	W
Allott	10	2	39	1	
Nash	10	2	25	1	
Cairns	9.2	1	42	0	
Larsen	7	1	29	0	
Harris	8	2	19	1	

Sonia

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the Congress for six years since then.

Sonia Gandhi's announcement to take back her resignation came a day ahead of the All India Congress Committee meeting which has been called to persuade her to change her decision. Mukherjee said Sonia Gandhi has agreed to preside over tomorrow's meeting.

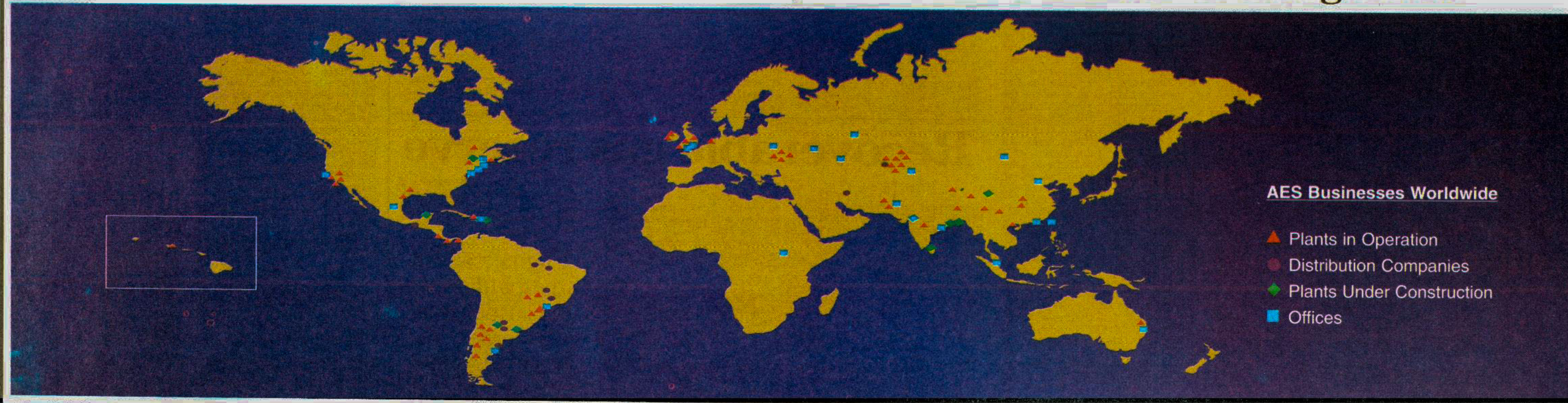
A section of Congressmen had threatened to disrupt tomorrow's meeting unless Sonia Gandhi presided over it.

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party termed Sonia Gandhi's withdrawal of resignation as Congress President as "theatrics" while non-Congress opposition parties like CPI (M) and Janata Dal said this was "expected".



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