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Contempt HC rules on 4 dailies

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday issued rules on the editors, publishers and printers and reporters concerned of the Protham Alo, Janakantha, Sangbad and Bangladesh Observer to show cause why contempt proceedings should not be drawn against them for willfully and deliberately publishing false and fabricated reports with the motive of lowering the image of the Supreme Court and tarnishing the integrity of the judges.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Maimur Reza Chowdhury and Justice M A Aziz also directed Arun Karmaker, Reporter, Mahfuz Anam, Printer, Publisher and Matur Rahman, Editor of Protham Alo, Mustafa Firoj, Reporter and Atiqullah Khan Masud, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the Janakantha, Mohidul Islam Raju, Reporter, Bazarul Rahman, Acting Editor and Ahmedul Kabir, Publisher of the Sangbad and Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Editor and Shamsul Islam, Printer and Publisher of the Bangladesh Observer to be present before the court on August 24 at 10.30 am and to show cause.

The Protham Alo on November 4, 1998 published a news under the headline 'Jam of cases at Supreme Court. Criminal Benches are busy with the bail and anticipatory bail matters of persons accused of murder and terrorism, disposal of appeal, money and civil matters are at slow motion' (translated).

On October 12, 1998 the Janakantha published a news item under the headline, 'The Supreme Judicial Council may be given effect.'

The Daily Sangbad in its October 12, 1998 issue published a news, under the headline 'The parliamentary committee worries for granting bail and anticipatory bail at large to the persons accused in serious cases.'

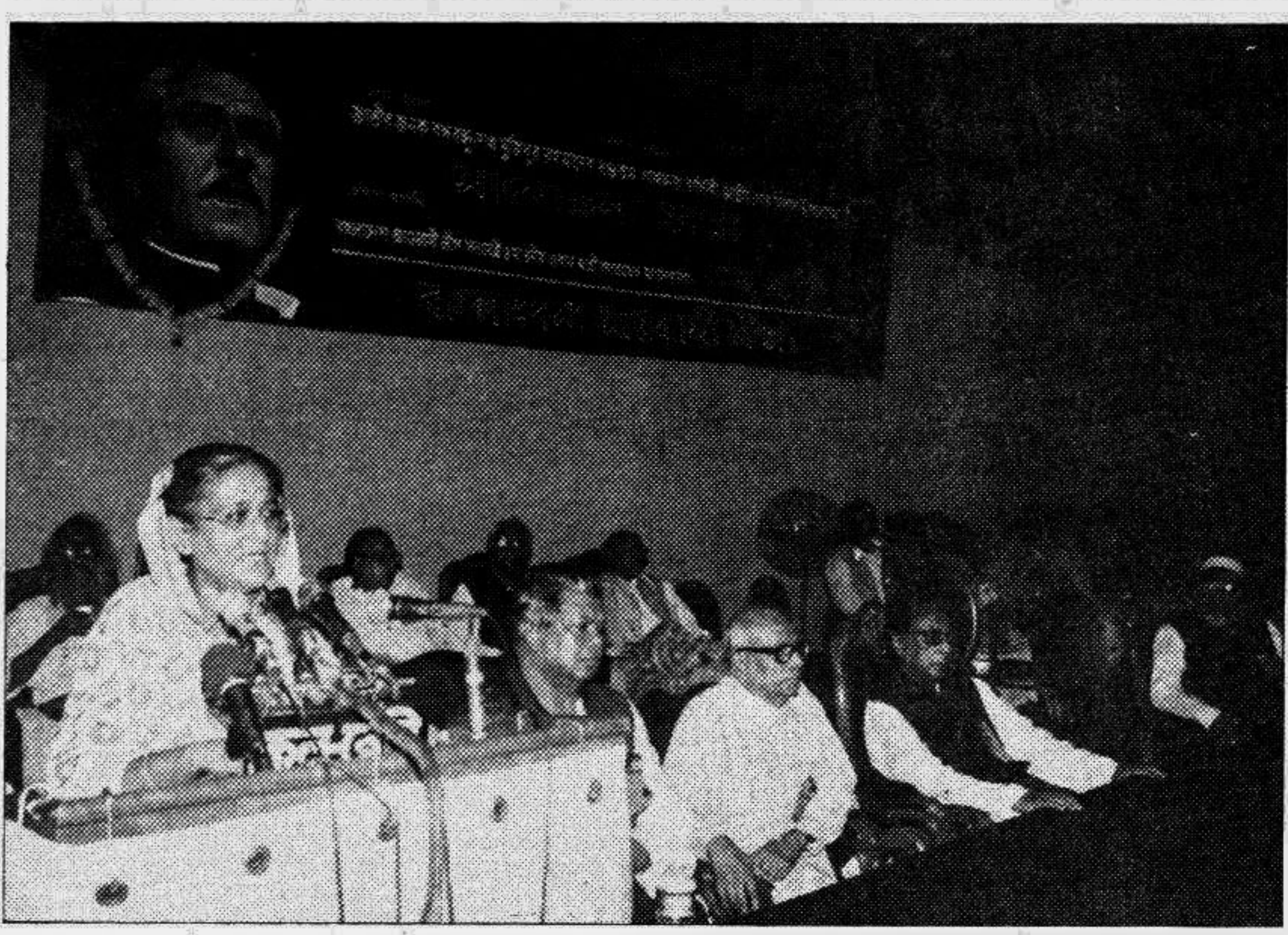
The Bangladesh Observer on October 6, 1998 published a news item under the headline, 'Too much rush in HC for seeking bail.'

Measures to speed up farm output recommended

A two-day symposium on Determinants of Agro-business Policy for Bangladesh yesterday recommended certain measures for the seed and field crop agri-machinery, livestock, poultry, fisheries and shrimps and agro-processing sectors to speed up farm production in the country.

Sponsored by the Agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project (ATDP), a ministry of agriculture project supported by USAID and managed by international fertiliser development corporation (IFDC), the symposium held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel also focused on the steps already taken by the government of Bangladesh to promote agri-business.

Split into sector-wise workshops followed by a plenary session, groups of agri-business leaders representing both private and public sectors with representatives from the US-AID, IFDC, ATDP and various associations deliberated their views to prepare the recommendations to place before the concerned ministries and related leaders on the second day of the symposium.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a discussion meeting organised by the Awami League marking the 24th anniversary of Bangabandhu's death. — Star photo

Vast areas in three N-dists flooded

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 17: Thousands of acres of land in Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Naogaon districts have been inundated during the last two days due to rise in water levels in the Padma, Mahananda and Atrai rivers and incessant rains.

Water Development Board sources said, the Padma crossed the danger level at Panka point in Chapainawabganj last night. More than 1000 acres of land with standing crops have been submerged in Ujirpur union of Shibganj thana. At least 200 families have been severely affected and left their houses for safe shelters.

Charlands in Godagari and Paba thanas of Rajshahi district have also gone under water as the water level in the Padma rose. Low lands of Godagari, Tanore, Bagmara, Durgapur and Puthia thanas have also been inundated by rain waters.

Some areas in Manda, Atrai and Raninagar of Naogaon district have submerged after heavy showers.

Meanwhile, erosion has taken a serious turn too, in Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi districts in the preceding couple of days. Strong currents are devouring new lands, along the banks of the Padma and Mahananda rendering hundreds of families homeless.

Our Special Correspondent adds: The Ganges and the Brahmaputra systems are rising steadily and may flood the low-lying areas in Chapainawabganj, Manikganj and Munshiganj district. Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) said yesterday.

It said the two rivers may cross their danger levels at Goalundo and Aricha in the next 48 hours, overflowing the low-lying areas along their banks. Already the Padma has gone into spate, overflowing its danger level at Panka in Chapainawabganj and Bhagyalul at downstream at Munshiganj yesterday, flowing respectively 27 cm and 4 cm above the red mark.

The rivers at the Meghna basin and South Eastern Hill basin declined further, except Muhuri at Parshuram which recorded rise by 18 cm. All the rivers are flowing below danger level.

BNP leader murdered in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 17: A local BNP leader was murdered at village Barunia under Kaliganj thana last night.

The victim, Elazi Mondal, 35, came under attack by a group of miscreants while he was returning home after attending a function at village Sandandha under the same thana at around 9.30 pm. They chopped him with *ramdao* and Chinese axe.

The seriously injured Elazi was taken to Kaliganj Thana Health Complex and later shifted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to injuries at about 2.45 am, hospital sources said.

Another accomplice of Sweden Aslam arrested in city

By Staff Correspondent

An accomplice of Sweden Aslam was arrested from the city's Maghbazar area in the early hours of yesterday.

The arrested was identified as Syed Abul Kalam Saidur alias Tuhin, 36, son of Syed Rahim Uddin. Tuhin is also accused in several cases.

Acting on a tip-off, Tejgaon police raided a six storied building at Bara Maghbazar and arrested Tuhin from his second floor apartment.

Another accomplice of Sweden Aslam, Rakib was arrested Monday afternoon.

Tuhin was arrested by DB police with an AK 47 rifle last year. Later he was released from the central jail.

Fake birthday

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Ahmed told the meeting that Khalea never celebrated birthday on the day. "She started doing so only when trial in the Bangabandhu murder case began in order to protect the killers."

He called upon the people to 'wage a movement to put Khalea Zia on the dock.'

Home Minister Nasim announced that all the absconding killers of Bangabandhu would be soon brought back home and the verdict against them would be executed. "None of the convicts would be spared so long I remain the home minister. I wish I could take action as the home minister against those who celebrates on the day of Bangabandhu's murder."

The home minister blamed the BNP and Jatiya Party for trying to protect the killers and warned against such attempts.

Nasim said people would not accept any delay in the process of execution of the verdict in the Bangabandhu murder case. "The process should be expedited."

Suranjit Sengupta said this year the people observed the mourning day with the hope that the verdict against the killers would be executed.

Make Sept 12 sit-in a success: BNP

BNP yesterday said the current anti-government agitation will be turned into a mass upsurge and called on the people of all strata to make its September 12 sit-in demonstration in front of the Secretariat a success, reports UNB.

The call came from a meeting of BNP's national executive committee (NEC) at the party central office in the afternoon with BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair.

The meeting discussed party's next programmes including siege to DC's office sit-in in front of Secretariat, mass procession in the capital and road marches, said a press release.

It was attended by party's vice-presidents, joint secretaries general, other office-bearers and members of the NEC staying in Dhaka, presidents and general secretaries of front organisations and, city BNP convenor and joint convenors.

The meeting urged the leaders and workers of all units of BNP and its front organisations in the city and adjacent districts to hold rallies, procession and other mass contact programmes from now in their respective areas to make the September 12 sit-in a success.

Bangabandhu Cup: Rates of tickets

The Finance and Ticket Committee of the 2nd Bangabandhu Cup International Football Tournament has announced the rates of ticket for the 15 matches of the tourney to be held in nine days, reports UNB.

The announcement was made by Secretary of the Finance and Ticket Sub-committee Dr Shrammuzzaman Basunia at Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office last night.

Rates of daily gallery ticket: For Group matches: East Gallery: Tk 15.00 West Gallery: Tk 25.00 For both semi-finals & final: East Gallery: Tk 20.00 West Gallery: Tk 30.00 Rates of season tickets: Hospitality Box (A/C, 12-seat): Tk 50,000.00 Hospitality Box (non-A/C, 10-seat): Tk 30,000.00 Gate No: 3 (three), (2nd floor): Tk 1,000.00 Gate No: 2 (two), (1st & Gr floor): Tk 700.00 Gate No: 10 & 11 (Int Gallery): Tk 600.00 Gate No: 21 (Ladies enclosure): Tk 300.00 Gate No: 20 (Players enclosure): Tk 300.00 Tickets will be available at the City Bank branches in the city and its adjoining areas.

'Mushtaque conspired in 1971'

Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed with his splinter group looked for a political settlement within the framework of Pakistan during the country's Liberation War, reports UNB.

The disclosure was made yesterday by Dr Enayetur Rahim, Professor of History at Georgetown University in Washington at a seminar in the city on 'Nixon's White House and the Bangladesh Liberation War.'

He said the keynote presented by him at the seminar, organised by Centre For Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB), was based on Presidential documents.

Mushtaque's envoy Nurul Islam Manju, now in jail in connection with the jail Killing case, went to Pakistan along with two to three MNAs during the 1971 war in a clandestine way from India and met the then US ambassador in Pakistan and Pakistani President General Yahya Khan, Dr Rahim said.

He named Jahurul Islam, an MNA from Comilla, to be closely associated with Khandaker Mushtaque.

"When Tajuddin Ahmed was looking for a political solution, that is independence, Mushtaque was involved in conspiracy looking for political settlement within the Pakistan statecraft," the researcher said.

About US policy on the liberation struggle, he said Nixon was on one side supporting Yahya Khan while US intelligence agencies and the State Department were on the other side.

The US Consular in Calcutta, whom Dr Rahim termed supporter of the Bangladesh Liberation War, used to inform US ambassador in Pakistan Farland about the developments and situation and straight to the State Department in Washington bypassing the US ambassador in Delhi, Kenneth.

Pakistani President Yahya Khan reportedly told the US Ambassador that Sheikh Mujib would be his "last trump card," Dr Rahim said, adding various efforts had been made with intern leader Sheikh Mujib, but he was defiant and didn't compromise.



A sit-in was staged by Sanghati, a body of 62 human rights organisations, in front of the Planning Commission at city's Agargaon yesterday denouncing lack of planning regarding rehabilitation of sex workers and slum dwellers. — Star photo

Stay order on slum eviction extended till Aug 23

The High Court yesterday extended the stay order on demolition of slums in Dhaka city till August 23, reports UNB.

The court had earlier stayed the demolition till August 19 upon a writ petition filed by three human rights organisations and two slum dwellers.

The writ challenged the demolition of city slums by government without any prior intimation or rehabilitation of the slum dwellers as illegal and violation of their fundamental rights.

The stay order was issued by a High Court bench comprising Justice KM Hasan and Justice MA Kuddus with Dr Kamal Hossain moved the writ on August 12. The hearing was adjourned till yesterday on the question of issuance of rule on the prayer of the attorney general.

Attorney General Mahmudul Islam was present in the court yesterday at the time of submission by Dr Kamal.

Islam is expected to make his submission when the hearing resumes August 19.

Two die in house collapse

MYMENSINGH, Aug 17: A middle-aged woman and her son were killed in a house collapse at Madhupur in Tangail early today, reports UNB.

The bodies of the victims — Julekha Khatun, 35, and her son Hasan, 12, of village Maizbari — were found under the debris of the collapsed house.

Occidental drilling well at Kalachhara

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Aug 17: US company Occidental and its associate Unocal have started drilling an exploratory well near the abandoned Magurchhara gas-field last week, sources said.

After changes in schedule several times, the company this time is maintaining secrecy regarding drilling work at Kalachhara location which is only five kilometres away from Magurchhara site. The site is about six kilometres off the Kalapur bazar on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway, the sources added.

German company Deutag has been given the job of drilling as sub-contractor. Deutag also worked at the Magurchhara location. Till yesterday, the company drilled about 300 metres without any trouble and 20 inch casing was done, the source informed. The target of drilling is about 3500 metres.

A number of Occidental, Deutag and Unocal officials visited the location and expressed their satisfaction over the performance. The officials are very much optimistic.

The US companies were allowed to explore oil and gas in the blocks 12, 13 and 14 in the greater Sylhet region by Petrobangla on January 11, 1995.

The oil giants faced severe criticism after the first exploratory well suffered a massive blow-out during drilling at the Magurchhara gasfield on June 15, 1997.

According to an estimate, 200b cft gas structure worth about 500 million US dollar was burnt away due to the blow-out. But, the Occidental had claimed that, it would not be more than five billion cubic feet.

Tayebi murder case No significant progress

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 17: Investigation into the sensational murder of an Indian citizen, Jibril Tayebi, in the port city is reportedly moving at a snail's pace, sources said.

The case was handed over to CID, Investigating Officer of CID, ASP M A Kader Khan told this correspondent that the hunt was on for arresting the mastermind and six other terrorists involved in the murder.

He said five persons have been arrested in connection with the Jibril murder case and four of them have given confessional statements in the court.

Residence of a prominent garments factory owner located at Badsha Meah Chowdhury Road near the War Cemetery was also raided twice to arrest the killers, sources said.

Besides, over 20 people living in posh areas with whom Jibril and his wife Titli had links were interrogated to unearth the clues of the murder. More people will be questioned, he said.

Those interrogated included Salman Isphani of MM Isphani Ltd, Salauddin Kasem Khan and his wife, Shamsuddin Khan, his wife and daughter Samanza Khan of A K Khan family, Anis A Khan of Grindlays Bank at Agrabad, Rahat Nizam, son of Rashed Nizam, Rony Khan, son of Habibullah Khan.

Samaza Khan, daughter of Shamsuddin Khan, may be interrogated again, he said.

Jibril Tayebi, who worked as country manager of a shipping company, was shot dead on June 9 while returning to his residence at Kuli posh area by driving a car. He was the only son of West Bengal IGP.

4-hour sit-in at Rajshahi today

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 17: Rajshahi Committee for Resistance to Transfer of O&M Division will stage a sit-in for four hours at C&B Crossing from 10 am tomorrow to press home its five-point demand.

The demands include cancellation of transfer order of the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Division-2 of Bangladesh Water Development Board from Rajshahi, complete renovation of Rajshahi Town Protection Embankment, establishment of a new O&M Division in Chapainawabganj district headquarters and taking up Northern Rajshahi Irrigation Project.

The committee brought out a procession in the city and held a protest rally at Shaheb Bazar Crossing this evening.

Recovery of explosives Security in West Bengal tightened

CALCUTTA, Aug 17: Security has been tightened throughout West Bengal following recovery of huge quantity of explosives from several districts as also from the busy Sealdah Station here yesterday, reports PTI.

City police chief Dinesh Vajpai told newsmen that all police stations in the metropolis were asked to maintain strict vigil.

The state and railway police conducted several rounds of search at Sealdah and Howrah stations and took sniffer dogs to trace explosives, official sources said.

With the Home (Police) Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharjee monitoring the security, Vajpai and Director General of the State Police D Sanyal claimed that the situation was 'under control.'

Arsenic poisoning IFC demands formation of probe body

Holding the Farakka Barrage responsible for arsenic contamination of groundwater in Bangladesh, International Farakka Committee (IFC) yesterday demanded formation of a national investigation committee, reports UNB.


India's unilateral withdrawal of water from common rivers by constructing Farakka Barrage and other structures has led to the widespread use of groundwater causing contamination by poisonous arsenic, it told a press conference at Jatiya Press Club.

"After the observations of specialists, we are sure that the main cause of the arsenic problem in Bangladesh is Farakka," said IFC chairman Dr Atiqur Rahman Shali.

Mokammel Haq made Executive Chairman of BOI

The government has appointed M Mokammel Haq Executive Chairman of Board of Investment (BOI), reports UNB.

An official handout yesterday said Mokammel Haq, a former secretary of the government, will enjoy the rank and status of a minister.



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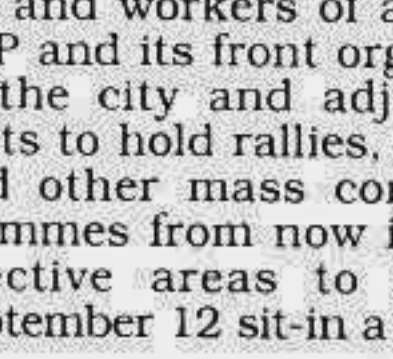
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স্থানীয় কমিশনার কার্যালয় হতে এই কর্মসূচি পরিচালিত হবে। কর্মসূচি শেষে সম্মানিত ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত শিশুর "জন্ম নিবন্ধন কার্ড" প্রদান করা হবে।

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