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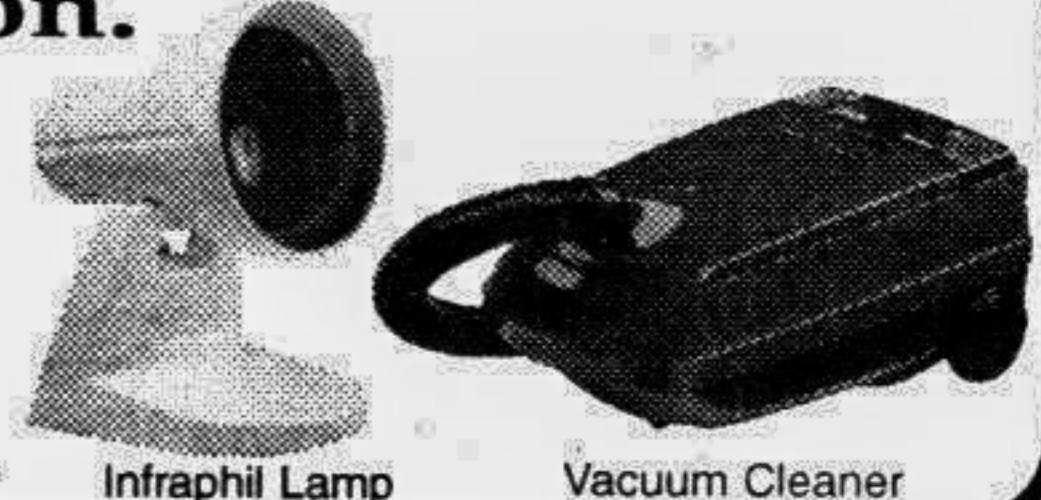
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## Contempt HC rules on 4 dailies

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday issued rules on the editors, publishers and printers and reporters concerned of the Prothom Alo, Janakantha, Sangbad and Bangladesh Observer to show cause why contempt proceeding 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 Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice M A Aziz also directed Arun Karim, Reporter, Mafuz Anam, Printer, Publisher and Matir Rahman, Editor of Prothom Alo, Mustafa Firoj, Reporter and Atiquallah Khan Masud, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the Janakantha, Moshidul Islam Raju, Reporter, Bazlur Rahman, Acting Editor and Ahmedul Kabir, Publisher of the Sangbad and Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Editor and Shamul 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 Prothom Alo on November 4, 1998 published a news under the headline 'Jam of cases at Supreme Court, Criminal Benchies 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 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, fertiliser, horticulture, 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 (ATDT), 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 Ujjirup 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 Ra-

## 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.

## 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 Sandanda under the same thana at around 9:30 pm. They chopped him with *randao* 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 Monday afternoon.

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## Fake birthday

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Ahmed told the meeting that Khaleda never celebrated her 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 make a movement to put Khaleda 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 was 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.

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