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Occupation of flat OC wants transfer of case

By Staff Correspondent
The OC of Dhanmandi thana has asked his superiors to let some other agency to investigate the complaint about forcible occupation of a flat in the city by Sadik Abdullah, son of Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdulla.

Mohammed Hanif said that the case should be handed over to some other agencies since "it is very sensitive," and that the mother of the accused also felt that Dhanmandi police were also involved in the matter.

A top DMP official said the top most authorities are being consulted for a decision on the matter.

Earlier, police arrested three people in this regard and remanded them for interrogation. Later police sent them to jail.

Police also did not accept the complaint as an FIR but as a general diary. Dhanmandi police accepted six general diaries on the same incident from April 26 to May 1.

Sadik Abdullah was accused of forcibly occupying the sixth floor and the ground floor of a seven-storey building at Lake Circus in Kalabagan.

A general diary filed by Shahjahan Begum, sister of the

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Plot to kill PM

Shoib Chowdhury indicted

Police indicted businessman Shoib Chowdhury yesterday allegedly for plotting to assassinate Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 30 others including ministers, Awami League leaders and their close relatives, reports BSS.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police submitted the charge sheet yesterday to Motijheel police and to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Court.

Abdul Kader Akand, assistant superintendent of CID police, implicated Shoib Chowdhury in the case after a thorough investigation of eight months.

Police said Shoib Chowdhury sent an E-mail to a local newspaper announcing a huge award on the heads of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 30 others including their close relatives, ministers and senior Awami League leaders on May 4.

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Source: Islamic Foundation

53 more bodies recovered: One launch salvaged Death toll 96: 100 still missing

By Staff Correspondent

The death toll in capsizes of two passenger launches in the Meghna on Monday rose to 96 with the recovery of 53 more bodies yesterday, reports received in Dhaka said.

Some 100 passengers of the launches were still missing.

Meanwhile, the Shipping Ministry yesterday constituted a three-member committee to investigate the accidents and submit its report within 15 days.

Our correspondents from Brahmanbaria and Narsingdi

reported recovery of 46 bodies from one launch -- MV Dolphin -- which sank at Lalpur near Zia Fertiliser Factory and seven from Mirzarchar where the other launch -- ML Bengal Bird -- capsized.

Earlier on Tuesday, 27 bodies were recovered from Lalpur and 16 from Mirzarchar.

The over-loaded launches carrying more than 200 people each capsized due to a nor'wester at about 4 pm on Monday.

Forty-six bodies were recovered from inside MV Dolphin yesterday as a crane from a nearby bridge construction site lifted the launch from the river bed after a 22-hour salvage operation, our Brahmanbaria Correspondent reported.

Local people expressed dismay that no salvage vessel of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) reached the spot as yet.

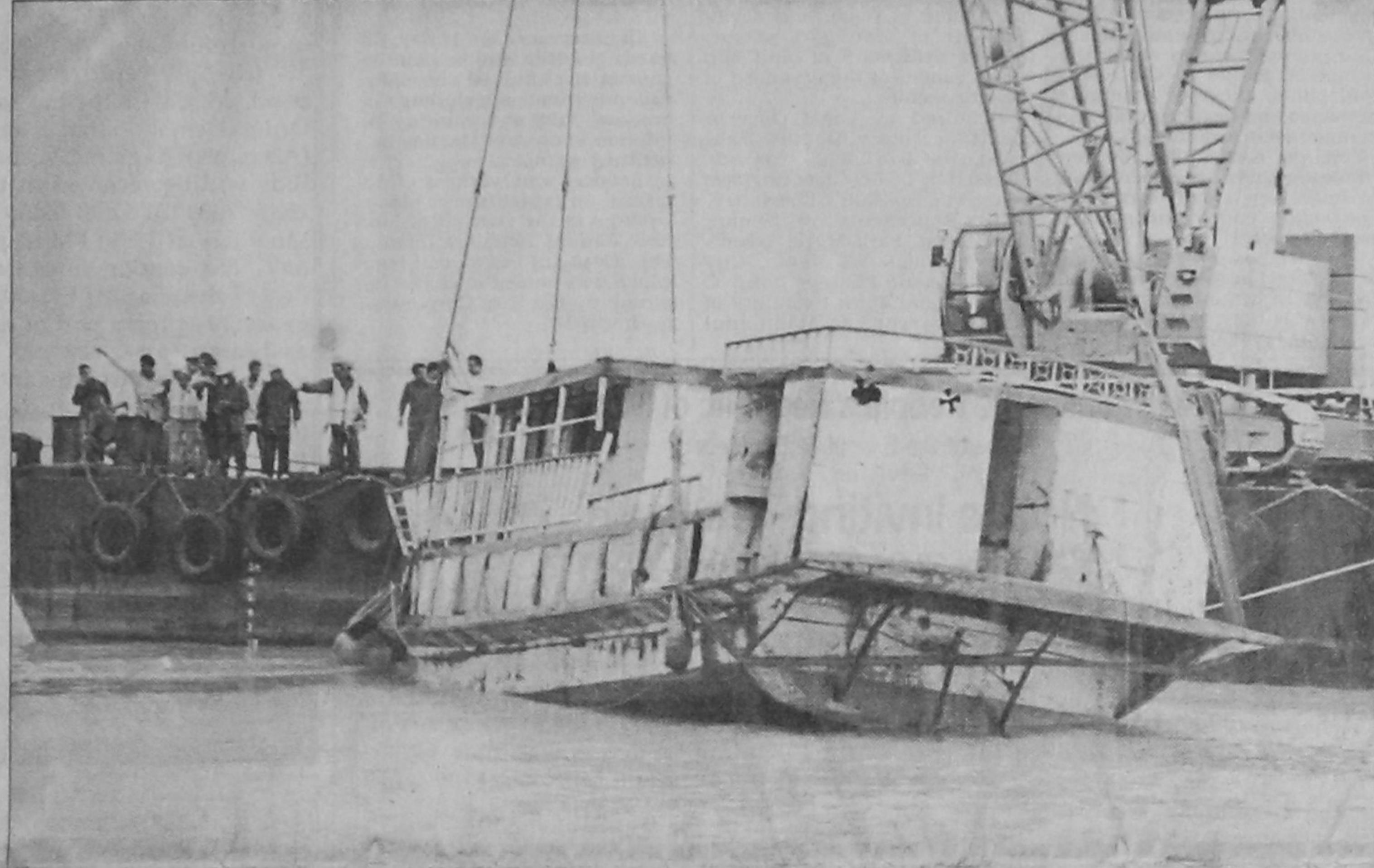
Our Narsingdi Correspondent Adds: Local people recovered seven more bodies from Lalpur yesterday. BIWTA salvage ves-

sel Rustam located the sunken launch Bengal Bird 45 feet deep under water.

As Rustam failed to lift the launch, another BIWTA vessel -- Hamja -- was brought from Barisal yesterday evening.

Of the bodies recovered yesterday, 32 were identified. They are Billal Hossain, 8, Kamal Hossain, 30, Narayan Saha, 40, Shafiqul, 58, Farida Yasmin, 28, Moinul Islam, 30, Yasmin, 10, Molinul Islam, 35, Milon, 50, Bashir, 24, Rafia, 35, and her

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MV Dolphin which sank at Lalpur being salvaged yesterday.

— Star photo

Share scam: Hearing of appeal against HC verdict May 14

By M Shamsur Rahman

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court which had given permission to appeal against the High Court Division judgement that allowed court transfer petition of three companies accused in the 1996 share market scam will begin full length hearing on May 14.

The Appellate Division fixed the date after the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Dr M Zahir said that lawyer for petitions of the three companies have become infructuous as the judge of the court where the High Court Division had transferred the case was transferred to the newly formed Metropolitan Sessions Court.

The cases were recalled by the Sessions Judge, Dhaka and transferred to Metropolitan Sessions Judge, who later referred all the share scam cases

Hartal in Ctg today

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 3: Supporters of the four opposition parties here organised a rally and brought out processions in the city today in support of tomorrow's dawn-to-dusk hartal in greater Chittagong.

The All Party Action Committee of the four opposition parties called the hartal to protest swearing-in of the CCC mayor and commissioners elected in January 3.

The swearing-in ceremony was held in Dhaka yesterday.

The BNP, JP, Jamaat and IOJ boycotted the January 3 election and agitated to resist the polls.

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A Petrobangla director may become new chairman

Star Report

The government may promote and appoint an on-contract director of Petrobangla as its chairman, sources said.

After speculations for a

last few days and rejection of a potential chairman candidate by the Prime Minister's Office, the government has decided to promote Syed Anwarul Haque, director, Mines and Minerals of Petrobangla, as its chairman and extend his contract.

Infested with human re-

sources problems for many years, Petrobangla has been

without a chairman for the last two weeks. The previous chairman, Mosharraf Hossain, re-

ferred last month on serving

two terms on contract.

The three scam cases were

listed as the 34th item in the

daily cause list of the Appellate Division yesterday, mentioning an application for adjournment from the respondent compa-

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