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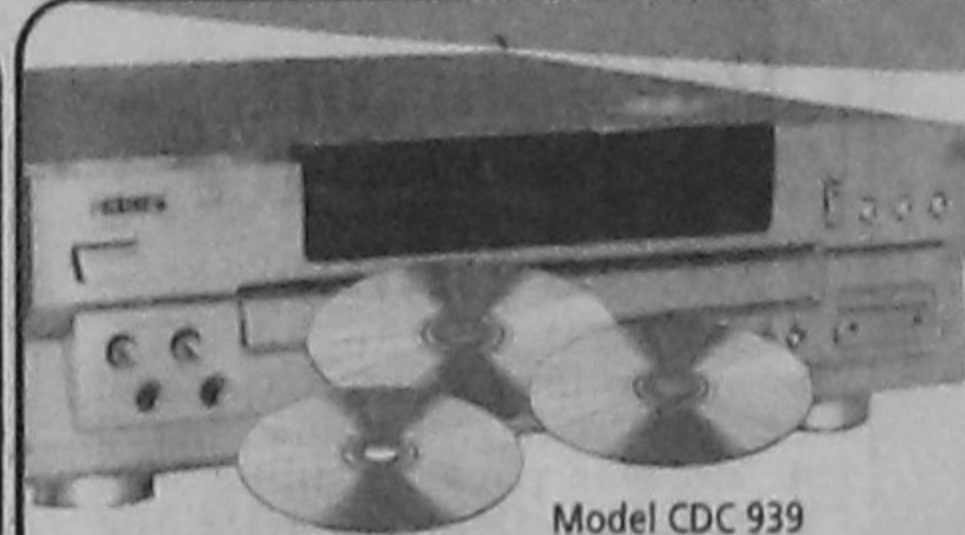
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## Irregularities in selection & promotion of JU teachers

By Shamim Ashraf

The Jahangirnagar University authorities continue to ignore allegations of irregularities, politicisation and nepotism in selection and promotion of teachers.

Aggrieved teachers have been demanding immediate dissolution of the 48 teachers' selection committees and formation of new committees to ensure that teachers are selected and promoted only on the basis of merit instead of political affiliation.

The incumbent committees were formed last year for a two-year term. The Syndicate approved the committees on June 3 last.

If there is any irregularity as alleged by the university teachers, it may be discussed in the Syndicate which has the ultimate authority regarding formation and abolition of the selection committees. Vice-chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes told The Daily Star recently.

He also said the Syndicate would soon take up the two-year-old issue.

Talking to this correspondent, some of the aggrieved teachers alleged that the incumbent selection committees are favouring "less qualified" teachers with political affiliations in appointment and promotion in different departments.

The standard of education in the institution is compromised in promoting teachers, who are more of party activists than teachers, they alleged.

Some senior professors at the university pointed out a number of irregularities in formation of the selection committees.

They alleged that some members of the committees were not at all related to the departments concerned. Some other members with less experience were appointed internal experts superseding experienced teachers. They said such appointments were made to politicise the teachers' community.

Besides, the convention to appoint two members in each committee from outside the university is being violated. The committees are not appointing even one such external member as required by the university rule, they alleged.

Citing examples, they said, Prof Ismail Hossain of the Department of Economics was appointed member of Business Administration Department's selection committee for professor and associate professor. Similarly, Prof Ataur Rahman Khan and Prof Taibul Hasan Khan of the Department

of History have been appointed members of the committees in International Relations. Prof Abdul Kader of Botany in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Prof Khondoker Mustahidur Rahman of Economics in Urban and Regional Planning and Prof M Muniruzzaman of Physics in Environmental Science.

Treasurer Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir, a teacher of chemistry, has been made a member of the committees for selection of assistant professor and lecturer for Pharmacy. Prof Enamul Haq Khan of History has been made member of the committee in Archaeology department. Prof M Nasiruddin in International Relations, Dr Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of Physics in Electronics and Computer Science and Dr Farhad Hossain in Computer and Information Technology Institute.

Some senior teachers also alleged that some politically active teachers were promoted illegally in recent times. They did not have the necessary experience and research work. At least five teachers were promoted under such political considerations, they alleged.

Earlier in May this year, 121 teachers of the university urged

## Zillur blasts Khaleda's remark

Ruling party general secretary Zillur Rahman yesterday strongly protested opposition leader Khaleda Zia's remark about attempt on her life, saying such hoax will provoke even a dumb to burst into laughter, reports UNB.

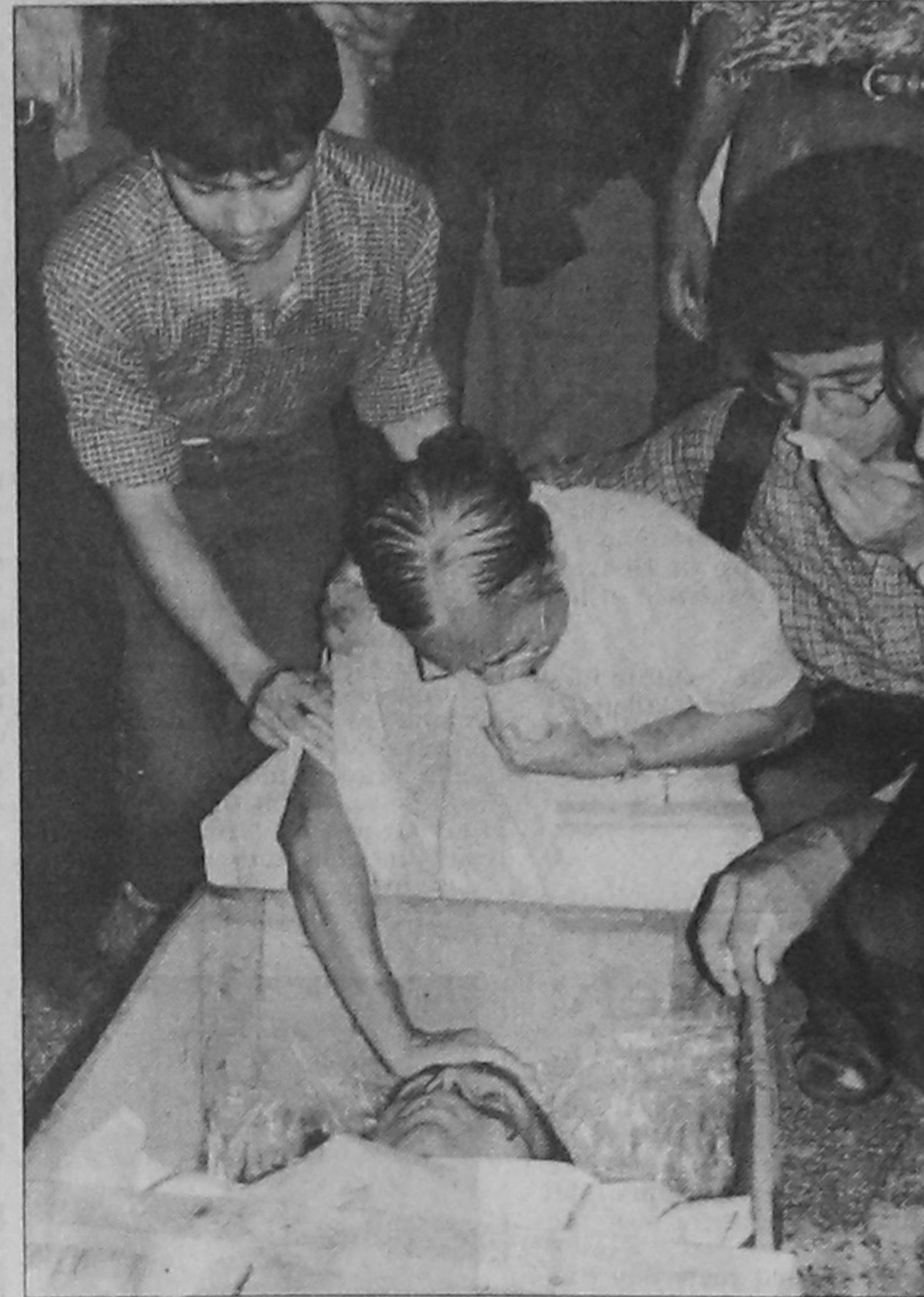
In a statement, Zillur said as Khaleda's "politics of conspiracy, killing, violence and anarchy got exposed to the people, she is now trying to protect herself from public wrath by playing tricks."

BNP chief Khaleda Zia citing a book during an interview with BBC on Tuesday said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had announced a bounty of Tk 500,000 for killing her (Zia). And Tk 50,000 was paid in advance.

Zillur Rahman questioned, while the Prime Minister did not blame BNP for plotting to kill her, why she (Zia) accused the PM of making attempt to kill her.

"Khaleda started pointless utterances as Jamaat-Shibir and Chhatra Dal activists are found involved in the eight-murder incident, killing of journalist Shamsur Rahman and planting explosives at Kotlipara to kill the Prime Minister," said the AL leader.

"By observing a false birthday on August 15, threatening another incident like August



Relatives of Bishnupada Talukdar wailing. Bishnu was stabbed to death by unidentified men in the city on Tuesday.

## Employee of pvt firm stabbed to death in city

By Staff Correspondent  
An account of a private firm was stabbed to death by unidentified people in the city on Tuesday night.

Bishnupada Talukdar, 28, son of Haro Kumar Talukdar of Bakail in Gournadi under Barisal district was rushed to Islami Hospital at Shajahanpur at about 11:25 pm by two unidentified men.

The duty doctor declared him dead and informed the Motijheel police of the incident at about 11:45 pm. There were marks of stab injuries in his chest, hospital sources said.

Bisnu, an assistant accountant of Lino electronics at Rahman Chamber in Motijheel Commercial Area, was scheduled to go to Chittagong on an official visit, sources said.

Officials of Lino Company yesterday identified the body.

Police quoting the officials said that Bisnu along with Sakil Sarwar and Monirul Islam was scheduled to visit Chittagong by train. They were supposed to return today after opening a show room at Chittagong.

The motive behind the killing could not be known till filing of this report last night.

Motijheel police recovered the body of the victim and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A general diary was filed with Motijheel police.

## Anwar Uddin Khan passes away

By Staff Correspondent

Anwar Uddin Khan, executive vice-president of Al Baraka Bank and renowned singer, died of heart attack yesterday at the age of 66.

He left behind his wife, one daughter and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Born on June 4, 1934, Anwar Uddin Khan did his honours and master's in economics from Dhaka University. He started his career with Pakistan Planning Commission in 1961 and joined the then Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan in the following year.

He visited a number of coun-

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## Hirok's gun seized from arms shop

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 2: Police yesterday recovered SBL gun and 32 cartridges from an arms shop at K D Ghose Road in Khulna.

The gun belongs to terrorist Mushfiqur Rahman Hirok, one of the wanted criminals and a suspect in Shamsur Rahman murder case.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bagerhat cancelled licence of this gun last month on request of the police department. Police said Hirok kept the gun and cartridges in the shop before he had gone into hiding after murder of journalist

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## Biman employees to continue protest

By Staff Correspondent

Employees of Bangladesh Biman will hold meetings and stage demonstrations at all its departments at 10 a.m. today as part of their agitation against conversion of the airline into a Public Limited Company (PLC).

The programme was taken at a meeting of the Steering Committee of Biman employees' unions and associations yesterday. The meeting was chaired by Mohiuddin Ahmed, Convenor of the Committee, said a press release.

Yesterday, the employees held a rally during a two-hour sit-in at the Biman office from

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## Dengue: 10 more admitted to CMCH

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 2: Ten suspected dengue patients were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) today, hospital sources said.

Earlier, 17 dengue patients were admitted to CMCH. Some beds were kept reserved at CMCH for dengue patients, doctors said.

Meanwhile, pathological labs in the city are doing brisk business as most of the doctors are asking the patients for blood tests, sources said.

## AL rally at Paltan today

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League will hold a rally in the city today to protest alleged atrocities on life of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The week-long protest programme of the ruling party will end through today's rally to be held at 3 pm at Paltan Maidan.

The Prime Minister is expected to address the rally. She is due to return home today from Malaysia ending her three-day official visit there.

AL office secretary Advocate Abdul Mannan Khan said that despite inclement weather the party would go ahead with its scheduled programme.

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# 1000 adolescent girls migrate to capital a day for jobs!

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion meeting emphasised creating job in the rural area to halt the present inflow of adolescent girls towards the capital.

They were speaking at a brainstorming session on Reproductive health right of adolescent girls: a basic human right at Khan Foundation in the city yesterday.

About 1000 adolescent girls migrate to the capital everyday from different parts of the country, mostly from Rajshahi Division but rarely from Chittagong Division, according to the keynote paper.

The study was conducted in

13 out of 21 thanas among 800 adolescent girls aged between 10 to 19 years and it covered 18 slums in Dhaka city. Besides, 63 bus drivers, hawkers, shopkeepers, ticket sellers, porters and beggars at different bus stops, rail stations and river ports were randomly chosen and interviewed.

Among the interviewees 88.89 per cent said they are mainly from destitute families, while the rest is from middle and lower middle class families, the study said.

About 82.71 per cent of the adolescent girls live in slums, while 7.13 and 4.38 per cent

claimed to be living in the streets and railway stations, respectively; the rest comprises the floating population.

According to the study, sanitation is extremely inadequate for most of the girls. As many as 58.98 per cent of the girls said they had inadequate toilet facilities, while 18.93 and 20.18 per cent had proper toilet facilities and no facilities at all, respectively.

About 1000 adolescent girls come to the capital every day looking for jobs, especially in the garment factories. About 200 to 300 of them enter Dhaka via Sadarghat, 100 to 300 via

Gulistan, 100 to 150 via Mohakhali and Gabtaji each, while 50 to 60 arrived at Kamalapur and Sayedabad each.

Among the 800 respondents, 22.26 per cent are left with no formal education, while 53.38 and 24.36 per cent has completed primary level schooling and secondary education, respectively. Most of them expressed their wish to continue their study, provided they have the opportunity to do so.

While 38.75 per cent said that they are vulnerable to unemployment, 27 per cent said that they were sexually ha-

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An uprooted tree lying on the footpath in front of the official residence of Chief Justice near Kakrail crossing in the city.

— Star photo

## Case under PSA 8 Khulna Shibir leaders acquitted

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 2: The judge of the Tribunal Court, Anisur Rahman, yesterday acquitted all the eight Shibir leaders of charge brought against them under the Public Safety Act.

The case was filed with Khulna thana on April 8 stating that a group of Shibir leaders stormed into City College at 11 am on that day and created panic among general students and teachers by exploding home-made bombs in which JCD activist Lalon was injured seriously.

The court found them innocent and acquitted them.

Seventeen prosecution witnesses were cross-examined during the 16-day trial of the second political case under PSA in Khulna.

## Post-polls violence in Jhalakati: 10 hurt

JHALAKATI, Aug 2: At least ten people were injured in sporadic clashes between the supporters of Amir Hossain Amu and defeated candidate Elen Bhutto in different parts of the district following Monday's by-election, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said poll violence erupted on Tuesday night when a Chhatra League activist, supporter of the Food Minister, was stabbed by a follower of Elen Bhutto in Nalchhiti upazila.

Later, the supporters of Amu allegedly attacked houses of Adam Ali Engineer, Montu Mia, Rustom Ali and Khaleque Sharif in Nalchhiti municipal area.

They also ransacked Nalchhiti upazila office. Besides, the supporters of Elen led by Khokan Sharif and Menon Sharif attacked Amu's supporters in Nesarabad area of the town on Tuesday.

Of the injured, Sajidul Islam, 25, Jabbar, 20, Khokon, 18, Saifur Rahman, 15 and Alamgir, 17, were admitted to hospital in critical condition.

Police arrested two Chhatra Dal activists, who lent support to Elen. They are Ruhul and

## Dengue: BNP walkathon today

By Staff Correspondent

BNP will hold a walkathon in the city today to create awareness among people about dengue fever and protest the government's failure to prevent the disease, reports UNB.

Dengue prevention committee of the party organised the programme.

The walkathon will begin from the party central office at 4:30 pm.

## 3 police camps at Shibir dominated college hostels in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 2: Three camps of Armed Police Battalion were set up at three Shibir dominated dormitories of Chittagong Government College and Mohsin College in the city last night, police sources said.

These new camps were set up to check the movement of armed cadres in those hostels, police said adding the decision was taken after receiving reports of using them by armed cadres. One platoon Armed Police Battalion were posted in each camp, police sources said. More camps would be set up soon at vulnerable points of the city, they said.

Arrested Shibir cadre Solaiman admitted during interrogation that the conspiracy took place at room no. 214 of Sher-e-Bangla hostel of Chittagong Govt College a day before Bahaddarhat incident that night. He also admitted six BCL activists killed.

Meanwhile, after the crackdown launched by police, most of the Shibir activists went into hiding, sources said.

## 'Save Buriganga' boat procession Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

The Save Buriganga Movement, a new body formed by environmentalists, will organise a boat procession on the river on Saturday to press their demand to save the river.

The procession will begin from Shyambazar in the city at 2 pm and end at Kamrangirchar. Twenty-five boats will take part in the procession, the organisers said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Prof. Mozaffar Ahmed of Dhaka University read out a written statement at the press conference. Among others, former finance minister AMA Muhiit, Firoz M Hasan, General Secretary of FEMA (Fair Election Monitoring Alliance) and Abu Naser Khan, General Secretary of PARASH, an organisation of environmentalists, attended the press conference.

Prof. Ahmed said Buriganga is the "soul" of Dhaka city, but its survival is at stake now due to encroachments.

## Bangabandhu Murder Trial Farook was at cantt when the incident began: Defence

Had Col. Syed Farook Rahman moved anywhere after the killing of Bangabandhu, it was at the order of CGS Khaled Mosharraf, his counsel argued before the High Court yesterday, reports UNB.

Advocate Khan Saifur Rahman, continuing his argument for the third day on trial, concentrated mainly on time of occurrence and said had Farook gone to anywhere it was after the incident.

He pointed out that different witnesses in Bangabandhu Murder Case as well as the chargesheet, charges framed

and also the judgement mentioned different time on August 15 carnage.

The lawyer will elaborate the matter today as the court was adjourned during the lunch break following a full court reference paying respect to Justice Mohammad Iftikhar Rasul, who died recently.

Khan Saifur told the HC bench that if it is presumed that Farook Rahman had gone to Bangabandhu's residence, it was after the time of offences as described in the charges framed against the accused.

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## Journalist murder KCC commissioner's house raided to nab Shahid

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 2: Alleged professional killer Shahid escaped from the residence of KCC Ward Commissioner Advocate Lutfar Rahman during police raid this afternoon.

Shahid is one of alleged killers of journalist Shamsur Rahman.

The arms carried by his mother Hosne Ara from Khulna to Jessore belonged to Shahid, and used for killing the journalist, said a KMP source.

He reportedly was hiding in the house of Advocate Lutfar, Advocate Lutfar, 56, is a veteran city Awami League leader.

Shahid also escaped arrest when police raided his house at Daulatpur.

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