

## Bangabandhu murder

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"From where the bloodstains came?" the court interpolated.  
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**Tk 2.5 lakh snatched in Ctg**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 19: Mugger took away Tk 2.5 lakh at gunpoint from the cashier of a petrol pump at Chawkbazar in the city today, police said.

Police said the cashier came under attack while he was going to deposit the money with a bank nearby at around 2 pm.

The muggers intercepted the car carrying him and snatched away the money at gunpoint, police added.

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## Court cannot summon

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ment was not bound to produce any proceedings to the court and requested the chair not to go by the High Court's instruction to produce relevant proceedings about the home minister's statement in the House.

"I do agree with you," the Deputy Speaker responded.

Major (retd) Akhtar also bitterly criticised the home minister for contradicting a Daily Star report on his comment about the High Court Bench hearing the Bangabandhu Murder Case.

Quoting parliament proceedings, he said the Daily Star correctly reported what Nasim had stated in parliament about the High Court. The home minister has proved himself to be inefficient and lost credibility by saying one thing in the House and another outside, the opposition lawmaker commented.

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## PSC influenced

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He was promoted to this post despite his poor academic background.

The PSC by breaking all the rules has appointed 416 candidates against 166 advertised posts in administration and police cadres.

It had advertised for 100 posts in administration cadres and 66 in police cadres.

The controversy over the results of 20th BCS examination has created an uneasy situation in the PSCs.

Officials and employees of the PSC, custodian of the country's civil service, have been waiting for PSC Chairman Prof Mostafa Chowdhury's return from the US.

He left Dhaka on October 30 to attend the UN General Assembly session.

President Shahbuddin Ahmed has talked with a top PSC official regarding large scale corruption in the results of 20th BCS examination, a highly placed source in the PSC said.

The President who is the supreme authority on constitutional matters might ask the PSC to take proper action in this regard, the official added.

The PSC had called for the 20th BCS examination two and a half years back.

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## DU territory

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Faculty and the students of the university are of the view that the indifference of the police force is mainly to blame for the situation.

"Nothing bad will take place on the campus if the police remain honest and vigilant," said a senior professor, preferring anonymity.

They (Police) are reluctant to apprehend the criminals as they enjoy the pampering of very influential people."

When contacted, DU Vice Chancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury told The Daily Star that he had taken various steps to ensure such occurrences don't take place anymore.

You will see no unpleasant incidents in future as we have tightened security on the campus," Prof. Azad said.

DU authorities deployed police at each residential hall and at strategic points of the campus following serious deterioration of law and order in 1997. But following protests by student organisations, which accused the police of incompetence and inactivity, they were withdrawn except from some important places like the VC's residence.

up to Ershad provided favours to the killers and Ershad cleared all the dues of those killers," Huq said, adding FIR could not be filed during 21 long years because those government had favoured the killers.

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**Boycott of parliament not conducive to democracy: Tofail**

From Staff Correspondent

BHOLA, Nov 19: Criticising the opposition for boycotting parliament, Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed today said this trend is not conducive to establishing a democratic culture in the country, reports UNB.

They are continuing the boycott with an ego of opposing every step of the government," he said while inaugurating the newly-built "Bhola Kheyaghat Bridge" connecting the district town with the two remote unions Vedula and Velumia.

The 186.68-metre-long and 9.5-metre-wide bridge was built at a cost of Tk 9 crore over the channel connecting Tetulia and Meghna rivers.

Tofail Ahmed observed the opposition lacks the mentality of accepting any achievement of the government both at home and abroad. "They are now totally detached from the people."

The minister said the boycott of parliament, the centre of all activities, is tantamount to deceiving the people who elected their representatives to speak in the House on their behalf.

The inaugural function of the bridge was attended, among others, by The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam, Manabjamiin Editor Matiur Rahman Chowdhury and Editorial Board Chairman of Bhoror Kagoj Sadeq Hossain Chowdhury.

Chief Engineer of the Roads and Highways Department Abdul Wahab also spoke at the function chaired by deputy commissioner Moyez Uddin Khan.

Later, the minister laid the foundation stone of two new buildings of Bhola Government Boys' School and Fatema Khatoon School in Sadar upazila.

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Referring to a joint press statement issued by Moudud Ahmed and Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, he alleged that the two lawyers were obstructing the opposition lawmakers from coming back to parliament and conspiring to destroy the judiciary.

JP lawmaker Rabbi also rebuked the two Supreme Court advocates who protested discussions in the House on the High Court's midnight sitting that granted bail to Inqilab Editor AMM Bahauddin who is facing sedition charges for publishing a parody of the national anthem.

Rabbi came down heavily on the two BNP leaders for calling him an inexperienced lawyer for the comments he made in the House about the midnight session. "Like Moudud Ahmed, I don't need to have experience of Martial Law Court and seeking anticipatory bail at midnight," he quipped about his former party colleague.

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**Nizami**

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None contest the election. Majlis-e-Sura nominates a panel and the electorates choose one from it through secret ballot.

The chief election commissioner of the party Prof Nazir Ahmad handed over the election results to the incumbent Ameer Golam Azam yesterday. The number of votes polled by Nizami and two others were not disclosed.

Electon to the Majlis-e-Sura begins today to continue till November 30 in all the 78 organising districts.

After completing education from Dhaka University Nizami began his career as Research Fellow in Islamic Research Academy in 1971.

He joined Jamaat in September 1971 and acted as Ameer of Dhaka city unit from 1979 to 1982.

He was elected MP in 1991 from the Santhia-Bera constituency.

It is also the right of every taxpayer to witness the results of the discretionary expenditure by the Government of Bangladesh or the commission, he added. He also demanded the publication of the commission report in full.

Barrister Mahmud was

represented by advocate Adilur Rahman Khan, advocate Sheela S Rahaman and advocate

Adasuzzaman.

The Government, represented by Deputy Attorney General Obaidur Rahman Mostafa, opposed the move saying that the government is not legally bound to implement the recommendations of the report.

The rule was issued on the Secretary, Ministry of Information, the Director General of National Broadcasting Authority (Bangladesh Betar) and the Director General of National Broadcasting Authority (Bangladesh Television).

They are the supreme authority on constitutional matters might ask the PSC to take proper action in this regard, the official added.

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**HC sitting at night evokes mixed reaction**

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between the Executive and the Judiciary as unfortunate. If any question arises, it should be brought to the notice of the Chief Justice through the Attorney General, he told the daily Prothom Alo.

"Since the higher court is the last resort for people, there should be restraint on debating the issue in and outside the parliament," he said.

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud said, "Supreme Court has a tradition of not granting anticipatory bail if a warrant is issued by a magistrate. There had been two days hearing in the case of Shahid Janani Jahanara Imam. But her age and illness due to cancer were taken into consideration. The editor of Inqilab were not sick or physically handicapped for which they could apply for anticipatory bail," he told the Prothom Alo.

Barrister Maudud Ahmed who moved the bail petition for Bahauddin before the Appellate Division cited several instances



Awami Juba League staged a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday in protest against granting of bail at midnight recently to the Editor of the Daily Inqilab by the High Court (Right). Enraged activists also burnt some copies of the daily.

-- Star photo

## News

## Number of defaulters

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The finance minister told the House that business activities of foreign banks operating in the country might not be allowed to expand outside the capital, if they do not make long- or medium-term investment in Bangladesh.

**Tk 5240 cr realised as tax revenue**

Another report says: Taka 5240.03 crore was realised till October of the current fiscal year as revenue from taxes related to National Board of Revenue (NBR), the Parliament was informed yesterday.

The amount is 101.93 per cent of the target for the period, the finance minister said replying to a question.

Besides, he informed, Tk 180 crore was realised till July-August 2000 from taxes outside

of NBR and Tk 951 crore realised during July-August from tax-excluded sources.

In reply to Kazi Sirajul Islam (Awami League), the Kibria said Tk 3017.02 crore was earned as import duty till July-October, 2000. The amount is Tk 487.36 crore more than the corresponding period of last year.

**10 lakh people pay taxes**

Another BSS report says: A total number of income tax-payers stood at 9,89,448 till October 2000 in the country, Kibria informed the Jatiya Sangsad.

In a written reply to a question from Aleya Afroz (Women Seat-10), the finance minister said the government has realised Tk 2,605.40 crore during the 1999-2000 fiscal as income tax.

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pressure on BNP lawmakers but suggested Sengupta to place a new bill in parliament to increase the reserved seats to 64 from 30 now and make provision for direct election to those.