

## Bangabandhu murder

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near the gate, he asked him about bloodstains on his forehead.

From where the bloodstains came? the court interpolated. Quoting a witness, the special prosecutor said Noor being asked replied that he killed Mujib.

Similarly, showing direct involvement of Risaldar Moslemuddin in the August 15 killings, Adv Huq said Moslem came to Bangabandhu's residence at 5:30 am after killing Sheikh Moni.

The court at this stage wanted to know how Moslemuddin killed the women since he was found just standing beside Pasha.

Adv Huq said Moslemuddin gave his stungun and did not say anything and later was found beside Khandaker Mustaque Ahmed. He was also appointed bodyguard of President Mustaque.

"Although Moslemuddin himself did not kill anyone, to help one in killing is a similar crime and he (Moslem) was directly involved in the August 15 carnage."

The chief prosecutor said all these four persons left the country on Nov 3, 1975 and were absorbed in the Foreign Service in 1976. They served in different foreign missions of Bangladesh, which also proved their involvement in the August 15 killing of Bangabandhu Mujib along with his family members and kin.

The Foreign Ministry in 1976 served only to reward the killers of Bangabandhu, "Huq told the court."

"All the post-75 governments

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.

When asked, the prosecutor said a prosecution witness, Col Shafayat Jamil, the 46 brigade commander in 1975, in his evidence said the killers got patronage till the Ershad era.

Advocate Serajul Huq was assisted by DAG Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik, AAG Anisul Huq, AAG Mosharrar Hossain Kajo, AAG Haider Ali, AAG Towfiq Karim and AAG Nurul Islam Sultan.

The death reference bench comprising Justice Ruhul Amin and Justice ABM Khairul Huq will continue the hearing Monday on the question of confirming the death sentences against 15 former army officers.

## Tk 2.5 lakh snatched in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 19: Muggers 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.

## Boycott of parliament not conducive to democracy: Tofail

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 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, Manabjain Editor Mattur Rahman Chowdhury and Editorial Board Chairman of Bhorer 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 Khatun School in Sadar upazila.

## Two bills placed in JS

Two bills were introduced in Parliament yesterday and subsequently sent to standing committees for scrutiny, reports UNB.

Education Minister A S H K Sadeq introduced the Registration of Private Schools (Amendment) Bill, 2000. It was sent to the parliamentary standing committee for scrutiny and sending back to the House within six weeks.

The bill seeks to set 90 days' time for completion of inquiry and submitting report since filing of application by any private school for registration. Earlier, there was no time limit for completing inquiry or giving response to the application.

Major (ret'd) Akhtaruzzaman, the expelled BNP lawmaker from Kishoreganj, opposed the Bill, which was introduced by voice vote.

Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan introduced the Public Industrial Institution (Terms of Service) Bill, 2000. It was sent to the standing committee for scrutiny and sending back to the House within three days.

## Nizami

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tion, 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.

Election 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.

## N'ganj

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some vehicles.

Addressing a rally there, the business leaders alleged that DGM Khalekuzzaman at local Titas Gas office is responsible for creating the artificial gas crisis.

They demanded restoration of supply lines to different dyeing factories immediately.

## HC sitting at night evokes mixed reaction

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where courts had granted bail. Kazi Shahed Ahmed, Editor of Daily Aker Kagoj moved an application for anticipatory bail before a Division Bench comprising Justice DM Ansaruddin and Justice Md Nurul Islam. The court rejected his petition for anticipatory bail. But at about 10 pm, his lawyer moved a petition for stay of the judgement and an order of the High Court. He was enlarged on bail by the then Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division at his residence.

Maudud also cited other instances where courts had sat late in the evening at the residences of judges. Even a judge passed an order from Cox's Bazar where he was on vacation, he said.

He also cited Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's case in 1967/68 and said, "The founding father was convicted and sentenced to two years and was in the custody of the convicting court. On the same day, at about 2 pm, eminent lawyer Abdus Salam Khan had filed an appeal and moved an application for bail



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 Inquilab by the High Court (Right). Enraged activists also burnt some copies of the daily. -- Star photo

## Flora recognises father

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23 after arriving from London.

Alena Khan, the Officer Investigation of the Manobadhikar Bastobayon Sangstha and Farjana Khan Godhuly, a Staff Reporter of the daily Sangbad started talking to Khairunnessa inside the office of the deputy assistant director of the Godnail Vagrant Centre. After more than two hours, when Khairunnessa heard that her mother is ill, she broke down in tears, saying, "Oh God, what have I done!"

Then the father and the daughter hugged each other and cried. Khairunnessa said she left home in school uniform in September on the day of an exam with Tk 400 in her pocket. She arrived by bus at Saidabad in Dhaka and was waiting for a transport to Bansal where a relative lived.

By that time, two men approached her and offered her a

lift in a blue car. In the car, they gave her a "mimi" (chewing gum). She could not remember anything until she found herself in a 'beautiful air conditioned room'. The men showed her a man of fair complexion and said she should call him papa. They also told her that she had been brought to London but she could not go out because it is very dangerous.

Khairunnessa said lots of "British" people used to come to the house but she was never allowed out. There was a lady and a baby boy named Zico. Her 'papa' was very polite with her and one day when she asked him why he was so nice to her, he replied that she was too 'under-aged' to understand such things and that she would understand everything when she grew up.

For over two months she was taught English and given a gold necklace with the initial Flora

embossed on it. She also said she lost her 'papa' at the airport and then was taken to Dhanmondi where a young teacher handed her over to the police.

Alena Khan said she suspected that Khairunnessa was under the clasp of a well-organised gang of human traffickers. Inside the house of her 'papa', Alena said, Khairunnessa was probably being trained to face an immigration desk somewhere in the Arab world.

Khairunnessa said she felt sorry for what she did but she did it under the influence of a bad group of people.

Salam Bhuiyan, her elderly father said Khairunnessa had fled home once in the past and took refuge at her aunt's house in Dhaka. He said it would not be possible for her daughter to return to the village after what has happened and hoped that she would be rehabilitated in Dhaka. Salam said he was thankful to 'Allah' for keeping his daughter 'alive'.

Khairunnessa said she would like to stay in a hostel in Dhaka and continue her studies. "I was pretending and I did so because I was under the influence of a gang," she said.

Alena Khan will return to the vagrant centre today to find more about the young girl and her whereabouts during the last two months.

## Sufia Kamal

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to awaken the women and uphold the spirit of Liberation War, Bangali culture and language," Hasina said.

"She was our guide in all democratic movements including the Language Movement, Mass Uprising in 1969 and the War of Liberation," she added.

Bangla Academy will hold a discussion meeting in commemoration of Sufia Kamal at its seminar room at 11 am today.

Prof Anisuzzaman, Ramendu Majumder, Maleka Begum, Baby Moudud, Ayesha Khanam, Selina Hossain and Mafidul Haq will take part in the discussion.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Joe will lay wreaths at the grave of Sufia Kamal at 8 am. It will also organize a discussion meeting.

## Azizul Haq new Ameer of Khelafat Movement

Shaikhul Hadith Maulana Azizul Haq has been elected Ameer of Khelafat Majlis for a three-year term (2000-2002), reports UNB.

His election as party chief for the fourth consecutive term was unanimous by members of the central Majlis-e-Sura, held at its office on Saturday, said a party press release.

The lengthy meeting of Majlis-e-Sura from 9 am to 10 pm Sunday also discussed the socio-political situation prevailing in the country.

The meeting expressed concern over deteriorating law and order situation, interference in judiciary and press, use of administration to serve the purpose of the party in power and individuals, worsening economy, frequent devaluation of currency, moral degradation, conspiracy against Islam and madrasah education and arrest of religious leaders.

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without any certified copy of the judgement. Justice T Talukder refused to admit the application. Thereafter, Salam Khan, along with about 100 lawyers of the High Court, submitted that they were issuing a statement from the Bar to the effect that the order of conviction and sentence were true and correct. Thereafter, Justice T Talukder admitted the appeal and granted ad-interim bail to the accused appellant beyond court hours.

In a statement on Saturday, Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed and Maudud Ahmed accused Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Suranjit Sengupta and Fazle Rabbi MP of misguiding her to comment on the issue of granting bail to Bahauddin. She made the comment during an unscheduled discussion in Parliament on Thursday night.

Her comments followed comments of "two lawyer MPs who are totally ignorant of the practice, rules and regulations of higher court," they said.

"Their comments in parliament were not correct that government lawyers were not aware of the developments in the court. Notices were sent before the petitions were submitted. The Bench concerned decides on hearing of a matter after its constitution. The time and place for it is decided on the basis of the situation and in the interest of fairness," they went on.

"Since the matter is pending with court, we will hope that all responsible quarters would refrain from making any comment on the case so that the independence and dignity of the higher court are not undermined," they pointed out that the petition seeking anticipatory bail for the Inquilab editor was submitted before a Division Bench on November 8 and 14 with notices to the government side.

## 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.

## Raise women's reserved seats

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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.

"We are ready to stage hunger strike in front of all BNP lawmakers' houses to create pressure on them to join the parliament session and pass the bill. But the government will have to place a new bill to fulfill the demands," he said.

Sengupta then left the convention without making any comment.

Co-Chairperson of the Civil Society Movement Dr Kazi faruq Ahmed said Sengupta avoided all questions very carefully.

"They used women MPs as puppets in parliament and want to use them in future also," he said. He vowed to collect signature of one lakh people from each constituency and place those before the Prime Minister, the

Leader of the Opposition and all the MPs.

The women community will launch a campaign not to vote those who will not accept women's demands. "We have the ability to do so," he added.

Dr Kamal Hossain urged the women's rights activists to prepare for launching a vigorous movement to realise their demands. "If necessary, women will have to take up brooms in their hands".

He said the Constitution ensures equal rights for man and woman, but the womenfolk is lagging behind as its provisions are not implemented properly.

Presided over by Dr Neelima Ibrahim, the convention was addressed by, among others, Rokeya A Rahman, President of Women Entrepreneurs Association, Ayesha Khanam, General Secretary of Mohila Parishad and Sara Zaker, Chairperson of Nattaya Sampradai.

## Land Commission decision

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Implement most of the terms of the peace agreement. He also criticised the three MPs from CHT, including Kalparanjan Chakma, for their "non-cooperation" in implementing the agreement.

Shantu Larma, also Chairman of PCJSS, announced a 19-point programme and threatened to go back to the bush to realise his demands.

Kalparanjan Chakma refuted the allegations, saying that most of the terms of the agreement were implemented by the government.

He also refuted Larma's allegations that he and the two other MPs were not cooperating in implementation of the peace agreement. The allegations are politically motivated, he said.

"I can not seal his mouth but he owes an explanation why should he go (back to bush)", Kalparanjan Chakma, an MP from Khagrachhari said.

## Death Ref Bench

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Earlier on Thursday, the death-reference bench in the Bangabandhu Murder Case took into cognisance minister Mohammad Nasim's comment about the court on Wednesday and asked the Attorney General to ascertain the fact of the matter.

Ascertaining whether the minister's observations were reported in the newspapers correctly or not, the attorney general was asked to report to the High Court bench comprising Justice Ruhul Amin and Justice A B M Khairul Huq yesterday.

The High Court had initiated the move following the comment the home minister reportedly made in parliament Wednesday while speaking about the granting of bail to Inquilab Editor A M M Bahauddin at midnight Tuesday in a sedition case.

"Was it so urgent that the court had to sit at midnight and grant bail to a person who dishonoured the national anthem? But the same court (High Court) felt embarrassed to hear Bangabandhu Murder Case and is taking months for the hearing." The Daily Star reported Thursday quoting the Home Minister to have said in parliament.

Meanwhile, legislators and the chair agreed in the House yesterday that court cannot ask for any proceedings of parliament as per provision of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure.

## Dearth of drugs hits

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Injections such as Protamine Sulphate (used for open-heart surgeries); Angised, Dopamine and Dobutamine (used to control hypertension); Noradrenalin, etc are frequently out of stock.

On average a patient at the institute has to buy at least 15 different drugs, most of which are expensive injections worth between Tk 5,000 and 12,000. The NICVD can provide only a handful of those.

To overcome this situation, the NICVD authority requested the Health Ministry to allocate Tk one crore during the last fiscal year for procurement of medicines for the poor patients. The ministry's allotted one-fourth of the desired amount.

The institute gets an annual budgetary allocation of 62 lakh taka every year, 70 per cent of which comes in the shape of off-needed medicine from the Essential Drug Company Limited (EDCL). The drugs from EDCL lasts hardly four months," commented one store official.

Most of the drugs supplied by EDCL are not life saving and the Central Medical Store Depot (CMSD) could not procure drugs from abroad (through tender) in the last two years due to the ongoing reforms in the health sector.

Professor M A Zaman, director of the institute holds indifference on the part of the government responsible for the drug scarcity.

"The government thinks this is like any other hospital. But it is a specialised institute and should be treated as a priority establishment."

"We have had no supplies of foreign drugs during the last 27 months which has severely hurt the CCU and the surgical units," said Professor Zaman.

At a recent meeting, formation of a special committee in the health ministry was proposed to speed up the process of drugs and equipment supply, he said.

"Such a committee can instantly process our procurement and deal with fund disbursement. The existing system takes a very long time and delay in disbursement has adverse effects."

**Ershad**  
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ment in the Janata Tower corruption case.

An HC bench commuted his imprisonment to a period of five years from the lower court sentence of seven years but fined Tk 5 crore.

On the eve of his surrender, which may land him in jail, Ershad said he was ready to make any sacrifice in the interest of the country and people and not afraid of imprisonment and repression in political life.

"But," the former President said in a statement, "I firmly believe the truth shall prevail and I'll come back in the midst of the people in legal course, Inshallah."

## 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 (ret'd) 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.

"Why do you feel scared? You have no reason to feel so," Akhtar told Nasim who was then absent

from the House.

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 Inquilab 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.

## 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 PSC.

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 Shahabuddin 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.

A section of examinees alleged that the appointment of party cadres was in violation of the Public Service Commission ACT 29(1) and 29(2).

They have urged the President to form a judicial council to investigate the result scam.

Most of the candidates belong-

ing to the ruling party's student front had submitted the Freedom Fighters or FF Wards certificates even 24 hours before publication of the results. But the last date for submission of such certificates was August 20 this year.

"If an investigation is conducted to verify authenticity of these certificates, then most of the appointments under this quota would be cancelled," a source in the PSC said.

One hundred seventy-eight candidates submitted certificates and 175 of them were appointed in various posts, the sources pointed out.

There was 30 per cent reserve quota for freedom fighters and their wards, 10 per cent quota for women, 10 per cent for district candidates and five per cent for tribal candidates.

## Betar, TV

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interest to file this writ petition and claim redress on behalf of the listeners of Bangladesh Betar and viewers of Bangladesh Television and on behalf of the multitude of people in Bangladesh.

It is the right of every individual in Bangladesh to receive impartial and full news coverage of local, national and international events through electronic media run by taxpayers' money.

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

Barrister Mahmud was assisted by advocate Adilur Rahman Khan, advocate Sheela S Rahman and advocate Asaduzzaman.

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).

## AL factions

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tal (SBMCH) while others were given first aid at Muladi Thana Health Complex (THC).

An ambulance carrying some injured people came under attack by some armed people in Peadarhat bridge area on its way to Barisal Medical College Hospital.

Police immediately went to the scene and rescued the injured. A contingent of riot police was sent to Muladi Thana headquarters to avert further clash.

## 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 (the 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.