

### Remain calm, urges PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday appealed to the people to remain calm and keep a sharp vigilance on the situation, following the verdict on the death references in the Bangabandhu murder case, reports UNB.

Her appeal came as protesters staged violent demonstrations in the city against the High Court's verdict that confirmed the death sentences against 10 of the ex-army officers convicted in the Bangabandhu murder case while one judge acquitted five others in a split judgement.

"Please remain calm and keep a sharp vigilance," the prime minister said as reports of angry protests also came from outside the capital.

### BNP's formal reaction today

Main opposition BNP will give its formal reaction to the split verdict of the High Court in the Bangabandhu Murder Case today.

When contacted, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan told The Daily Star last night that the party would give its formal reaction today.

However, most of the senior leaders of BNP declined to make any comment on the split verdict. They said the party believes in rule of law and non interference in the matters of the judiciary.

# Judges uphold 10 death sentences

## Split verdict for other five

By Special Correspondent

In a split verdict in the Bangabandhu murder case yesterday, the senior judge of a Division Bench of the High Court upheld the death sentence of 10 of the 15 accused and acquitted five while the other judge confirmed the death sentence of all the 15.

The 15 were sentenced to death by a trial court which found them guilty of killing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and members of his family on August 15, 1975.

The five acquitted by Justice Ruhul Amin are Lt Col (ret'd) Mohiuddin, Capt (ret'd) Kismet Hashem, Maj (ret'd) Ahmed Sharful Hossain, Capt (ret'd) Nazmul Hossain Ansar and Lance Dafadar Moshleuddin.

The 10 whose death sentence has been confirmed both by Justice Ruhul Amin and Justice ABM Khairul Huq are Lt Col (dismissed) Faruq Rahman, Lt Col (ret'd) Khandaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col (ret'd) Sultan Shahrir Rashid Khan, Maj (ret'd) Bazul Huda, Lt Col (ret'd) SHBM Nur Chowdhury, Lt Col (ret'd) Sharful Huq Dalim, Lt Col (ret'd) Mohammad Aziz Pasha, Lt Col (ret'd) MA Rashed Chowdhury, Maj (ret'd) AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed and Capt (ret'd) Abdul Mazed.

Faruq, Bazul Huda, Lt Col (ret'd) Mohiuddin and Shahrir Rashid are in Dhaka Central Jail while the others are absconding, believed to be abroad. Maj (ret'd) Mohiuddin, Rashed Chowdhury and Sharful Hossain are in the United States, facing charges of violating immigration laws; Nazmul Hossain Ansar and Kismet Hashem are living in Canada, obtaining citizenship; and Aziz Pasha is in Zimbabwe, getting political asylum.

Others are reported to be in India, Pakistan, the Gulf states and Hong Kong. Bazul Huda was in Thailand and he was extradited on November 8, 1998.

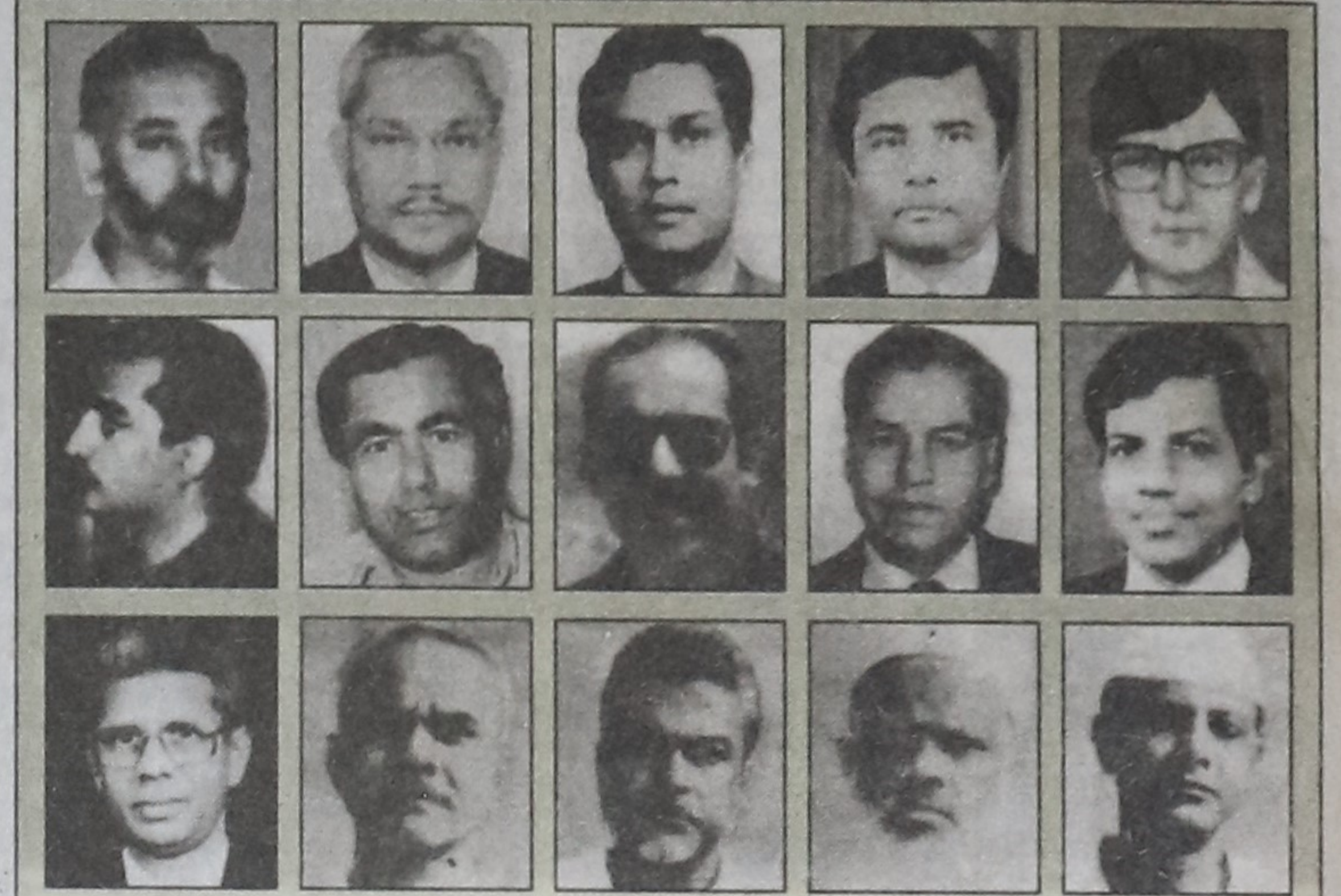
Amidst pin drop silence in the packed court room, Justice Ruhul Amin started dictating the order portion of the judgement at 10-45 am, acquitting five accused and confirming the death sentence of 10

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



The Fifteen... (From top left) Lt Col Khondakar Abdur Rashid, Lt Col SHMB Noor Chowdhury, Lt Col Shariful Haq (Dalim), Major Ahmed Sharful Hossain, Captain Nazmul Hossain Ansar, Captain Abdul Mazed, Risaldar Moshleuddin Khan, Captain Kismet Hashem, Lt Col Abdul Aziz Pasha, Lt Col AM Rashed Chowdhury, Major AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Lt Col Syed Farook Rahman, Lt Col Sultan Shahrir Rashid Khan, Lt Col Mohiuddin Ahmed and Major Bazul Huda.

### AL's week-long demonstration from Dec 17

Awami League has announced a week-long demonstration programme from December 17 to press execution of the death sentences against all the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu, reports UNB.

As part of the programme, countrywide rallies and processions will be organised on December 17 and mass rally at Paltan Maidan on December 18.

The party central committee in an emergency meeting yesterday with party chief and prime minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at Ganobhaban noted that the split verdict of the High Court on the death reference in Bangabandhu murder case was not expected by the people.

People had expectation that the High Court would unanimously uphold the judgement of the trial court against the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu.

In a resolution the meeting said the trial court awarded death sentences to the killers while the High Court gave split judgement on the question of maintaining the death sentences.

One judge of the High Court Division Bench accepted the judgement of the trial court on

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### The horrific night of August 15

By Staff Correspondent

On the night of August 15, 1975, Bangabandhu, his wife, three sons including 10-year-old Russel, two daughters - in-law and four others were brutally murdered by a group of disgruntled army personnel as per a plot.

According to statements of witnesses and FIR by the plaintiff in the Bangabandhu Murder Case, AFM Mohitul Islam, the assailants in three groups entered Bangabandhu's house at Dhanmondi Road 32. Mohitul Islam was the then resident PA cum receptionist at the President's house.

The first group was led by Major Mohiuddin Ahmed (lancer), the second group by Major Bazul Huda and Major Nur Chowdhury and the third group by Lt Col Aziz Pasha.

Alarmed by the invasion of the first group, Bangabandhu first tried to get outside help by making telephonic contacts from downstairs. When he failed, he went upstairs. Mohiuddin and his accomplices followed him and dragged him out of his bedroom.

The second team then entered the house and shot Bangabandhu's eldest son Sheikh Kamal downstairs. Kamal then shouted, "I am Sheikh Mujib's son Sheikh Kamal," apparently thinking that the group had come to rescue Bangabandhu. But Huda shot him again killing him there.

Then the two men attempted to go upstairs as the first group was escorting Bangabandhu to the staircase. Bangabandhu was shouting at them, "Why are you behaving so audaciously?"

Huda and Noor asked their accomplices belonging to the first group to move away. Then both of them shot Bangabandhu.

The third group led by Aziz Pasha then turned up. He ordered his accomplices to kill the surviving members of Bangabandhu's family and other inmates of the house.

Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, two daughters-in-law - Sultana Kamal and Rosy Jamal, Russel, Sheikh Jamal and Bangabandhu's brother Sheikh Naser were hiding in a toilet. Pasha ordered them to come out and follow him downstairs.

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### What's next?

By Special Correspondent

There were differing opinions on the next course of the legal process in Bangabandhu murder case after yesterday's split judgement by the High Court.

Sources close to the Attorney General's office said that the judgement would be referred to Chief Justice Latifur Rahman, who would send only the issue of acquittal of five convicts by one judge to a third court.

The judgement would be sent to the Chief Justice when it is "completed and signed," court sources said.

The Death Reference Bench yesterday gave only the order portion of the judgement. The court would be on vacation till January 4.

But the defence side said that the process of appeal by the ten persons whose death sentences were upheld by both the judges would be delayed till hearing on the acquittal of five others is complete.

Special prosecutor Serajul Huq who led state attorneys in

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### The ordinance that barred trial of killers for 21 yrs

By Rezaul Karim

The Indemnity Ordinance, promulgated on September 26 in 1975, had barred trial of the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and others for long 21 years.

Bangabandhu along with his family members and some close relatives were assassinated on the night of August 15, 1975.

Khandaker Moshaque Ahmed, a close associate of Bangabandhu who took over as president after the assassination, had promulgated the black Indemnity Ordinance after about one month of the carnage.

The Indemnity Ordinance was incorporated in Chapter 18 of the Fourth Schedule of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution that was passed by the then Jatiya Sangsad on April 9, 1979.

The Fifth Amendment said: All proclamations, proclamation orders, martial law regulations, martial law orders and other laws made between August 15, 1975 and the April 9, 1979 (both the days inclusive), all amendments, additions, modifications, substitutions and omissions made in this Constitution during the said period by any such proclamation, all orders made, acts and thing

done, and actions and proceedings taken, or purported to have been made done or taken, by any person or authority during the said period in exercise of the powers derived or purported to have been derived from any such Proclamation, Martial Law Order or any other law, or in execution of or in compliance with any order made or sentence

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December 15

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Fajr	5-08	5-15
Juma	12-15	1-20
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-14	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Ramadan	Dec	Sehri	Iftar
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19	16	5-09	5-18
20	17	5-09	5-18

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**Killed on the night of the 15th August 1975**

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman	Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, wife of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman	Sheikh Kamal, Bangabandhu's eldest son	Sultana Kamal Bhakti, wife of Sheikh Kamal
Sheikh Jamal, Bangabandhu's second son	Puryam Jamal Rosy, wife of Sheikh Jamal	Sheikh Russel, Bangabandhu's youngest son	Sheikh Abu Nasser, Bangabandhu's younger brother
Abdur Rab Serriabat, brother in law of Bangabandhu	Sheikh Fazul Haque Mondol, nephew of Bangabandhu	Begum Aju Mon, wife of Sheikh Fazul Haque Mondol	Biby Serriabat, daughter of Abdur Rab Serriabat
Sheikh Serriabat, nephew of Abdur Rab Serriabat	Abdur Noyem Khan Raha, cousin of Amir Hossain Anu	Arif Serriabat, youngest son of Abdur Rab Serriabat	Sukonty Abdullahi Bahu, daughter of Abdur Rab Serriabat

### Post-verdict violence kills one, hurts 100

Star Report

One person was killed and about 100 others were injured in sporadic incidents of violence in the city as activists of the ruling party and its front organisations protested the split verdict in the death reference in Bangabandhu Murder Case yesterday.

Agitation and untoward incidents were also reported from different parts of the country.

The paternal house of Captain Kismet Hashem, a convict in the case, and a liquor shop owned by his brother at Narayanganj came under attack.

In Mymensingh, teachers, students and employees of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) ransacked the office room and residence of Prof. Monsurul Amin, younger brother of Justice Ruhul Amin, who in his judgement yesterday acquitted five of the convicts.

Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Jahangirnagar University blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway for about an hour and damaged motor vehicles. A few motor vehicles were also damaged on Kallakair Link Road in Jirabo area.

Soon after the news of the split verdict spread, the road intersections

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### Discussions, speculations and rumours

By Nazmul Ashraf

The High Court's split verdict on death sentence to 15 former army personnel for the killing of the nation's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the focus of all discussions and speculations, both formal and informal, everywhere in the city as well as other parts of the country yesterday.

The judgement also drew violent protests. The police had to resort to violent means to disperse agitators on a demolition spree. Hundreds of curious people including leaders and activists of the ruling party had thronged on the High Court premises well before the two-member Division Bench delivered a split verdict at around 10.45 a.m.

One of the judges confirmed death sentences awarded to 15 by the trial court a little over two years ago while the other acquitted five of the convicts. The split ruling prolongs the procedure of the

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**A.K.M. Habibur Rahman**  
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