

# 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 woman since he was found just standing beside Pasha.  
Adv Huq said Moslemuddin gave his strength and did not say anything and later was found by Khondaker 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."  
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 Mosharraf Hossain Kaji, AAG Haider Ali, AAG Towfiq Karim and AAG Nurul Islam Sujon.  
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.

## Two bills placed in JS

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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 Khondaker 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.

## 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-

## 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.

# 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 - Veduria 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 Tetulla 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 deactivating 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 Matur 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.

## 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 Godhury, 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

## Use hi-tech: PM

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Bangladesh has signed a number of agreements on science and technology with different countries, which are now being implemented, she said.  
Chaired by M Fazlur Rahman, secretary of Ministry of Science and Technology, the inaugural ceremony was also addressed by Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury, Minister for Science and Technology Lt. Gen. Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan.  
More than 450 papers will be presented in the conference, organised by National Organising Committee in co-operation with different local and international organisations including UNESCO, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Hamdard.  
The first ASOMPS X was held in Pakistan in 1960 and the next ASOMPS X will be held in Kunming, China in 2003.

## Profile of FBCCI leader

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Aliskim money from the banks, support such a man? Or even believe in FBCCI?"  
These are not questions raised by one individual. These are questions posed by the whole business community that the FBCCI leadership has to answer.  
SC declines  
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outside and police sealing off all entrances to the Supreme Court.  
His lawyers went to the residence of the Chief Justice in the evening and got an order for a new Bench which sat at 10 pm and passed the bail order at 11:40 pm.  
The State attorneys moved the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on Wednesday, seeking a stay on the order. But Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice Kazi Ebadul Haq ordered both the sides to maintain status quo and decided for a Full Bench hearing of the petition.  
Chief Justice Latifur Rahman presided over the Full Bench sitting of the Appellate Division yesterday. Justice Kazi Ebadul Haq, Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury and Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury were members of the Bench.  
Meanwhile, the Division Bench of the HC which granted the anticipatory bail will hear the bail petition today.

## N'ganj

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some vehicles.  
Addressing a rally there, the business leaders alleged that DGM Khalequzzaman 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 Ansuruddin 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

# 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

# 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.  
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The death of the first chairman of the Land Commission, acceptability of the new chairman by the PCJSS and removal of some legal snags were the reasons behind its delayed start, he said.  
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# Dearth of drugs hits

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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.  
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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.  
To lakh people pay taxes  
Another BSS report says: A total number of income taxpayers 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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