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# Jail Killing Case: 8th Tributes paid to Bhasani **PW cross-examined** REZAUL KARIM, back from Santosh

in Tangail

cratic setup.

the mazar.

Sunil Gupta.

Hotel in Seoul yesterday.

anniversary of his death.

independent Bangladesh.

prosperity of the country in a demo-

Ministers and leaders and work-

They included ministers Abdul

ers of different political parties

(Retd) Mahmudul Hasan and Jatiya

Party leaders Kazi Zafar Ahmed and

offered fateha and placed wreaths.

## **COURT CORRESPONDENT**

Mohammad Abdul Zahir, the 8th prosecution witness in the Jail Killing Case, was cross-examined in the Special Court adjacent to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa adjourned the hearing till November 24.

Four national leaders Syed Nazrul Islam, Taiuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman, were murdered inside the Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975

During the four-hour crossexamination, Zahir, the prosecution witness, said he was deputy jailer at the Dhaka Central Jail from 1974 to 1977

The witness told the court that on the night of November 3, 1975, one of the guards of the central jail woke him (Zahir) up and told him to go to the Inspector General's office room.

Zahir said as per a directive from the higher authorities, he went there. Then, he went to the jailer's office room and wanted to know why he (Zahir) was called at midnight. The jailer said five army person-

nel came to talk to some arrested persons and he (iailer) told him (Zahir) to go to his office room. After a while he heard sound of gunshots and left the scene in fear, Zahir told the court.

Zahir further said he came to know from jailer that four leaders Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman were shot dead

The witness said, the bodies of

# Shazneen case

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During the cross-examination, Mojibur Rahman told the court that he realised the necessity of filing a case under the Act for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, 1995 during the investigation into the murder case following which he filed the case as per directive of the higher authority.

Shahid was shown arrested in the case filed under the Act for Prevention of Women and Children Repression 1995, the witness added.

A police officer may become a complainant as well as an investigation officer of same case as there is no bar in the law, Mojibur told the court.

The charges brought against the accused were primarily proved, and a charge sheet was submitted before the court. Mojibur further said.

Mojibur Rahman told the court nat Shahid was put behind the bars

the four leaders were handed over to their relatives on November 5, 1975.

Metropolitan PP Abdullah Mahmud Hasan, Advocate Quamrul Islam and Mosarraf Hossain Kajol appeared for the state while Advocate Hazi Nazrul Islam, Mizanur Rahman, Arshadul Haque and Mohammad Hanif for the accused.

Of the 21 accused, Taheruddin Thakur, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farookur Rahman, Lt Col (Retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Maj (Retd) Bazlul Huda and Maj (Retd) Khairuzzaman are now detained in the Dhaka Central Jail. They were produced before the court during the hearing while two others KM Obaidur Rahman and Nurul Islam Manzoor were not produced in the court due to illness

# JS session resumes todav

BSS, Dhaka The Jatiya Sangsad resumes its

sitting at 12 noon today. The main opposition Awami League continues to boycott the

Sangsad The first session, which begun on October 28, is due to continue till the end of the current month. It is expected to adopt a vote of thanks to President for his address to the opening session of the new House.

during the hearing

Aslam for the accused.

The murder case, pending with the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, was earlier stayed by an order of the Supreme Court. The order will emain valid till disposal of the rape

## lagore FROM PAGE 12

'The Mystic Masseur", a film based on a novel written by this year's Nobel Prize winning author V S

Tangail district BNP organised a discussion meeting there with its president Maj Gen (Retd) Thousands of followers of Moulana Mahmudun Hasan MP in the chair.

Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani from Addressing the meeting as chief across the country thronged his quest. BNP Secretary General and mazar at Santosh yesterday to pay I GRD and Cooperatives minister tributes to the late leader on the 25th Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said Bhasani was a non-communal They placed wreaths and offered politician and struggled throughout fateha at the mazar and prayed for his life to establish democracy and eternal peace of the departed soul an exploitation free society. as well as peace, progress and

Ziaur Rahman floated BNP with the blessings of Bhasani to materialse his Ideals through multi-

They recalled the contribution of party democracy. BNP is struggling to materialise the uncompromising political legend who struggled throughout his life the dreams of Moulana Bashashani

against injustice, repression and for and Shaheed Zia, he added. establishing rights of the downtrod-Responding to local people's den. He was the first visionary of demands, Mannan Bhuiyan said the present government will implement Political parties, professional all programmes of Bhasani in bodies and socio-cultural organisaphases to immortalise him.

tions organised qurankhwani, milad He said there are four ministers mahfil and discussion meetings at from Tangail and urged the local people to prepare guidelines in

consultation with them to implement the programmes. Paying rich tributes to Bhasani, Food Minister Tariqul Islam said the

Mannan Bhuiyan, Tariqul Islam, he was the political mentor and Shahjahan Siraj, Alamgir Kabir, guide of all great politicians in this Lutfar Rahman Khan Azad, Goutam region Chakrabartya and Abdus Salam JP leader Kazi Zafar Ahmed said Pintu, ruling party leader Maior Gen

Moulana Bhasani had launched movement for an independent Bangladesh in 1956 at the Kagmari

conference in Santosh. He said Bashani should be called "grandfather" of the nation and urged the government to make an announcement to this respect immediately.

State Minister for Water Resources Goutam Chakrabartaya said Bhasani was a voice against "injustice and oppression" and BNF was formed with his ideals.

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State Minister for Science and Technology Lutfar Rahman Khan Azad said people of the country will not believe us if we fail to evaluate Bhasani and do not try to materialise his ideals.

The meeting was also addressed by among others State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir, Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu, Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal leaders Shamsuzzaman Dudu and Mujibur Rahman, Dhaka University teacher Ferdous Ahmed, Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal leader Rabeya Siraj and some local leaders.

At the meeting, the local leaders demanded nationalisation of all educational institutions established by Bhasani, completion of construction of Santosh Islamic University, setting up of a Bhasani museum, declaration of Bhasani as national leader and observance of his birth and death anniversary at state level.

2 camel jockeys

taking them to Abu Dhabi. The boys

Abdullah Al-Noman, after hand-

ing over the boys to their parents,

said that the authorities will take

stern actions against the traffickers.

He also underscored the need for

necessary amendment in relevant

laws and enacting tougher laws to

more awareness against human

trafficking so that criminals cannot

lure poor parents into sending their

minor boys and girls abroad for

in the areas ruled for 20 years by

Ershad Shikder. Shikder's cadres

are often found brandishing arms to

Ershad Shikder has been sen-

"We have no other alternative but

tenced to death after found quilty in a

to leave Skid ghat for good not only to

salvage our investment in business,

but also to save ourselves from being

assaulted by the BNP goons," said

ered from Dubai last month.

create panic in these areas

one of the businessmen.

of

**BNP** men

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number of cases

Two boys of Bhola were recov-

He urged all concerned to create

stop child trafficking in the country.

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money

5-member polls observation team off to Denmark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-member polls observation team left for Copenhagen yesterday to see the parliamentary election in Denmark on November 20. The election to the municipalities

and county councils of Denmark also takes place on the same day. The group invited by the Danish

government, was originally supposed to comprise of two representatives from the Election Commission, one from BNP, one from Awami League and one from an NGO.

Sources said that a third EC nominee was inducted in the team after AL did not nominate anyone.

The members of the observation team now are EC Secretary Saiful Islam, Additional Secretary Khairuzzaman Chowdhury and in 40 minutes. Deputy Secretary Mohammad Zakaria, NGO representative showed some commitment in his Taleya Rahman of Democracy Watch and BNP's National Executive Committee's Assistant 104-ball innings that yielded half a dozen of fours and 33 runs. Office Secretary Syed Emran Saleh

Prince. Roval Danish Embassy officials batsman offered a soft return catch said that the government has invited to Marillier a polls observer team from Bandladesh to further strengthen his come back match in front of his the relations between the two counhome crowd managing only six tries and contribute to the further development of democratic process here.

# US mass quiz

FROM PAGE 1 men were involved in terrorism, is not getting runs," said coach Trevor Chappell on Naimur after the which is very unlikely, then what Ashcroft is advocating is racial profiling at its most fundamental tion level," Ramzi Dakour, vice president of the Arab American Student Association at the University of Texas at Austin, said on Friday.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday that the Justice Department has distributed a list of 5,000 men it wanted to interview about the Sept. 11 attacks. The list comprises men ages 18 to 33 who entered the United States since Jan. 1, 2000, from certain countries.

The countries represented were linked to the hijackers in the Sept 11 attacks or were way stations for the terrorist organization, Al-Gaida. The department acknowledges the men are likely to be Arab and Muslim, but says the list wasn't based on ethnic

origin. "This is yet another example of the heavy-handedness that's being used without any rhyme or reason, said Sohail Mohammed, an immigration lawyer in New Jersey. He represents several men who were questioned shortly after the attacks and are now jailed on immigration

charges. Mohammed said he would advise people to cooperate with questioners "if there's a good, wellarticulated reason other than just a general fishing around."

Earlier interviews seemed to be ust that, he said, "Stupid questions like, What do you think of American civilization?' and why do you pray five times a day?' If that's what Afahanistan. they're going to ask this time, people will say, No fishing in this house."

The American Civil Liberties

## **Bashar hits ton** FROM PAGE 1 tion saying that at this level he

time and again.

DHAKA SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2001

The right-hander had earlier scored five fifties in six Tests. He completed his first Test ton just before tea. taking a single off Zimbabwe paceman Henry Olonga. Bashar laced his 209-ball innings with 15 sweetly timed boundaries.

FROM PAGE 12 However, his innings came to an central government. abrupt end when he failed to cover come under fire from the Trinamool his leg stump against a Grant Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Flower delivery that took a unex-

Party (BJP) for not taking effective pected turn after hitting the rough. steps to tackle the problem. Grant, younger of the Flower Meanwhile, the RSS, spiritual brothers, eventually returned with mentor of the BJP, criticised career-best four for 43. The occa-Bangladesh government for "failing" sion left-arm spinner had only ten to protect Hindus in that country and wickets under his belt in his 55 flaved West Bengal and Indian previous Tests.

governments for not prompting Bashar left the home side at 204 Dhaka to stop "persecution" of for five. But Bangladesh gifted away minorities. the last five wickets for only 47 runs RSS General Secretary Mohan

Bhagwat said in a statement here Only Mohammad Ashraful vesterday that it "is sheer ingratitude and thanklessness on the part of Bangladesh government" that the Hindus have been treated this way, Aminul Islam was looking good given India's role in Banglades with his 21, but the experienced iberation war.

should not repeat the same mistake

Buddhadeb-Vajpayee

Bhattacharya's government has

"The conduct of Bangladesh government stands condemned Akram Khan failed to cash in on before the civilised world," he said.

He said since the Khaleda Zia government came to power. Hindus had been subjected to "attacks on the pretext of being Awami League supporters." Bhagwat said West Bengal and Indian governments had not taken effective steps to stop the influx of people from Bangladesh.

Rabbani drove into Kabul yester-

day from the stronghold of his

day's play without further elabora-He said refugees from Bangladesh should return with "full Naimur meanwhile, for the first guarantee of their life, honour and time in this series, did not come out property". He said the RSS is likely to hold demonstrations to express of the dressing room to face the

press. solidarity with those who crossed Chappell also criticised Akram over to India following reported Khan for the lack of his concentraattacks in Bangladesh.

Captain Naimur Rahman, also

"It's a continuing problem that he

struggling both with the bat and ball,

perished on 5.

# Northern Alliance

FROM PAGE 1 post-Taliban government.

"We have not come to Kabul to Northern Alliance base in the extend our government. We came Panisher valley to the north of the to Kabul for peace. We are preparcapital, heading a cavalcade of ing the ground to invite peace cars groups and all Afghan intellectuals He said the Northern Alliance abroad who are working for the would respect the will of a traditional peace," Rabbani told a news confer-Loya Jirga -- or grand assembly of

ence tribal elders and faction chiefs -- to "We welcome the formation of a decide on a future government. broad-based government as soon

over to two local Mujahideen com-

Mullah Omar and all the senior

Taliban officials are in Kandahar and

the provinces around it which are

under our control. They have not

Aside from Kandahar, the only

The opposition said thousands of

Pakistani, Arab and Chechen fight-

ers under siege in the enclave were

fighting to the death, aware they had

Kunduz province but unfortunately

United Nations is scrambling to

establish a broad-based govern-

ment and distribute aid. But signs

Britain, France and Germany led

Afghanistan would not allow its

soil to be used as a base for foreign

forces and such action would be a

very serious problems, Engineer

referring to the 100 British troops.

are that is going to be difficult.

would be welcome.

"We have surrounded the

nowhere to run.

the east of Kunduz.

this."

major Taliban bastion left is the

"The Prince of the Belivers

manders.

The United Nations says the as possible," he added. Northern Alliance is obstructing But Alliance leaders said they did progress on urgent talks on a postnot want foreign troops on Afghan Taliban government by insisting soil and said most of the British they be held in Kabul. The UN wants forces who landed at an airbase the talks held in a neutral location. north of Kabul this week must leave.

Seeking to end the power vac-Some 100 British special forces uum in Kabul, Pakistan-based UN arrived on Friday for what British envoy to Afghanistan Francesc officials said was an operation to Vendrell flew to the city yesterday to provide security for humanitarian meet Northern Alliance leaders and operations in war-ravaged invite them to a UN conference on the country's future.

As British troops secured On Friday, the United Nations Bagram airbase, a spokesman for the Taliban's reclusive leader told a d said its efforts to arr Jazeera television the militia would on Afghanistan's future had stalled. fight to retain control of Kandahar. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said vesterday that a "We have thousands of troops in Kandahar and in the provinces Russian delegation sent to around it and we have decided to Afghanistan will work with American fight to retain control of them to and UN officials to create a transimaintain Islamic rule," Mohammad tional post-Taliban government. Tayeb al-Agha, spokesman for The Russian delegation arrived Mullah Mohammad Omar, said. in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, vesterday He dismissed as "lies" reports by where they met with representatives the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic of the 201st army division based Press (AIP) news agency that Omar there, a spokesman at the Russian had decided to withdraw from the Embassy said. city to avoid bloodshed and hand it

der case All the accused -- Shahid, Hasan, Badal, Shaniram, Minu and Parvin -- were produced in the court

Advocate ABM Sharfuddin Khan Mukul, Mahbub Ahmed, Saima Khanam and Sheikh Baharul Islam appeared for the state while Advocate M A Kamrul Hasan Khan

The trial of the rape case began at the Special Court on July 9 last

JCD leaders and workers are very happy with suspension of the cen-Cabinet then allocated the building tral body. to her on July 2. However, Hasina left the building on August 16 and moved to her husband's Dhanmondi residence. After takeover of power, the BNP government cancelled allocation of the building to Hasina. It then renamed the building 'Prime Minister Building'. UNB adds: Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman yesterday denounced the government move making the 'Ganobhaban' the Prime Minister's evening office. In a statement Zillur Rahman said that the Cabinet allocated the building to Hasina following passage of a law in the last parliament. He said that the government had

**Asian Highway** Asia and Southeast Asia." he told

sentative in a two-day ministerial conference of the Economic and Social Council for Asia and the Pacific at the Grand Intercontinental

route The Bangladesh minister also

ence on road and rail communications infrastructure development in the Asia-Pacific region of the globe. The South Korean President nications infrastructure in the inaugurated the meet on Friday. region, especially in development of Asian Highway and Trans-Asian

Placing the proposals at the meet the Communications Minister Railway communications in the mentioned that Bangladesh has present perspective of globalisation taken up special programmes, and regionalisation. including development of road

infrastructure and modernisation of rail communications system, aiming JCD activities at developing transport networks linking to the Asian Highway and FROM PAGE 1 Trans-Asian Railway. Sagir Ahmed. Neuton. Moinu and

Expressing interest of Bangladesh in setting up direct Habib also seized some tender schedules at the department's surface transport link with Myanmar Uttara zonal office, Secretariat and through the southeastern region of the Commissioner's office at the country, he focused on the Sequbagicha. contribution of Jamuna Bridge along the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian University campus for capturing two Railway. residential halls and photographs of JCD men with firearms in newspa-

"The Jamuna Bridge has opened up scopes for reestablishment of communication links between South

## Ganobhaban FROM PAGE 12

were named as Abul Kalam and the conference. Imran respectively in their pass-It has also created facility for ports. The couple are now living in installation of broad-gauge rails Abu Dhahi, Dulal said along the Mongla-Dhaka-Nepal

ESCAP organised the conferextended support to joint venture efforts of the United Nations and ESCAP for development of commu-

before filing of the case under the Special Act.

The witness said he could not remember how many times Shahid was taken on remand

Shahid was not tortured for giving confessional statements during the remand period, Mojibur added.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group, was raped and murdered at their Gulshan residence on April 23, 1998

Latifur Rahman filed a murder case with Gulshan thana on April 24, 1998 against Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, a domestic help at his house.

Mojibur Rahman filed a rape case with Gulshan thana after six months' investigation into the mur-

### Naipaul. The movie is currently showing in Calcutta.

Chatterjee has acted in several movies made by India's Oscarvinning filmmaker Satyajit Ray. In March this year Chatterjee created a stir when he declined to accept an award from India's information and broadcasting ministry for his role as blind poet in the Bengali film "Dekha" (To See), alleging the prize-

selection process was flawed. He said that depicting Tagore would be one of the most challenging roles of his career. as the poet remains a literary icon in India sixty vears after his death in 1941. "I will give it my best shot." he said.

Tagore's collection of poems "Gitaniali", won him the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913.

made the move out of political vendetta and termed occupation of the building 'illegal'.

Pintu could not be contacted fo comments despite repeated attempts.

'Gunfight on the Dhaka

pers also created an adverse reac-

tion in the ruling party," said another

Sources in JCD said a section of

JCD leader at DU.

The central committee was formed on December 23 last year with Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and Shahabuddin Laltu as its president and general secretary respectively. This created a serious repercussion among JCD leaders and work-

ers as both were non-students. Inclusion of an alleged terrorists in the central committee also angered JCD activists.

After announcement of the committee, a section of JCD activists also staged demonstrations on the DU campus and in some areas of the city demanding its cancellation. They however accepted the committee following a meeting with Khaleda Zia.

after economic interests of the

He mentioned that he came

suffered over the past years. "For

those who have suffered, I can only

offer sympathy. As for postings, it is

given for a three-year tenure but the

performance of every official posted

abroad will be evaluated every year.

"How much exports he could

increase. How much he delivered

compared to what other colleagues

of developing countries delivered. If

his performance is bad in the first

ties were leaving the country, the

foreign minister said, "He had not

non-performance.'

He said postings abroad may be

only efficiency that I will consider."

FM: Dhaka, Delhi ties

economic interests.

diplomacy," Khan said.

of the country.

Ershad Shikder told The Daily Star that they had struck a deal with a top city BNP leader to get Shikder released from jail An advance payment has been made and the rest of the money would be paid up once Shikder came back to Skid ghat.

These cadres were found roaming freely keeping their hands around the neck of the BNP activists and JCD leaders.

Ershad's sister Selina said moves are under way to have the death sentence on Shikder waivered. "We will demand a re-trial and efforts are being made with this end in view." Selina said.

"I have so far held four secret meetings with a BNP leader in Swarnakomol (the palatial residence of Ershad Shikder)," she said.

### Union of Texas is distributing hundreds of pamphlets, some in Arabic, explaining civil rights under federal and state law

the Justice Department interview initiative is "formalized, black-andwhite stated policy directing law officers to racially profile," said William Harrell, executive director of the state ACLU.

Hana Saleh, a member of the Muslim Student Association at the University of Texas at Dallas, said students are increasingly concerned about racial profiling.

# President's directive

FROM PAGE 12 The DRU chief narrated to the President the way journalists were treated when they went to cover the swearing-in-ceremony of the President on November 14.

left," he said. President B Chowdhury directed the officials of Bangabhaban to take necessary steps to send invitation the movement had not handed over cards to the journalists as all other guests so that they can enter the control of Kandahar to commanders house through the same entrance Mullah Naqeebullah and Haji as others during state functions in Bashar and "will not do so in future future as well.'

The President also asked officials concerned to construct a shed for use of journalists who come on northern province and city of the premises of the Bangabhaban to gather news, as requested by the Kunduz.

Unity. The President, in this regard, also recalled the sufferings of the reporters he had witnessed while in opposition as they collected news at Bangabhaban on a rainy day.

### BSMMUH FROM PAGE 12 one source.

In the meantime, the authorities formed a four-member committee headed by Professor Md Tahir to look into the matter. The probe body

There is also debate over whether Nahar was on the nursing staff of the hospital. Recently transferred to another hospital, Nahar had challenged the transfer order and filed a case.

Meanwhile, Class III and IV employees continued demanding for administration of the hospital under state control.

Prior to Nahar's death, the SKSP European moves to send troops into had demanded reverting to the Afghanistan to protect the distribuformer status and been demonstrattion of food before winter arrives but ing since the new government took there was confusion whether they charge.

Many patients were said to have left the hospital in the face of the standstill in the hospital yesterday. However, activities at the emergency wing were not hampered by the strike.

Leaders of the SKSP and nursing staff said they would continue their strike until their two-point demand was met.

The delegation took off by helicopter for Kabul later in the day, but their flight was turned back when the aircraft encountered bad weather en route to the Afghan capital, a 201st division duty officer said.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said the delegation would try to fly to Kabul today.

Taliban Foreign Ministry spokes-On Friday, a US official said man Maulvi Najibullah told Reuters Mohammed Atef, a right-hand-man of bin Laden and whose daughter married one of the militant's sons this year, had been killed by a US bomb.

Atef was believed killed south of Kabul on Wednesday or Thursday as the United States tightened its net around bin Laden.

Intelligence services had identified Atef as the planner of the September 11 attacks and the 1998 bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, for which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had put the former Egyptian policeman on its "most wanted" list.

we have not captured it yet," said Zubai, a Northern Alliance Foreign A day after US military officials Ministry official, speaking by teledisclosed the probable death of bin phone from Talogan about 60-km to Laden's military chief, confirmation came from a senior Taliban official.

"The mayor of Kunduz is negoti-Mullah Najibullah, a Taliban ating with local Taliban and they say leader in the southeast Afghan we will give up the city for you. But border town of Spinboldak, did not the foreign Taliban will never accept identify the location of the airstrike or the seven other al-Qaida mem-As the end of Taliban rule nears bers who died with him. He said bin in large parts of the country, the Laden was alive.

> AFP from Paris adds: France is to send eight Mirage 2000 fighterbombers to strike Laden's bases in Afghanistan and protect an advance party of French ground troops, Defence Minister Alain Richard said yesterday.

"The objective is to establish security and to prevent the risk of a Taliban counter-attacks," he told reporters as France stepped up its commitment to the US-led coalition hunting bin Laden's al-Qaida network

Arif, deputy chief of intelligence for the Northern Alliance, told Reuters. "We share the objective of "Our decision is that 15 of them attacking al-Qaida's infrastructure can stay and the others go," he said and rear-bases in Afghanistan," he added

# **Principal murder**

house arrest because he is sick, police said. He has been asked by police not to move from his house in Nazirhat.

Gopal Chandra was gunned down by four unidentified gunmen at his Jamal Khan residence in the city on Friday morning.

Police sources said, a joint team of Detective Branch (DB) and Kotwali police raided different areas of the city and the district from 11.30 pm Friday till 5 am yesterday.

The team arrested Idris Meah Chowdhury from his residence adjacent to the college at about 3 am vesterday.

Tofazzal Ahmad was arrested at about 2 am from his residence at Amirbagh residential area in the city.

Investigation officer (IC) of the case Ruhul Amin Siddique, also OC of Kotwali thana, produced the two before court vesterday and praved for seven days' remand. But hearing could not take place as the prayer was made in the afternoon.

The horrendous murder of principal Gopal Chandra, widely known as a man of principle and respected for his honesty, sparked violent protests by people of all classes in the port city and in the district.

Many believe that the two-year extension of his service angered some of his colleagues including the two FIR-named teachers and created a grouping in the governing body of the college.

These might be the reasons behind the killing, they said.

The Chittagong Metropolitan

Police has formed five special DB teams to nab the godfathers and the mastermind and to unearth the motive behind the killing. Assistant Commissioner of CMP DB Monirul Islam will lead the teams.

Meanwhile, the body of principal Gopal Chandra was cremated yesterday at his village home at Rozauguri in Fatikchhari. Thousands of people attended the cremation and paid their homage to

> UNB adds: College sources said the arrested teachers and another one, who is also involved in Jamaat politics, had been holding all the three posts of the teachers' council at the college for a long. They were defeated in the last

election in December. They also strongly opposed the extension of Gopal Chandra's service.

Challenging the election result and extension of his term, the Jamaat-supported teachers filed a case

CMP Commissioner Shahidullah Khan told UNB that it was not a political killing, rather a sequel to internal affairs of the college. He said police are trying to nab the two other accused named in the FIR,

and another four suspects. Meanwhile, Islami Chhatra Shibir metropolitan unit secretary Saher Ahmed said police were intentionally trying to involve members of their organisation in the murder. "But in fact, we were not involved", he claimed

He observed, "I want to be a seller with the fullest satisfaction."

Responding to a question, the foreign minister said selling gas to India is not at all a sensitive issue. "We must see if it is in our economic benefit.'

Regarding transit, he said, "We must see it both from a regional perspective and an economic perspective. "We must see what economic

benefits are there for us if transit is given. We must see if 60-tonne trucks can ply on our highways. what would be the economic cost of building and maintaining the roads and whether that is recoverable from transit (before any major decision is arrived).

"The bottom line is what our people are getting for any economic deal that is made.

On the question of India not reducing tariff barriers on 25 categories of items, he said, "We have waited long enough. If India does not give tariff concessions, we may

have to take counter measures." Khan, who succeeded Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, made it clear that Bangladesh cannot miss the 'train of opportunity.' He noted that economic diplomacy will dominate the country's foreign policy where both the foreign ministry and all its diplomats will have to work ceaselessly to achieve the target of increasing the country's exports and investments, maintaining its policy of friendship.

The foreign ministry will look

country and its 'first job' is to protect community leaving from his constituency.' "We will have a multi-faceted and He continued, "Why should any multi-directional approach for one leave the country. I have not achieving success of economic heard of any one going because of

suffering. One would leave if one "Ambassadors of Bangladesh", have better opportunities. We all he said, will have to act as salesmen have heard people leaving when of the country. Their job is to seek they get DV visa and for other ecoinvestments, try to increase export nomic reasons," he said. and increase the number of friends

heard of any one of the minority

in the fitness of things that after September 11, we called it off as we could not ensure the security of so many heads of state.

Asked whether Dhaka would send troops to Afghanistan for peace keeping, Morshed Khan said Bangladesh is committed to participating in peace keeping missions anywhere. But he cautioned, "We have to see who is Any decision will be taken after a proper government is constituted in Afahanistan."

### year, he may be kept for another HC rule year, but he may be pulled out whenever it is found that he cannot

deliver. In fact, there is no tenure for Giving an analogy he said, "Neither you will be retained by an employer nor I will be kept foreign minister when you or I fail to deliver. It is the same with our diplomatic Asked about reports that minori-

Barrister Rukan Uddin Mahmud moved the petition on behalf of the petitioner while Additional Attorney

would submit its report shortly.

forming the government in Kabul.

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The government on November 12 appointed Prof Jasimuddin Ahmed Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University replacing Prof Bayes.

General Advocate A Z Mohammad Ali stood on behalf of the state

On NAM summit . he said. "It was across several persons who had