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## Rubel Murder Case

# 13 cops get life term

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER with NAIMUL HAQ

Thirteen Detective Branch (DB) policemen have been handed out life-term and a woman one year's rigorous imprisonment in the sensational Rubel Murder case.

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka delivered the judgement yesterday.

The convicts are Assistant Commissioner (AC) Akram Hussain, Inspector Aminul Islam Khan, sub-inspectors (SI) Haiyatul Islam Thakur, Nurul Alam and Amir Ahmed Tareq; Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Abdul Karim, Havildar Nuruzzaman, constables Ratul Parvez, Quamrul Hasan, Mir Faruk Hossain, Mong She Oen, Abul Kalam Azad and Mohammad Zakir Hossain and Roksana Begum alias Mukul Begum, an Awami League activist of the city's Siddheswari area.

Three of the convicts-- SI Nurul Alam and constables Abul Kalam Azad and Mohammad Zakir Hossain-- are absconding.

Judge Mollah Mostafa Kamal pronounced the verdict in a packed courtroom about four years after

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PHOTO: STAR

Mother along with relatives of Shamim Reza Rubel waits in her Siddheswari residence yesterday with his portrait for the judgement on the murder of her son. Rubel, a BBA student, was beaten to death by a DB police team on July 23, 1998.

## Appeal filed Reconsider ban on Matir Moina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tareque Masud, director of the feature film "Matir Moina", has filed an appeal with the Appeal Board to reconsider the ban on its screening in Bangladesh.

The director hopes the film that earned Bangladesh international accolades would be given a positive verdict by the Appeal Board so that the people of the country can watch it, says a press release.

Awarded at the Cannes Film Festival, the film has been invited to other major international film festivals.

Since May 15, the film has been screened in the cinema halls in France.

"Matir Moina" has completed the fourth week of its screening and

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## 7 killed as bus falls into ditch in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least seven people were killed and 17 injured, four of them critically, in a road accident at Shapchhari in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Police and local people said, the accident occurred when a Chittagong-bound passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch as the driver lost control over the vehicle while crossing another bus coming from opposite direction.

All the seven people died on the spot. They were identified as Sheuli Saha, 30, Shiipi Marma, 23, Narayan Bhattacharya, 50, Belal Hossain, 3,

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Are AL and BNP the same party?

Column: Straight from the Heart

Afsan Chowdhury

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Colour captures craving for beauty

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
June 18		6-48 pm
June 19	5-11 am	

## Prayer Timings

June 18		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-52	6-56
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Brazil brave Belgium

REUTERS, Kobe

A moment of genius, a touch of luck and one very curious refereeing decision sent Brazil into the World Cup's last eight here yesterday and an eagerly-anticipated quarter-final clash against England.

But while their 2-0 second round victory over Belgium was convincing enough in the end, watching England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson and his players would also have seen first-hand the obvious weaknesses in the Brazil team -- their porous defence and a mediocre midfield.

Their success was due entirely to gifted strikers Rivaldo and Ronaldo. Nullify them and England will dare to hope.

Belgium, playing their best football for years, did more than enough to expose Brazil's fragility and England will be hoping that their strikers will have more success -- and luck.

Belgium created plenty of their own chances too but wasted them with poor finishing. When they did get the ball on target they were denied by Brazilian goalkeeper Marcos who had a fine game.

But unlike Brazil, who scored with a spectacular goal from Rivaldo after 67 minutes and added a second through Ronaldo three minutes from the end, Belgium had nothing to show for themselves at the end of a match which, in defeat, marks the end of Robert Waseige's tenure as national coach.

The one time they did get the ball in the net from a Marc Wilmots header after 36 minutes, Jamaican referee Peter Prendergast curiously disallowed the goal.

Television replays failed to provide conclusive evidence of any wrong-doing by the Belgian skipper who out-jumped defender Roque Junior to direct his header past

Marcos.

At worst, Wilmots might have nudged the big Brazilian defender before both leapt for the ball -- but if every referee blew for such slight infringements, no-one would ever score a goal.

The referee indicated a push and Belgium's celebrations ended before they had begun.

But although Brazil were clearly the more flamboyant side with their players showing greater invention and creativity than the Belgians,

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## Grameen Match Report



PHOTO: AFP

Simply sublime... Having chested down the ball and turned 180 degrees, Brazilian superstar Rivaldo (R) fires home a blistering volley to score the first goal for his side during the second round match against Belgium at Kobe yesterday.

# 'Restore confidence in cops, stop abuse of law'

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The judge in his verdict in the Rubel murder case made some observations regarding activities of police and abuse of Section 54 of the CrPC.

Police forces are maintained with public funds. The duty of the police department is to maintain law and order and to ensure safety of life and

property of the people.

But now, due to such activities of some "over enthusiastic" policemen, law and order is deteriorating and people are suffering from a sense of insecurity.

As a result, image of the country is being tarnished and people are losing their confidence in the police department.

So, the chief of police department and the government should take all

necessary steps right now to restore people's confidence, the judge said.

Regarding abuse of Section 54, the judge said many innocent people are subjected to harassment due to abuse of the law.

So, in the present situation, the court thinks that lawmakers should take into consideration the procedure for interrogation in police custody and Section 54 of the CrPC.

## Ex-CJ Mostafa Kamal tell The Daily Star

# No reason to delay judiciary separation

## Govt seeks fresh deadline today

ZAYADUL AHSAN

Former chief justice (CJ) Mostafa Kamal who had issued the 12-point directives to the government for virtual separation of the judiciary finds no reason to linger over their implementation.

Meantime, the government today seeks for the 13th time a fresh deadline for virtual separation of the judiciary.

The government's failure to implement the Supreme Court directives by May 30 was largely set down to the objection by the BCS administration cadre to forming a unified judicial service called the Bangladesh Judicial Service. The administration that now runs the magistracy demands a separate service.

"The administration wing of the government cannot assume judicial duties -- both civil and criminal," he

explained, explaining the 12-point directives and ruled out the scope for a separate system for the administration cadre-run magistracy.

There is a constitutional bar to allowing the administration to take part in judicial work, he said in an interview with The Daily Star on Friday.

The former chief justice explained many issues involving the directives issued on December 2, 1999, with a deadline for implementation.

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Mostafa Kamal

# Graft cases against Tofail, Motia filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) yesterday filed seven graft cases against former industries minister Tofail Ahmed and one against former agricultural minister Motia Chowdhury, both leaders of Awami League.

In the seven cases, BAC charged Tofail for earning Tk 6,32,95,000 through illegal means in connivance with two others --Anwarul Islam, chief accountant of Medona Advertising Ltd and Ehsanul Haq. The two others were also charged in the case.

The case against Motia Chowdhury and six others has been filed for wrongdoings involving Tk 13,26,21,195 in the name of rice import from India in 1998-99.

The six others are Safayat Ali, former joint secretary now secretary LPR; Dr Mohammad Auyb Mia, former deputy secretary, ministry of food, now personal secretary to agriculture minister; Md Farook Hossain, former senior assistant secretary, ministry of food; and Mobarak Ali, Monir Ali and SM Arshad Amin of Asia Commodity Ltd.

BAC Inspector Abdul Mazed filed the cases with Motijheel police station..

## New Chief Justice takes oath today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury will take oath as chief justice today. President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury would administer the oath.

Incumbent Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury, who took office on March 1, 2001, will also retire on the same day.

Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury, son of former Pakistan state minister for finance Murtaza Reza Chowdhury, was born in Chapainawabganj in 1938. He joined the Supreme Court Bar in 1975 and was appointed additional judge of the High Court division on January 29, 1990. He was promoted to the appellate division on November 8, 2000.

His wife Dr Najma Chowdhury is a professor of political science at the Dhaka University. She was also an advisor to the caretaker government in 1996.

Justice Chowdhury will retire on June 26, 2003.

# USA fly new high

AFP, Jeju

The United States celebrated the greatest day in their footballing history by beating Mexico 2-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the World Cup here yesterday.

Goals from Brian McBride and Landon Donovan sent the unfancied Americans into a last-eight meeting against Germany in Ulsan on Friday.

Bruce Arena's team have broken new ground for a nation where 'soccer' is a poor relation to basketball, baseball and gridiron.

Aside from a semi-final appearance at the first ever finals in 1930, this performance is the finest from an American football team and caps a remarkable turnaround from the last finals in France when they finished with the worst record in the tournament.

Arena said he was delighted with the way his team had bounced back after their 3-1 defeat to Poland in their final first-phase match on Friday when they still qualified thanks to South Korea's defeat of

Portugal. "It was tough getting our guys back from the match on Friday. Obviously after losing to Poland we only had a short time to recover," he said.

"We had to go with a game plan that would allow our guys to endure over 90 to 95 minutes.

"Our guys left everything on the field today. I'm real proud of them." Arena said the yellow-card strewn match was a result of the

regional rivalry between the teams. "It's a rivalry, we know each other -- there's been a lot of bad blood over the years but when the game is over we're friends again.

"Mexico has a great team but I'm proud of our guys, it's a great day for US soccer.

"Germany are the overwhelming favourites against the US on Friday. On paper it looks to be no match but we don't play this game on paper."

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