

Sutrapur double murder Sumon, 33 others asked to appear in court Sept 16

COURT CORRESPONDENT The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka on Tuesday directed Rahid Hasan Sumon (son of Nasibun Ahmed, president of Dhaka City Mahila Awami League) and 33 others in the sensational Sutrapur Double Murder Case to appear before it on September 16.

Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the CMM's Court on May 19 against Sumon and 33 others.

In the case, filed with Sutrapur thana, it has been alleged that Mohammad Mohsin, 18 and Mohammad Saim, 19, residents of S K Das Lane under Sutrapur thana were picked up from their houses by a gang allegedly led by Rahid Hasan Sumon at about 7.00 am on September 15, 2000.

The members of the gang took the two to the Ganderia Rifle Club and tortured them for Tk 50,000 in ransom.

Later, the gang killed the victims, slashed their bodies into six pieces and dumped those into a manhole.

13 more arms recovered, 1350 arrested

BSS, Dhaka Police recovered 13 firearms, two other weapons and 27 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police also arrested 1,350 people, including five identified criminals during the drive, a police headquarters press release said.

Of the arrested, 648 are police wanted and 677 accused in under-investigation cases.

Twenty persons were arrested in connection with the arms seizure and police filed nine cases against them under the Arms Act.

During the period, police also seized seven explosives, of which three were recovered by DMP and four by Kushtia police.

The arrested identified criminals are Kamrul Islam alias Ketu of Khulna, Sheikh Shajahan of Bagherhat, Delwar Hossain, Shamim Hossain alias Swadhin and Mohammad Siraj of Dhaka city.

Kolpodroom Win win Marketing Club executives

Selim Khan, managing director and president of Asset Development and Holdings Ltd and Zeeshan Kinsuk Huq, DGM Marketing of Holcim Bangladesh Ltd were elected president and vice president respectively of the Kolpodroom Win win Marketing Club, says a press release.

Sarah Ali, CEO of Kolpodroom Win win Promotions Ltd was elected secretary and treasurer of the club.

Two other members of the Managing Committee were also elected. They are Ghalib Ahmed Ansari, marketing manager of Grameen Phone and Manish Agrawal, country manager of Go-drej Saralee Ltd.



Prime Minister Khaleida Zia addressing the officers of Bangladesh Navy at the Naval Headquarters in the city yesterday.

Three dimensional naval force to be built: PM

BSS, Dhaka Prime Minister Khaleida Zia yesterday said the government would take steps to gradually build a three dimensional naval force for the country equipped with air, surface and under-water capabilities.

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, Home Minister Air Vice Marshal (retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Defence Secretary K M Ehsanul Huq, PSO Major General A M Mahmuduzzaman were present.

She also witnessed a presentation by the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operation) Commodore M Atiqur Rahman on the operational activities, training, exercises and role of the Navy during natural calamities in the country. Naval Chief gave the address of welcome on the occasion.

Khaleida paid glowing tributes to the memories of the valiant members of the navy including Bir Sherestha Ruhul Amin, Shaheed Lt Commander Moazzem Hossain, Shaheed Farid, Shaheed Akhter Uddin and Shaheed Mahibullah who embraced martyrdom in the War of Liberation.

She also recalled the astonishing success of the courageous "operation jackpot" of the navy in August, 1971. She also remembered with respect the glorious history of the brave attacks on naval vessels Padma and Palash in the river Passur on December 10 in 1971.

Khaleida said the policy of her government was to build a self-reliant and strong naval force removing all irregularities, corruption and wastage of the past.

As such, she said, her government would move ahead in a planned way with regard to procurement of vessels and hardware

so the country could build an effective naval force with its limited resources.

As a peace-loving nation Bangladesh does not believe in offensive defence policy, but in protecting the country's maritime boundary simultaneously with land and airspace, the navy needs to be equally developed, she said.

She said when her party was in power in 1991-95, different steps were taken for further strengthening and developing the naval force through procurement of vessels and equipment despite resource constraints.

During the time, she said 16 vessels including five mine-sweepers and two missile boats were added to the navy. She said steps were taken for procuring maritime patrol aircraft and increasing the manpower of the naval force.

She praised the naval force for turning the sick Khulna Shipyard into a profit making concern. She hoped in future the members of the naval force would build off-shore patrol vessels and gunboats for the navy and coast guard and ships for other organisations at the Khulna Shipyard.

She urged the members of the navy to discharge their duties with patriotism honesty, devotion and dedication. The Prime Minister hoped that through their efforts the navy would grow as a modern and strong force suiting to the needs and exceptions of the 21st century.

Regarding the recommendations of structural reforms of the Bangladesh Navy and elevation of the rank of the chief of naval staff, she said her government would look into it.

She said the government would also consider the enhancement in the number of posts for members of the navy in Bangladesh missions abroad and UN peace-keeping missions.

Khaleida said her government would give priority to make the Bangladesh Coast Guard self-reliant through procurement of more vessels as well as increasing its manpower.

She said with the increase of the strength of the Coast Guard, pressure on the navy would reduce and help safeguarding the country's sea resources easier through their mutual coordination.

The Prime Minister praised the members of the Navy for curbing piracy and smuggling in the sea.

She said she was aware of the limitations of the Bangladesh naval force and their logistic support in ensuring security in the vast sea

Mizan's body arrives today

The body of Mizanur Rahman Mizan, a New York based photo journalist, arrives in Dhaka by Bangladesh Biman this morning, says a press release.

He was killed in a racial attack in New York on August 12.

His first namaj-e-janaza will be held at the National Press Club at 11.00am and the second one at Khilgaon Chowdhury Para Matir Masjid after Jehr prayers.

He will be buried at his village home in Narsingdi.

FAO country representative calls on Noman

BSS, Dhaka

Country representative of Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, Bui Thi Lan called on Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman at his office here yesterday.

During the meeting they discussed matters of bilateral interest.

The food minister lauded the role of FAO in bolstering food security of the country. The FAO representative informed the minister that the World Food Day 2002 will be observed here on October 16.

He also said that FAO will invite Prime Minister Khaleida Zia to attend the function as the chief guest.

43 pc of budget money for poverty reduction Minister tells NGOs, women bodies

BSS, Dhaka

Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Huq yesterday said poverty alleviation is the main thrust in the development strategies of the government.

She said the government undertook a plan to spend 43 per cent money of the current budget directly for removing poverty.

"We have to believe it what we say and it must be implemented for alleviating poverty from the country," she said while exchanging views on National Strategy for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction with the leaders of different NGOs and women organisations at NEC auditorium here.

Economists Dr A K Mujeri and Dr Binayak Sen presented two papers explaining the causes of poverty and made some recommendations for its reduction.

Chaired by joint secretary of

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ferdous Ara Begum, the inaugural function was also addressed by Economic Relations Division secretary Anisul Huq Chowdhury.

"The minister said the government has recently framed an interim strategy paper on poverty in consultation with representatives of different sections of society including women."

She also made some recommendations for inclusion in the strategy paper for the promotion of women "as a big portion of the poor people are women."

She recalled that late President Ziaur Rahman created the ministry of Women and Children Affairs in 1978, as he correctly understood that the national development was not possible without the promotion of the women as well as involvement of the people at grass roots, Khurshid Jahan said.

Independence Monument body reconstituted

UNB, Dhaka

The nine-member expert committee formed for the construction of 'Independence Monument' at city's Subhrawadi Udyan has been reconstituted.

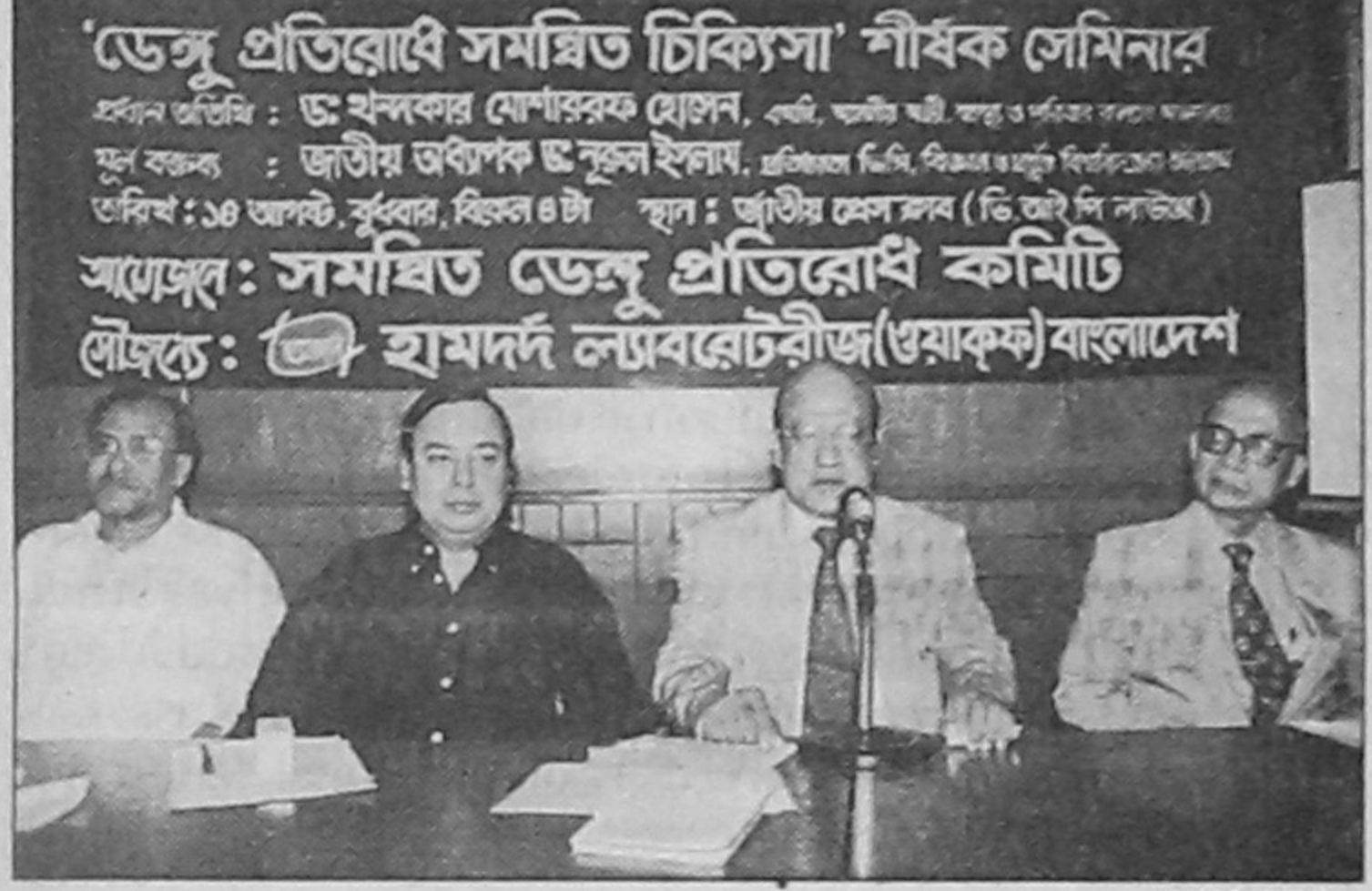
Former Foreign Secretary Engineer MR Osmani has been made chairman of the committee while former Chief Architect of the Department of Architecture, Shah ALM Jahir Uddin co-chairman.

Other members of the committee are: Prof Mir Mobasser Ali of the Architecture Department of BUET, Dr Abdus Sattar of the In-

stitute of Fine Arts, Dr Iftekhar Ul Awal, Director of the National Museum, Prof Khairul Enam of the Architecture Department of BUET, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, Chief Architect of the Department of Architecture and Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs.

The new committee members called on State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed at his office yesterday.

The first meeting of the expert committee will be held at the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs on August 17, said a press release.



Health Minister Dr Mosharrar Hossain addressing the discussion organised by Dengue Resistance Committee in the city yesterday.

CONGRATULATION



The Board of Directors, Officers & Staff of Asia Insurance Limited congratulate Mr. Mahbubul Alam Talukder, Hon'ble sponsor shareholder & Director of Asia Insurance Limited & a renowned businessman of Chittagong for being elected Director of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industries from Associates Group securing highest vote.

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10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Today is the 10th Death Anniversary of Late M.A. HASSAN, Founder of HASSAN Group of Industries. He breathed his last on 15th August 1992. We request all his wellwishers and relatives to pray for his departed soul. Family members

Workshop on misuse of power in Ctg tomorrow

CH CORRESPONDENT

A daylong workshop on 'Misuse of Power' will be held at the district council auditorium in the port city of Chittagong tomorrow.

The Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastabayan Shangstha (Bangladesh Human Rights Implementation Organisation) and its Chittagong chapter will jointly organise the workshop.

Food Minister Abdullah Al-Noman will be present at the workshop as chief guest while people's representatives, adjudicators, police officials, journalists, bankers, physicians, businessmen, lawyers and different professional groups will participate in the discussion.

Australian Education EXHIBITION

- PARTICIPANTS : Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, University of Southern Queensland, La Trobe University, University of Western Sydney, Victoria University of Technology, University of South Australia, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Deakin University, TAFE NSW & NSW Government High Schools, Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE

Venue : Dhaka Sheraton Hotel (Grand Ballroom) Days : 17th & 18th August, 2002 Time : 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Institution Seminars will be held during exhibition hours. Please bring your academic records (Preferably in English) and photocopy of academic records for interview & spot offers. Parents are also welcome.

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