

Sedition case Order on bail petition of Bahauddin Sept 21

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The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday fixed September 21 for further hearing and order on the bail petition of AFM Bahauddin Nasim, former assistant political secretary to former Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, in connection with a sedition case.

After hearing both the sides, Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa fixed the date.

The defence lawyers earlier submitted a criminal appeal, seeking bail from the judge's court after a bail petition was rejected by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka.

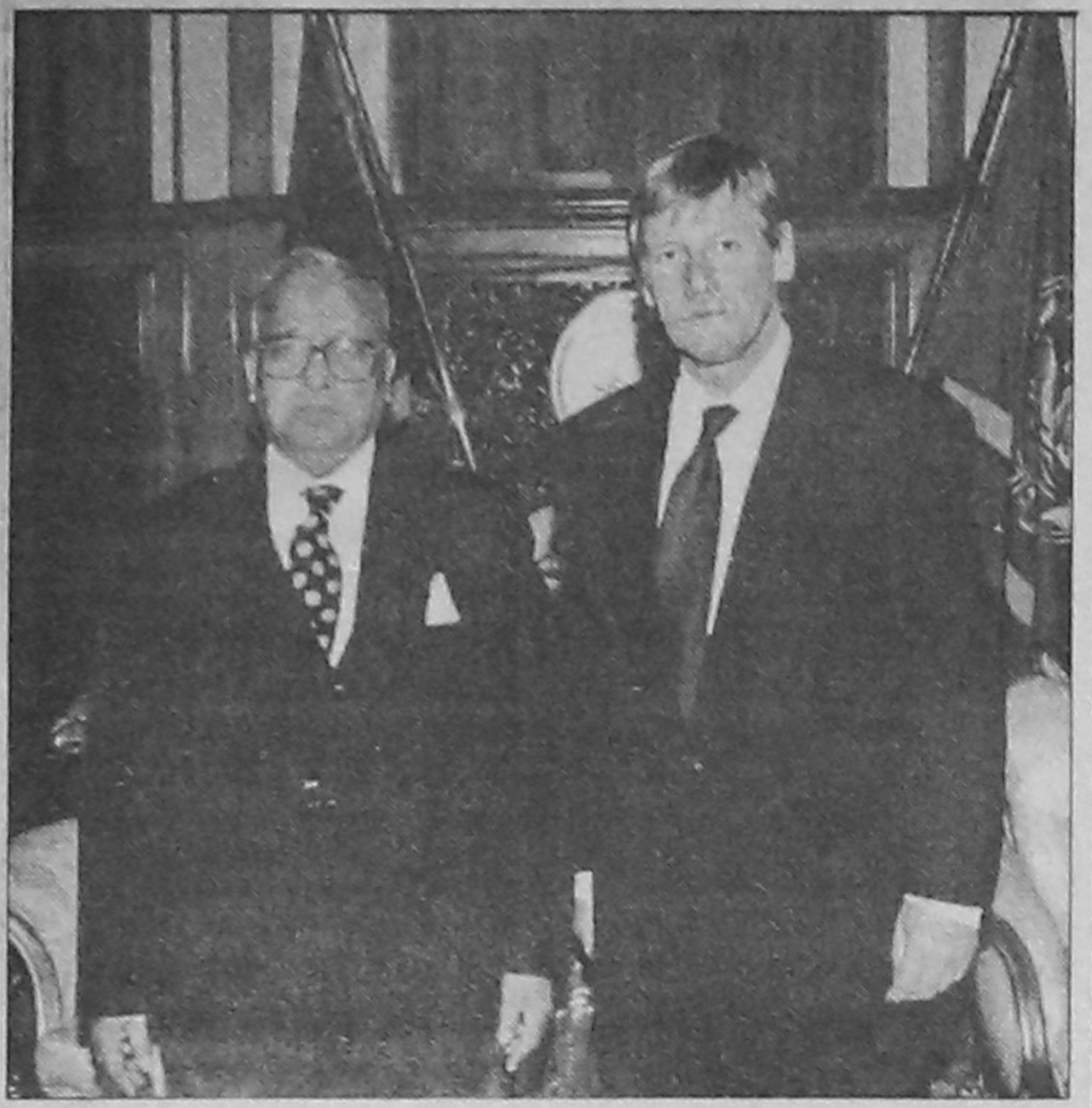
The CMM's Court on August 14

rejected the bail petition of Nasim. Nasim, also joint-convenor of Awami Sechchha Sebak League, was arrested at the Zia International Airport on February 27 on charge of smuggling foreign currency.

Later, he was shown arrested in a case filed with Madaripur Sadar thana on charge of firing gunshots on the motorcade of the then opposition leader Khaleda Zia.

Mohammad Dulaluddin Akond, ASP of CID, Faridpur Zone, Dhaka, on March 11 filed the sedition case with the CMM's Court, Dhaka against Nasim.

Advocate Syed Rezaur Rahman, Quamrul Islam and Abdullah Abu appeared in the court on behalf of the accused.



Newly appointed High Commissioner of Canada Gerry Campbell presented credentials recently to Jamiruddin Sircar, who was the acting president at that time.

Obituary

Qazi Hasanuzzaman, deputy director (public relations) of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB), died of a cardiac arrest at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 57.

Hasanuzzaman, who was on leave preparatory to retirement (LPR), is survived by his wife and two sons, PDB sources said.

His body was taken to his village home at Bhandaria under Pirojpur district for burial after namaz-e-janaza on the WAPDA Bhaban premises after Zohr prayers.

Death anniversary

The 31st death anniversary of Shaheed Engineer Nazrul Islam, a freedom fighter, will be observed today, says a press release.

During the War of Liberation, he conducted an operation to blow up five power stations in Dhaka. He was also an adviser to the newly formed Bangladesh government in 1971.

On the occasion Quarankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at his residence and at his son's office at 204 A Tejgaon Industrial Area.

Dr Hamidur Rahman

Today is the ninth death anniversary of Dr AS Hamidur Rahman Khan, ex-medical officer of the Sonachora Dockyard, BIWIC, says a press release.

He died of lung cancer on this day in 1993. On the occasion milad mahfil and prayer have been arranged at his village home at Chaura Vathgati of Kaliganj Upazila in Gazipur district.



Discussants at a seminar on 'Causes of traffic jam and environment pollution and the remedies' held at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Unplanned streets main cause of traffic jam

Speakers tell seminar in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unplanned streets, traditional way to control the traffic system and tendency to violate traffic rules are the main reasons of traffic jam, said the speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday.

The seminar on "Reasons of traffic jam, environment pollution and its remedy" was organised by Bangladesh Truck Malik Samity (BTMS) at the National Press Club. Shajahan Khan, MP, BGMEA president, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Safar Ali Bhuiyan, president of Bangladesh Truck-Lorry Malik-Sramik Oikya Parishad, Film star Illius Kanchan, Al Saiful Haq, president of BTMS and AFM Sheikh Jalal-uz-Zaman, senior vice-president of Dhaka Division Truck-Lorry Owners' Association spoke at the seminar.

Introduction of new traffic laws and their strict implementation could help reduce traffic jam in the city, suggested the speakers adding that the traffic signals set up in the city spending crore of taka are not followed resulting huge wastage of money.

The speakers said lack of sufficient parking place in front of hospitals, clinics and business establishments also causes traffic jam.

Besides, dumping of construction materials on the roadside, occupation of footpaths by small traders and digging of roads round the year are also responsible for traffic jam, they added.

The speakers said absence of ring road, bypass road and fly-over in and around the city has further aggravated the situation.

Moreover, the rail road passing through the middle of the city also

causes traffic jam. A total of 39 rail crossings between Tongi and Dhaka keep the traffic closed about eight hours daily as around 72 trains come and leave Dhaka every day. So, they suggested shifting of rail station from the city to help solve the traffic jam.

They also pointed out that 75 percent of the open space in the city has been occupied by a section of people which could be utilised for car parking.

As a result of traffic jam, vehicles of emergency services like Fire Brigade, ambulance and police remain stuck up helplessly.

About the air pollution of the city, the speakers said emission of black smoke from the two-stroke three-wheelers and old vehicles are mainly responsible for it.

Besides, the newly imported cars from neighboring country without catalytic converter and particulate filter are also polluting environment, they added.

However, citing the example of Kolkata, once the most traffic congested city in the South East Asia, the speakers said 80 percent of the traffic jam of that city has been solved following well thought-out and long term planning.

Authorities there have also re-adjusted the timing of office and schools to avoid traffic jam, they added.

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