

Shipu Murder Case IO asked to appear in court Sept 23

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday issued summons upon the Investigation Officer (IO) of the Shipu Murder Case, to appear before it on September 23.

After cross-examination of 22 out of 30 prosecution witnesses in the case, Judge Mohammad Sirajul Islam issued summons upon the IO DB Inspector Rezaul Karim as the last prosecution witness to appear before it to face cross-examination.

Accused Joy Hasib and Kazi Sharif Ahmed Saikat were produced before the court during the hearing. Another accused Kazi Arif Ahmed Sagor, now on bail was

also present in the court.

Three other accused -- Ziauddin Ahmed Jewel, son of former Awami League MP Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Naimuzzaman Zobayer and Shaful Alam -- have been absconding since the incident.

Iftikhar Ahmed Shipu, 38, a mobile phone trader at UAE Moitree Market in the city's Banani area, was shot dead on May 24 in 2000.

Victim's brother Istiaque Ahmed filed a murder case with Gulshan thana accusing six people, including Jewel, the following day.

Advocate Mahbub Ahmed and Syed Shamim Ahsan Habib appeared for the accused.



The National Movement for Resistance to Industry-Agriculture Destruction took out a procession in the city yesterday.

Reopening of state-owned mills, factories demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of farmers, mill workers and slum-dwellers from across the country yesterday held a rally in the city's Osmani Udyan, demanding reopening of different state-owned mills and factories, including the Adamjee Jute Mills, and a stop to the privatisation process.

Around 5,000 farmers, mill factory workers and slum-dwellers from Narayanganj, Brahmanbaria, Mymensingh, Khulna, Tongi, Demra and other parts of the city joined the rally organised by the National Movement for Resistance to Industries and Agriculture Destruction, a platform of left-leaning farmers and workers organisations.

The bare-footed and shabbily-dressed farmers and mill workers came to the rally carrying placards and banners and shouting slogans in favour of their demand. The rally started at 3:00pm.

Addressing the rally, the leaders said 30,000 workers and officials of the Adamjee Jute Mills have lost their jobs and thousands of shopkeepers and businessmen are now reeling in poverty due to

the closure of the mills.

The farmers have produced two crore maund of jute this year, but the jute price has decreased drastically because of the closure of the Adamjee Jute Mills. Thousands of jute producers of the country will be in trouble as they are not able to sell their produce because of the low price, the leaders observed.

They warned that the farmers will not be interested in growing jute in future and the entire jute industry will be destroyed.

The country has already lost jute market to India, which will hamper the entire agriculture sector and the economy as well, they said and demanded fixing of price of per maund of jute at Tk 500.

The leaders said that the government has selected a total of 100 industries, including the Khulna Newsprint Mill and some jute mills in Khulna, for privatisation and these industries will be handed over at a throwaway price to the persons who are loyal to the government.

Among the 129 industries privatised in last 20 years, only 29

industries are running now, they said. One hundred industries have been closed as the unscrupulous businessmen misappropriated the profits of the industries. They even did not repay the bank loans, the leaders said.

They alleged that the government is pushing the poorer section of the society towards 'crimes' and 'death' by evicting the slum-dwellers. They demanded immediate rehabilitation of the evicted slum-dwellers.

Presided over by Abul Bashar, the rally was also addressed by Shahidullah Chowdhury, Engineer Sheikh Muhammad Shidullah, Anisur Rahman Mallik, Shubhrangshu Chakrabarti and Moshrefa Mishu.

Among others, Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, JSD leader Hasanul Haq Enu, Dilip Barua, Anu Mohammad of Jahangirnagar University and MM Akash of Dhaka University were present at the rally.

Later, the farmers, workers and slum-dwellers took out a huge procession that paraded through different city streets.

Purnima Rape Case 'Govt falsely implicating AL, Nirmul leaders'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ekkattur Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee on Tuesday alleged that the government in the name of further probe into the Purnima rape case has falsely implicated some local leaders of Awami League and Nirmul Committee in it.

Names of these leaders have been included in the fresh charge sheet although they had actually assisted the victim, Nirmul Committee leaders said at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity office here.

Purnima was gangraped at Ullapara on October 8, 2001 allegedly by some local cadres of ruling BNP.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, president of the advisory council of the Committee,

read out a written statement at the press conference in presence of the victim.

Among others, journalist Shahriar Kabir, Justice KM Sobhan and general secretary of Bangladesh Gonotantrik Ainjibi Samity Zead Al Malum were present.

Kabir Chowdhury alleged that the CID, on orders from local BNP MP Ali Akbar and the home ministry, submitted a fresh charge sheet on August 24 only to include names of local AL and Nirmul leaders.

Those included in the fresh charge sheet are former MP Abdul Latif Mirza, vice-president of Sirajganj district AL advocate Abdur Rahman, Ullapara upzila AL president Mir Shahidul Islam Ponnua and general secretary Shaful Islam Shafi, Ullapara Krisak League president Gazi

Khorsheed Alam and general secretary advocate Maruf Bin Habib, Prof. Kabir said.

Justice Sobhan said the Purnima rape case is an example how innocent people are being victimised by the government while criminals belonging to the ruling party escape punishment.

Purnima's father Anil Chandra Sil had gone to the local police station to file a rape case but it police recorded a case of physical torture.

Later, Purnima appeared before a magistrate's court and gave her statement under Section 164, accusing fifteen people. Following the magistrate's order, police arrested five of the accused.

Hearing of the case will be held on September 19.

Nigeria to utilise Dhaka's experience in RMG sector

BSS, Dhaka

Nigeria is keen to utilise Bangladesh's experience in the Ready-made Garments (RMG) sector to ensure its due share over the quota-free US market.

"We seek all out cooperation from our brotherly Bangladesh in RMG sector to boost our export to America," said visiting Nigerian Commerce Minister Engr. Mustafa Bello during a meeting with State Minister for Commerce Barkatullah Bulu here yesterday.

Engr. Bello, who met the state minister at his Secretariat office,

led his country's 13-member delegation and discussed matters relating to increased volume of trade and commerce between the two countries.

Commerce Secretary Sohel Ahmed and Nigerian High Commissioner to Bangladesh A M Bage were present in the meeting where both the countries agreed to increase bilateral trade and commerce.

Both the sides expressed identical views over the means to increase bilateral trade volumes that include formation of a joint business chamber and active participation in trade fairs.

Engr. Bello said Nigeria is eager to increase imports from Bangladesh. He also called upon Bangladesh investors to visit Nigeria and reap full benefits from garment sector by using their experiences.

Reciprocating the sentiment Barkatullah Bulu said Bangladesh attaches much importance on the increase of trade with Nigeria. He also laid emphasis on the exchange of information and exploration of new fields of bilateral trades and investments.

According to the commerce ministry, Nigeria imports raw jute, jute goods, yarn and jute twine from Bangladesh and exports textiles, textile articles, pulp wood, vegetables and mineral products.

Last year, Nigeria exported to Bangladesh goods worth Tk 90.85 million and imported Bangladeshi products worth Tk 32.72 million, sources said.

43 more attacked with dengue

BSS, Dhaka

Forty-three more people were admitted to different public and private hospitals with dengue fever yesterday but none died during the period, Health Directorate Control Room source said.

They said 4955 people were attacked with dengue so far. Of them, 45 died, 178 are undergoing treatment in different hospitals, the source added.

Twenty persons were admitted to Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital, four to Mitford Hospital, four to Holy Family Hospital, four to Central Hospital, three to Dhaka Medical College Hospital one to Sishu Hospital, one to Nibedita Hospital, four to Khulna Medical College Hospital and one to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

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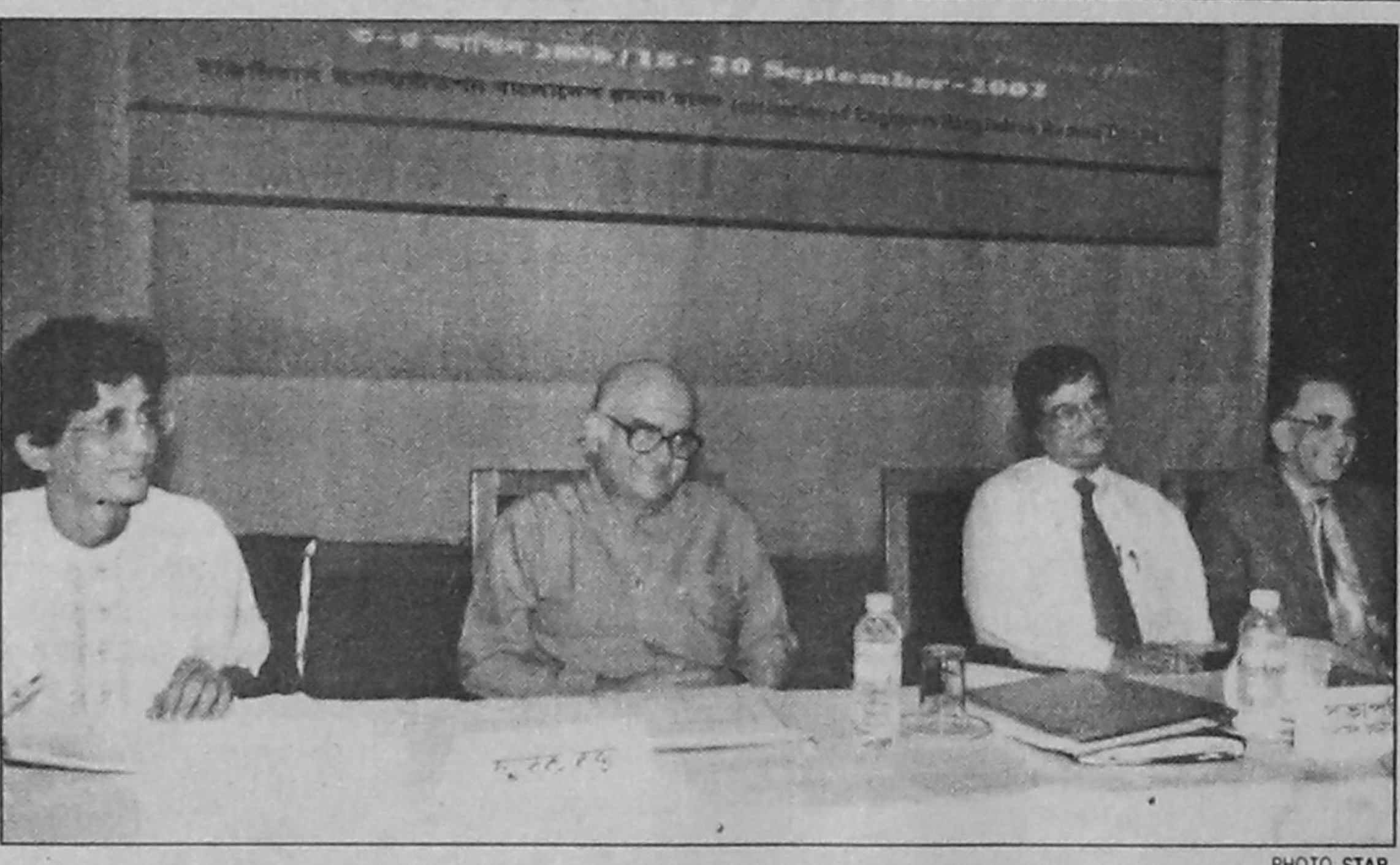
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The 14th biennial conference of the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) began at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday. Former chief advisor of the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman (extreme right) inaugurated the three-day event and Chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Rehman Sobhan (second from left) delivered the conference address.

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Law banning current net hailed

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Matsyaji Dal yesterday hailed the government for passage of the Protection and Conservation of Fish (Amendment) Bill 2002 in the Jatiya Sangsad banning "current net" for the protection of fisheries resources.

In a statement, the organisation said the "current net" was destroying the country's fish resources for long. The Jatiyatabadi Matsyaji Dal and the people of all strata had been demanding ban on current net, they added.

The ban on the production, import, storage and use of the current net reflected the government's respect towards the aspiration of the people, the Matsyaji Dal leaders said.

They thanked all lawmakers for passing the Bill.

They called upon fishermen to refrain from using current net in fishing to conserve the country's fish resources, showing respect to the law.

The signatories to the statement are Matsyaji Dal acting President Rafiqul Islam Mahtab, general secretary Nazrul Islam, organising secretary Nurul Haq Mian and Dhaka city unit acting convenor Tabarak Hossain.

AL supports tomorrow's demonstration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) has expressed its solidarity with a mass demonstration to be held in the city tomorrow demanding free flow of information and protesting the seizure of the Central Shaheed Minar by the government.

In a statement yesterday, AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman said the seizure of Shaheed Minar by BNP-Jamaat government resembles the attempt of the then Pakistani rulers to suppress the people's spontaneous protest against its misrule and repression.

The proposed demonstration at the Central Shaheed Minar has been organised by the Sammito Sangskritik Jote.

YEH convention tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Youth Ending Hunger (YEH), a voluntary organisation, will hold its Dhaka district convention at the Dhanmondi Government Boys' High School tomorrow.

The theme of the convention is "Youth for better life".

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka will be present at the function as chief guest. Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Prof. Muzzafar Ahmed, Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Prof. MM Akash, Editor of Prothom Alo Motiur Rahman and Executive Editor of Janakanta Borhan Ahmed will also attend the programme.

Addressing a press conference in the city yesterday, YEH coordinator Binoy Kumar Pal said the objectives of the convention are to review the successes and experiences of the last year and set a new target for this year.

At the convention, about 15 units of YEH will be formed for different educational institutions and union parishads of Dhaka district.

Banglapaedia to be published Jan 3

BSS, Dhaka

The newly formed sub-committee to review the chapters on religion and culture of the first ever 10-volume Banglapaedia has started its work.

Talking to BSS, Prof. Sirajul Islam, director of the Bangladesh national encyclopaedia project said the committee had been formed with former vice chancellor of the Open University Prof. Shamsheer Ali as its chairman.

The names of Justice Abdur Rauf, Director General of the Islamic Foundation Ashraf Ali and Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University Prof. Mostafizur Rahman have been proposed, he added.

Prof. Islam said the sub-committee was formed after a section of national dailies published some reports on a few articles about religion and culture of the Banglapaedia.

The project director said the Banglapaedia should not contain any information that might hurt the country's religious, cultural and political beliefs. "The editorial board is exercising all sorts of caution in this regard, he said, adding, "we do not want any controversy about this prestigious publication."

He said the manuscript of each chapter is being sent to press after careful scrutiny. The printing is progressing alphabetically. He hoped that the Banglapaedia could be published on January 3 of the next year as per plan if there were no problems. He hoped the work of the sub-committee would be completed within the next two months.

Prof. Islam said a CD version would be released two to three months after the publication of the Banglapaedia. He said the government has been giving all-out support to its publication.

The Asiatic Society of Bangla-

desh is the sponsor of the Tk eight crore project. The government will bear 74 per cent of the expenses. The contents of the Banglapaedia, both in Bangla and English, will be the same.

The book will contain all the information relating to history, art, society, economy, state and administration, science and technology after establishment of Bangla region. The price of each set of English version is Tk 12 thousand and Tk ten thousand for Bengali version.

Tk 2.18 cr Hindu Welfare Trust budget announced

BSS, Dhaka

The Trustee Board of Hindu Welfare Trust under the Religious Affairs Ministry at a meeting yesterday announced a Tk 2.18 crore budget of the Trust for the 2002-2003 fiscal.

The meeting, presided over by Trustee Board Chairman and State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharref Hossain Shahjahan, was also attended by the board Vice-president and State Minister for Water Resources Goutam Chakravorty.

Board members Santosh Bhusan Das, Principal Ganesh Halder and Karik Thakur and Religious Affairs Secretary Khawaja Abdur Rahman and senior officials of the ministry and the trust were present at the meeting.

In the budget, Tk 1.42 crore has been earmarked for renovation of 'maths' and temples, assistance to the destitute, celebration of Durga Puja, Swaraswati Puja and a grant for Dhakeswari Temple.

Tk 91.56 lakh was allocated under the head in the 2001-2002 budget.

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