

Mansur Ali murder at Savar Mother demands arrest, trial of killers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mother of a murdered son yesterday accused the police of making delay in submitting the charge sheet and demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the killers of her son who was killed by alleged criminals at Savar in Dhaka district last year.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity office, Hazera Khatun, the mother of the deceased Mansur Ali, also prayed for the security of her family members as the killers are threatening them of dire consequences if they do not withdraw the case.

In an emotion-choked voice she said "I want immediate trial of the killers as well as the security of life of my family members".

Ansar Ali, brother of the deceased, read out a written statement on behalf of his mother at the press conference.

According to the statement, a gang of local criminals led by Khorsheed and UP member Ahamed killed Mansur Ali on August 6 while he was returning

home riding on a motor-bike. They shot him in his head.

Ansar said "The whole incident took place before my eyes as I was accompanying my brother. However I could manage to flee the scene".

"One day after the incident, I filed a case with Savar police who recorded our statements. But the autopsy report was delayed in reaching the police station for unknown reasons. Meanwhile, the investigation officer (IO) of the case was transferred before submitting the charge sheet", he added.

Ansar said the second IO of the case was also transferred mysteriously before submitting the charge sheet although he arrested one Selim of the accused (now on bail).

The third IO of the case is yet to submit the charge sheet though he arrested another accused Delu.

Meanwhile one year has passed and the accused are roaming at the village at large. The police are yet to arrest them for reasons best known to them", said the statement.

Ansar Ali alleged that the Assistant Police Superintendent (ASP) of Savar circle has decided to give a final report on the case after receiving a huge amount of money from the accused".

"The ASP has informed the local journalists that due to lack of witness it is not possible to identify the accused", he said.

Mansur Ali, a resident of village Dattopara of Savar, was a contractor and land broker. He was killed by the criminals over professional rivalry.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Nurun Nahar Minu, a former teacher of UCEP and wife of Ali Hossain, a former headmaster of West End High School, died of a heart attack at her Rampura residence here on Saturday at the age of 55.

Nurun Nahar left behind her husband, two sons, two daughters and a host of grandchildren and relations to mourn her death.

Her elder son Adnan Masud is a doctor and younger son Arif Hasan Mamun who is a teacher of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) is now doing Ph.D in Canada.

Her Quikhani will be held on September 27 after Asr prayers at Shikder Villa, 3141/B, West Rampura, Ulan Road.

Abul Mozaffar Khan

UNB, Dhaka

Alhaj Abul Mozaffar Mohammad Khan, a retired official of Bangladesh Railways, breathed his last at Bangladesh Medical College Hospital on Saturday at the age of 84.

His Quikhani will be held at his brother's Tezturi Bazar residence after Maghrib prayers on Tuesday, says a press release.

1396 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 13 firearms with 26 bullets and six other type of weapons from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1,396 people, including an identified criminal during the period, a police headquarters press release said.

Of the arrested, 748 were wanted by police and 617 accused in different, under-investigation cases.

Thirteen persons were arrested in connection with the arms recovery and police lodged ten cases against them under the Arms Act.



The Uttara Rajuk Model High School and the Government Laboratory High School confronted each other at 'The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa 2002 English Debate Championship 2002' at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College auditorium in the city yesterday.

DS-Viqarunnisa English debate: 8 teams qualify for quarterfinals

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Eight schools and colleges qualified for the quarterfinals of 'The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa 2002 English Debate Championship 2002' yesterday.

The debate competition began at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College auditorium in the city on September 19.

The six-day championship is being organised jointly by the Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club and The Daily Star for the second consecutive year.

Sunny Dale School, Manarat International School, Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club and Radiant International School won yesterday's debate at the school level.

The four other teams are Institute of Business Administration, Independent University of Bangladesh, North South University and Notre Dame Debating Club.

The theme of yesterday's debate was 'World Peace'.

AL plots to create law, order situation

Mannan Bhuiyan tells Iswarganj meeting

BSS, Mymensingh

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan accused the Awami League of hatching conspiracy to create law and order situation in the country ahead of the religious festival of Durga Puja.

"The opposition party is contriving to repeat communal disturbance and law and order situation as they had done after October 1 election to foil people's verdict against their misrule," he said, urging the countrymen to remain vigilant against such conspiracy.

Bhuiyan also the Secretary General of BNP said this while he was addressing a huge public meeting at Maizbug Panchpara High School ground of Iswarganj upazila here on Saturday as a part of his day-long programme in this northern district.

"Awami League always nurtured communal mentality and their foremost aim is to use the Hindu community only for their voting purpose", he said. Soon after October 1 election AL in retaliation to Hindu community perpetrated attack on them in different parts of the country as they did not get absolute votes of the Hindu community, he added.

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources and President of BNP, Mymensingh (south) district unit A K M Mosharrar Hossain, Khurram Khan Chowdhury MP, Delwar Hossain Khan Dulu MP and Shah Shaheed Sarwar MP spoke at the meeting. Local MP Nurul Kabir Shahin presided.

Bhuiyan said "AL is trying to mislead the people by giving a false impression that the present government will be toppled in a day or two". They are out to destroy democracy, pace of development and disrupt academic atmosphere in educational institutions, he added.

"Awami League's imprudent attempt to brand Bangladesh as a Taliban state has created serious uncertainty for our students and job seekers abroad, he said. Despite one after another conspiracy the government has undertaken various steps for translating the expectations of the people to the four-party alliance government into reality, he said.

"Poverty alleviation is the first priority of the government and we have allocated highest budget for this cause, he said. "We want to start from the villages by involving cross section people in the endeavour", he added.

He said to formulate development plans in respective villages "Gram Sarkar" (village government) system will be introduced soon and after that, power of the chairman and members of the union councils will also be enhanced.

Referring to various steps of the government for education he said the government has undertaken the biggest project in the South Asia for female education involving around Tk 700 crore annually. The government has been taking steps to realise their monthly stipend from current month, he said.

He called upon the people to cooperate with the government to implement development activities, root out criminal acts and corruption and foil conspiracy against progress and prosperity.

Earlier, he held a meeting with the leaders and workers of the BNP at Mymensingh Circuit House and inaugurated as many as seven development projects at Iswarganj.

International symposium on population begins

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A two-day international symposium titled 'Population and development challenges in some Asian countries' began in the city yesterday to discuss inadequately addressed issues like poverty, education and health.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the United Nations Population Fund, the symposium is aimed at facilitating regional policy-makers to share their experiences for better integration of strategies for population management and those for development and poverty reduction in South Asia.

The symposium will focus on three areas - 'challenges of demographic transition', 'rethinking population policies' and 'integrating population concerns in poverty reduction strategy'.

Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, Health Secretary M Fazlur Rahman, Director of UNFPA Country Support Team, Nepal, Dr Wasim Zaman, and Principal Secretary to the prime minister Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui spoke at the inaugural session.

Dr Hossein Malek Afzali, deputy minister for health and medical education of Iran, and J V R Prasad Rao, secretary, Ministry of Population Welfare of India, also attended the session.

Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain said the size of the poor population in absolute number in all countries in the region continues to grow with the increase in population.

"Another revealing feature of these countries is rapidly with which their urban population is growing. This overview clearly shows that the people of this region are engaged in combating the problems arisen out of population growth on one hand and massive threat of poverty owing to lack of income opportunities on the other," he said.

Dr Wasim Zaman said, "We have to focus on certain issue like rights of choices for health, particularly contraceptives. But rights cannot be translated into action without resources".

"One of the biggest challenges is governance and equity in some of the countries in the region. I urge the donor community to look at Asia, particularly South Asia."

Vasantha Kandiah of the United Nations Statistics Division was a guest speaker at the symposium.

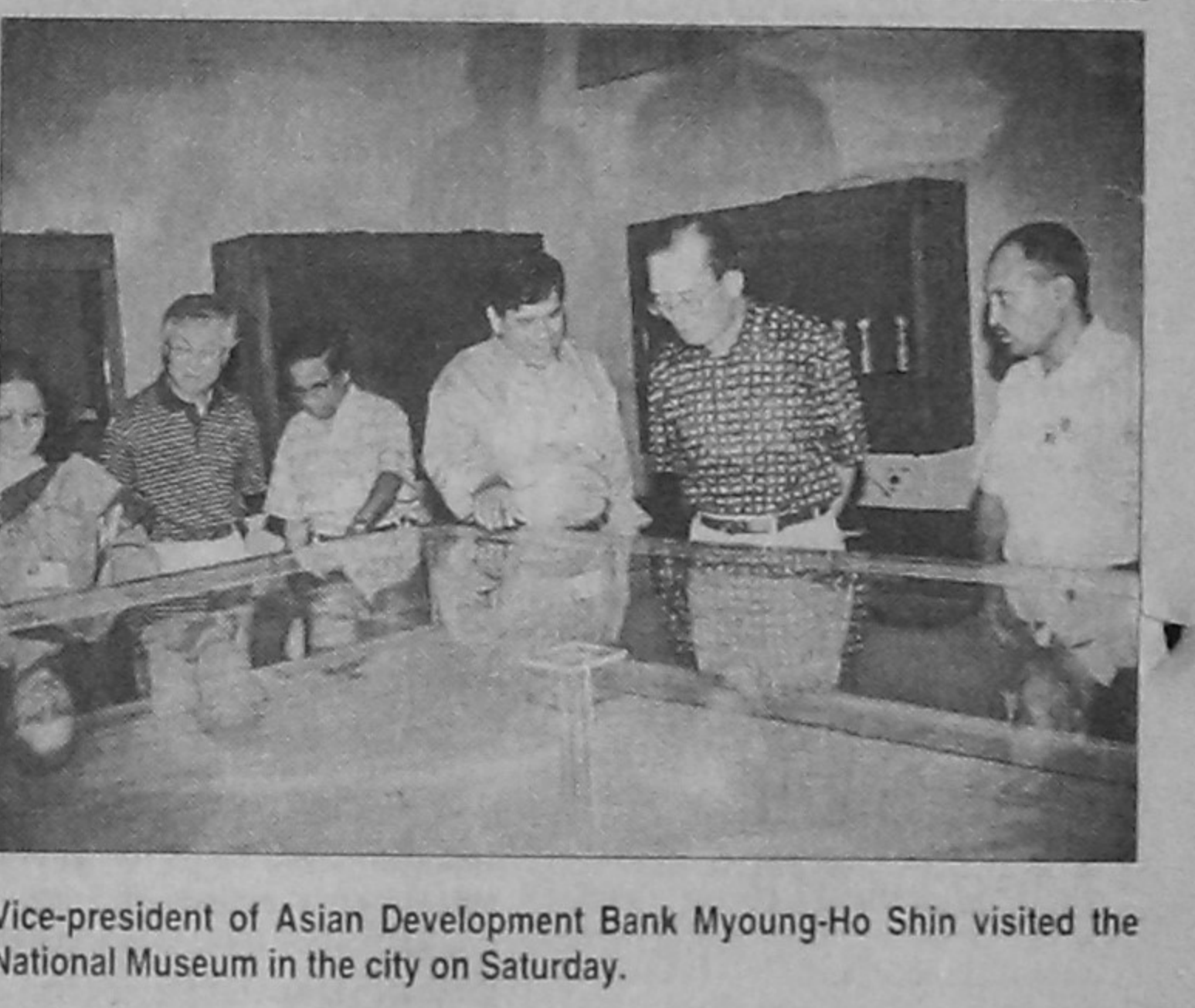
Delegates from India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka and host Bangladesh are attending the sessions.



Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain speaking at the inaugural session of an international symposium on 'Population and development challenges in some Asian countries: A knowledge sharing exercise' at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

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Vice-President of Asian Development Bank Myoung-Ho Shin visited the National Museum in the city on Saturday.

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina visited ailing BCL general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, who was released from jail recently, at Shikdar Medical College Hospital in the city yesterday.

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