

## Bappi Murder Case Test of accused November 10

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The Third Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka yesterday fixed November 10 for test of the accused in the Bappi Murder Case.

After cross-examination of 20 out of 37 prosecution witnesses, Judge Sarker Abul Mansur Ahmed fixed the date.

The court also rejected the petition, seeking recall of the 10 prosecution witnesses (from PW 1 to 10) submitted by the defence lawyers on behalf of the prime accused Shahidul Alam Shipon.

Rubayet Ahmed Bappi, 8, a student of class III of Aramenitola Government High School, was

### US envoy meets Ershad

US ambassador to Bangladesh Mary Ann Peters called on Jatiya Party chairman and former president Hussain Mohammad Ershad at his Baridhara office in the city yesterday.

Jatiya Party sources said during the meeting they discussed matters of mutual and bilateral interest.

Ershad stressed on enhanced US investments in Bangladesh. JP presidium member G M Quader MP, Sheikh Shawkat Hossain Nilu and political counsellor of the US embassy Leonard A Hill were present in the meeting.

### US embassy closed on Nov 10

The American Embassy offices, including the Public Affairs Section, Information Resource Centre and the Student Counseling Service will be closed on November 10 on the occasion of Veterans Day, a national holiday of the United States, says a press release.

abducted by his maternal cousin Shipon from their Becharam Dewri residence in the old city on August 5 for ransom.

Later, Shipon and his four accomplices -- Ripon Kumer Roy, Sanjit Sarkar, Sankar Rajbanshi and Shariful Islam alias Badal took Bappi to Demra. They strangled Bappi the same day and dumped the body in the river Sitalakhya.

Alfa Miah, victim's father, filed an abduction case under the Women and Children Repression, Prevention Act with Kotwali thana accusing Shipon and four others the same day.

Bappi's decomposed body was found floating on the river near Kutubpur Gudara Ghat on August 14.

The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet on August 21 against Shipon and four others.

The court framed charges against the accused on September 21.

The trial of the case began on September 25.

Accused Shipon, Ripon, Sanker and Sanjit are now in jail custody while Badal is still at large.

## PM to inaugurate CJA confce in city Feb 17

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the Commonwealth Journalists Association's (CJA) conference to be held in Dhaka from February 17 to 19.

The Prime Minister gave her consent when a three-member CJA delegation led by its Bangladesh Chapter president Hassan Shahriar, called on her yesterday afternoon.

The CJA's international conference with the theme "Civil Society and Good Governance: The Jour-

nalists' Role", being organised on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, will be attended by journalists from around the world.

The delegation handed over a formal letter from CJA President Murray Burt inviting the Prime Minister to inaugurate the confer-

ence. Information Minister Tariqul Islam, CJA Bangladesh Chapter joint secretary Abdur Rahman Khan and organising secretary Mokhlesur Rahman Chowdhury were present during the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office.

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