

# Case against Nowroj editor for filing false complaint

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Kamrangirchar police Sunday submitted the final report of a case filed by Shamsul Haque Durrani, editor of the daily Nowroj, to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate.

The police in their investigation found the case false, fabricated and concocted.

Durrani filed the case against Ripon and his friends Omar Faruq and Wahid alias Murad under the Speedy Trial Act on October 30, charging them with extorting money from him and vandalising his house at Rasulpur in Kamrangirchar.

Meanwhile, police filed a case against Durrani yesterday on charge of filing a false case against the three young men.

The court also issued an order to release Faruq and Murad from jail.

Durrani, Staff Reporter of Nowroj Kamal Chowdhury and Durrani's brother Idris along with some locals beat up Ripon and turned him and his friends, Faruq and Murad, over to police branding them as extortionists on October 30.

Ripon suffered fatal injuries in the mob beating at Rasulpur and died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on November 1.

The victim's relatives said Durrani first beat up Ripon's nephew when his bicycle hit Durrani on the Kamrangirchar embankment. Hearing the news Ripon and his friends Omar Faruq and Wahid rushed to the spot and locked in an altercation with him. Durrani called his brother Idris and some others from the nearby area and started beating up Ripon and his friends.

Officer-in-charge of Kamran-girchar Police Station Golam Mostafa said they are hunting for Durrani, who has been absconding since police came to know the fact.



## Death anniversary of Major Ghani today

The 46th death anniversary of Major A Ghani, the founder of the East Bengal Regiment and the Bangladesh Infantry Regiment, will be observed today, says a press release.

Popularly known as Tiger Ghani, he died in 1957 at the age of 38.

Major Ghani was born in Nagaish village of Comilla district on December 1, 1919.

After completing his higher secondary education, he joined the Bengal Fire Service in Kolkata in 1940.

Two years later, he joined the Indian Army as a commissioned officer in the Indian Pioneer Corps.

Major Ghani was honoured posthumously with the Independence Award in 1981.

## Chinese envoy meets Bhuiyan

UNB, Dhaka

Newly appointed Chinese Ambassador Chai-Xi called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his office yesterday.

They held an hour-long discussion on matters of mutual interest of the two countries.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil addresses a rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. Awami Jubo League organised the rally in observance of the Noor Hossain Day.

## Photojournalist Selim Jahangir released on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A photojournalist of the Janakantha, a Bangla daily, was released from Rajshahi central Jail on bail yesterday.

Selim Jahangir, also organising secretary of the Bangladesh Photojournalists Association, was arrested on November 1 while he was taking photographs in front of a mobile court.

Abdus Salam of Boalia police station filed a case within 35 minutes of his arrest accusing him of hindering government work and threatening Magistrate Abdul Majid with death.

District and sessions judge Abu Bakkar Siddiqui granted bail to the newsman yesterday.

Selim's arrest triggered massive protests from journalists and various socio-cultural organisations.

The protesters said the case was filed 'intentionally' to harass the journalist.

## FM goes to Singapore, Philippines to strengthen ties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan left Dhaka last night on a four-day official visit to Singapore and the Philippines.

He has gone there at the invitation of the foreign ministers of those countries.

According to sources in the foreign ministry, the main objective of the visit is to promote and strengthen bilateral relations with them.

This is the first visit by the foreign minister to those countries after the present government came to power.

During his stay in Singapore, Morshed Khan will hold official talks with his counterpart S Jayakumar.

He is also expected to meet the prime minister, ministers of trade and investment and acting minister for manpower.

Morshed Khan will also deliver a

lecture on "Look towards east policy" of the government at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies of Singapore.

A high level business delegation led by Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Abdul Awal Mintoo will also visit Singapore at the same time.

Morshed Khan will address the Singapore businessmen at an investment seminar on business opportunities in Bangladesh.

From Singapore, the foreign minister will go to Manila on Thursday.

He will meet his counterpart Blas F Ople.

The foreign minister is also scheduled to call on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

## Mass movement soon to oust govt: Jalil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League yesterday reiterated that a mass movement would lead to a change of power by April next year with the installation of a democratic government.

"We along with like-minded political parties are going to launch a street agitation to free people from the misrule of the present government and hope to topple it by March-April," AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil told a discussion marking the Noor Hossain Day.

The AL was being forced to take to the streets as the government is not allowing it to speak on important national issues in the parliament, Jalil said.

The Awami Jubo League, youth front of the AL, organised the discussion at its Bangabandhu Avenue office in the city.

Referring to the failure of the government to check crimes and price spiral, Jalil said it will be good for the people if the regime quits as early as possible.

AL leaders Matia Chowdhury, Mohammad Nasim, Abdur Rahman, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanok, General Secretary Mirza Azam and Sramik League leader Roy Ramesh Chandra also spoke.

In the morning, the AL, Gono Forum, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Shaheed Noor Hossain Sangsad placed wreaths at Noor Hossain Square to pay homage to martyred Noor Hossain.

Different student organisations, including Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra League and Biplobi Chhatra Moitry, also held rallies and took out processions on the Dhaka University campus to mark the day.

# Kalidas Boral murder Re-investigation begins

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Bagerhat CID has started re-investigation into the sensational Awami League leader Advocate Kalidas Boral murder case.

The re-investigation began on Sunday by Inspector Shawkat Ali as investigation officer.

Senior vice-president of Bagerhat district Awami League and former chairman of Chitalmari Upazila Advocate Kalidas Boral was gunned down on August 20, 2000 at Shadhana square under Sadar thana.

Former OC Shahidul Islam submitted charge sheet against 22 accused. Five of them confessed to their involvement in the killing before the court.

But the case was transferred to the CID for re-investigation after a directive from the police headquarters on October 4 this year.

The police headquarters sources said the case has been transferred to CID in view of inability of the local police to properly investigate the case.

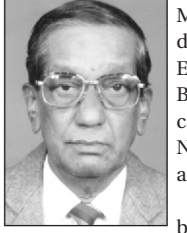
The public prosecutor of Bagerhat, Advocate Noor Mohammad said the IO can not be changed without permission of the court. Because, the case was under trial, he said.

Happy Boral, wife of slain Kalidas Boral, gave testimony to the court of District and Sessions Judge, Bagerhat implicating Sheikh Helal MP and Chitalmari AL General Secretary Pijush Kanti Roy in the murder case.

Court ordered Sadar thana OC to submit a report on the investiga-

tion following an appeal by government prosecutor.

## Obituary



MA Jalil, former director, Physical Education of BUET, died of a cardiac arrest on November 9, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and seven daughters.

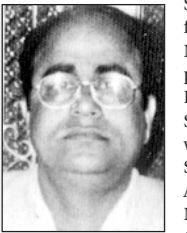
His qukhwani will be held at his residence at 184 Central Bashaboo after Asr prayers on Friday.

## Hasna Islam Khan

Begum Hasna Islam Khan, wife of Nazrul Islam Khan, chairman of South Asia Shipping Ltd., died at the Central Hospital in Dhanmondi at the age of 56, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and a number of grandchildren. Film director Mizanur Rahman Khan Dipu is onehersons.

## Shraddha



Shraddha of late freedom fighter Niharendu Sarkar, principal officer of Pubali Bank, Sadarghat branch, will be held at Sri Sri Bholagiri Ashram at RK Mission Road today, says a press release.



Prof Sirajul Islam, chief editor of Banglapedia, presented a set of Banglapedia to Abdul Awal Mintoo, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its office on Saturday.