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Police take convict Noor Hossain to jail after he was sentenced to death in Zahid Hasan Palash murder case yesterday.

One gets death for killing nephew

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A tribunal in Dhaka yesterday sentenced one person to death for killing his nephew on January 19, 2002.

Judge AR Masud of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4, gave the verdict at a jam-packed courtroom in presence of the convict Noor Hossain.

Noor Hossain is one of the cousins of victim's father.

The tribunal acquitted two others- Zakir Hossain and Mohammad Ali- as the charges brought against them were not proved.

The convict can appeal to the High Court against the verdict in 30 days, the judgement said.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the tribunal recorded statements of 11 out of 15 prosecution witnesses.

In the case filed with Khilgaon Police Station, it was alleged that two paternal uncles and some local hoodlums kidnapped Zahid Alam Palash, 22, an SSC examinee, from his East Rampura residence at about 10:45pm on January 19 in 2002 as he protested their immoral activities in the area. Later, they shot him dead near his residence and fled the scene immediately.

Following the incident, victim's paternal uncle Foyez Ahmed filed a murder case accusing Noor Hossain and three others the same day. The investigation officer of the case pressed charges against Noor Hossain and two others on November 30 in 2002.

The tribunal framed charges against the accused on April 5 last year.

Special Public Prosecutor Harun-or-Rashid Khan appeared for the state while advocates Kamal Uddin Khan and Kazi Shahanara defended the accused.

1146 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,146 people including, four listed criminals during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered nine firearms, two other weapons and 21 bullets and filed six cases against nine people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.

Bikalpo Dhara to contest by-polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpo Dhara Jatiya Committee (BDJC) yesterday decided to take part in upcoming byelections at Dhaka-10 and Munshiganj-1 constituencies, says a press release.

The seats in these two constituencies fell vacant following the resignation of Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan and Mahi B Chowdhury from parliament.

The decision to take part in the byelection was taken at a meeting of the BDJC yesterday.

Persons willing to seek nomination of the party have been requested to contact the central office at KC Memorial Clinic.

Meanwhile, Mahi B Chowdhury met Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed yesterday and demanded deployment of army during the parliamentary by-polls.

MISHEL MURDER CASE Order on charge-framing May 11

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday fixed May 11 for order on charge-framing against former Shyampur thana OC Jahangir Alam and four others in the sensational Mishel murder case.

After a lengthy hearing on the issue by the two sides, Judge Shahed Noor Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, fixed the date.

Four other accused are Shoib alias Sohel, Mohammad Shahin, Mohammad Hanif and Momtaz Mall alias Jamai Momtaz.

Of them, Jahangir Alam is on bail, Hanif and Sohel are still at large while Shahin and Momtaz are in the custody.

Mishel, 10, a fourth-grade student of Dania Sunshine Kindergarten School, was abducted from near their Dhania residence at Shyampur in the city on July 5 last year. The kidnapers demanded TK 3 lakh in ransom from Mishel's father.

Victim's father filed a general diary (GD) with Shyampur Police Station the following day and ASI Abdus Sultan filed a regular case accusing Shahin, Shoib and Yusuf on July 8. Victim's father filed another petition on July 14 last year with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka seeking inclusion the names of five others in the FIR (First Information Report).

Shyampur Police recovered Mishel's decomposed body 17 days after the incident.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) pressed charges against OC Jahangir Alam and four others on December 30 last year showing 30 people as prosecution witnesses. The name of the OC was included in the charge sheet for his negligence in rescuing the victim before his death and arresting the accused.



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Artistes of Bangladesh Rabindrasangeet Shilpi Sangstha render a song at the 15th National Tagore Festival at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium in the city yesterday.

3 killed, 32 injured in Ctg road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people including a 10-year-old boy were killed and 32 others injured in a road accident at Sitakundu in Chittagong yesterday.

A Comilla-bound Chandina Express bus smashed head on into another Chittagong-bound Hanif Enterprise inter-city bus at around 6:30am near Fouzdarhat Cadet College on Dhaka-Chittagong highway, sources said.

Minzi, 10, son of Abul Kashem, Hanufa Begum, 23, and Jasim Uddin, 30, died on the spot, sources added.

At least 32 other commuters

were wounded in the accident. Eleven seriously injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Of them, Hosne Ara was in critical condition.

Both drivers fled and dodged arrest, police said.

Elderly man killed in Savar

Our JU Correspondent reports: An elderly man was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar yesterday.

Tayeb Ali, 65, died on the spot when a speeding truck ran over him near a filling station at Aminbazar at around 12.00 noon.

Dhaka re-elected member of 3 Ecosoc bodies

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh was re-elected member of three subsidiary bodies of Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) for a four-year term (2005-08) at its organisational session in New York on Tuesday.

The subsidiary bodies are Commission for Population and Development, Commission for Social Development and UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), says a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

Bangladesh's re-election to these important UN bodies was in recognition by the international community of her active role in economic and social sectors.