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## Highway blocked for 12 hours over JU student's death

JU CORRESPONDENT

A female student of Jahangirnagar University (JU) was killed in an accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday morning, sparking massive protest by the grief-stricken fellow students.

Jakia Sultana Sumi, first year student of philosophy department and resident of Pritilata Hall, perished on the spot under an export-processing zone (EPZ) bound staff bus. The vehicle coming from wrong side ran over her at around 8:30am, witnesses said.

The incident cast a pall of gloom on the campus. Students barricaded the highway and vandalised a number of vehicles and roadside shops, halting traffic movement for about 12 hours from 9:00am to 8:30pm. Thousands of passengers including

women and children in buses bound for or leaving the capital remained stranded on both sides of the blockade.

Sumi was waiting for a bus near the Dairy Farm Gate opposite the campus to go to her uncle's house at Taltola of Khilgaon in the capital as the university was closed on the occasion of Janmastami yesterday. She hailed from Sadar Ponkabila in Narail.

The demonstrators demanded construction of speed breakers at important points on the road and setting up of traffic police boxes where required.

The university authorities held an emergency syndicate meeting to take decisions on the students' demands.

Vice-chancellor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman assured the students of fulfilling their demands

and they lifted the barricade at 8:30 pm.

The protesters warned that if the demands are not met by September 13, they will go for agitation from the next day.

As tension and grief runs high on the campus, a large number of riot police have been deployed at nearby C&B and Bishmille points to avert any untoward incidents.

Earlier on Sunday night, two sugar-laden trucks went out of order on the road near the spot where the accident took place yesterday, affecting normal traffic movement.

Sumi died 10 minutes after she was run over but no-one came forward to take her to hospital. This saddened the students so much that they vandalised about 10 roadside shops and set fire to three. They set three buses, four trucks, three

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## FIR in 1975

To, The officer-in-Charge Lalbagh Police Station, Dhaka

C. 3.11.75 at 4 A.M. One Army officer wearing Khaki Uniform giving identity as capt Muslemuddin Attached to Bangabhaban accompanied by 4 Army Personnel wearing Khaki Uniforms come to the Jail. They were armed with stangun and S.L.R. etc. They entered into the Jail and killed four persons namely: 1 (1) Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed, Son of late Yasin Khan village-Dardari, P.S. Kapasia of 751, Sat Mosjid Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka, (2) Mr. Monsur Ali S/o. late Borai Ali Sarker, Village-Kuripara, P.S. Kazipur, District-Pabna, (3) Mr. Sayed Nazrul Islam, S/o. Late Syed Abdur Rais, Village-Birdhampara, P.S. Kishorgoni, District-Mymensingh of 22, Hare Road, Dhaka.

(4) Mr. A.H.M. Kamruzzaman, S/o. Md. Abdul Hafiz village SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

## Verdict today 29 years into jail killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court hands down its verdict on the historic Jail Killing Case today, 29 years into the brutal assassination of four national leaders, in a high-profile delay blamed on repeated interventions by different governments and judicial tangles.

Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of Bangladesh government in exile, Tajuddin Ahmed, prime minister, M Mansur Ali, finance minister, and AHM Qamaruzzaman, minister of home affairs, relief and rehabilitation, during the Liberation War were killed inside Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

The killing seen as a desperate bid of power usurpers came 79 days after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family on August 15, 1975 that numbed the nation.

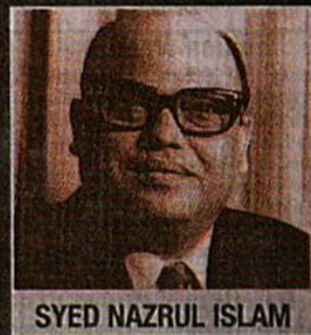
Judge Mohammad Motiur Rahman of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka set up near Dhaka Central Jail, hands down the verdict at 10:30am amid beefed-up security.

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The slain four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Mansur Ali and AHM Qamaruzzaman -- who were killed in Dhaka Central Jail at around 4:00am on November 3, 1975.



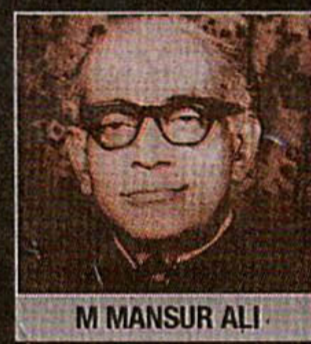
TAJUDDIN AHMED



SYED NAZRUL ISLAM

## CASE HISTORY

Case filed on: 04.11.1975  
Investigation halted until: 16.8.1996  
Chargesheet submitted on: 15.10.1998  
Trial began on: 12.04.2001  
Total accused: 23  
Witnesses: 75



M MANSUR ALI



AHM QAMARUZZAMAN

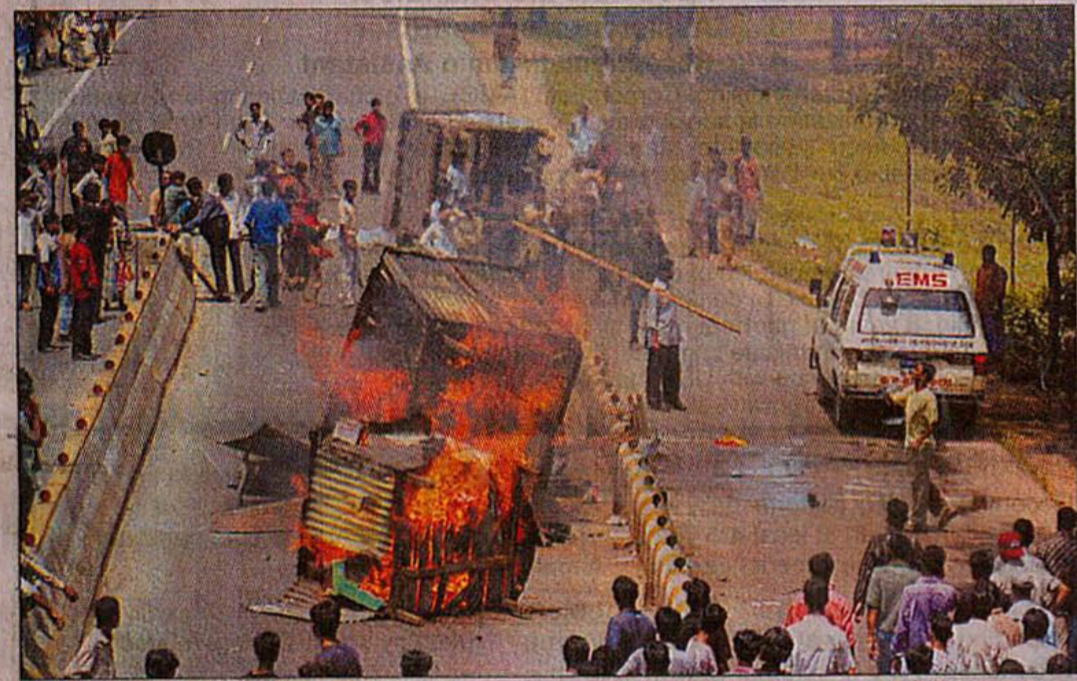


PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Agitated students of Jahangirnagar University torch three roadside stalls bringing them to the centre of the Dhaka-Aricha Highway yesterday during protests after the death of a co-student in front of the university in a road crash. They also torched at least six vehicles in the rampage.

## Security hiked around court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law-enforcers have tightened security in Dhaka, especially in and around the court set up close to Dhaka Central Jail for today's verdict on the Jail Killing Case.

Judge Mohammad Motiur Rahman hands down the verdict on the 1975 killing of four national leaders inside jail in one of the hideous massacres in Bangladesh's history that numbed the nation.

About 400 undercover and uniformed policemen will remain on

high alert guarding the court building, high-rises in the area and roads in and out of Dhaka Central Jail.

"We will sweep the court building and its environs by metal detector and use the dog squad as part of beefed-up security measures," Deputy Commissioner (South) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Khan Sayeed Hasan told The Daily Star.

The area has been off-limits to people who are not involved with the verdict and traffic barred from Jail Mazar, Chak Bazar Crossing and

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## Families of nat'l leaders see justice as distant dream

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families of four national leaders assassinated in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975 yesterday said government interference in a case of the hideous massacre might deny them justice when a Dhaka court delivers its verdict today.

They said they were waiting for the last 29 years to see the triumph of justice, but the recent circumstances surrounding the judgement

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## No move taken to bring back accused

STAR REPORT

The government has not taken any initiative to bring back the 12 accused in Jail Killing Case who still remain at large abroad.

Of those 12, seven are also convicted of killing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Though the government could not make any headway towards bringing them back home, intelligence agencies have reports that at least a couple of the 12 had even dared make brief visits to

Bangladesh, sources said. The self-confessed killers, on the run abroad, have been keeping close contact with people in the country, including some in the ruling party. They have also been striving to return to the country and have already had several tries at persuading their contacts within the ruling party to this end. But the ruling party sympathisers refused to give them the nod, as they are either convicted murderers or accused of jail killing, sources added.

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## Iraqi car bomb blast, attack kill 9 GIs

Captured man is not Izzat Ibrahim, he is still on the run

REUTERS, AFP, Falluja

A suspected car bomb blast near the rebel-held Iraqi city of Falluja yesterday killed seven American marines while two other US soldiers were killed in Baghdad Sunday, witnesses and US military sources said.

Three Iraqi national guards were also killed when they were passing near the rebel enclave, a military statement said.

The vehicle-borne improvised explosive device which killed both Iraqi National Guard personnel and Marines was detonated late this morning near Fallujah, the statement read.

"The explosion killed seven

Marines who were assigned to 1 Marine Expeditionary Force and three Iraqi National Guard Soldiers."

Earlier two US soldiers were killed and 16 wounded Sunday night in a mortar attack near Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

"Two 13th Corps Support Command soldiers are dead and 16 are injured as the result of a mortar attack on a multi-national force base near Baghdad around 6 pm (1400 GMT)," the military said.

One wounded soldier was listed in serious condition, the statement added.

Meanwhile, Iraq's government said yesterday it had not captured

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## Poorest ADP show in 11 years

Implementation hit a new low last fiscal year even after revision of programme

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

Only 86 percent of the revised Annual Development Programme (ADP) could be implemented last year, the lowest performance the government made in the last 11 years.

Locally-funded projects performed better with 94 percent of the programmes implemented. But foreign aid utilisation suffered badly with only 72.2 percent of the programme implemented, planning ministry sources said.

In 2002-03, 95.5 percent of

locally-funded projects and 80.5 percent of aided ones was implemented. In the last 18 years, project aid utilisation rate was between 78 percent and 100 percent.

Last fiscal year, the Tk 20,300 crore original ADP was scaled down to Tk 19,000 crore with Tk 12,000 crore in local component and Tk 7,000 crore in project aid.

But projects worth Tk 16,345 crore including Tk 11,292 crore of the local component and Tk 5,052 crore of project aid were finally implemented.

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## Clinton's heart bypass surgery underway

AFP, New York

Doctors at a New York hospital yesterday began a heart bypass operation on former US president Bill Clinton that was expected to take several hours, CNN television reported.

The network announced around 1145 GMT that it had got confirmation of the start of the operation on the 58-year-old Clinton, who was hospitalised on Friday after suffering chest pains and shortness of breath.

"The operation is under way," the network said, citing sources at New York's Presbyterian Hospital.

Despite his condition, the relentless politician spent 90 minutes over the weekend advising Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry from his hospital bed, it said.

Clinton had been scheduled to devote a significant part of September to helping John Kerry in his battle against President George W. Bush ahead of the November 2 presidential election.

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## Another criminal dies in 'shootout' with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Internal wrangling led to the arrest of notorious gang leader Mollah Shamim killed in an alleged shootout with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at Mohakhali in the early hours yesterday.

With the death of Mollah Shamim, 11 persons so far died in crossfire after Rab had taken criminals into custody.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab Battalion-1 raided the Sattala slum at Mohakhali on Sunday evening and nabbed Jewel, Palash, Azad and Shafiqul, Rab sources said. Rab also recovered pistol, revolver, 16 bullets and 11 sacks of phensidyl from the operatives of Mollah Shamim.

Following their statements, Rab arrested Molla Shamim at around 8:00pm in the night.

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