

Azam killed Jayanti in cold blood

Prosecution tells court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Analysing statements of prosecution witnesses and other evidences, the prosecution yesterday told the

Legal action against Khatme Nabuwat Emir demanded

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Bangladesh Bar Council Vice-Chairman Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud and Executive Committee member Yusuf Hossain Humayun yesterday demanded legal action against the Emir and his associates of International Khatme Nabuwat for declaring Dr Kamal Hossain and Attorney General AF Hasan Arif as "murtad."

They said case concerning Kadiyani is pending before the court and it is the duty and responsibility of lawyers to lend legal support to the litigants. The persons who obstruct the responsibility of lawyers engaged in the case are certainly violators of law and they must be brought to justice.

Rokan and Yusuf demanded arrest and punishment of the persons who gave the edicts last Friday calling Dr Kamal and Arif as "murtad."

court that Azam Reza killed his wife Jayanti Reza in cold blood.

Special Public Prosecutor (PP) Aminul Islam sought capital punishment to Azam Reza claiming to have proved the allegations against him.

During the arguments, the PP pointed out on the first information report (FIR), inquest report, post-mortem report, charge sheet, deposition and cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses. He said that Jayanti Reza did not commit suicide, Reza had killed her.

After completion of argument from the prosecution, Judge AR Masud of the Speedy Trial Tribunal 4 fixed today for a hearing of the defence.

Earlier, the court recorded statements of 13 prosecution witnesses.

Police recovered the body of Jayanti, a teacher of Australian International School, hanging from the ceiling fan at her Banani residence on January 9 last year.

Victim's mother Lusil Sadeqin filed a General Diary (GD) with Gulshan Police Station, where she mentioned that Azam killed her daughter Jayanti to pave the way for making Mimi his life partner. Jayanti's mother filed a case accusing Azam Reza, his sister Shampa Reza and Afansa Mimi the next day.

Accused Azam Reza was present in the court during the hearing.

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PHOTO: STAR
Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a rally in front of the AL central office in the city yesterday protesting police action and arrests during hartal hours on Saturday.

'Govt depriving opposition of democratic rights'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday criticised the alliance government for depriving the opposition of their democratic rights.

At a protest rally of the city's AL front organisation, the AL leaders alleged that police had mindlessly beaten-up opposition women activists and confined them to the police station during Saturday's hartal hours. The rally involved the awami Juba League, Mahila League, Chhatra League, Sramik League, Juba Mahila League, Krishak League and Swebchhaseba League in Bangabandhu Avenue.

He said people have shown no trust in the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition and it has no moral right to cling

to power anymore. The AL general secretary urged party leaders and workers to join today's rally at Paltan Maidan to make it a large gathering.

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