

Policy for sending artistes abroad discussed

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A parliamentary watchdog at a meeting here yesterday discussed ways of formulating a policy to send artistes abroad and implementation

of strategies and projects to select artistes from different regions of the country.

Shilpakala Academy and overall activities of its departments, including budget, requirement and audit

objections, came up for discussion at the meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, according to an official release.

Committee Chairman Prof

Shahidul Islam presided over the meeting. Committee members Adv Abul Kalam, Alhaj Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury and MM Aminuddin were present.

AHSANULLAH MURDER

Fugitive surrenders to court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A fugitive in the Awami League lawmaker Ahsanullah Master murder case surrendered to a Dhaka tribunal yesterday.

Mohammad Sohag, an associate of prime suspect Jatiyatabdali Jubo Dal leader Nurul Islam Sarker, appeared before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 saying that he was not aware of the case. He has been absconding since the incident.

After hearing both the sides, Judge Shahed Noor Uddin ordered to send Sohag to the jail custody.

Meanwhile, cross-examination of Mohammad Khalequzzaman, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the investigation officer (IO) ended yesterday.

Earlier, 34 prosecution witnesses, including victim's brother Matiur Rahman and son Zabid Ahsan Sohel, were cross-examined.

Twelve of 30 accused in the case, including Nurul Islam Sarker, were present on the dock during the hearing. Of them, Kabir Hossain, Ayub Pappu Sarker and Al Amin are on bail while Jatiya Chhatra Samaj leader Nurul Islam Sarker Dipu and 16 others are at large.