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JAMAL UDDIN ABDUCTION

Rab digs out skeleton

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday recovered the skeleton believed to be of abducted Chittagong businessman and BNP leader Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury from a remote forest hill, Satkanda Tilla, in Fatikchhari upazila, about 40 kilometres off the city.

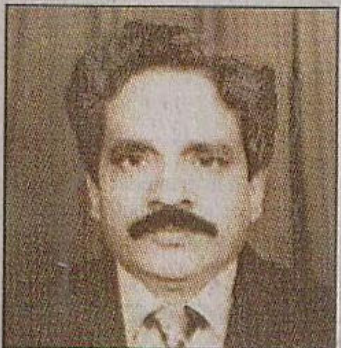
Jamal Uddin's sons Liton and Rana burst into tears as the police and Rab men retrieved the skull of the slain magnate at about 10:20pm, two years and one month into the

sensational abduction on July 24, 2003.

The elite force dug up the skeleton from the hideout of Kanchan Nagar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Abul Kashem Chowdhury, a prime accused in the abduction case.

Sources said the remains were to be taken to wife of Jamal Uddin yesterday for confirmation as Liton and Rana were still a little doubtful whether they were of their father.

The Rab will conduct a DNA test to confirm the identity of the recovered skeleton, sources said.



Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury

HOW THE SKELETON WAS FOUND
Sobhan, the driver of the microbus used in the abduction of Jamal Uddin, named Shahidul Islam alias Shahid Chairman and Kashem Chairman as the masterminds and Nazim Uddin of Hileddhar, Ishaq Ahmad, Shafiuddin and Yusuf as directly involved in the abduction.

Shahid is the chairman of Anwara Sadar UP where the village house of abducted Jamal Uddin is located.

The Rab arrested Shahid Chairman at Patenga beach on

PM to join UN session in Sept, may meet Bush

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to meet US President George W Bush in New York next month during the UN General Assembly session.

A competent source told the news agency yesterday that the prime minister would attend a reception to be hosted by President Bush for heads of state and government on September 13 in New York, where the world body's headquarters.

The source said she will seize the opportunity to meet the US president during the reception and

4 JMB top guns held at ZIA

Satkhira cops name Abdur Rahman as prime accused in bomb cases

STAR REPORT

Immigration police yesterday arrested four suspected Islamist militants trying to board flights bound for Dubai and Saudi Arabia at Zia International Airport (ZIA).

Satkhira police meanwhile have named Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman as the main accused in five cases lodged on the same number of bomb blasts carried out in the district town on August 17. The charge follows confessions of four arrested JMB activists to their



Ahle Hadith man Abdur Sabur Chowdhury in court after his arrest.

involvement in the terror attacks under the leadership of Abdur Rahman.

According to a BDNEWS report, all the four arrested at the ZIA are top JMB leaders. They are Kabir Hossain and Abdur Razzak of Barisal, Shafiqur Rahman of Madaripur and Mohammad Alam of Savar.

The first three were scheduled to fly for Dubai with Emirates airlines (EK 338) at 11am, immigration police officials told the news agency, and the fourth was heading for Saudi Arabia by a Saudi Airlines flight at 12noon.

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AUG 17 BLASTS US sees no cause to justify killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United States is definite that there was no cause or political agenda that justifies terrorism and killing of innocent people in Bangladesh by terrorist organisations.

"We've made it very, very clear that there is no cause, there's no

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BNP leader returns handcuff of escaped militant

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

An Islamist militant, who fled from police custody while being taken to Gangachhara Police Station on August 18, returned the handcuff to

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Lalmatia college ex-teacher killed at city residence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former teacher of Lalmatia Women's College was slaughtered inside her Dhanmondi house on Tuesday.

Kazi Shuin Nahar, 51, who is the sister of former cabinet secretary Kazi Shamsul Alam and former secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Dr Kazi Shahidul Alam, lived alone at her house on Road 6/A in Dhanmondi.

Her front door was locked from the outside and the police had to unlock the door to recover her body, which was lying on the blood soaked drawing room floor. Her throat was

half slit and she had wounds on her right palm and left shoulder.

Police said a teenager boy who visited Shuin's house three days ago in search of a job might be the killer. The youth, Mohammad Sharif, 17, used to work in Shuin's house a few years ago.

Shuin's brother, Kazi Jahangir Alam, told The Daily Star that Sharif had worked in her house for three years.

Zahir, a mason of Jigatola, told The Daily Star that Shuin and Sharif had come to him to request a job for Sharif in his shop. "As I assured Sharif about the job, they left and the

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JRC meeting deferred for next month

UNB, Dhaka

Indo-Bangla Joint River Commission (JRC) meeting scheduled for August 30-31 in Dhaka has been deferred, officials said.

Indian Water Resources Minister Priya Ranjan Das Munshi was to lead his country to the 36th JRC meet,

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Cop gets 5yrs for robbing

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a police sergeant to five years rigorous (R) imprisonment for robbing a businessman of Tk 14.47 lakh in local and foreign currencies in the

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INSIDE THE MILITANT GROUPS-5

Militants claim Jamaat background

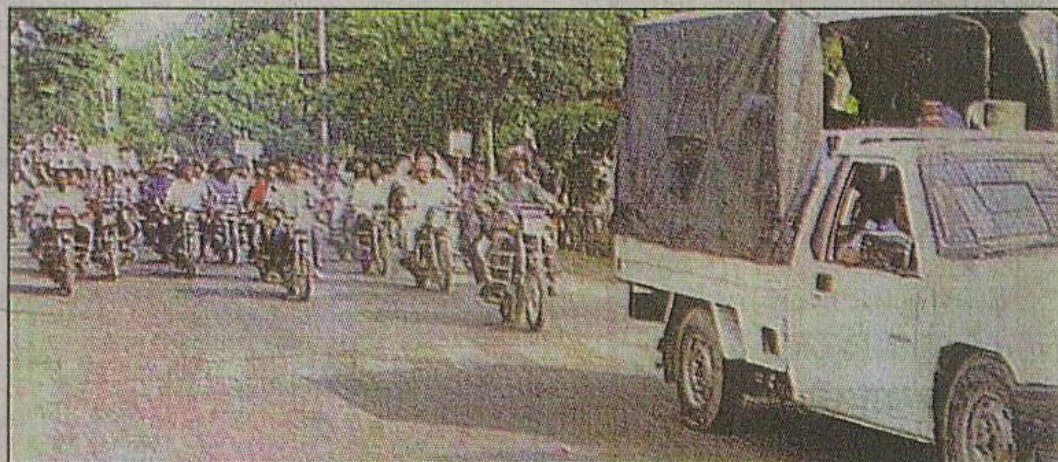
ZAYADUL AHSAN

A number of militants who were arrested over time have revealed that they either belong to the Jamaat-e-Islami or its various wings or were past members.

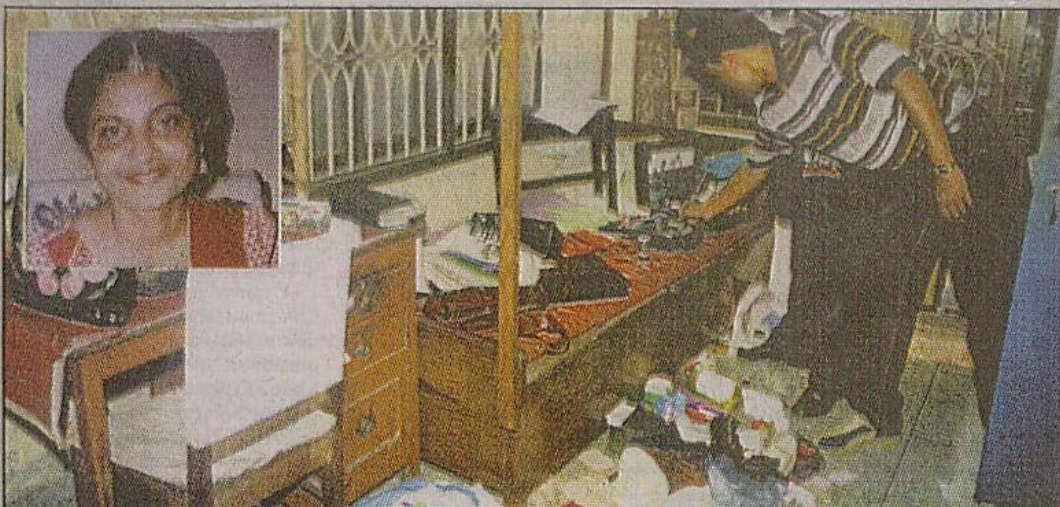
The most startling suspected Jamaat-militant link was unearthed at Khetal of Joypurhat August 14, 2003. After an overnight gunfight at Jamaat activist Montejur Rahman's house, police arrested 39 suspected militants, 29 of whom confessed they were activists of Jamaat's student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS).

They said the ICS assigned them to work for Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), linked to militant Abdur Rahman.

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A procession brought out in Rajshahi City on May 23, 2004 by the cadres of militant leader Bangla Bhai, armed with bamboo sticks and guarded by the police.



Plainclothes policemen inspect a room of a house at Dhanmondi in the capital after its landlady, Kazi Shuin Nahar (inset), a former teacher of Lalmatia Women's College was murdered yesterday.

SLOW ADP UTILISATION Saifur sets deadlines for ministries

Warns secretaries against sloth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To speed up Annual Development Programme (ADP) implementation, Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday set deadlines for the ministries to release development project funds.

The funds for the fourth quarter of the approved ADP projects must be released by April next, he told the secretaries in a meeting at the

National Economic Council auditorium.

The minister also asked the secretaries to submit all unapproved project documents for this fiscal year to the Planning Commission by September and warned them of punitive actions if they fail to maintain the timeline.

A faster implementation of the donor-funded projects will ease the

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River erosion threatens Bangladesh boundary

REAZ AHMAD

Bangladesh's territorial boundaries with India are facing increasing threats of erosion by seven transboundary rivers due to stoppage of river bank protection work for over a year now due to objections from India.

Official sources told The Daily Star on Sunday that due to rising erosion of river banks inside Bangladesh territory on various border points, the government made numerous efforts for 'revet-

ment work' at 15 points on seven cross-border rivers over the last one year but failed to do so as the Indian authorities opposed that.

"Revetment work involving at least Tk 70 crore remained unfinished due to Indian objections. Concrete blocks meant for protection of river erosion were pilfered frequently by local thieves as we could not accomplish the tasks at even any of the 15 points on the banks of seven rivers," said a high official of the water resources ministry involved in the process.

These 15 points include Gilabari and Poladanga, two bordering areas in Chapainawabganj district that witnessed on Friday and Saturday one of the most fierce skirmishes between the border guards of India and Bangladesh in the recent past. Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India traded hundreds of gunshots over a typical common river erosion dispute.

Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed said revetment work remained suspended at more than

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