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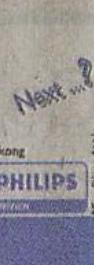


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Prosecution claims Hasan had Shazneen murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution in the death reference hearing of Shazneen murder case yesterday said convicted Hasan had Shazneen murdered in cold blood to keep his image untarnished to Latifur Rahman as he had tried to rape her earlier.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Walur Rahman in his argument before the Death Reference Bench of the High Court (HC) said the nature of the crime committed by Hasan is mean and heinous.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, a

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ADB to give \$230m for gas sector development

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Aiming to expand the country's natural gas infrastructure and delivery system, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Bangladesh yesterday signed agreements for \$230 million in loan.

Secretary to the Economic Relations Division (ERD) Mohammad Ismail Zabihullah signed for the government while Hua Du, country director of ADB's resident mission in Bangladesh, signed on behalf of ADB in a simple ceremony at ERD office, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

The total cost of the project is estimated \$413 million. A \$225 million loan from ADB's ordinary capital resources will help finance the construction of the pipelines and installation of compressors. A \$5 million loan from ADB's Asian Development Fund will help

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UP chairmen, members submit memo to Speaker Demand strong local govt body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Elected representatives of union parishesh (UP) yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Speaker of Parliament to press home their nine-point demand for making the local government 'strong and effective'.

Their demands included

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Boishakhi TV director faces yet another arrest warrant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yet another arrest warrant against Boishakhi television's 'director' MNH Bulu was issued yesterday in connection with a murder case filed with Anwara Police Station in Chittagong.

Earlier, an arrest warrant against Bulu was issued in connection with a murder case filed with Gournadi Police Station in Barisal.

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**PROF AKTER'S DEATH Family says it's a planned road accident**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Akteruzzaman, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine of Dhaka Medical College (DMC), might have been killed in a planned road accident as a vested quarter had been threatening him in case of performing his duties, said his family.

Meanwhile, the investigating officer (IO), who had taken to remand Monjur Alam, the driver of the vehicle that hit Akteruzzaman's motorcycle and dragged him to death, said it was 'simply a road accident'.

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**Teenager confesses to have slit throats of three boys**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

One of the three teenagers, who slit throats of three Monipur Cadet School students and looted valuables from one of the victim's house at Mirpur on June 15, confessed to the crime to a magistrate yesterday.

Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas recorded the confessional statement of Jahan, a student of class VII of Monipur Cadet School, in which he said that he

along with his two friends, Rajib and Masud, made the attack on his three classmates Kazi Naimul Islam Badhon, Wadidul Kabir Tommoy and Kazi Nibrusil Nilu.

In the statement, Jahan said that his friend Rajib promised to give him Tk 5,000 if he can manage to get a CPU of a PC.

After school-hour, I used to go to Badhon's house to watch films on computer. Rajib gave me this idea of snatching the CPU from

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EX-DIG'S PARENTHOOD  
HC orders DNA test in S'pore  
UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday ordered the ex-deputy inspector general (DIG) of police, who became a 'disputed' father to send his wife and septuplets, to go to Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore for DNA test to prove the parentage of the seven babies.

The order came upon a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) writ filed by Bangladesh National Woman Lawyer's Association (BNWLA) seeking custody of the seven infants, airing doubt about parenthood of the children and apprehending a racket for trafficking them out.

Passing the orders, a division bench of the HC issued a rule asking the government to explain why direction should not be given for handing over the seven children to the association's shelter home

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Policemen stand guard at Jinjira of Keraniganj on the outskirts of the city as CI-sheet traders shut down their shops yesterday protesting the killing of a fellow trader by criminals.

**1 lakh marooned as 50 Moulvibazar villages flooded**

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Moulvibazar

About one lakh people of 50 villages have been marooned as more areas of Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar were inundated while the flood situation in Juri and Baralekha upazilas remained unchanged.

The water level of the Manu river--now flowing above the danger mark at Manu Railway Bridge--is increasing sharply.

All the 120 villages under 16 unions of the three upazilas are now under floodwater.

However, no relief reached the poor flood afflicted people as of yesterday.

The worsening flood situation caused untold troubles to the HSC examinees as many were seen going to the exam centres by boat to take the mathematics and social science exams yesterday.

All schools, colleges and madrasas in the three upazilas remained closed.

The Manu river flood control

embankment has become risky at 14 points, including Alinagar, Belerital, Sondaraj, Astrogram, Lalpur, Ranchap and Sadompur in Kulaura.

The worst affected unions are Paschim Juri, Sujanagar, Dokkhinbaganj, Joyfarnagar, Hakaluki, Daserbazar, Talmupur, Gazirtek, Birni, Kulaura, Joychandi, Kadipur, Baramchal, Bhatera, Sagarnal and Kathaltoli.

The Baralekha-Changram highway has collapsed along 42 kilometres due to erosion, posing risk to vehicular movement.

Communication between Kulaura, Baralekha and Juri upazilas remained disrupted as Juri-Fultala, Juri-Latitala and Baralekha-Kulaura roads are still underwater.

Most business establishments in the upazilas remained closed, resulting in a serious scarcity of food and other essentials.

A vast tract of cropland in these two upazilas is also under water.

16 RMG labour bodies declare 7-day agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

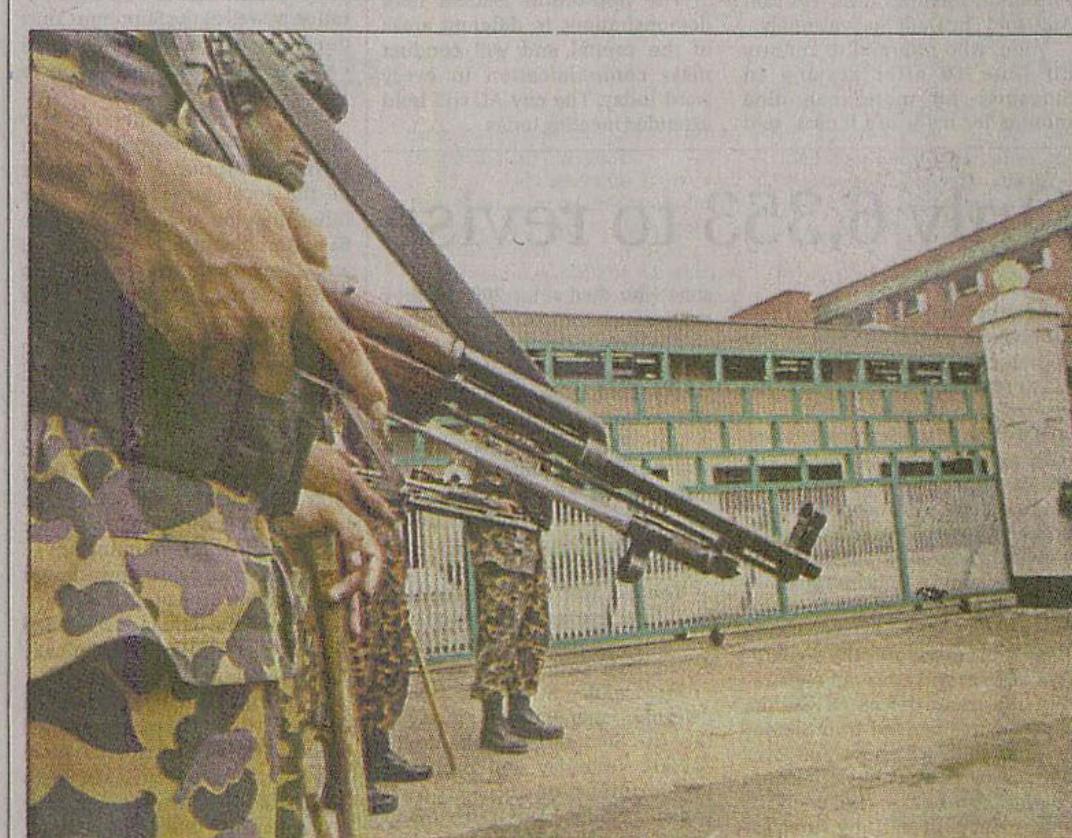
Sixteen garment workers organisations jointly declared a week-long agitation programme beginning from Tuesday for realising their eight-point demand including 30 per cent dearness allowance until announcement of minimum wages by the recently formed wage board.

The leaders of the organisations at a joint press conference yesterday warned of tougher programmes including strike to come from a grand rally on June 30 in Dhaka if their demands are not met by this time.

The agitation programme includes workers rally at Muktangon on June 21, workers rally and demonstration all over the country including Dhaka, Chittagong, Narayanganj, Savar and Gazipur on June 23, demonstration and laying siege to the offices of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) on June 24.

After fixing Tk 930 minimum wage for a garment worker in 1994, there has been no review of it while a memorandum of understanding was recently signed among the government, owners, and workers

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Bangladesh Rifles men remain vigilant in front of a factory in the Dhaka Export Processing Zone yesterday following violent clashes between law enforcement agencies and agitated garment workers.

Prayer Timing

June 19

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

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property of the AL leader, Selim said in a press release yesterday.

Pintu's men also injured around 20 locals and ransacked ten houses.

Haji Selim, also AL joint general secretary, said Pintu along with his associates went to construction firm SS Engineering, smashed its godown and looted construction instruments at about 12 noon.

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