

## Babar's APS, cousin

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lodged against detained former communications minister barrister Nazmul Huda, while one was filed against detained ex-PM of Demra Salauddin Ahmed.

Meanwhile, BNP leaders Mir Nasir Uddin, Mirza Abbas and Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu were shown arrested in different cases yesterday.

The joint forces also recovered 1,073 rifle bullets from a Sonali Bank official's house in Rangpur yesterday.

A Sylhet court rejected the bail petitions of former BNP MP Nasir Rahman and Sylhet city BNP chief Ariful Haque Chowdhury in an extortion case yesterday and ordered to confine them in jail.

Police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested 1,464 people including 822 wanted criminals, 14 convicts and five accused across the country under the Arms Act in 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday, the home ministry said.

Members of the armed forces, meanwhile, arrested 24 people including 12 criminals during the same period.

**NTV MD, BNP MP SENT TO JAIL**

Tejgaon Police yesterday produced NTV MD Enayetur Rahaman, former BNP MP Harunur Rashid from Chapainawabganj-3 constituency and owner of Sky Auto Istaq Sadig before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court, Dhaka at around 4:45pm.

The police submitted a prayer to put them under detention saying that the three evaded tax during the purchase of the luxurious Hummer.

Harunur Rashid as MP bought the Hummer on April 25, 2005 using his duty free facilities and sold it to Istaq violating his bond made to the parliament that he would use it for at least three years before handing it over to anyone else, the police said in the forwarding report, adding that Istaq later sold it to Enayet.

Advocate Sanaullah Mia moved bail petitions for the three.

Hearing both the sides, Metropolitan Magistrate Salam Mia rejected the bail prayers and ordered for sending them to Dhaka Central Jail under detention.

**BABAR'S APS, COUSIN HELD**

Joint forces arrested former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar's APS Mirza Haider Ali, his cousin Salauddin Chowdhury, general secretary of Netrakona Sadar upazila BNP advocate Rafiqul Islam Jewel, president of Madan municipality BNP Dewan Mudasser Hossain Shafiq and a moneylender named Jewel when they were coming out of district ACC office after submitting their wealth statements.

On March 4, Netrakona ACC issued notice on 13 persons including three former lawmakers -- MA Karim, Abu Abbas and Dr Mohammad Ali -- and Babar's APS Haider and the Netrakona municipality chairman Nazrul Islam Khan to submit their wealth statements in 72 hours.

Only six of them, including the arrestees and the municipality chairman, submitted their wealth statement by yesterday.

**TWO MORE CASES AGAINST HUDA**

Two more criminal cases against detained former communications minister barrister Nazmul Huda were filed with Dohar PS yesterday.

Abul Ali of Dohar filed a case against five persons including Huda and his brother Kamrul Huda for extortion.

Another case was filed by Salauddin of the same area accusing Huda and his thugs of beating him severely and making threats on his life in October last year.

**CASE AGAINST SALAUDDIN**

Saiful Islam, deputy director of Amin Mohammad Group, yesterday filed a fraud case with Dhanmondi PS against detained former BNP lawmaker from Demra Salauddin Ahmed.

**CASE AGAINST NASIR**

Detained former state minister for civil aviation and tourism Mir Nasir Uddin and his son barrister Helal Uddin were shown arrested yesterday in the case filed against them for accumulating assets worth over Tk 24.39 crore through illegal means and abuse of power.

Metropolitan Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokan passed the order following a petition submitted by investigation officer (IO) of the case for showing them arrested in the case.

The court directed the authorities concerned to produce them before the court on April 8.

Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Sharmin Ferdousi filed the case against them with Gulshan Police Station on Tuesday.

The cases filed against former minister Aman Ullah Aman, his wife Sabera Aman and former state minister and Awami League leader Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir were also sent to the CMM's Court yesterday. But no prayers for showing them arrested in the cases were submitted to the court.

**CASE AGAINST MIRZA ABBAS**

Detained former housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas was shown arrested on Tuesday in two murder cases filed with Motijheel Police Station (PS) in 2005 and last year.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court passed the order following petitions submitted by IOs of the cases to show him arrested in the cases.

## Relief goods now come out of river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The first case was filed against Abbas after Rafiqul Islam of Shahjahanpur was killed by a group of assailants on December 19, 2005. The second case was filed against Abbas after Ejaz of the same area was killed by a group of criminals on March 28 last year.

In their forwarding reports, the IOs mentioned that Abbas' hitmen had killed the victims on different dates. Therefore, he needs to be quizzed to reveal the clues to the killings and whereabouts of other killers.

Police sub-inspector Wasim arrived at the scene and seized the relief materials.

Police as well as the locals suspect that influential local political leaders being panic-stricken to be arrested by law enforcers might have thrown the items in the river as they had misappropriated the relief goods for personal use.

Nawsher Ali, officer-in-charge of Shymnagar Police Station (PS), confirmed the incident.

### BTRC chairman resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (BTRC) Chairman Muhammad Omar Qayum resigned yesterday.

The reasons for his resignation, however, could not be known.

The government is yet to announce the name of Farooq's successor.

Farooq took over charge of BTRC chairman for three years after his retirement as home secretary in March 2005.

### National Security

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from different corners following the joint forces' crackdown on corrupt individuals and criminal godfathers.

Matin said the chief adviser will head the NSC. The chiefs of army, navy and air force will be in it while chiefs of BDR, DGFI, and NSI as well as civil society members might also be in the NSC, he added.

Regarding the council's tasks, the adviser said, "It will primarily ensure security at the national level and time to suggest ways and means."

He said other than security issues it will also deal with corruption and accountability. If the council works, sits in meetings and discusses, transparency and accountability will be ensured, he added.

Explaining the rationale behind forming the council, he said during the past years governments worked while corruption and irregularities existed side by side. If the council sits from time to time and discusses such matters, irregularities will be made public and everybody will be careful.

He also said it is not a new concept that exists only in Bangladesh. It exists in India, Pakistan and in the US. It was also in Bangladesh, but was not made effective, he commented.

Although the NSC was born during Ershad's regime, a BNP government in 1992 also formed an NSC headed by the erstwhile prime minister, but it did not have a single meeting during its tenure.

An Awami League government on May 4, 1997 formed a 24-member NSC led by then prime minister for taking decisions on national security and defence affairs. A circular issued back then by the Cabinet Division said the formation of the NSC said the council had also been given responsibilities to deal with all internal problems related to security.

The NSC was also given the power to take decisions or direct the authorities concerned to take actions, and to make recommendations to the cabinet, if necessary.

Other members of that NSC were the ministers of finance, foreign, commerce, energy, home, law, information, and planning, principal secretary to the prime minister, the chiefs of three armed forces, cabinet secretary, secretaries to the ministries of defence, foreign, finance, home, and law, principal staff officer of the armed forces division, directors general of DGFI and NSI, inspector general of police, and the director general of BDR.

The NSC formed during the AL government however also did not have a single meeting.

### CJ VOWS

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recent past for which he said all are responsible.

"Nothing could be achieved by keeping bitterness in mind... Let's bury the differences and work together," he said in his overtures to foramtly.

Chaired by SCBA President M Amir-Ul Islam, the reception at the association's auditorium was also addressed by Dr Kamal Hossain, Rokanuddin Mahmud, TH Khan, Mahbubey Alam, Shafique Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam, M Hafizullah, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, Attorney General Fida M Kamal and ex-attorneys general Mahmudul Islam and Rafiq-ul Huq.

Judges from both divisions of the Supreme Court were present at the reception, traditionally accorded by SCBA to a new Chief Justice.

Welcoming CJ Amir as a symbol of unity between the bar and the bench, the SCBA leaders said they could see the light after traversing through a dark era.

"Now is the time to clean the garbage that has piled up in the highest judiciary," ex-attorney general Rafiq-ul Huq said, echoing the similar sentiment of his colleagues. "Let's forget what happened in the past; now we will extend our cooperation to salvage the image and integrity of the judiciary."

Dr Kamal Hossain said they are a person of trust as chief justice and hoped that the "darkness would soon disappear".

Former state minister Selima Rahmangave the welcome address.

## Indonesian plane

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window, the plane was still swaying and shaking," said Ruth Meigi Pangabean, who works for the aid group World Vision.

"Then the plane was slammed to the ground and skidded forward and slammed once again before it came to a stop," she said.

The flight was carrying some Australian diplomats, officials and journalists who had been accompanying Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, who was not aboard, on a visit to Indonesia.

Downer said up to five Australians were unaccounted for, after officials earlier said four were missing.

Two survivors, both in the Australian air force, had told him the aircraft landed too fast, Downer said.

"... the two who are in the best health told me that the plane came hurtling in to the runway at a much greater speed than an aeroplane would normally land at," he said.

"They themselves thought the plane would never stop in the length of the runway, which it duly didn't. They just plowed across the end of the runway, across a road, hit a bank and a culvert and went into a paddy field. When it hit the bank and the culvert, it exploded."

### INVESTIGATIONS

Crash survivor Din Syamsudin, the head of Indonesia's second-largest Muslim organisation, Muhammadiyah, told Elshinta of his lucky escape.

"Some passengers wanted to get their hand luggage. I cried to them, 'Get out, get out,'" he said. "The plane was full of smoke. I just jumped from two metres high and landed in a rice field."

As well as the Australians, Garuda's media office said the plane carried two Japanese, two Brunei nationals and seven other foreigners.

Indonesia President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has ordered the chief security minister to investigate "non-technical" matters related to the crash, a cabinet official said.

However, Downer and Australian Prime Minister John Howard said they had received no information that would suggest terrorism or sabotage was a factor in the disaster.

Although the family members claimed to have licence for rearing pets, they failed to show it.

## CID resumes probe into Kibria killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The criminal investigation department (CID) has started further investigation into the killing of former finance minister and Awami League leader Samsur Kibria.

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Referring to harassment by the joint forces, a private bank official said his bank disbursed Tk 12 crore in loans to a trader in Bogra for importing pulses, but after the trader imported the pulses, the joint forces recently seized the pulses on allegation of hoarding. Furthermore, a lower court directed to sell the pulses on auction. The importer did not hoard pulses and he has all the rights to keep those in his possession for two months from import.

Asked about such drives, finance adviser yesterday told the reporters, "I will not strongly tell that this is totally baseless and it will improve [the situation] within a short time."

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