

3 get life in Barisal for murder

BSS, Barisal

The Speedy Trial Tribunal (STT) yesterday sentenced three persons, including a woman, to life imprisonment for murdering a man in Babuganj upazila in 2004.

Judge of the STT M Abdul Matin handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts in a crowded courtroom.

The convicts are Salam Gharamy, his wife Rabeya Akhter and his brother-in-law Delwar Hossain of Ulankathi village under Babuganj upazila of the district.

The judge also fined them Tk 20,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more rigorous imprisonment.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that the convicts called out two brothers -- Matiur Rahman Bachchu, 32, and Atiqur Rahman Rasel, 29 -- of their residence at Ulankathi village under Babuganj upazila of this district at the dead of night on November 24, 2004.

Police later recovered the body of Matiur Rahman Bachchu and seriously injured Atiqur Rahman Rasel from near Rahmatpur Airport next day.

Mother of the victims Jahanara Begum filed a case with Babuganj Police Station against three persons in this connection on November 25, 2005.



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A mobile court led by Magistrate Rokon-Ud Doula conducts a raid on 'Safkat Cosmetics' at Shahjadpur in Gulshan in the city and fines its owner Sharmin Rashid Tk 2 lakh for manufacturing and marketing fake cosmetic products.

Bolster ties thru' increased trade

President tells Ethiopian envoy

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday stressed the need for bolstering bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Ethiopia through increased activities in the fields of trade and commerce.

"Ethiopia may import our sophisticated pharmaceuticals, garments and melamine at a very competitive price," he said when newly appointed Ethiopian Ambassador to Bangladesh Genet Zewide presented her credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

Iajuddin mentioned that Bangladesh has huge experienced and capable teachers, doctors, engineers and agronomists who are working in different developed and developing countries with reputation.

He said Ethiopia might utilise Bangladeshi skilled and non-skilled manpower for its development. "Both the countries should explore all avenues of cooperation for the mutual benefits," he added.

About the next parliamentary election in Bangladesh, the President said the election will be held in a credible manner.

The President conveyed his greetings to Ethiopian President Girma Woldegiorgis through the envoy.

ROK to invest in bigger way in Bangladesh

Hopes Chief Adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday hoped that South Korea would come in a bigger way to invest in Bangladesh, availing the attractive incentives offered by the government for foreign investors.

The hope was expressed when outgoing South Korean Ambassador in Dhaka Seong-ung Park made a farewell call on the Chief Adviser at his office in the morning.

South Korea has the largest investment in the Export Processing

Zones (EPZs) in Bangladesh, with an exclusive EPZ for Korean investors.

Fakhruddin said relations between Bangladesh and Korea are moving to higher level particularly in economic front.

He thanked the Ambassador, who stayed here for two and half years, for his efforts to strengthen bilateral and economic relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Seong-ung Park informed the Chief Adviser that the Korean government is now recruiting manpower from Bangladesh after resolving the previous problem.

He said Korea is interested to help in modernising vocational training centre in Bangladesh and has offered three million dollars for a project in this regard.

The envoy said Korea Development Institute (KDI) is considering to increase the number Bangladeshi scholarships in South Korea.