

**TERA SHAHJAHAN MURDER
Barisal mayor
on seven-day
remand**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A court in Barisal yesterday placed Majibor Rahman Sarwar, mayor of Barisal City Corporation, district BNP president, and former lawmaker, on a seven-day remand in the murder case of Tera Shahjahan, a notorious criminal of the city.

Investigation Officer Sub-Inspector Mir Kasem in his remand prayer said three other accused in the case, who were arrested earlier, disclosed in their confessional statements the name of Mayor Sarwar as the mastermind who staged the lynching of Tera Shahjahan, and as such the mayor needs to be interrogated in remand.

Munim Hassan, sadar upazila magistrate, passed the order.

Shahana Parvin alias Renu Begum, wife of Shahjahan Howladar alias Tera Shahjahan, a former close aide of Mayor Sarwar, lodged a fresh case with the sadar upazila magistrate's court on June 5, 2007 accusing 21 people.

In her case Renu Begum alleged that a mob led by the accused brutally killed her husband at Ruiar Pool area of the city on September 16, 2003.

Local sources said the withdrawal of mayor's blessings from Tera Shahjahan followed his threats to leak out the misdeeds of the godfathers.

**Moderate quake
jolts country**

UNB, Dhaka

A moderate earthquake, measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale, jolted the country on Saturday night.

The epicentre of the tremor that was felt at about 23 hours 3 minutes 11 seconds (BST) was about 1014.6 kms from Agargaon, Dhaka Seismic Observatory and 818.5 kms from Ambagan, Chittagong Seismic Observatory.



Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, second from right, and artist Shahabuddin, third from right, visit paintings on repression on women at Gallery Chittrak at Dhanmondi yesterday. Gallery Chittrak and Nari Pakkha organised the event marking the Day of Action against Repression on Women.

**Kidnapped
mechanic
rescued at
Fatulla: 4 held**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police rescued a mechanic 14 hours after he was abducted from Fatulla and arrested four kidnapers from Bashundhara Riverview Project area at Keraniganj on Sunday.

Muktar Hossain, 17, who is a motor mechanic of a factory in Tongi, hails from Pashchim Delpara of Fatulla.

The four kidnapers were identified as Ibrahim alias Sagar, 26, of Keraniganj, Pappu, 25, of Pagla, Bappi, 25, and Zahir, 24, of Chitashal area in Pagla.

Muktar's mother Shefali Akhter said her son was kidnapped at gunpoint by Bappi and Zahir from Chitashal where he went at around 10:30am on Saturday after receiving a phone call.

She said Muktar met Bappi and Zahir just one month ago prior to his kidnapping.

Shefali said she informed the police of the incident when the kidnapers called her over the mobile phone and demanded Tk 50,000 in ransom.

Bhuyian Mahbub Hasan, officer-in-charge of Fatulla Police Station, said they set up a trap to rescue Muktar after tracing the location of the kidnapers through their mobile phone number.

They instructed Shefali to meet the kidnapers with the ransom money and asked her to take a CNG autorickshaw whose driver would be Sub-Inspector Mamun Shirajul Haq of Fatulla Police Station.

At 1:00am of Sunday, Shefali reached Bashundhara Riverview Project area where the kidnapers asked her to meet them along with the ransom.

But sensing the presence of police, the kidnapers started firing in the air. Police also opened fire on them.

During the trading of fire, police were able to arrest the four kidnapers and rescued Muktar unharmed.

Chanu, one of the kidnapers who hails from Nando Lalpur area, was able to flee the scene.

Police said gang leader Ibrahim alias Sagar was a convicted criminal.

A case was filed against the four kidnapers with the Fatulla Police Station.

**Dhaka
condemns
Hyderabad
bombings**

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday 'strongly condemned' Saturday's bombings in Hyderabad, India.

In a letter to Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukharjee, Iftekhar said "I condemn the bombings in the strongest terms and extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives".

"Such abhorrent violence is a blot on the conscience of humanity" he observed saying, "Our thoughts today are with those who lost their dear ones in this dastardly act."

**Smuggled Indian
clothes seized**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday seized smuggled Indian clothes worth around Tk 60 lakh from a truck on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Shimrail in the district yesterday morning.

Police also arrested Ayub Ali, 33, the driver of the truck and Kala Miah, 30, his helper, in this connection.

Police said the truck was going to Bongo Bazar with the smuggled clothes that were bootlegged for the upcoming Eid.

A list of the seized items that include sharee, three piece and punjabi was drawn up in presence of Magistrate Sajid Anwar.

District Police Superintendent Sibagat Ullah said that police would now look into the possibility if the seized items could be donated to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund.

2 factories gutted in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-storied tin-roofed house and two small factories were gutted in a fire at Kamalbagh at Lalbagh in the city yesterday.

Ten workers of the factories were also injured.

Witnesses said the fire originated at Lily Chemicals, a glue-making factory, at about 2:20pm. Soon the blaze engulfed the whole factory and spread to the nearby area.

The fire also gutted Rupchada Melamine, a melamine factory, and a three-storied tin-roofed house.

Of the injured, four were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the rest were admitted to different other local clinics. However, on duty doctors said their conditions are not serious.

Fire fighters extinguished the fire within 50 minutes.

Locals said the fire could not engulf other nearby establishments as it was raining heavily.

**Stamford Varsity
classes resume**

Classes and overall programmes of Stamford University, Bangladesh resumed yesterday, says a press release.

The university authorities kept all of its programmes suspended due to unavoidable circumstances since August 23.

From tomorrow, all examinations will be held in time.

Fresh schedule of the adjourned examinations may be obtained from the university offices or at its web site, the release added.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Operations Officers/Analysts**

An international organization is recruiting a number of Operations Analysts and Operations Officers to be part of a dynamic program team working with the Government of Bangladesh to improve the investment climate in Bangladesh. The organization is looking for talented individuals to help develop and implement this exciting and worthwhile new project.

General Job requirements:

- Bachelors degree in Economics or Business, Law, Public Administration, HR and organizational development (Masters degree preferred)
- At least three years work experience in a related field.
- Advanced English language skills with the ability to converse and draft technical documents relating to investment and economics
- Thorough knowledge and use of relevant computer software, such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Project), Lotus Notes, Internet search engines
- Pro-active, highly organized and task oriented
- Team-player with good ability to interact with external clients and other units within the organization
- Willingness to work under pressure and after-hours to meet deadlines
- Excellent communications skills in English and Bangla
- A deep understanding of the structure and workings of the Government of Bangladesh, especially as it relates to private sector related ministries, such as BOI, BEPZA, EPB, and Ministries of Commerce and Industry
- Basic understanding of procurement policies of donors organizations and Government of Bangladesh desirable

The analysts/officers will be judged by their results and thus, they will need to establish very early on, indicators of success that are specific, measurable and relevant. They will also be expected to produce and monitor annual work plans, budgets and procurement plans.

The organization works through three pillars i.e., Regulatory Reform, Economic Zones and Capacity Building. We are looking for the following officials for these three pillars.

Regulatory Reform Officers/Analysts

In this role you will work closely with other team members to provide support to the Government of Bangladesh in the review of the business regulatory framework and the formulation and implementation of regulatory reforms in order to improve the investment climate in Bangladesh. You will design, implement and monitor programs that will support the Government of Bangladesh and other stakeholders in the following areas:

- a) Diagnosis of the overall policy and regulatory framework for doing business in Bangladesh; this will include both existing as well as proposed policies and regulations; and
- b) Formulation and implementation of programs to reform the regulatory framework and establish a competition policy-law framework.

You will be expected to have a good understanding of the regulatory barriers faced by the private sector and its impact on business. You will be also expected to acquire and disseminate knowledge on global good practices in the area of regulatory reforms that are relevant for Bangladesh.

Capacity Building Operations Officers/Analysts

In this role you will work closely with other team members to design and implement private sector development (PSD) capacity building and institutional strengthening initiatives with government agencies and civil servants, business associations and civil society institutions such as universities and think tanks. You will work with these organizations to develop, formalize, and monitor and evaluate new initiatives. Experience in the design and delivery of education and training would be a distinct advantage. You will also be expected to become familiar with what other countries are doing to help build PSD related capacity, assess their relevance to Bangladesh and disseminate the knowledge widely.

Economic Zone Operations Officers/Analysts

In this role, you will work closely with other team members in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs that will support the Government of Bangladesh's new economic zones strategy. This will involve support to the formulation of an economic zones policy and strategy, development of an adequate legal, regulatory and institutional framework to help implement the policy, and capacity building in existing and new agencies dealing with economic zones. An important aspect of the work will be the introduction of innovative arrangements, such as various forms of public-private partnership models and environmental and social management systems in zones. You will be expected to acquire knowledge of global good practices in these areas that are relevant to Bangladesh and disseminate this knowledge effectively to our clients.

Economist/Economic Analyst

In this role, you will work closely with other team members to carry out in-house analytic work as well as design, help implement and evaluate programs to be carried out by various stakeholders, including the Government of Bangladesh, think-tanks, chambers and NGOs. Such programs will involve economic analysis of policies and regulations relevant to the investment climate, sectoral studies, studies of the investment climate in various regions of Bangladesh and monitoring of trends in the investment climate. You will be expected to have a good understanding of the principles of economics and how they relate to private sector development issues, good knowledge of the economy of Bangladesh and the economics profession, and an ability to bring out the operational implications of economic analysis in order to ensure that the analytic work feeds into policy and program formulation.

Qualified women are highly encouraged to apply

All eligible candidates for above positions are advised to send their CVs by 10th September, 2007 to:



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund

The IFC Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund is a \$55 million, 8-year program targeting a better operating environment for businesses. Funded by the U.K.'s Department for International Development and the European Union, the program is managed by IFC, the private sector development arm of the World Bank Group. Its objectives are consistent with the Bangladesh government's strategic vision for private sector development within its poverty reduction strategy. Government agencies and IFC-BICF—in close collaboration with the Bangladeshi private sector and civil society—jointly design and implement programs to institute business friendly policies, laws and regulations, and strengthen the institutions that implement them.

Short Term consultants:

The organization is looking for a range of talented individuals to work on short term assignments to help develop and implement this exciting and worthwhile new project. The duration of the assignments will vary depending on the nature of the work but most assignments are likely to be between one to six months duration. We are looking for individuals with the following qualifications or experience:

- At least a Bachelors degree in Economics or Business, Law, Public Administration, HR and organizational development (some assignments will require higher degrees)
- At least three years work experience in a related field.
- Advanced English language skills with the ability to converse and draft technical documents relating to investment and economics
- Thorough knowledge and use of relevant computer software, such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Project), Lotus Notes, Internet search engines
- Highly organized and task oriented
- Willingness to work under pressure and after-hours to meet deadlines
- Excellent communication skills in English and Bangla

And one or more of the specific skills or knowledge in the following areas:

- The operation of government agencies important to private sector development, such as BOI, BEPZA, BSCIC, EPB, Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh Bank, NBR
- Economic analysis
- Survey design and implementation
- Political economy and stake-holder analysis
- Training and capacity building
- Events management

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