

Bangabandhu murder case

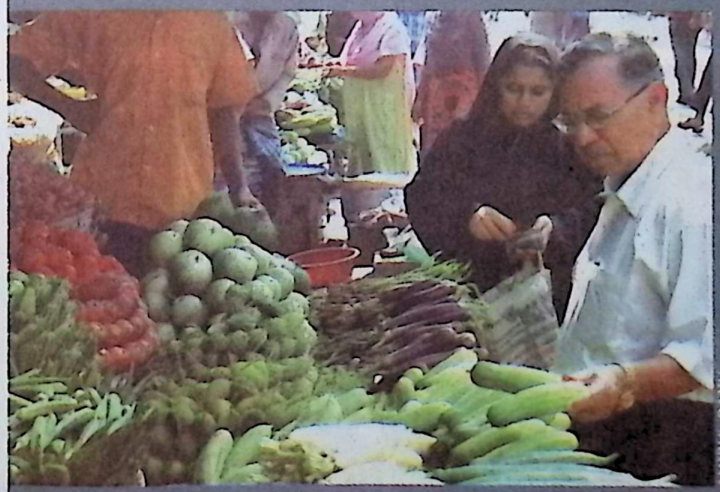
Hearing of the Bangabandhu murder case resumes after six years on August 7 at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The court sits to hear the leave to appeal petitions filed by four convicts -- Lt. Col. (retd) Bazlul Huda, Lt. Col. (retd) Syed Faruk Rahman, Maj. (retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, and Lt. Col. (retd) Mohiuddin Ahmed. Another condemned prisoner, Maj. (retd) A.K.M. Mohiuddin, also files an appeal through the jail authorities in June, following his extradition from the US.

Chittagong clash

Fighting breaks out in Chittagong on August 9 between the police and some 600 workers of Amin Jute Mills who are agitating for outstanding wages. One labourer is killed and about 80, including 30 policemen, are injured in the clashes when the police fire tear gas canisters into and charge the agitators. Mostly hailing from the northern districts, the demonstrators were demanding wages unpaid for about three weeks.



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10-year high

Inflation rate on a point-to-point basis reaches a 10-year high of 9.20% in the middle of the month, threatening to reach double-digits soon due to floods and the upcoming Ramadan. In the same period, inflation on non-food items rose by 0.57% to stand at 8.34%. In the wholesale and retail markets, prices of daily necessities are still very high. Price of flour has shot up by 34 to 54% and edible oil (soybean) by 43 to 61% in the last 12 months.