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Criminal shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saiful Islam Shikder, an accomplice of top terror Sahadat of Mirpur area, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in the city's Rampura area yesterday morning.

Khilgaon police said the gunmen called Saiful out of his house at West Rampura at around 9:00am and shot him

in his neck, leaving him dead on the spot.

His family said Saiful was a helper of a bus, but Khilgaon police said he was an accomplice of top criminal Sahadat.

The police suspect that said internal feud among the gang members might have led to the killing.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital for autopsy.

Saiful's father filed a murder case, but none was arrested in this connection, police said.

Driver killed, newly elected MP Hasina injured in road crash

UNB, Chittagong

Hasina Ahmed, newly elected BNP lawmaker from Cox's Bazar-1 constituency, was injured and her driver killed in a road accident at Chunuti under Lohagara Police Station in Chittagong yesterday.

Aklima Begum, duty officer of Chokoria Police Station, said a Pajero jeep carrying her fell into a roadside ditch on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway when her driver lost his control over the steering at about 10:00am.

The driver whose name could not be known immediately died on the spot and Hasina was injured seriously in the accident. She was rushed to a private hospital in Chokoria upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Hasina, wife of former state minister for communications Salahuddin Ahmed who is now in jail on corruption charges, was going to the capital from her village home in Pekua upazila.

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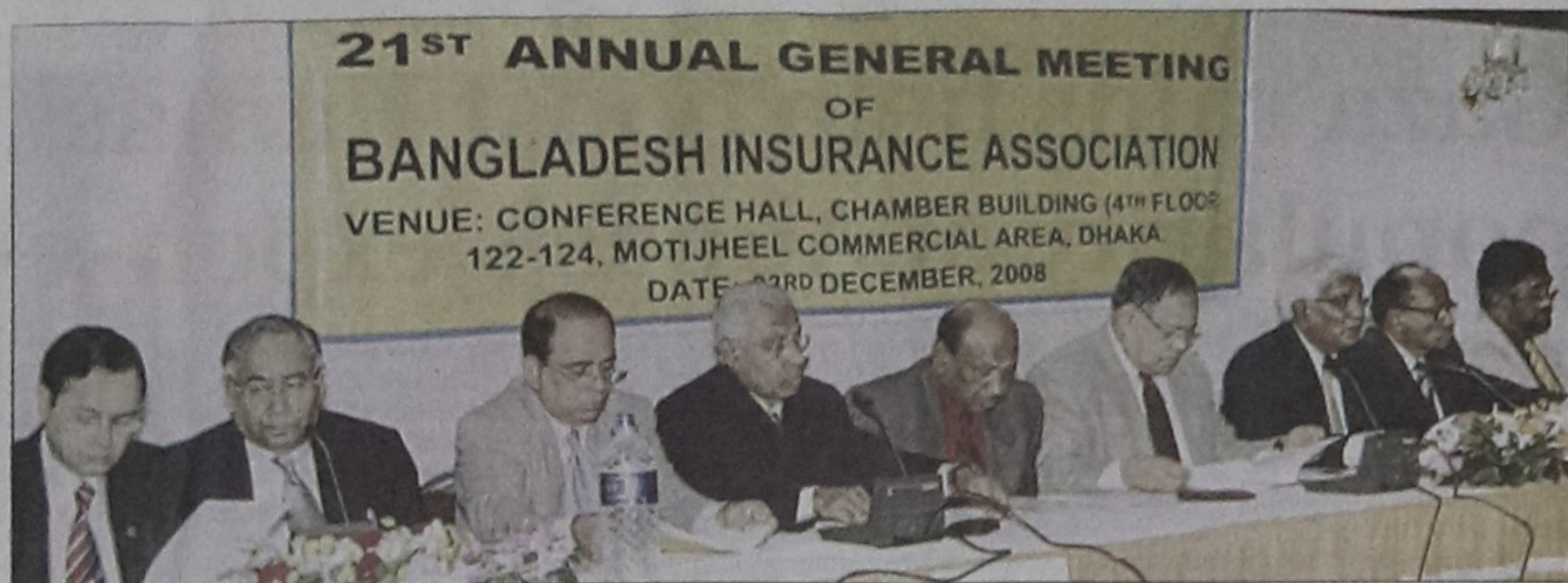
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned the hearing of grenade attack cases till January 6 following time petitions by the prosecution.

The cases were filed with Motijheel Police Station for launching grenade attacks on an Awami League (AL) rally on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004 that left 24 people dead and 200 others injured.

Judge Mohammad Masdar Hossain of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 could not record statement of Sharif Faruque Ahmed, complainant of the cases, as the jail authorities failed to produce 14 accused, including Harkatul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu, in the court.

On June 11 of last year, Senior Assistant Police Super of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Fazlul Kabir, also the investigation officer of the cases, submitted two charge sheets in connection with the grenade attacks to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka showing 412 people as prosecution witnesses



Bangladesh Insurance Association Chairman A K M Rafiqul Islam speaks at the 21st annual general meeting of the association at the Conference Hall of Chamber building in the city recently.

'Violence against women claims 518 last yr'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violence against women claimed 518 lives across the country last year, according to a survey report released by Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), a human rights organisation, yesterday.

Of the victims, 172 women were killed over dowry and 246 in domestic violence while 83 killed after rape. The list also includes 17 female domestic helps.

Besides, 367 more women were raped and eight of them committed suicide during the one-year period. Two domestic helps also committed suicide.

Also, 20 women fell victim to fatwa (religious edict).

The report also said a total of 168 people were killed in shootout with the law enforcers and 68 people died in the police and jail custody in 2008.

ASK prepared the report on the basis of reports published in 10 national dailies.

In another report, Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangtha said at least 61 people were killed in different incidents such as mugging, robbery and clashes across the country last month.

Besides, 181 people were killed in different accidents such as road accidents and launch and boat capsizing during the

period.

The report also said at least 1962 people were detained by law enforcers and 163 people were injured in political violence in December.

Besides, four women were killed over dowry and 10 people killed in mass beating. The police also recovered 20 bodies during the period.

Nine people were killed in crossfire with the law enforcers and one killed in political violence, the report said.

Eight people fell victim to acid attack and four journalists were harassed in the month-long period, said the report prepared on the basis of newspaper reports.

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