

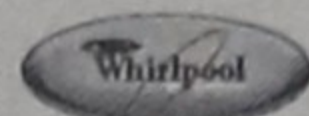


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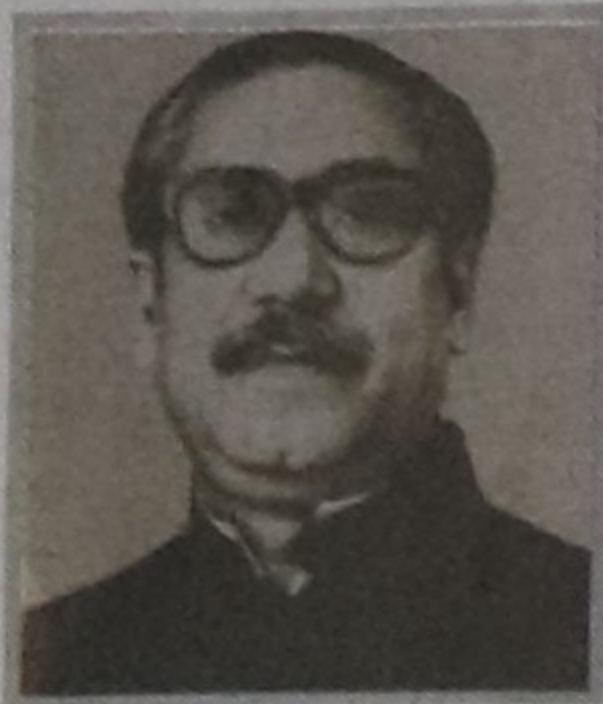
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Bangabandhu portrait back in govt offices Cabinet decides

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to hang portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with photo of the head of the government at all government, semi-government, autonomous bodies, educational institutions and Bangladesh missions abroad.

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Aug 21 grenade attack probe 'doctored'

Three CID men sued for misdirecting investigation, accused of destroying evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) filed a case against three of its former investigators in connection with intentionally misdirecting the probe into the August 21 grenade attack case.

They are also accused of destroying evidence and forcing people into making confessional statements. All three investigated the case during the BNP-led four-party alliance government's tenure.

CID's Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Fazlul Kabir, the present investigation officer of the grenade attack case, filed the case Sunday night with Paltan Police Station against retired special superintendent (SS) of CID and former supervisor of the case Ruhul Amin and two retired ASPs Abdur Rashid and Munshi Atiqur Rahman, former investigation officers of the case.

In his complaint, Fazlul Kabir said the former CID

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This file photo shows one of the victims of the August 21 carnage, lying at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka a few minutes after the grisly attack.

12 die in bloody siege at Pak police academy

Six militants captured after 8-hour battle

AFP, Pakistan

Pakistan security forces yesterday overpowered gunmen who stormed a police academy in a spectacular commando-style raid in which eight police recruits and four attackers died.

Hundreds of policemen fanned out across the rooftop of the main building and around the camp near the eastern city of Lahore, cheering and firing into the air in joy after the nearly eight-hour siege, in which dozens were wounded.

Interior ministry chief Rehman Malik said four "terrorists" were killed. At least three bearded men surrendered to a small group of commandos on the rooftop at the end of the deadly attack.

Police said three of the dead attackers blew themselves up using suicide vests. Rescue workers found bloodied limbs and an AFP reporter saw part of a blown-apart severed head embedded in the outer wall of the compound.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime

Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani praised the security forces for "successfully" taking control of the besieged centre and rescuing hundreds of police personnel who were trapped inside.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband condemned the siege as "yet another reminder of the threat that Pakistan faces from violent extremism".

"It is a threat that the international community must help Pakistan to tackle, in the interests both of Pakistan's people and of wider stability," he said in a statement.

The attack smashed out the windows of the three-storey main building, where the walls were ripped apart by bullet holes and stained in blood, and the ground strewn with body parts, said an AFP reporter.

"It is a planned, organised, terrorist attack. This shows the extent to which the enemies of our country can go," Malik said.

The raid echoed the brazen March 3 assault in the same area on Sri Lanka's cricket team, underscoring the scale of the militant unrest

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SIRCAR'S TK 40 LAKH MEDICAL BILL JS probe body asks for all documents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary probe body yesterday asked the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat to come up with all necessary documents on Tk 40 lakh medical bills drawn by immediate past speaker Jamiruddin Sircar 'ignoring' financial rules.

Assigned with the task to probe alleged rampant corruption occurred at the JS Secretariat in the last seven years, the all-party probe body at its first meeting also decided to investigate the alleged corruption against the immediate past deputy speaker and the chief whip.

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PM asks all to stay alert against chaos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday cautioned people against possible political rowdiness, militancy and bomb attacks.

Addressing the launching ceremony of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Book at Shilpakala Academy in the afternoon, she said conspiracies are being hatched against the people of

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BDR to lose its name, uniform

Restructuring body to submit more proposals soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The committee formed to report on restructuring and renaming of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday submitted a brief initial proposal to the government for changing name and uniform of the paramilitary force.

The four-member body headed by BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam submitted the proposal to Commerce

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30 more days given for BDR probe report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry probe committee investigating last month's BDR carnage got 30 more working days to submit its report. This is the fourth time the ministry extended time for the probe body.

The time extension came after the 11-member committee, headed by retired bureaucrat Anis-uz-Zaman, asked the home ministry for more

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'CONVERSATION' WITH MUTINEERS Razzaq quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday questioned Jamaat-e-Islami leader barrister Abdur Razzaq for over three hours about his alleged telephone conversations with BDR mutineers on February 25-26, said sources.

Coming out of the CID's Malibagh headquarters, Razzaq said the government is out to implicate him in the Pilkhana carnage case to "humiliate him politically".

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