

2004 SYLHET GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Deposition of prosecution witnesses deferred

Dec 15 fresh date for charge-framing in bomb attack case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, SYLHET

Deposition of prosecution witnesses (PWs) in the case filed under Explosives Act in connection with the 2004 grenade attack on the then British High Commissioner (HC) Anwar Chowdhury and others could not be held yesterday.

The court set January 15, 2010 as new date for recording the deposition as police failed to produce the prime accused, Haji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan. However, four other accused were produced before the court.

Prosecution witness police constable Jibon Miah, who was among others on duty at the shrine of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) on the day of incident, appeared before the court yesterday.

Mufti Hannan could not be produced before the court as he was in the capital in connection with some other cases.

Grenade attack on the premises of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA)'s shrine that took place after Juma prayers on May 21, 2004 left the then British HC and about 50 others injured. Three people were killed while Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdul Hossain who accompanied the High Commissioner, sustained minor injuries.

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Police could not produce accused Mufti Abdul Hannan before the judge as he was in the capital yesterday.

However, other accused Mufti Hannan's younger brother Moziful Islam alias Mohibullah, Shariful Alam Bipul, Dewar Hossain Ripon, Hafiz Nayeem Ahmed and Mufti Main Uddin were produced before court. Another accused Nazirul Rahman Nazu is still at large.

Awami League (AL) activist Abdul Wahid, 45, was killed while about 30 others were injured as bombs were hurled on the dais at the fag end of the public meeting held at Derai upazila headquarters in Sunamganj on June 21, 2004.

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Woman, her daughter murdered in Chuadanga

UNB, Chuadanga

A pregnant woman and her teenage daughter were slaughtered by criminals at their rented house in Railpara area of the district town yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Rina Begum, 30, wife of Hafizur Rahman and her daughter Ayesha, 13, a class five student of the local government girls' high school.

Local people said, two young men swooped on the first floor house and first slaughtered nine-month pregnant Rina with sharp weapons at about 9am.

As Ayesha raised a hue and cry, the attackers also stabbed her, leaving her dead on the spot.

Hafizur Rahman, a ready-made garments shop owner, was not present at the house during the incident.

KU to open 16 new depts

UNB, Khulna

Khulna University (KU) authorities have taken a decision to open 16 new departments within next 10 years.

Law School of Education, Jute and Textiles, Statistics, Veterinary and Animals, Biochemistry, Public Health, Bangla, Journalism, Information and Communications are among the new departments.

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families, sources said.

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Death threat to DU VC protested

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday brought out a silent procession on the campus protesting death threat to Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique on Sunday.

Arround 200 teachers and students of several departments joined the procession, paraded the campus and held a protest rally in front of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.

At the rally, the speakers said Prof Arefin Siddique received two letters conveying death threat within one hour as he always speaks against fundamentalists and communal forces.

They said the anti-liberation forces are conspiring to make the country unstable ahead of the Bangabandhu murder case verdict scheduled for November 19.

They requested the government to find out the culprits and bring them to book.

The protesters also urged the government to ban all activities of the communal forces and strengthen security of the DU vice-chancellor.

Meanwhile, 201 RU teachers under the banner of Progressive Teachers Society (PTS) in a statement yesterday also condemned the death threat to Prof Arefin Siddique. They urged the government to find out the culprits involved.

The writer of the letters to Dr Arefin identified himself as Abdul Hamid and claimed to be a leader of the banned Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh.



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4 Bangladeshis shot by BSF in two days

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot and injured four cattle traders at two border points yesterday and the day before.

BSF shot and wounded two Bangladeshi cattle traders at Boroachra border point in Benapole early yesterday morning.

The injured were Saheb Ali, 20, son of Sohrab Sardar and Abu Sayeed, 18, son of Munshi Bepari of village Bhober Ber.

Locals said, Indian border guards at Kalini camp opened fire on the two cattle traders at Boroachra border late at night while they were crossing border to buy cattle.

BDR sources said, members of 151 BSF Battalion, Maldah, opened fire when a group of cattle traders entered Indian territory at around 5:00 am.

Court cancels bail of five Indians held for 'intrusion'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachari

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's (CJM) Court yesterday cancelled bail of five Indian nationals and asked them to appear before court on December 22.

Sources said, L-Thanga Pangkhuwa issued the nationality certificates on October 19. The serial numbers of the nationality certificates were 441-445. Earlier, he issued birth certificates in the name of same Indians on August 30 last year. Their serial numbers were 24224-24228. All five Indians were enlisted serially although they are members of separate

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Thieves take away three computers, breaking open windows (cross mark) of Benapole police check post immigration office early yesterday. The computers contain important information about the tourists travelling between India and Bangladesh and suspected terrorists.

Kishoreganj blockade postponed for 7 days

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

People of Bhairab and Kuliarchar have postponed their non-stop Kishoreganj blockade programme for seven days at the request of local lawmaker Nazmul Hasan Papon.

The lawmaker requested the agitating people to postpone the programme in view of the Bangabandhu murder case verdict scheduled for

November 19.

Bhairab District Implementation Committee and All-party Action Council postponed the blockade at a press conference in Bhairab town on Sunday night.

The blockade was enforced on Friday to press the demands for upgrading the upazila to a district and arrest of those who burnt the effigy of President Zillur Rahman during hartal in Kishoreganj from Bhairab was normal.

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