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## Kibria case stuck in grenade source

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

The probe into former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder remains stuck at a point where investigators are struggling to crack the source of the grenade used in the killing.

The sleuths have no leads also in efforts to unmask the masterminds behind the blast that killed Kibria at a Habiganj rally on this day five years ago.

Some officials involved in the investigation acknowledge they already have taken too much time.

They however hint further investigation that they are doing now might produce some chilling revelations.

Rafiqul Islam of Criminal Investigation Department, who has been assigned to

- 11 Huji men identified so far
- Grenade source still unknown
- Masterminds not yet traced
- BNP govt's probe under scanner

lead additional probe in the case, is now looking into the government probe report on the killing of Kibria, also former Awami League lawmaker from Habiganj-3 constituency.

A high-profile committee formed by the last BNP-Jamaat government conducted the probe, which confined itself to

implicating some local BNP leaders and workers.

Rafiqul said he had received the report's copy this month. "If necessary, we'll talk to the probe committee members," he added.

Kibria family declined to accept the

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## 5TH AMENDMENT HEARING SC for steps to prevent martial law in future

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday observed that there should be measures in place so that martial law cannot be imposed on the country in the future.

The apex court made the observation during the third day's hearing of leave to appeal petitions challenging a High Court (HC) verdict that had declared the fifth amendment to the country's constitution illegal and void.

The fifth amendment legitimised all governments that had been in power following the coup of August 15, 1975

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## First class galore at DU department

Islamic Studies claims nothing wrong in the feat of 92 out of 107 students

DU CORRESPONDENT

As many as 92 of 107 students have secured first class in the examinations for master's in Islamic studies at Dhaka University, much to the surprise of the DU community.

The examination controller's office on Sunday published the results for batch A in 2005-06 session.

Batch B in the master's programme at the same department in same session too had an unusually high number of first classes. Their results, published last month, showed that 32 out of 36 students have achieved the top honours.

Batch A in four-year honours course previously achieved 64 first classes, the results of

which were published in 2008, said Assistant Prof Sheikh Md Yusuf, chairman of the internal examination committee.

There's no question of irregularities in publishing of the results, he added.

"A trend towards giving high marks has played a role in the success. There are five batches since the CGPA [Cumulative Grade Point Average] system has been introduced in the department, and the teachers usually give good marks in the grading system," he said.

Yusuf pointed out that the department has records where up to 90 percent first classes were given at master's level.

Talking to The Daily Star, DU Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said,

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## 27TH BCS 1ST VIVA Govt asked to appoint 652 in 3 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court in a verdict yesterday directed the government to appoint within three months 652 candidates who qualified in the first viva voce of the 27th Bangladesh Civil Service examinations.

The court also instructed the government to award them seniority according to the merit list of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The HC bench of justices Md Miftah Uddin Choudhury and Abu Bakar Siddique delivered the verdict upon four separate writ petitions jointly filed by the 652 deprived candidates.

The court ruled that its earlier verdict on appointing 197 qualifiers in 27th BCS exam to be followed while assigning these candidates in different cadre posts.

On November 11 last year, the HC asked the government to appoint 197 candidates qualified in the first viva voce for the 27th BCS examinations within three months.

On May 30, 2007, the last caretaker government cancelled the viva voce result alleging irregularities in holding examinations, although it was not under their jurisdiction, said petitioners' counsel

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## Tigers fight back on Tamim ton

ATIQUE ANAM

It was almost a perfect day for the Tigers. Tamim Iqbal bloomed with all his grace and a crafty Zunaed Siddiqui played the best supporting actor's role as Bangladesh put behind the frustration of the first two days with a satisfying 228 for 3 at stumps on the third day of the second Test against India at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Tamim hit a glorious 151 and Zunaed scored a gritty 55 in a second wicket stand of 200 runs after India had declared their first innings on 544-8. It was an effort no one even dared to dream specially after the Tigers' first innings, where they lost their top five batsmen for 51 runs in an eventual total of 233.

And had Tamim and Zunaed not lost their composure after putting up that record stand for any wicket towards the fag end of the day, it could have been a completely satisfying day for the hosts. But that's part of cricket known as the game of glorious uncertainty.

The Tigers, however, still need another 83 runs to make India bat again. With Mohammad Ashraf (2) at the crease with night-watchman Shahadat Hossain, Bangladesh will need more than one of the latter batsmen to bat with the confidence and authority that Tamim showed if they are to reach a position of relative comfort and respectability.

Trailing by a massive 311-run on the first innings and with eight sessions left in the match, Bangladesh's reply got off to the worst possible start as out-of-form Imrul Kayes got out after scoring just five runs. Being roughed up by a bouncer from Zaheer Khan in the previous ball, he went for punch, but checked in the end that resulted in a low

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## Tamim Iqbal jumps for joy after scoring a hundred in the final Test against India in Dhaka yesterday.

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## Scrap Mannan Bhuiyan's plot allotment

JS body asks Rajuk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended cancelling the allotment of a Rajdhani Unnayan Kartirpakka plot of land to former minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan saying the allotment was illegal.

The parliamentary standing committee on housing and public works ministry also asked Rajuk to identify others who got allotment of plots unlawfully and cancel those.

Officials who attended the committee meeting said former BNP secretary general Mannan Bhuiyan was allotted a three-katha plot at Nikunja during the last Awami League-led government's rule. But he gave it back and received allotment of a five-katha plot in Banani during the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government's rule, they said.

"Rajuk officials said there is no provision for giving back a plot of a project and get allotment of another plot in another project. In fact, he received the allotment for the Banani plot illegally," said a senior official.

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## Report on scrap ships in 3 weeks

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to submit a report within three weeks on the number of ships imported for scrapping after the HC delivered a verdict in this regard on March 17 last year.

The court also asked the government to state in the report how pre-cleaning of these ships outside the territory of Bangladesh was ensured before bringing them to the country.

The HC bench of Justice Md Imman Ali and Justice Md Abu Tariq directed the authorities to finalise the framing of rules for ship breaking and prepare a gazette notification within three months.

The government was also asked to draft the terms of reference for a high-powered committee in a way so that the committee can review the rules, monitor implementation of those and do necessary stocktaking.

The bench expressed disappointment over the lack of government initiative to regulate the industry and ensure labour and environment protection therein.

The court fixed February 18 for further orders on the issue.

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## BANGABANDHU VERDICT SC orders on killers' review plea today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will pass an order today on the review petitions filed by five condemned convicts in Bangabandhu murder case against its verdict confirming their death sentence.

After concluding yesterday's hearing on the petitions, a four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Md Tafazzul Islam, set the date for passing order.

Five detained convicts on death row Syed Farooq Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Bazul Huda and AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed filed the petitions with the SC on

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