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Withdraws his  
expulsion order  
after 61 years  
RAKIB AHAMMED

Sixty-one years after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was expelled from Dhaka University for his role in a movement of class four employees, the university authorities yesterday withdrew the expulsion order terming it "undemocratic and unjust."

On March 26, 1949, the then DU authorities issued the expulsion order that also contained some conditions for its withdrawal.

But a rebel against anything unjust as he always was,

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## Bloodbath on Road 32

Even after 35 years of the gruesome massacre on Road 32, the event needs to be retold for the nation to know the brutality with which the killers swung into accomplishing a mission - annihilating Bangabandhu and his family.

The reprint of the story based on interviews of the survivors and their accounts at the court during the trial of the killings was thought to be worth it for the detail it speaks of.

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It was not dawn yet. A false dawn spread its pale light

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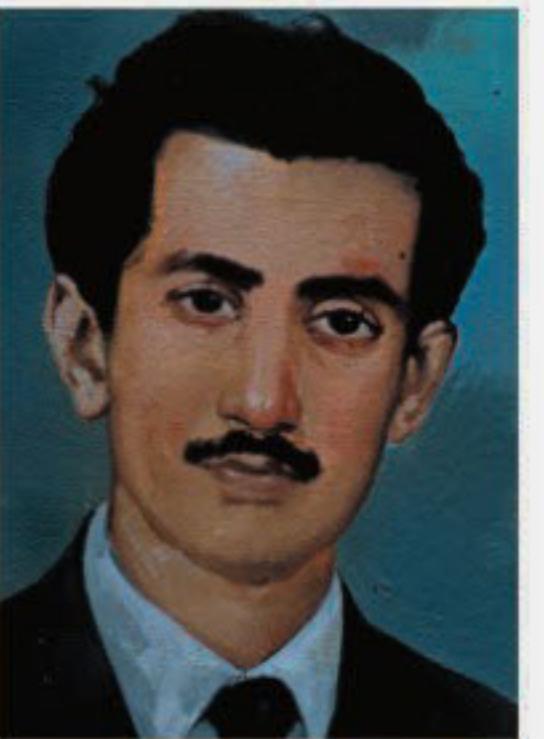
## No justice yet in 3 other Aug 15 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members apart, a number of people were murdered in three separate incidents on August 15, 1975, but no effective move has yet been made to bring the guilty to justice.

Disgruntled army personnel killed Sheikh Mujib's nephew Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni, founding chairman of Awami Jibon League, and wife Arzu Moni at their Dhanmondi home. Mujib's brother-in-law Abdur Rab Serniabat, former water resources minister, was murdered at his Minto Road house.

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Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni

## Water worry for N-power project

Padma shifts 1,000 feet away from Rooppur site in four decades

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The declining water level of the Padma has become a cause of concern about availability of required water for the proposed Rooppur nuclear power plant.

Water is essential for a nuclear power plant for cooling its atomic reactors, experts say.

The 40-year old Rooppur project finally got a shot in the arm last month through an agreement with Russia.

A high official of the Atomic Energy Commission pointed out that when the project site was selected at Rooppur beside the Padma in 1960s, the river had

adequate flow of water.

But a survey conducted by the commission shows that the once mighty river has become narrower with its water flow alarmingly decreasing in the last four decades. The course of the river has also moved far from the project site, jeopardising the original plan for cooling the atomic reactors.

This prompted the commission to launch another survey to find a suitable point in the Padma for collecting water.

A key official of the nuclear power project, requesting anonymity, said, they are now looking for a point in the river that can meet the requirement of water

for the plant's cooling system for the next 100 years.

In the sixties, when the government acquired 256 acres of land by the Padma for this project, part of the land was under the river water. But now the main channel of the river has moved at least one thousand feet away from the project site, KBM Ruhul Kuddus, the official in charge of the project, told this correspondent when he visited the site recently.

Besides, an official of hydrology wing of Water Development Board (WDB) in Pabna, noted that flow of water in the Padma varied sharply at different periods

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A marshy road through Rooppur nuke power project site in Pabna. The Padma was close to the site when the project field was acquired in the 60s. The river has now moved so far away that experts worry about the supply of water to cool the project's atomic reactors. The photo was taken recently.

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