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## PABNA RECRUITMENT CENTRE ATTACK

# 21 AL men sent to jail on surrender

5 other accused still absconding; rally demands DC's removal

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Pabna

Twenty-one Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League men accused of attacking government officials on September 17 in Pabna were sent to jail yesterday after they surrendered before a court.

Judicial Magistrate Laila Sharmin rejected their bail petitions and ordered sending them to jail at about 11:40am when they surrendered in a group on instructions of the party high-ups.

They were shown arrested in two cases filed by two magistrates in connection with assaulting administration officials during a recruitment test of class-III government employees.

Tension has been running high in the district centring the attack with one group of the ruling party men demanding punishment of culprits while the other, apparently supporting the attackers, calling for removal of Deputy Commissioner AFM Monjur Kadir.

Those sent to jail include BCL district unit president Ahmed Sharif Dablu, its

former president Mostafizur Rahman Sweet, Sadar Upazila BCL unit president Suman and its general secretary Imran, Jubo League district unit joint secretary Enayet Hossain Dulal, its organising secretary Zahir Hossain Rubel and Pabna municipality AL executive member Swapan Rahman (see the full list at the bottom of the news).

Five more accused, now on the run, will also surrender before the court anytime, local leaders said.

Police, however, said drives are on to

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Twenty-one ruling party adherents being taken to jail from a Pabna court yesterday after they surrendered before it in two cases filed in connection with the attack on officials of the local administration on September 17. PHOTO: STAR

# Ex-home secy Faruk twisted probe report

Committee's member secretary tells court; CID gets 10th extension for further investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former home secretary Omar Faruk forced other committee members to sign the arms haul case probe report, said Shamsul Islam, former DIG of Special Branch, before a Chittagong court yesterday.

Shamsul gave judicial statement under section 164 before the court of Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Osman Gani in the afternoon.

In the four-page statement, Shamsul, also the member secretary of the probe committee formed by the then BNP-led government, accused the committee chief and former home secretary Omar Faruk of submitting a one-sided report.

"Despite being a member of the committee,

the probe report was made without informing me. I was summoned to the office of the home secretary and was forced to sign it," a source at the court said quoting Shamsul's statement.

Shamsul in the statement said the matter of involvement of the NSI officials in the incident was discussed in every meeting of the committee, but finally their involvement was not mentioned in the report. Even the copy of the report was not given to anyone of the committee including him, the source said.

"In the investigation, we later found the involvement of some NSI Officials including NSI field officer Akbar Hossain," the source said quoting the statement.

"Later, I learned that the committee chief alone made the report and none of us knew

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# Delwar slates PM's speech at UN

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criticising the prime minister's speech at the UN, BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday said propaganda is being spread so that the international community does not raise alarm at this government's actions against the four-party alliance.

Meanwhile, protesting Sheikh Hasina's speech on trial of war criminals at the UN, Jamaat-e-Islami in a

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# Ship-breaking policy almost finalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has almost finalised a policy to ensure that ship-breaking industry can operate without polluting the environment, the state minister for environment and forest said.

"Closing down the ship-breaking industry will turn the country into a market for foreign ironmongers," said state minister Hasan Mahmud, adding, "We are working to establish a separate zone for

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# STUDENT TORTURE HC asks 4 cops to surrender at trial court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Ramna Police Station Mahbubur Rahman and three other police officials to surrender before the trial court within three weeks in connection with a case filed by a Chhatra League leader.

Md Abu Abbas Bhuiyan, mass education affairs' secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra

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# Fake staff to face action, says minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will take tough action against the 189 fake staff of Mujibnagar government, who managed to get appointment as sub-registrars under the law ministry.

"They'll be dismissed from their services after getting recommendations from the parliamentary standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary affairs," Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

The minister's comment came following a report in The Daily Star yesterday headlined "Fake Mujibnagar govt staff managed lofty jobs".

The government will not

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# MUJIBNAGAR GOVT'S FAKE STAFF

# Frauds used court to speed up recruitment

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

The government was forced to hastily appoint the 190 fake staff of the Mujibnagar government as they filed contempt of court petitions against the government for making delays in appointing them.

They filed writ petitions with the High Court placing forged documents and asked to be absorbed into government service since they were staff of the Mujibnagar government, the enquiry conducted by the law ministry revealed. The petitions were filed between 2003 and 2005.

According to the findings of the probe body, the government, while trying to avert the contempt proceedings against it, could not find the time to examine the authenticity of their claim that they served in the Mujibnagar government

in exile during the Liberation War.

Submitting the forged documents collected from the establishment ministry in exchange for bribes, they managed to get the High Court's verdict in their favour to be absorbed into service, found the enquiry committee.

Formed by the law ministry, the probe body revealed that 138 of the 190 were aged between two and 12 in 1971. All 190 claimed that they left their homes, crossed the border into India during the war and worked as "informers" and "political motivator" for the Mujibnagar government.

"Their claims are completely unacceptable, unbelievable, unrealistic and also hilarious," commented the probe body in its report placed Saturday before the parliamentary standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry.

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# RECRUITMENT SCAMS Speaker for high-powered probe body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should form a high-powered committee to investigate the alleged widespread irregularities in recent public recruitment, suggested Speaker Abdul Hamid during parliament sitting yesterday.

Different newspapers published reports on alleged anomalies, corruption and ruling party's influence in the recruitment process. Reports also claim ruling party men are being appointed but the MPs

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# JS MEMBERSHIP MK Alamgir gets HC stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for six months the Election Commission's decision declaring the parliamentary seat of Awami League leader Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir vacant.

It also issued a rule upon the EC to explain within three weeks why its gazette notification vacating the parliamentary seat of Alamgir should not be declared illegal.

The bench comprised of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain came up with the order following a writ petition filed by Alamgir yesterday challenging the EC's decision.

The lawmaker filed the prayer stating that the Supreme Court in its July 15 verdict did not direct the EC to cancel his parliamentary membership.

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# Justice Khairul Haque new chief justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice ABM Khairul Haque, a senior judge of Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as 19th chief justice of Bangladesh.

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# TAX DEADLINE FBCCI wants one-month extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) yesterday urged the government to extend the deadline for the submission of income tax returns until October 31.

Jasim Uddin Sarker, FBCCI acting president, in a statement said many taxpayers

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# Body found in bin identified

Victim was a jeweller of city's Pallabi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body recovered from a roadside dustbin near the Mirpur Ansar camp Saturday night was identified as of a jewellery shop owner of the city's Pallabi yesterday.

Ayub Ali Bhuiyan identified the body as his brother Mizanur Rahman at Dhaka Medical College morgue. Mizan, 25, was the owner of New Mizan Jewellers at Masjid Market at Mirpur-6.

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