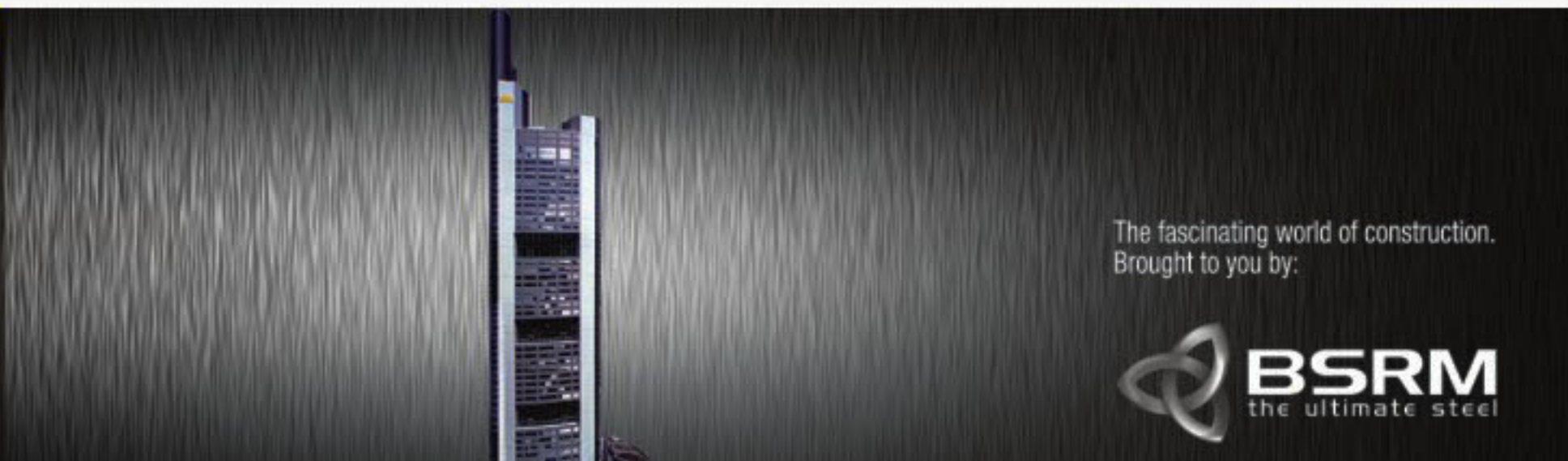


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Target to regain 'lost credibility'

Says new CJ after oath

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday urged lawyers and judges to work together to restore "the lost credibility of the court".

He was responding to the felicitation accorded to him by the Attorney General's Office and the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) at court No 1 of the Appellate Division yesterday afternoon.

Earlier on the day, Justice ABM Khairul Haque was sworn in as the 19th chief justice of Bangladesh.

President Zillur Rahman administered the oath to Justice Khairul at Bangabhaban around 10:30am.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid, outgoing Chief

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Babar asked police not to nab NSI men

Ex-CMP commissioner Sabbir tells court in 10-truck arms haul case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar directed Sabbir Ali, former police commissioner of Chittagong, not to arrest NSI officials engaged to help offload arms and ammunition at CUFL jetty on April 02, 2004.

Babar also asked the then police officials not to do anything or disclose the matter to anyone regarding the involvement of the NSI officials in a meeting held at Chittagong Police Lines on that day.

Sabbir Ali said this before a Chittagong court yesterday.

The then home secretary Omar Faruk, also chief of the probe committee to investigate the seizure of arms, excluded the names of three NSI officials including the then DG Brig Gen Abdur Rahim from the probe report, a source at the court said quoting Sabbir's statement.

Earlier, three other members of the probe

committee including its member secretary Shamsul Islam, also former DIG of Special Branch; former DIG (CID) Farrukh Ahmed and former NSI director Brig Gen Enamur Rahman gave judicial statements implicating Babar and Omar Faruk in the arms haul case.

Chittagong Metropolitan Judicial Magistrate Mahbubur Rahman recorded the 14-page statement of Sabbir under section 164 in the afternoon.

The then DC (port) Abdullah Baki informed him about the incident at about 12:45am on that day and said that two persons, one identifying himself as NSI deputy director Major Liakat, were asking not to seize the arms and ammunition and also helped offloading those, Sabbir said in his statement.

Liakat said the consignment is being offloaded on orders of the higher authorities. He also told Sabbir to talk with the then NSIDG Abdur Rahim.

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BIBIYANA PLANT 2 firms place proposals after long delay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After 17 months of the re-tendering of the Bibiyana 450 MW gas-fired power project, two companies submitted their proposals to the Power Cell yesterday.

Malaysian YTL Power and a consortium of local Summit Mercantile Corporation and GE Energy of the USA submitted the proposals for the project being supervised by a World Bank consultant.

Two other consortiums--one of Meiya Power of Hong Kong and local Shasha Denims, and another of CMEC, Shenzhen Shenwan Power of China, Asian Entech and Otobi Ltd of Bangladesh, which were selected in the bid, did not move for further procedures.

The first tendering for the

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3 of a family murdered

Dispute over property seen as motive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals yesterday killed three members of a family including two women at their Jatrabari residence in the capital.

The deceased are Md Mizanur Rahman, 52, his wife Bithi Rahman, 42, and his mother Sufia Rahman, 75. Mizanur and Bithi were first shot in the head and then stabbed while Sufia was stabbed to death, relatives said.

Police and victims' relatives suspect a long-standing family dispute over land and buildings is behind the killing.

Police found Bithi and Sufia dead in Bithi's bedroom at about 7:30am while Mizanur succumbed to bullet injury around 11:00am after he was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The couple's only son Ashiqur Rahman Ontu, a private medical college student, survives as he left for his college around 6:45am.

Jatrabari police detained Mizanur's two brothers -- Towhidur Rahman Linkon and Shahidur Rahman Lipton, his nephew Sumon and guard Akbar Ali for interrogation.

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One held for suspected LeT link

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Wednesday night arrested a man for his suspected link with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a Pakistan-based militant organisation, at Madaninagar in the Siddirganj upazila of Narayanganj.

The arrestee was identified as Maulana Mohammad Imran, son of Mohammad Ali of Paikpara in Baniachang

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President Zillur Rahman talks to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina right after administering oath to newly appointed Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque at Bangabhaban yesterday morning. PHOTO COURTESY: PMO

Lack of commitment spoils CHT accord

Prothom Alo roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord has not been implemented even 13 years after it was signed due mainly to lack of commitment in successive governments, indigenous leaders and civil society members said yesterday.

The hill people, both indigenous and Bangalee settlers, have now been split in many groups either supporting or opposing the accord, affecting the overall law and order, they added.

The speakers suggested forming multi-ethnic community police force for CHT and holding dialogues with different groups to bring peace in the hills.

Implementation of the accord has dropped down from the priority list of this government, barring any effective steps in this regard, they observed. They also pointed out that a section of military and civil bureaucrats did not want the government to implement the accord and thus created bars.

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GHORASHAL PLANT Power ministry proposal sent back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet committee on purchase yesterday sent back a power ministry proposal to award a Chinese company a 200-300 megawatt power project in Ghorashal as another Chinese company filed a complaint against it.

The power ministry recommended the project for Sinohydro Corporation Ltd at a cost of Tk 1,289 crore, as the

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