

FAZLUL HUQ MURDER
Quizzing
halts as
AL leader ill

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Detectives could not start interrogating Agargaon ward unit Awami League president Nour Mohammad yesterday over killing of the unit's general secretary Fazlul Huq.

Nour was not interrogated due to his illness, said court sources. DB personnel produced the AL leader before a Dhaka Court with a seven-day remand prayer yesterday.

But the court sent him to jail and ordered the authority concerned for his treatment, said the sources. The next day for hearing on the remand prayer is not fixed, said detectives.

In the remand forwarding, DB said that Dulal, one of the arrestees in connection with the murder case, stated before a magistrate that Nour was mastermind of Fazlul Huq murder.

It also stated that cadres of Fazlul carried the gun attack on Nour due to political rivalry between them, which Nour assumed.

DC Mahubub Rahman of DB said due to sickness of Nour they could not interrogate him. After Nour's recovery, they will take him on remand through a court for interrogation.

Nour Mohammad, 68, is AL unit president of ward 41 of Dhaka City Corporation. He was admitted to National Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital, Mohakhali.

Unidentified people kidnapped Nour down at West Agargaon Bazar, as Fazlul Huq was shot dead on January 14. Detectives arrested Nour on Thursday on his release from hospital.



Shah AMS Kibria Foundation organises a discussion to observe the sixth death anniversary of former finance minister **Shah AMS Kibria** at **Sufia Kamal Auditorium of National Museum in the city** yesterday.

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THREAT TO NAHARPANPUNJI KHASIAS
'Stop tree felling'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indigenous people and an environmental organisation at a rally yesterday called upon the government to bring those threatening to displace Khasias of Naharpanpunji under trial.

They also asked to stop tree felling in Sreemangal of Sylhet, says a press release.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, Khasia Student Union and Khasia Welfare Society held the rally in front of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.

Speakers alleged that owner of Nahar Tea Garden threatened Khasias, a community of indigenous people, to leave the place, causing apprehension among them and asked the authorities concerned to take immediate action.

Urging the government to recover around 400 acres of land allegedly grabbed by the owner, they said he sold the trees of Naharpanpunji to a trader, who already fell those and demanded their punishment.

Former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Kaji Saleh Ahmed and Sujon Member Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar also addressed the programme.

DISCUSSION ON SHAH AMS KIBRIA
Immediate trial of killers
demande

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday stressed that immediate trial of the slaying of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria is essential for establishing rule of law and justice in society.

It is extremely tough to get a patriot like Kibria today, they said, adding that it will be a disgrace for the nation if the trial is prolonged.

The speakers said image of the Awami League government to which Kibria belonged will deteriorate if the trial is prolonged further during its tenure.

Shah AMS Kibria Foundation organised the discussion at Sufia Kamal auditorium at the National Museum in the city to observe Kibria's sixth death anniversary.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam said Kibria murder case is still under investigation, as the charge

sheet submitted during the then government did not cite source of the grenade or the perpetrators.

He said it is indeed time-consuming to dig out things through reinvestigation, as the case investigation was not done in due time but there was a bid to bury the case was taken at state level.

He hoped that the real perpetrators will be unmasked in the probe. "We know and often say who the killers are. But when the matter would be taken for trial, it has to be proven in legal procedures." Alam also alleged neglect after the attack on Kibria saying, "The life of the person (Kibria) could have been saved. But he lost his life because of negligence."

"Can the former prime minister free herself from the liability? The trial of Kibria killing will take place. People responsible for the negligence will also be brought to book."

Awami League leader Tofail

Ahmed said Kibria can be compared with only Kibria himself. "He (Kibria) was extremely talented and humble and was respectful to all while speaking."

Former foreign secretary Faruque Chowdhury said Kibria was a language veteran and extremely patriotic.

"He (Kibria) loved his country so much that he wanted to join civil service instead of foreign service just to be in the country. The nation has to be indebted to Kibria."

In the chair, Prof Emirates Dr Anisuzzaman said, "We have to stand against militancy or we will not only lose people like Kibria, but also our social strength would also weaken."

Asma Kibria, widow of Kibria; Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star; Tarana Halim MP; and Shah Abdul Mussabir, cousin of Kibria; spoke among others.



Summit Group and General Electronics, USA sign a Tk 1,500 crore zero coupon bond financing agreement with Janata Capital and Investment Ltd and Industrial and Infrastructure Development Finance Company Ltd (IIDFC) at Westin Hotel in the city on Thursday.

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India to waive duty
on jute goods

BSS, Dhaka

The Indian government has withdrawn its decision of imposing 14 percent duty on export of Bangladesh made jute and jute goods to India, a commerce ministry spokesman told the news agency yesterday.

Earlier, the Indian government decided to impose 14 percent Countervailing Duty (CVD) and additional countervailing Duty (ACVD) on the same.

The Bangladesh High Commission in India and the commerce ministry confirmed the news of decision to waive the tax on jute export.

The decision to waive the tax has resolved the deadlock of jute and jute goods valued Tk 350 crore.

The Indian government issued a circular to import 14 percent tax on January 18. The commerce ministry condemned in reply to the decision of imposing 14 percent duty on export of jute goods.

Later, the issue of tax waive was discussed at a meeting with the ministry and some major decisions were taken including communication at diplomatic level at the meeting.

Saarc set to form tour
operators' platform

Says tourism minister

BBS, Dhaka

Tourism ministers of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) have decided to form an association comprising of tour operators of its all member countries to promote South Asia as a single tourism brand in the world.

"We have decided to build a common platform of tour operators of all eight Saarc member countries to make combined tour packages to promote our exciting tourist destinations as a single brand," Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader told the news agency yesterday.

The decision was made at the last Saarc tourism ministerial meeting held in Katmandu middle of this month.

During the meeting, Quader said all the tourism ministers of the region opined that South Asia should be branded as a whole as a global tourism package.

The meeting revealed that now 10 million tourists are visiting Saarc countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka- while global movement is above one billion tourists per year.

Promotion of the Saarc region as a common tourist destination by enhancing the role of the private sector, human resource development, promotion of the South Asian identity through tourism, development of cultural and ecotourism were also discussed in the meeting.

They also discussed the possibility of launching joint marketing campaigns, softening visa regime, giving access to cross-border driving licenses and increasing inter-Saarc movement by air by the national flag carrier of each country, the tourism minister said.

The region's share of the tourism revenue is only 10 billion US dollar out of one trillion businesses from global tourism.

Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards 2010
সিটি ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোক্তা পুরস্কার ২০১০



আবার ফিরে এলো....

যে ৪টি বিভাগে এবং যেসব বিবেচনায় এ পুরস্কার দেয়া হবে তা নিম্নে উল্লেখ করা হলোঃ

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ক্ষুদ্র ঋণ গ্রাহকের সংখ্যা, ঋণ আদায়ের হার, প্রতিষ্ঠানের অভিজ্ঞতা, প্রতিষ্ঠানের লক্ষ্য, ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোগের স্বাক্ষরিত অর্জনে প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবদান।

আগ্রহী ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোক্তাগণকে তাদের নিজ নিজ এলাকার জেলা প্রশাসক অথবা ক্ষুদ্র ঋণ প্রদানকারী সংস্থার সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করতে এবং ক্ষুদ্র ঋণ প্রদানকারী সংস্থালোকে সরাসরি আবেদন করতে পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে (ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোক্তা কোন ক্ষুদ্রঋণ প্রদানকারী সংস্থার বর্তমান ঋণগ্রহীতা না হলেও চলবে)। সকল ক্ষুদ্র ঋণ প্রদানকারী সংস্থাকে তাদের এবং তাদের আওতাধীন ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোক্তাদের আবেদন / মনোনয়ন নিম্নলিখিত ঠিকানায় (আবেদন পত্রের মাধ্যমে) প্রেরণের অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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