

SQ Chy survived freedom fighters' rage in 1971

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

It was very difficult to conduct the operation at Salauddin Qader Chowdhury's residence goodhill during the liberation war of 1971, as it was situated on a hillock.

Four brave hearts dared to risk their lives to conduct the operation to kill SQ Chowdhury and they were Group Commander SM Mahabubul Alam, Sauren-drana Sen, Fazlul Huq Bhuiyan, and Qazi Nurul Afsar.

The then commander SM Mahabubul Alam recalling his memories said SQ Chowdhury and his cohorts brutally killed the then Chhatra Union leader Mahbub at his goodhill residence.

"To take revenge of all the killings then City Commander Engineer Afsar Uddin directed me to conduct the operation against Salauddin," he added. Describing the daring operation, he became excited.

On September 28 in 1971, it was a drizzly day and they were getting ready from 5:00pm, said Alam, adding that Fazlul Huq Bhuiyan took a 9mm Sten gun, Sauren-drana took grenades, and I took a revolver.

They had news that SQ Chy would attend a family programme at Sami Uddin's residence at Chandanpura. Many collaborators and Muslim League leaders attended the programme. Sami was a leader of Muslim League, but his son Aziz was a freedom fighter.

It was planned that when SQ would drive his vehicle himself, Aziz will light his torch once and if some other drives the vehicle, the torch will be lighted twice.

The commander said in a thrilling tone that they had been waiting for three hours from 6:00pm in a narrow drain that was covered with a lid.

At 9:30pm when SQ returned, Aziz signaled once. "We were ready," said Alam, adding that they took position on the road and fired on him.

"But it was an irony of fate that Salauddin Quader was not driving the vehicle", he added. SQ sat behind the car and was injured seriously and fled the place jumping an adjacent wall of the road.

BBC and Voice of America broadcasted the news at that time.

Later, to revenge the incident Rajakar and Albadar activists raided Chowdhury colony and caught Mahbub's brother. They took away him at Circuit House and tortured him severely.

Demanding his immediate trial, the freedom fighter said it is unquestionable that SQ is a self-declared Rajakar commander.

MONEY-LAUNDERING
Case against
Tarique
deferred
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred till March 1 the hearing on taking into cognizance the charges against BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun in a money laundering case.

Judge Mohammad Zohurul Haque of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Tarique's lawyer Zakir Hossain submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the hearing.

In the petition, Zakir mentioned that the Supreme Court (SC) earlier disposed of the leave-to-appeal petition saying that the charges brought against Tarique and Mamun were not maintainable under the Money Laundering Act 2009.

The trial proceedings of the case will be held under the Money Laundering Act 2002.

Young woman stakes life to escape arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 22-year-old girl suffered severe head injuries after two cars in a moment's succession hit her as she was trying to escape police chase at Farmgate in the city last night.

The young woman is now fighting for life at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). According to locals and traders, she is a sex worker by profession.

DMCH sources said the condition of the unidentified girl is critical and she could not speak for her intense head wounds.

A witness said, "Some three to four girls were seen running through the pedestrians on the footpath to avert arrest as some policemen were chasing them around 9:00pm from Ananda Cinema toward the East."

One of the girls started running on the road leaving the pavement and was knocked down by a car and moments later another car hit her head, said the bystander, adding that neither the two vehicles nor the chasing police stood there to take the girl to hospital.

Contacted, Tejgaon Police Station Officer-in-charge Mahbubur Rahman said he was not aware of any incident of police chase and even any accident of a girl who is now fighting against death.

595-bigha arable land being lost a day: Study

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has been losing about 595.87 bighas (197 acres) of cultivable land a day with a huge number of farmers leaving their occupation over the last four decades, says a study.

Economist Prof Dr Abul Barakat revealed the highlights of his recent research titled "Commercialisation of agricultural land and water bodies and disempowerment of poor in Bangladesh: An exploratory study" at a seminar yesterday.

Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), a non-government organisation, organised the seminar at the Jatiya Press Club in the city, with ALRD chairperson Khushi Kabir in the chair.



PHOTO: STAR

People at Zero Point in the city's Gulistan having to walk home, as authorities concerned restricted public transports at some points as part of the measures taken for the smooth conduction of the inaugural ceremony of the ICC Cricket World Cup at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday evening.

Establish deep-sea port to connect neighbours

Says ex-DG of shipping

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former director general of Department of Shipping Fazlur Rahman Chowdhury underscored the need for establishing a deep-sea port to facilitate connectivity with neighbouring countries and keep pace with ever growing international trade and commerce.

"Deep-sea port is a must since existing Chittagong and Mongla ports would become secondary in the future due to frequent arrivals of bigger merchant ships," he told The Daily Star.

Fazlur, now serving as an advisor to General Organisation of Sea Ports of Bahrain, presented a keynote paper titled "Maritime Bangladesh: Today and Tomorrow" at Chittagong Port Authority Training Centre Auditorium on February 15.

Nautical Institute Bangladesh; Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) Bangladesh and Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association jointly organised the seminar.

Commandant of Bangladesh Marine Academy Dr Sajid Hussain presided over the seminar.

13 killed, 147 hurt in road crashes

METRO DESK

Thirteen people were killed and 147 others injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Natore, Gazipur, Kishoreganj, Madaripur, Sylhet, Naogaon, Khulna and Kushtia on Wednesday and yesterday.

Our correspondent from Ctg reports: An eleven-year-old boy, Md Tareq, son of Md Shahabuddin was killed in a road accident when a bus hit him while he was crossing the road at Roafabad in the port city on Wednesday.

In Natore, two people were killed and forty others injured in two separate road accidents at Baraigram and Bagatipara upazila on Wednesday.

In the first accident a picnic bus and a truck collided head-on at Agran Bazar of Baraigram upazila where the bus helper Zillur Rahman, 30, son of Paran Ali of Sadipur village

of Rajshahi was killed and forty others were injured.

The second one took place when a bus hit a motorbike at Zigori of Bagatipara where the motorcyclist Abbas Ali, 40, son of Mazar Ali was killed and his wife injured.

In Kishoreganj, one person was killed and 20 others were injured in an accident when a bus crushed Ismail Hossain, 65, of Gaital and skidded off the road on Dhaka-Kishoreganj highway at Janatabazar yesterday.

UNB adds: In Gazipur, two women were killed by a speeding pick-up van on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Boardbazar yesterday.

The deceased are Marium, 25, wife of Badshah Mia of Degreer Char of Jamalpur and Begum, 40, wife of Saidul Islam of Phulbaria of Mymensingh.

In Khulna, two passengers of a

Nasimon died in a road crash on Khulna-Bagerhat road at Kazdia in Sonadanga on Wednesday.

The deceased are Mozaffar Hossain, 45, of Bagmara village in Rupsa upazila and Masum, 25, of Khajadanga of same upazila.

In Sylhet, two people were killed and 10 others injured in separate accidents in Fenchuganj, Balaganj and Sylhet city on Wednesday and yesterday.

The deceased are Dulu Mian, 30, son of Daer Ullah of Konarchaw of South Surma upazila and Hafia Begum, 30, wife of Abdul Jalil of Joyasree village of Dharmapasha of Sunamganj.

In Madaripur, thirty people were injured in a road accident at Mostafapur while a man was killed and 40 other people were injured in a bus crash on Dhaka-Barisal highway

at Sadhurbridge in Rajoir upazila on Wednesday.

Police said a passenger bus collided with a brick-loaded truck, injuring 30 passengers in front of Palli Bidyut office at Mostafapur.

In separate mishap a bus skidded off highway and fell into a roadside ditch, killing a bus passenger on the spot and injuring 40 others at Sadhur bridge yesterday.

In Naogaon, a class five student, Ishrat Jahan, daughter of Imran Ali of Fetgram was killed and six others were injured as a pick-up collided head-on with a Nasimon at Ferry Ghat in Manda upazila on Wednesday.

In Kushtia, a nine-year-girl, Alo, of Boaldaha village of Sadar upazila was killed and a van driver injured as a truck hit the van at GK Ghat on Wednesday.



Child worker tortured, locked in lavatory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A nine-year-old housemaid was injured critically following torture allegedly by her employer in Rajshahi Cantonment, according to the victim's family and hospital sources.

Injured Sonia, daughter of Nobab Ali of Paschim Vatapara of Godagari, was admitted to One Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on Wednesday night.

There are wounds all over her body including bruises around her eyes, chest, back, around her navel, and two hands, said Dr Gopen Acharya, in-charge of the OCC.

Nobab Ali and Sonia's cousin Mohammad Manik told this correspondent that Sonia was battered with an iron rod and soaked with hot water on February 12 and since then she was kept confined in a bathroom for three days.

The nine-year-old was crying in pain holding her abdomen on the hospital bed, said Dil Sitara Begum Chuni, an assigned lawyer of the OCC.

Sonia's employer, wife of an army officer got angry at her as the minor girl used a blanket meant for the use of the housewife, Sonia told her family members.

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Brainstorming contest grand finale held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The grand finale of The Daily Star-Banglalion Brainstorming 2011 competition was held at a hotel in the port city Tuesday evening.

Presidency International School and East Delta University became the champions among 10 schools and 10 universities respectively.

Bangladesh Mahila Samiti Balika Bidy and Independent University Bangladesh are the runners-up.

The brainstorming competition was organised by Drishty, Chittagong. It is for the second time the contest has been held in the port city.

In the competition each team consisting three members had to choose an item and make a complete business plan to promote the prod-

uct in national and international market.

Presidency International School made a demonstration on "Reusing of Pens" while Bangladesh Mahila Samiti Balika Bidyaloy made a demonstration on Reusing of "Water Hyacinths."

Omar Sadat Chowdhury, the team leader of Presidency International School, said their success is a result of the teamwork. Hisham Siddique and Rooman Amin were another two members of the team.

Sadia Bari, the team leader of Bangladesh Mahila Samiti Balika Bidyaloy, said they want to go national level competition. Sabrina Ainy and Maysha Malika were the two other members of the team.

University level champion, East Delta University's team leader Fahad

Ali Dovash said they have promoted Khuab-er-mangsha (special kind of beef), a traditional food item of Chittagong. Mehnaz Huda and Swon O Chery were the two other members of the team.

The runner-up, Independent University Bangladesh, made demonstration on "Bela Biscuit."

Eminent Banker Mamun Rashid was present as the chief guest at the award giving ceremony and distributed the prizes among the champions and runner-ups.

Mamun put emphasis on understanding the difference between "sales" and "marketing". He advised the students to pay more concentration in making plan of promoting a product.

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A Japanese Multinational Company, Dhaka Office is Looking for the following position.

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Educational Requirements: Bachelor/Masters Degree (Commerce Background preferable).

Experience Requirements: 2-3 years experience in commercial area (steel/metal products will be given preference).

Age Range: Maximum 35 years old. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

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★ Should have sound knowledge in commercial environment.

★ Good Knowledge in Creative Selling Techniques and follow-up.

★ Good Knowledge in International Commercial Terms.

★ Should have ability to forecast, supervise and negotiation capability.

★ Must be proficient in English both written and spoken.

★ Must be able to use Microsoft applications and be proficient in email writing.

Salary Range: Negotiable.

Job Location: Dhaka.

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Only short listed aspirant will be called for interview. If you are interested, please send your resume with color photograph to

GPO Box No. 251, Dhaka OR

e-mail: dacas@sumitomocorp-bd.com

Application Deadline: March 05, 2011.



Guests pose for a photograph at the unveiling ceremony of a book titled 'Bitorker Sohjo Path' at ATN Bangla office in the city yesterday.

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