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# Govt moves to let off 7 indicted for murder

*All charge-sheeted accused use ruling party links; one said to be home minister's cousin, Sahara neither denies nor confirms*

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and KAILASH SARKAR

The government has made several moves in recent months to see a murder case withdrawn against seven charge-sheeted accused, citing political affiliations.

The latest came on April 19 when the metropolitan public prosecutor directed the special PP of Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 to take necessary steps towards withdrawal of the case, filed for the murder of Ashikur Rahman Khan Apu.

The special PP, Abu Abdullah, has told The Daily Star that an application will be submitted to the Tribunal-1 on April 27 for withdrawal of murder charges against all the seven accused.

The case was filed with the capital's Sutrapur Police Station on May 24, 2008, a day after Apu, a private university student, was shot dead and his two brothers were injured in Wari.

In October that year, charges were pressed against the seven--Monjurul Abedin Russell, Mahbub Alam, Mohammad Ali alias Munna, Nawshad Hossain Mollah alias Robin, Iftekhar Beg alias Jhalak, Biplob Chandra Das and Atiq Ahmed Shiplu.

Of the accused, Russell, Jhalak and Munna are behind bars, Biplob and Robin on the run, and Mahbub and

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Arifur Rahman Khan Setu now lives a life of a cripple. In a brazen gun attack his brother Apu, bottom, died and his other brother Bappi was also maimed.



Ashikur Rahman Khan Apu

## Murder it was

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It all happened on May 23 evening, 2008. An armed gang of seven broke into Dr Tofatun Nahar's house on Hare Street in the capital. They pointed firearms at her younger son Arifur Rahman Khan Setu and asked him to bring Tk 12 lakh from his mother.

They started beating him and dragged him onto the road from the first floor of the house.

When Setu cried for help, his elder brother

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## Khaleda sends letter

*Leading citizens want to see BNP in talks*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Main opposition BNP should accept the invitation of the parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment and give their opinions in a cordial discussion, some eminent citizens suggested.

Talking to The Daily Star, they maintained that

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## CONSTITUTION TALKS

# Yes to caretaker govt, no to ex-CJs

*Top jurists against JS authority to remove constitutional appointees*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurists yesterday recommended that the parliament amends the constitution scrapping the current provision which allows former chief justices to lead caretaker governments.

The recommendation was made to ensure the independence of the judiciary,

they said.

While speaking at a talk organised by the parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment, the constitutional experts said the current provision regarding appointments of chief advisers to caretaker governments contributed to making the judiciary controversial by

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# BD-Thai sues stock crash probe chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BD-Thai Aluminium Ltd yesterday filed an appeal with a Dhaka court seeking scrapping of a part of the stockmarket scam probe report that accuses the company of siphoning off Tk 15 crore.

The aluminium products manufacturer also served a legal notice upon the probe committee asking them to pay Tk 100 crore in compensation for



Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled

making "false" and "fabricated" statements about the company.

It termed the allegations "false, fabricated and unfounded" and requested the court to summon eight people including Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled, head of the stockmarket scam probe

team, to explain the claims.

After hearing the appeal filed in the

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## e-Quran soon

*PM opens e-textbooks*

UNB, Dhaka

The online version of Holly Quran (e-Quran) with Bangla translation will be introduced, disclosed the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

She said this at the launching ceremony of 33 primary level and 73 secondary level textbooks (e-book) online at her office while urging the

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## 2 AL men shot dead 5 cops closed

STAR REPORT

Five police officers of Gafargaon were closed yesterday on charge of negligence of duty hours after killing of an Awami League leader by criminals while another AL activist was shot dead in Jhenidah on Saturday night.

In Mymensingh, unidentified criminals shot dead Mofazzal Hossain Sarwar, 29, AL joint-convener of Dutter Bazar Union and a resident of Balipara in the

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## HSBC Export Excellence Awards 2010

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- **Exporter of the Year** - Traditional and Emerging sector companies (Non RMG and Textiles) with an annual export turnover of US\$3 million or more
- **Exporter of the Year** - SMEs (Non RMG and Textiles) with an annual export turnover less than US\$3 million

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