

Another accused

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the killing and said the inclusion of his name in the case was for "political harassment".

He went to Saudi Arabia on October 30, two days before the killing, and returned home after his visa expired, police said.

Masked criminals shot dead Lokman, also the general secretary of Narsingdi town Awami League, on the night of November 1 in the district AL office on Sadar Road.

Lokman's brother Kamruzzaman filed a case accusing 14 people. According to the FIR, Posts and Telecommunications Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju's brother Salauddin Ahmed is the prime accused.

Police have so far arrested 13 people in this connection. Of them, nine gave confessional statements before court.

Minister's brother Salauddin is yet to be arrested. Tareque, the number eight accused, was defeated by Lokman in last year's mayoral race.

Court sub-inspector Anwar Hossain said Tareque was involved in the planning of the murder and left the country just two days before

the killing to mislead the law enforcers.

Meanwhile, protesting his arrest, several hundred BNP men demonstrated on the court premises and demanded his release.

Police baton charged to disperse the agitators.

In another development, Lokman's family members yesterday expressed doubt about the investigation and accused the police of misleading the case.

His brother Shamim Newaz, general secretary of the district Chhatra League, said police arrested many people instead of arresting the main culprit.

Mob beats

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in a canal. The locals caught them and beat them to death.

They also caught Monir and handed him over to the police after beating.

During the primary interrogation, Monir admitted that they gathered there to commit a robbery.

The bodies were sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Police recovered four sharp weapons from the possessions of the victims.

Ebtedayee

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the first time in the country, over 2.22 lakh class-V madrasa students came out successful last year while their pass percentage was 83.93.

Over 32,000 students obtained GPA above 4 while over 40,000 examinees secured GPA between 3.5 and 4. A total of 50,370 students earned GPA between 3 and 3.5 while the remaining candidates obtained GPA between 1 and 3.

This year, the number of unsuccessful students stood at 23,737 compared to last year's number of unsuccessful candidates which was above 42,000.

Over 3, 21,000 students from 11,519 madrasas registered to appear in the examinations. Of them over 2,72,000 students participated in the exam. It is apprehended that the students who registered to participate in the examinations but failed to attend the tests might get dropped.

Dhaka Division ranked fifth among the seven divisions with 91.46 percent pass rate. Like last year, students of Barisal Division came up with the best performance with 94.65 percent pass rate while Sylhet division got the lowest 82.14 percent.

Around 6,074 madrasas

witnessed cent percent pass rate while 99 madrasas saw zero percent.

Sylhet road

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Fifteen persons, six of them in critical condition, were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Traffic halted on the highway for an hour as angry locals put barricades following the accident. Vehicular movement resumed after police cleared the blockade.

Six of the deceased are schoolboy Noman Ahmed, Bobita Rani Das, 23, teacher of Birakhai Government Primary School, Tripti Rani Das, 25, teacher of Kurail Government Primary School, housewife Salma Begum, 30, housewife Khatun Bibi, 60, and bus driver Anwar Hossain, 28.

Identities of two women in their sixties and a man aged around 40 could not be known.

Education shines

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students. Free distribution of books resulted in an increase in the number of students by 50 lakh and the demand for books as well. This year, the ministry distributed over 23 crore copies of textbooks.

The education policy framed by the government seeks to establish a unified education system in the country. The policy however drew flak from religion-based political parties and organisations due to its progressive features.

A specific budgetary allocation for implementation of the policy is yet to be made.

A major step taken by the education ministry in line with the new policy is updating the curricula for primary and secondary levels incor-

porating the latest concepts, methods and practices.

Besides, the government introduced two public examinations at the end of class V and class VIII. This created competitiveness among the students, and also teachers. Students as well as their guardians are now serious about these examinations as certificates and stipends are being given on the basis of results.

The rate of dropouts both at SSC and HSC levels declined in the last three years greatly due to the free distribution of textbooks, increase of stipend coverage for students and training of teachers.

According to official estimates, the dropout rate at SSC level has come down to 29 percent this year from 36 percent last year and 42

percent in 2009. And this rate at HSC level has declined to 18.19 percent this year from 18.24 percent last year and 19.92 percent in 2009.

However, the dropout situation is not yet satisfactory as several lakh students dropout every year.

The government claims to have enrolled around 99 percent children for primary education. But reducing the huge dropout rate further and imparting quality education will be two major tasks.

Passage of the Private University Act 2010 is another major initiative in the education sector. The act seeks to ensure discipline and standard of education at the private universities.

After a six-year suspension, the education ministry resumed the monthly pay order (MPO) facility for

teachers. It listed 1,612 private educational institutions in 2010 for this facility on the basis of a policy.

However, criticism from ruling Awami League ministers and lawmakers over the MPO list that left out many institutions of their choice led to its revision twice.

Lack of coordination with the finance ministry has stalled the education ministry's initiatives, such as giving time scale incentive to teachers and MPO to deserving ones, and forming a separate pay commission for teachers, sources in the ministries said.

Although the government has been providing training facilities for teachers, there is a need for focusing on the high standard and quality of training for further improving the quality of education.

Charges sent back

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them before it by January 5.

On December 12 the prosecution submitted 52 crimes against humanity charges against former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam, 89, and sought his arrest.

The prosecution charged Ghulam Azam with his involvement in the genocide, rapes and arson the Pakistani military committed during Bangladesh's 1971 liberation war against Pakistan. He denies the charges.

The nine-month war claimed 30 lakh lives, left at least 2 lakh women raped and sent millions fleeing to neighbouring India before Bangladesh gained victory on December 16, 1971.

Yesterday the tribunal was to decide whether to accept the charges and order Ghulam Azam's arrest. Instead, it sent the charges back to the prosecution for more work on those.

Ghulam Azam's chief counsel Barrister Abdur Razzaq said the court's response confirms prosecution's failure to properly submit the charges and relevant documents even after over two years of investigation.

This proves that the allegations against the former Jamaat chief are meant to politically harass him, he said.

Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo told the media the charges are "perfectly all right", but the problem lies in how they have been arranged.

He said the prosecution would resubmit the charges in a more "polished manner" as the court desired.

Some eminent personalities, who have been campaigning for the trial, said yesterday's development in the tribunal reflects the

inefficiency and incompetence of the prosecution.

"I'm very angry as the court did not accept the charges against Ghulam Azam due to lack of efficiency of the prosecution," said Shahriar Kabir, who is the executive president of Ekattor Ghatak Dala Nirmul Committee (EGDNC).

"I'm also angry at the government since it is not appointing more efficient prosecutors for holding trial of war criminals," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said dealing with Ghulam Azam's case was supposed to be the "easiest task" but the prosecutors could not do it properly.

Kabir said at least a hundred honest and efficient prosecutors, who are inspired by the liberation war, should be appointed as prosecutors.

He said there must at least be three tribunals to complete the trial of 10 to 12 prime war crimes suspects by 2013.

War Crimes Facts Finding Committee (WCFFC) Convener Dr MA Hasan said "It is embarrassing and disappointing that prosecution has failed to submit the formal charge in proper way due to their incompetence."

They are even failing to pinpoint the elements of crimes lodged against different perpetrators, he said, many heinous perpetrators of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity are not focused in a way it should have been done and prime perpetrators are not yet recorded properly.

"I am in doubt whether we can come out from the menace of immunity. I don't believe any patriot of the country would accept such kind of failures or incompetence regarding the trial of

war criminals."

He urged the government to appoint some counsels with experience in international war crimes tribunals like Ian Martin, a former secretary general of Amnesty International and a witness to the beginning of Bangladesh's War of Independence on March 26, 1971, as consultants for the prosecution and investigation agency for dealing with war crimes cases properly and speedily.

EGDNC President Justice Mohammad Ghulam Rabbani however said it is unusual that there could have been lapses in submitting the charges.

Charges in accordance with international crimes tribunal act is not similar to the charges framed under Criminal Procedure Court (CrPC), he said, therefore any lapses is not surprising.

The tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq instead found flaws in the arrangement and classification of the charges.

"We perused the formal charge, investigation report, statements of witnesses and other documents," the court said in its order. "Formal charge, as submitted, appears to have been prepared in scattered way, and charges have not been properly arranged and classified."

"Let the formal charge along with documents be returned to Chief Prosecutor for resubmitting the same afresh in a systematic form by January 5, 2012," it said before concluding the proceedings.

The court only asked the prosecution to resubmit the charges in a more "polished manner" as it is being cautious about maintaining international standards, prosecutor Zead Al Malum said.

Monipur best school in country

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school got GPA 5.

The five other schools of Dhaka that follow Monipur High School are Viharunnisa Noon School and College, Motijheel branch of Ideal School and College, Milestone Preparatory KG School, Gulshan branch of Ideal School and College, and National Ideal School, Motijheel.

Comilla Modern Primary School secured the seventh position. Of its 761 candidates, 315 secured GPA 5.

AK Higher Secondary School, Mohammadpur Preparatory School, Shamsul Haq Khan School and College, Mirpur Bangla Higher Secondary School, Motijheel Model High School and College, and Banani Bidyaniketan secured positions from eighth to 13th.

Bangladesh Navy School and College in Chittagong held the 14th place while Govt Laboratory High School, Ideal Govt Primary School and Uttara High

School the subsequent spots.

The top 20 list has Khulna Zila School, Faizur Rahman Ideal Institution, and Shaheed Police Smriti School and College in the 18th, 19th and 20th positions.

The rankings were based on the number of registered students, number of GPA 5s, pass rate, and percentage of absence.

"It is an output of good teamwork. Everyone has discharged his/her due responsibilities," Farhad Hossain, principal of Monipur High School, told The Daily Star.

Continuous study and supervision are the main reasons behind such results of the school, he said adding, special classes, monthly tests, class tests, and model tests helped the students attain such results.

Manju Ara Begum, acting principal of Viharunnisa Noon School and College, gave credit to combined efforts by the teachers, stu-

dents and guardians.

"We identify the weaknesses in particular students and take extra care to help them overcome their lacking," she told The Daily Star.

Siddiqur Rahman, principal of Comilla Modern Primary School, attributed his school's success to the dedication of experienced teachers, parents' awareness, and students' efforts. "Since we weren't on the top schools' list last year, everyone tried their best to do better this time around."

Saying that mediocre students usually take admission to the school, Principal Mir Golam Sabur of Bangladesh Navy School and College in Chittagong termed his institution's success a "great achievement."

"If the teachers closely monitor the students, they would surely get good results at the end of the day," mentioned the head of the school. It gets 80 per cent student from the Navy men.

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