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MP Shaon acquitted

CID shows him as prosecution witness instead of murder accused

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon was cleared yesterday of killing Ibrahim Ahmed after the Criminal Investigation Department showed him as a prosecution witness, not an accused.

Metropolitan Magistrate Kamrunnahr Rumi yesterday found Shaon and four Jubo League activists -- Mijan, Jibon, Riton and Alam -- not guilty following an appeal by the CID saying their involvement in the killing had not been proved.

The CID showed Shaon as prosecution witness number 35 even though Ibrahim's brother Masum Ahmed filed a murder case against the lawmaker and seven others with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on August 18, 2010.

Jubo League leader Ibrahim was hit by a bullet fired from a licensed pistol of Shaon in the parliament com



Shaon

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

The capital was plagued with severe traffic congestion yesterday, after a holiday lasting three days. The picture was shot in the city's Mohakhali at noon.

Traffic jam chokes city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the city returned to its usual business after a three-day holiday, city dwellers yesterday experienced unusual traffic congestion in most parts of the city due to ongoing works of installing utility pipelines in some major streets.

The tailbacks were also the result of additional

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BORDER TALKS Shahara goes to Delhi Feb 23

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Shahara Khatun will stress the issue of recurring killing incidents of Bangladeshis by BSF during the two-day talks in New Delhi on February 23-24 with her Indian counterpart.

Her delegation will

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DEATHS IN FIRING BNP forms citizens' probe body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has formed a five-member citizens' investigation committee to probe the killing of five opposition activists in police firing during its mass procession programme on January 29 and 30, saying truth will not come to light through the ongoing government investigations.

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2007 ATROCITIES AT DU

Keep DGFI away from politics

JS probe also wants end to interrogation at special cells; blames Fakhruddin, army bosses for the incident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday placed in the House a special report on the 2007 Dhaka University campus violence, recommending steps to put an end to the DGFI's meddling in

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Stocks hit new low

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stock prices fell to a record low yesterday, pulling down the key index of the Dhaka bourse by around 6 percent, as the investors went for massive sell-offs.

The benchmark index came down to a 27-month low at 3,616 points since November 16 of 2010.

After the fall, retail investors tried to demonstrate in front of the premier bourse, but police foiled their attempt.

The law enforcers also detained nine investors, including some leaders of Bangladesh Share Investors Association

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Lawmakers take a swipe at govt

Ask it to arrest culprits found in Khaled-led probe right away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several lawmakers of the Awami League-led alliance in parliament yesterday blasted the government over its failure to stabilise the stockmarket, and demanded immediate arrest of those a probe body had held responsible for the market crash.

They warned the government of

a backlash from the people, especially at the next general election, if it failed to deal with the share market crisis.

They also demanded that a discussion be held in the House on the share market crash.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Finance Minister AMA Muhith were present in the House.

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6 KILLED BY MOB

Families tell of cop reluctance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families of six students killed by a mob at Amin Bazar last year have alleged police are reluctant to probe into the incident and arrest the killers.

At a press conference held at Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh yesterday, they alleged investigation officer Assistant Superintendent of Police Sirajul Haque is playing a mysterious role.

Shams Rahim Shamam, 17, Ibrahim Khalil, 20, Towhidur Rahman Palash, 22, and Kamruzzaman Kanto, 16, of Government Bangla College in Mirpur; Tipu Sultan, 20, of Tejgaon College; and Sitaf Jabi Munif, 21, of Bangladesh University of Business & Technology were brutally beaten to death labelled as robbers on July 18. Their friend Al Amin survived the attack with severe injuries.

Al Amin later said they went to Keblar Char in Bardeshi village on the night of Shab-e-Barat for a walk.

Parents of the victims accompanied by many of their classmates told reporters yesterday the students were killed "under the shelter of police".

In a written statement, they said investigator Sirajul

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Diabetes too risky

Say researchers about birth defects

BBC ONLINE

The risk of birth defects increases four-fold if the pregnant mother has diabetes, researchers say.

The Newcastle University study, published in the journal Diabetologia, analysed

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