

# RU STUDENT FARUK MURDER 110 Jamaat-Shibir men charged

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Faruk Hossain

Police pressed charges against 110 Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir leaders and activists, including Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, in a case filed after the murder of Rajshahi University student Faruk Hossain.

Faruk, a final-year mathematics student and Bangladesh Chhatra League activist, was hacked to death and dumped in a manhole on the night of February 9, 2010 during an attack by hundreds of armed Shibir men on the campus.

Nearly a hundred others were wounded. The tendons in the hands and legs of four of them were severed.

Police submitted the charge-sheet on July 8 and informed journalists of the submission yesterday.

Court Inspector Rabindranath Biswas informed that the charge-sheet would be placed before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court today.

The accused include Jamaat Secretary General Ali Hossain Mohammad Mojaheed, Nayeb-e-Ameer Delawar Hossain Sayedee, Rajshahi city unit Jamaat Ameer Ataur Rahman and General Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Katakali municipality Jamaat Ameer Mazedur Rahman, Motihar unit Jamaat Ameer Abdus Salam and former RU syndicate member Siddik Hossain.

Three of the accused, Shibir's RU unit President Shamsul Alam Golap and Amir Ali Hall unit President Ekram Hossain and former Rajshahi ward councillor Gias Uddin, gave judicial confession in connection to the case.

In it they stated to have attended a rally in Rajshahi on February 7, 2010, where Nizami was present, and launched the attack on the campus as per their organisation's plan.

Three groups, led by Shamsul, Shibir's RU unit General Secretary Mobarak Hossain and Shibir's Rajshahi City Corporation Ward 26 unit President Hafizur Rahman, carried out the attack, read the charge-sheet.

Hafizur was found dead in Chapainawabganj a few days after the violence.

The Shibir leaders were in frequent contact with local Jamaat leaders and top brass of Jamaat during the attack, read the charges.

Biswas said five investigators went through the mobile phone call records of the accused and gathered the witnesses and evidences.



A trawler, which was overloaded with passengers, capsized in the Shitalakkhya river at Narayanganj port yesterday.

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## CHT LAND DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT Changes to be placed in next JS session

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amendments to the Chittagong Hill Tracts Land Dispute Resolution Commission (CHTLDR) Act, 2001 would be placed for passing in the next parliamentary session due to be held in September, said Law Minister Shafigue Ahmed yesterday.

"There will be no such rule in the act that violates the constitution," he told reporters after attending an inter-ministerial meeting at the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs, said a press release of the law ministry.

Once the act is amended, the CHTLDR can consider settling the disputes between the Bengali settlers and the CHT people over illegally grabbing of land in the region since March 9, 1997, said Shafigue, who chaired the meeting.

He said the meeting has finalised the proposed amendments made on the basis of suggestions from the CHT Regional Council.

The government finalised decisions regarding the 13 amendment proposals to the act in two meetings including yesterday's.

Chakma Circle Chief Raja Debashish Roy said decisions regarding amendments to the act were taken on the basis of consensus.

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira, Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi, State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam, State Minister for Land Mostafizur Rahman, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder, Khagrachhari Hill District's Refugee Affairs Taskforce Chairman Jatindra Lal Tripura and other CHT leaders were also present at the meeting.

## Trawler capsizes in Shitalakkhya

15 hurt clashing with police

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At least 15 people were injured as police charged batons on locals, who were protesting a delay in the rescue operation for missing passengers of a trawler that capsized in Shitalakkhya river in Narayanganj yesterday morning.

Police, however, said almost all passengers of the trawler were either rescued or swam ashore themselves and that no complaint regarding any missing people was received by police.

Witnesses said two divers of Fire Service and Civil Defence started search for the missing people around 8:30am.

Meanwhile, a salvage vessel of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) started operation to recover the trawler when a group of locals started pelting stones at the BIWTA team alleging them of delaying the rescue operation, witnesses said.

As police resisted the locals, they also pelted stones at the law enforcers. At one stage, police charged truncheons on the mob, leaving 15 people injured, witnesses added.

The trawler, which capsized due to overloading, was recovered around 12:00 noon but no bodies were found in it, BIWTA sources said.

## World Peace Council Mozaffar Hossain Paltu elected vice president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, president of Bangladesh Peace Council, has been

elected vice president of the World Peace Council from the Asia Pacific region.

The announcement came at the conference of World Peace Council held at Kathmandu in Nepal from July 20 to 23, said a press release of Bangladesh Peace Council.

Some 150 representatives of around 50 organisations from all continents participated in the conference with the slogan "A movement of peace loving people be strengthened against imperialistic aggression and exploitation" this year.

Bangladesh Peace Council President Mozaffar Hossain and its General Secretary Dr M A Kasem led a 22-member Bangladesh delegation at the conference.

The delegation members included Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon, Communist Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal General Secretary Sharif Nurul Ambia.

Special proposals favouring trial of war crimes against humanity in 1971 and protesting different obstacles created by fundamentalists and imperial powers in Bangladesh was accepted at the conference.

Proposals against interference of imperial powers to Syria, Libya, Cuba and Iran were also accepted.

Later on, an agreement was signed between Bangladesh Peace Council and Vietnam Peace Council to strengthen bilateral relationship and peace movement in the Asia Pacific region.

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