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MAIMING LIMON

Police probe finds Rab innocent

Investigation officer secretly submits final report in case filed by victim's mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police have quietly submitted a report to a Jhalakathi court, saying they have found no evidence and witnesses in favour of the attempt-to-murder case filed by the mother of Limon Hossain, a college student maimed by Rab personnel last year.



court orders on April 26 that year.

The six accused are Deputy Assistant Director of Crime Prevention Company-1 Lutfur Rahman, Corporal Majaharul Islam, Nayek Moktadir Hossain, Nayek Prahalad Chandra, soldier Kartik Kumar Biswas and Constable Abdul Aziz of Barisal Rab-8.

In the case statement, Henoara said the accused, without caring to verify Limon's identity, shot him in the leg on March 23 while he was bringing cattle back home at Chhaturia village under Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi.

The Rab team later arrested him. Limon, who used to work at a brick kiln to pay for his education, had to have his

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Passengers suffer on homebound trips

Huge crowd at exits of Dhaka; minister stuck in 32km jam on Dhaka-Ctg highway

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Like the previous years, traffic movement at the major exit points in the capital came almost to a standstill round the day as the rush of home-going people got momentum ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Thousands of city dwellers left the city from dawn to midnight yesterday, the first day of at least six-day-long holiday, while a large number of people are expected to

leave for home today.

Passengers have to remain stranded for hours to cross the exit points -- Jatrabari, Uttara and Sadarghat. However, another exit point Gabtoli was comparatively less jam-packed.

"It took a couple of hours to cross Jatrabari from Fakirapool although it takes around 40 minutes on a normal day," said Mostafa Kamal, who was going

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana offer feteiha at the grave of their father and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara of Gopalganj yesterday on the occasion of his death anniversary. More photo on page 2.

PHOTO: PMO

Homage paid to Bangabandhu

National Mourning Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a clarion call to bring back the convicted fugitive killers of Bangabandhu to face justice, the country yesterday observed the National Mourning Day with due solemnity.

The nation remembered the Father of the Nation with the deepest respect and emotion on the occasion of the 37th anniversary of his martyrdom.

The government as well as different political and socio-cultural

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Justice delayed, justice denied

3 other Aug 15 murder cases still on backburner

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Apart from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members, some other people were killed in three separate attacks on August 15, 1975, but justice is apparently denied in their cases.

Disgruntled army personnel killed Bangabandhu's nephew Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni, founding chairman of Awami Jubo League, and his wife Arzu Moni at their Dhanmondi residence. Bangabandhu's brother-in-law Abdur Rab Serniabat, former

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In silent tears, they remember a father

STAR REPORT

The ambience at Bangabandhu's grave was one of pain and pathos. In the loud silence which grief always causes to course through the woods and the fields and across the streams and rivers, one could hear the emotions rising in the loneliness of the two surviving children of the Father of the Nation.

For once, Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana were not the public figures we know. They turned into two siblings for whom life has not been fair because some evil men had committed deeds most foul thirty seven years ago. Loneliness was theirs as

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Govt knows whereabouts of fugitives

Says Ashraf about Bangabandhu killers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government knows the whereabouts of the absconding killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraful Islam, yesterday.

"We have come to know where the absconding killers of Bangabandhu

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Even though riding on launch's top-most deck is illegal, Eid holidaymakers cram the space in a desperate bid to get home to their families ahead of the largest festival in the country. The photo was taken from the Second Buriganga Bridge in the capital yesterday.

3 top universities run without elected VCs

No VC panel polls at Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi universities for years

WASIM BIN HABIB

The country's three top public universities have long been running with non-elected and ruling party-nominated vice-chancellors.

Appointed temporarily, the incumbent vice-chancellors of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong universities have refrained from holding the VC panel polls apparently out of fear of not getting a second term.

They might not secure a victory in the

elections due to rifts among teachers and senate members. Even if their panels win, the government might not appoint them as VCs.

None of the three is taking the "risk". These universities are run under the 1973 university act, which stipulates that the VC will be appointed by the chancellor for four years from a panel of three elected by the senate.

The last elected VC of Dhaka University was SMA Fayeze, the predecessor of

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NATURAL DISASTERS Asian nations at most risk

Bangladesh, Philippines top list

AFP, Paris

Asian countries dominate a league table of economies most at risk from earthquakes, floods, storms and other natural hazards, according to research published yesterday.

In an assessment of 197 countries, British risk consultancy Maplecroft said six Asian countries were among the 10 countries whose economies were most vulnerable to catastrophes.

The list is headed by Bangladesh and the Philippines, which along with Myanmar are considered to be at "extreme" risk.

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বেসিক ব্যাংকের উদ্যোগে শোক দিবসের আলোচনা অনুষ্ঠান ও দোয়া মাহফিল অনুষ্ঠিত



সর্বকালের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বাঙালী জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের শাহাদাৎ বার্ষিকীতে তাঁর রুহের মাগফিরাত কামনায় বেসিক ব্যাংকের উদ্যোগে আলোচনা অনুষ্ঠান ও দোয়া মাহফিল গতকাল ব্যাংকের প্রধান কার্যালয়ে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি ছিলেন ব্যাংকের সম্মানিত চেয়ারম্যান জনাব শেখ আব্দুল হাই বাচ্চু। ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব কাজী ফখরুল ইসলামের সভাপতিত্বে অনুষ্ঠিত এ আলোচনা ও দোয়া অনুষ্ঠানে বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন ব্যাংকের পরিচালক শ্রীযুক্ত ওভাশীষ বসু, জনাব সাখাওয়াত হোসেন, বেগম নীলুফার আহমেদ, বেগম কামরুন নাহার আহমেদ। এছাড়া উপস্থিত ছিলেন ব্যাংকের অতিরিক্ত ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব শেখ মনজুর মোর্শেদ, উপ-ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক শ্রীযুক্ত কনক কুমার পুরকায়স্থসহ সর্বস্তরের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীবৃন্দ। অনুষ্ঠানে বঙ্গবন্ধুর জীবন এবং অবদান নিয়ে বক্তব্য রাখেন সম্মানিত চেয়ারম্যান এবং বিশেষ অতিথিবৃন্দ। পরিশেষে জাতির পিতার রুহের মাগফিরাত এবং জাতির কল্যাণ কামনা করে মোনাজাত করা হয়।

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