

JAIL KILLING CASE

Complete trial within shortest possible time

Urges Nasim

Former home minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court to complete the trial of the historic jail killing case within the shortest possible time to free the nation from the associated “stigma”.

Nasim, son of Captain Mansur Ali, one of the four national leaders assassinated in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975, referred to the long delay in the trial proceedings.

“This is not my personal grief but of the whole nation’s,” he said.

The ruling Awami League leader was speaking at a discussion, “Killing of four leaders in jail, politics of conspiracy by the anti-liberation force : present context”, in Dhaka Reporters Unity of the capital.

Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan organised the discussion marking Jail Killing Day.

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka in 2004 awarded death sentence to three former army personnel and life imprisonment to 12 others. The High Court in 2008 upheld the death penalty of one, acquitted six of the convicts and did not say anything about the eight others.

The government on Thursday appealed to the SC to uphold the lower court verdict by cancelling the HC verdict.

“They were self-proclaimed killers and I myself had given testimony in this case,” said Nasim, adding that the HC verdict made the trial “farcical”.

“If the trial is not completed within the tenure of the present government and BNP-Jamaat comes to power, the trial would be farcical again,” he said.

About BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's reverse stance on relations with India, Nasim said, “What she said (during her recent New Delhi visit) was just for the sake of saying it. She would surely return to her party's previous stance.”

Terming BNP's politics as “politics of anti-India and communalism”, Nasim said Bangladesh would become an “extension of Pakistan” if Khaleda came to power again.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Capt (ret'd) AB Tajul Islam and Krishak League leader MA Karim spoke at the discussion with Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan President Humayun Kabir in the chair.

TANGENTS

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Digital Jargon

I love to photograph children, particularly when they are immersed in their own world. The other day I saw a child walking out of an alley, lost in his thoughts. I got my camera ready. At the right moment – his expression, the light, the distance, background everything came together – I pressed the shutter. But the same instance another kid jumped in front of my camera. He had been watching from my side and decided to make his move at the critical moment.

I had just been *photobombed*.

Digital photography, which has enabled millions of new photographers, has also given rise to a new jargon.

Many digital photographers look at the picture immediately after taking it. This is called *chimping*, which is not a good idea if the events you are photographing are outside your control and changing rapidly since your decisive moment may pass in the seconds you take to look at that photo. On the other hand, chimping makes more sense in a controlled studio situation. (Before digital photography, studio photographers often used Polaroids to preview their photographs and make sure the lighting, pose etc were correct before making the final exposure.)

Sometimes a situation arises which is of such great interest that several photographers stand elbow to elbow trying to photograph the same subject. This grouping is sometimes called *the scrum* or *the pack*.

In the world of model, glamour and fashion photography there is the *GWC: Guy With Camera*. This is a man with a camera who is posing as a photographer to get close to the models.

In wedding photography, a guest who shows up at a function with lots of camera gear and gets in the way of the professional wedding photographers is sometimes called an *Uncle Bob*.

BIF is a favourite term of bird photographers. It means *Birds in Flight*. Perhaps some of these birds can be captured by the *Bigma*, nickname of a big telephoto lens made by the lens company Sigma.

On the other end of the scale, a point-and-shoot camera is sometimes called a *PhD* – Push Here Dummy. Of course great images have been made with all kinds of cameras.



Digital Photographers During Holi

PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

To *photoshop* a photograph means to enhance or change it using software such as Adobe Photoshop. Professionals sometimes call this post-processing or, simply, post, as in “He knew the lighting was bad and was planning to fix it in post.” During post, a *pixel-peeper* zooms up the entire digital image on his computer checking the pixels.

Spray and pray, a term from combat, refers to a soldier rapidly firing a lot of bullets at the enemy without particular attention, hoping he gets lucky. With today's high-speed digital SLR cameras, spray and pray has migrated to photography. While many photographers disapprove of the technique, some find the technique useful in fast moving situations such as in bird, wildlife and sports photography.

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Small boats whimsically move to and fro among a stream of sand carrying vessels and launches on Buriganga and Shitalakhya rivers. Recent incidents of collisions, which led to a number of deaths, have failed to dissuade the boatmen from the practice. The photo was taken yesterday.



India no more relies on one Bangladeshi party

Says Moudud

UNB, Dhaka

BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed yesterday said India no more relied on a single party in Bangladesh to maintain good relations with its neighbour.

“There was a gap in the past between us (BNP and Congress) for the policy of previous Congress governments which wanted to rely on a single party in Bangladesh instead of trusting people. Now their policy is changing,” he said.

Moudud was addressing a meeting organised by Swadesh Mancha, a pro-BNP civil platform, in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

He pointed out that the attitude change was first visible when Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, during his last visit to Bangladesh as a foreign minister of the Congress-led government, met and invited BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to visit India.

“They have come one step forward towards us (BNP) and we have also moved one step forward...”

“BNP wants to protect the national interest by maintaining good relations with them (India),” Moudud said, adding that in today's world nothing could be achieved with a “warlike” attitude with a neighbour.

“The only way is to talk to each other and build a relation of faith and confidence...I hope the change in the Indian policy will improve the Bangladesh-India relations and bring far-reaching results,” he said.

On disputes between Bangladesh and India, including water sharing of common rivers and Tipaimukh dam, Moudud said, “Ensuring water rights is our dire need.

“India is building 33 small and 12 mega dams on the upstream of 54 common rivers. What is more worrying is that they are also implementing a mega river linking project upstream.

“Construction of the Tipai dam and water sharing of the Teesta River involves the existence of Bangladesh. We need to resolve these but by maintaining good relations.”

Major reshuffle in police admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has made a major reshuffle in the higher-tier of police administration including deputy inspector generals (DIG) and additional inspector generals.

The changes made through a home ministry circular issued on Thursday involve 51 police officials including six DIGs and 18 additional inspector generals.

The other officials are superintendents of police, the circular added.

DIGs Siddiqui Rahman of Rajshahi Range of Police was posted as director of NSI in Dhaka, Asaduzzaman Mian from Dhaka Range to Highway Police in Dhaka, Binoy Krishna Bala of Rangpur Range to Police Headquarters, Humayun Kabir of Highway Police to Police Headquarters, Mir Shahidul Islam of Police Headquarters to Rajshahi Range and Iqbal Bahar from Police Headquarters to Rangpur Range.

Yaba seized in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized 6000 pieces of Yaba tablets worth around Tk 24 lakh and arrested three youths in this connection in Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

A team from Rab-7 arrested Riton Biswas of Teknaf, Zakaria, and Yousuf with the Yaba tablets while they were carrying drugs in a truck on BISIC Link Road around 2:00am. The Rab also seized the truck.

One killed in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash over holding a religious meeting at Narayanpur Madinatul Nurani Hafezia Madrasa in Iswarganj upazila of Mymensingh on Thursday.

The deceased was Fazlul Haque, 60, one of the donors of the madrasa.

Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge at Iswarganj Police Station, said the clash ensued as the madrasa's former and present governing body members locked in an altercation when they met to discuss holding of an annual religious meeting on the madrasa premises.

The injured were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Fazlul dead around 11:00pm on that day.

A case was filed with the police station.

Cop closed for bribery in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Superintendent of Police (SP) of Bogra district closed an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Bogra Sadar Police Station on Wednesday evening.

ASI Aminul Islam demanded Tk 500 as bribe from Ashraful Islam, an engineer of Radio Today, over passport verification while he was on duty on the day at the station.

At one stage of bargaining, Ashraful's cohorts informed the SP Moazzammel Haque PPM over cellphone of the matter. Later, the SP closed him to police lines instantly.

NEWS IN brief

Dhaka-Ctg road to be upgraded within six months: Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said upgradation of a 73km portion of Dhaka-Chittagong highway will be completed for vehicular movement within six months.

He was talking to reporters after inaugurating the Load Control Station in Bara Darogar Hat area under Sitakunda upazila in Chittagong on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The minister said the weight of vehicles will be measured at the station as vehicles carrying load of over 20 tonnes will not be allowed to pass

60 hurt in Habiganj clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

About 60 villagers sustained injuries in a clash between two rival groups at Paharpur in Baniachang upazila of Habiganj district yesterday.

Locals said there was a long-standing rivalry between Abul Hossain and Asabur Rahman at the village over water sharing from an irrigation project.

The rivals, equipped with sticks and some other locally made arms, locked in the clash for about an

Land broker killed in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A land broker was killed allegedly over a land dispute in Narsingdi Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim is Mobarak Hossain, 30, of Santi Bhaola village in the upazila.

Police said five miscreants called Mobarak out of his house and slit his throat in Daner Bhaola area around 9:15pm.

Police suspects that Mobarak might have been

Gamblers injure three policemen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least three policemen were injured in an attack by a group of gamblers in Ghoraghat upazila on Thursday.

Police said the injured, Md Abdul Latif, assistant sub-inspector of Ghorghat Police Station, and constables -- Moniruzzaman and Md Sujon were undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

Ghorghat police said when the law enforcers raided Shalikada village at about 10:30pm, the gamblers attacked them that led a clash with the

Two bodies recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the bodies of two men in separate incidents in Moulvibazar sadar upazila yesterday.

They recovered the body of auto-rickshaw driver Mashuk Miah, 35, of Srimangal upazila, from a paddy field at Ishankor in the morning.

He had been missing since Thursday night, police said.

Meanwhile, the body of a businessman, Delwar Hossain, 28, of Borshijura in the upazila, was

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion

Banglar Pathshala will hold a discussion on constitution of Bangladesh; Venue: RC Majumder Auditorium, Dhaka University; Time: 4:00pm.

Views exchange meeting

Bangladesh Scouts will organise a

views exchange meeting on "Role of Electronic and Print Media on Development of Scouting"; Venue: The scouts' national headquarters, Kakrail; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion

Bangladesh Projanmo Academy will arrange a discussion on Anti-



WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The lowest minimum temperature is likely to be 17-18 degree Celsius and the highest maximum temperature is likely to be 32-33 degree Celsius.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:18pm and rises tomorrow at 6:06am.

Country's highest temperature 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 18.0 degrees at Dinajpur and Syedpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max: Min:	Morning Evening
Dhaka	31.4 23.3	76 58
Chittagong	31.0 25.0	79 77
Rajshahi	29.4 20.0	80 75
Rangpur	30.2 18.8	73 73
Khulna	30.5 22.7	89 87
Barisal	30.5 23.0	77 89