



Leaders of the ruling Awami League place wreaths at the graves of three slain national leaders, Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad and Captain Mansur Ali, at Banani graveyard in the capital yesterday marking Jail Killing Day. PHOTO: STAR

JAIL KILLING DAY Govt to bring killers to trial Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday said the government would collect all the evidence related to the killing of the four national leaders and bring to trial the main perpetrators and those working behind the scenes.

He was talking to journalists at the very spot in Dhaka Central Jail where the leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, Captain Mansur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman -- were killed on November 3, 1975.

Mohiuddin, former home minister Shahara Khatun, Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddique, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku and Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique went to the jail to pay respect to the leaders marking Jail Killing Day.

The family members of the leaders were also present. The nation's demand for the completion of the jail killing case had not been fulfilled and the government was working to this end, said Mohiuddin, adding that the trial process was still at its initial stage and the law would take its own course.

Matia said attaining justice and implementing the verdict was the present government's major responsibility. "We will lawfully try those who wilfully hid the evidence."

Syed Nazrul Islam's son Major Gen (ret) Syed Shafayetul Islam demanded restoration of the lower court's verdict in the case.

The visitors garlanded a bust of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman inside the jail, went round Bangabandhu Memorial Museum and prayed for salvation of the departed souls of the four leaders.

Meanwhile, ruling Awami League leaders at a discussion urged the people of the country to raise the demand for the trial of the killers and to remain alert to foil conspiracies of anti-liberation forces.

Bangladesh Awami League (AL) organised the discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre marking the day. Tajuddin's daughter Simeen Hussain Rimi also spoke on the occasion.

Gonoforum also held a discussion at its office in Dhaka marking the day.

Shajahan calls Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia razakar

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Madaripur

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan yesterday called BNP leader Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia a razakar.

"I did not know where the home of Barrister Rafiq is. After the television talk-show, a man from Comilla sent me a letter asking me to learn about Rafiq and said that local people knew him as Rafiq razakar," he told a meeting after unveiling the foundation stone of a community centre in Madaripur.

On an October 22 live television talk-show on Rtv, Shajahan and Rafiqul launched personal attacks on each other while talking about the performance of the incumbent government and the BNP-led four-party government. The television station authorities had to suspend the live programme for a few minutes as they started exchanging indecent words.

About the November 3, 1975 jail killing, the shipping minister said the four national leaders were assassinated to eliminate the spirit of the Liberation War and such killing inside jail rarely took place in the history of the world.

JUBO LEAGUE ACTIVIST MURDER Case filed after 11 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven years past his murder, family members of a Juba League activist filed a murder case with Fatullah Police Station Friday night.

The victim, Md Masum Miah, was hacked to death in Fatullah of Narayanganj on October 10, 2001.

Masum's mother Rahima Begum, the complainant, stated the reason for the delay in filing the case had been her illness and the absence of a "convenient situation".

After the case was filed, police arrested two persons, Selim alias Bolder Selim, 30, and Yasin, 33, from Lalpur area in this connection.

Masum used to run a shop in Dapa Balur Math area where he sold fuel. After the four-party alliance came to power, he started residing with his sister in Keraniganj, said Fatullah Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Matin.

On the fateful day, he came to visit his in-laws at Kotalerbagh in Fatullah when some armed men forcibly took him to Dapa Balurghat area and hacked him to death. The body was dumped in Buriganga River, he said.

No one had been named as accused in the case statement, he added.

Road crashes kill 10 Lawmaker's son among the dead

METRO DESK

Ten people, including a son of a lawmaker, were killed and eight others injured in road accidents in Mymensingh, Comilla, Habiganj, Netrakona, Chittagong and Gopalganj yesterday.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reports, Dr Mushfiqur Rahman Shuvo, 35, son of Matiur Rahman, the lawmaker of Mymensingh sadar constituency, died as an unidentified vehicle hit his motorcycle at Boradoba in Bhaluka of Mymensingh yesterday.

The vehicle rammed Shuvo's motorcycle on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in the area while he was going to Dhaka from Mymensingh around 5:45am, killing him instantly, said police.

In Comilla, three people died instantly as two trucks collided head-on on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Madhaia of Chandina upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were trucker Sohan, 30, of Fatullah in Narayanganj, his helper Iqbal, 21, of Sonargaon in the district, and

another truck driver Mamun, 28, of Manikganj.

Meanwhile, Touhidul Islam, 28, was killed instantly and five others were injured in a bus-truck collision on the highway at Roypur in Daudkandi yesterday.

In Habiganj, two persons were killed and three others injured as a truck hit an auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Andiura of Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were the auto-rickshaw driver Ilias Ali, 27, and his passenger Sajal Dev, 30.

In Netrakona, Sumita Rani, 60, died when a motorcycle hit her on Kendua-Paikura road at Paikura Bazar in Kendua upazila yesterday morning.

In Chittagong, an unidentified old man died as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit him at Paka Raster Matha point in Pahartali of the port city yesterday noon.

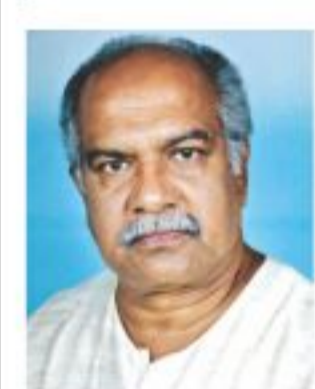
In Gopalganj, Animesh Biswas, 25, of Kashiani upazila, died as a microbus fell into the river Madhumoti at the Kalna ferry ghat in Gopalganj yesterday morning.



Sharmin Sultana Tania, widow of photojournalist Kazi Biplob, breaks down in tears over his coffin at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday. The body of Biplob, who was injured in a road accident at Mohakhali on October 28 and succumbed to his wounds five days later on Friday, was taken there for people to pay their last tributes. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock at the untimely death of Biplob who was only 35 and was working with Bangla daily the Banik Barta. He was buried at the capital's Azimpur graveyard. PHOTO: STAR

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra



Valiant freedom fighter Ferdous Zaman Mukul died of cardiac

arrest at a local hospital in Bogra on Friday night. He was 62.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Dhankunda of Shomabari union in Dhunat upazila after three namaz-e-ajanaza yesterday.

He was secretary of Bogra district unit of Awami League and former member of the parliament from Dhunat-Sherpur constituency.

Sandy-hit Bangladeshis asked to contact embassy, consulate

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladeshis living in the Sandy-hit areas in the USA have been asked to contact two officials of the Bangladesh embassy in Washington and Bangladesh Consulate General in New York for any consular or urgent need.

A press release of the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington yesterday urged the Sandy-affected Bangladeshis to contact Muhammad Shamsul Haque, Minister (Consular), Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington at 3510 International Drive NW, Washington 2008, or Md Mustafizur Rahman, Consul General, Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York at 245 East, 43rd Street, Suite#502, New York, NY 10017.

The office phone number of Shamsul Haque is 2022443571 while his email ID is: bdootwash@bdembassyusa.org.

The office phone numbers of Mustafizur Rahman are 2125996767, 2125996850 and 2125991874 while his email ID is: contact@bdcgny.org.

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