

**Aug 21 Cases  
Ex-magistrate  
summoned**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday summoned a former additional chief metropolitan magistrate to appear before it on January 13 to narrate what he knows about the August 21 grenade attack cases.

The ex-magistrate, AHM Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan, recorded a confessional statement of Harkat-ul Jihad chief Mufti Mohammad Abdul Hannan on April 7, 2011 in the cases.

Mufti Hannan, in his confessional statement, had implicated BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and some BNP top leaders.

Meanwhile, the defence yesterday completed cross examination of former director general of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence Maj Gen (ret'd) Sadik Hasan Rumi.

Twenty four people, including President Zillur Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman, were killed and hundreds of Awami League activists and leaders were injured in a grenade attack on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

**ZIA TRUST GRAFT CASE  
Court asks Khaleda  
to face it Sunday**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to appear before it on Sunday in connection with Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

The court also fixed the same day for passing an order on whether it will take into cognisance the charges brought against her.

The court passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the hearing of the case.

On August 8, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station.

Khaleda and three others were sued for misuse of power in raising funds from unknown sources for the charitable trust.

Earlier on November 27 last year, the court warned that it would not allow any more time to the BNP chief for attending the hearing as she had skipped it for the eighth time on that day.

Khaleda skipped the hearings on March 18, April 29, May 31, July 1, August 5, August 28, October 1 and November 27 last year.

She last appeared in the court on February 2 last year only to secure permanent bail in the case.

Yesterday, the court fixed to hold the hearing after the lawyer told the court that they would not file any more time petition in future.

The court also extended the bail period of two other accused -- Ziaul Islam Munna, assistant private secretary (APS) of BNP leader Harris Chowdhury, and Monirul Islam Khan, APS of former Dhaka city mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka -- in the case till Sunday.

Harris Chowdhury, former political secretary of Khaleda, is another accused in the case.

**ROWSHAN ARA KILLING  
Police suspect  
two guards**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police suspected that advocate Rowshan Ara, who was found murdered at her flat on Monday, was killed by two security guards of the residential building in the capital's Mirpur.

Her husband Mahboobe-Sattar, an associate professor of Dhaka University, filed a case with Mirpur Police Station against two unidentified persons in connection with the murder. He said the killers also took away Tk 20,000 cash from the flat.

Police yesterday said they had obtained evidence that the building's security guards Russell and Tajul, both employees of Amicon Security Service and Private Limited, had strangled Rowshan.

The two guards went into hiding following the incident.

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association; Bangladesh Mahila Parishad; and Samajtantrik Mahila Forum, in separate statements demanded punishment of the killers.

**MARITIME DISPUTE WITH INDIA  
Dhaka should argue on basis  
of sediment deposition system**

Says *Deshpremik Mancha*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sediments from Indian land do not get deposited in the Bay of Bengal crossing the Swatch of No Ground, so India has no right anywhere beyond that line, speakers said at a press briefing in the capital yesterday.

They advised Bangladeshi experts to produce a correct sediment deposition map called "bathymetric map of Bengal sediment depositional system" to argue with India to arrive at an equitable solution to the maritime boundary disputes and to get entry to the high seas from the country's own waters.

They came up with the advices as India claims some part of an 111,631 square kilometre area in the Bay, which Bangladesh won through a verdict of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg, Germany.

The speakers said another method of claim called "angle-bisector method", as stipulated in the United Nations Convention Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS), would be favourable for India, and in that case, Bangladesh would lose its right to extracting or using the sea resources, said a statement, "Maritime Boundary with India: Tough Time Ahead", sent by "Deshpremik Mancha", which organised

the press briefing. They suggested that Bangladeshi official delegations should argue on the basis of natural prolongation, which was stipulated in Article 76 of the UNCLOS.

"If we agree or compromise with Indian claims, the Arbitrary Tribunal [International Arbitrary Tribunal in the Hague] might deliver a verdict within 2014. But if we want to establish our claims, it would take longer and tougher periods," said Engineer M Inamul Haque, explaining the laws and methods of claiming sea area.

If Bangladesh fails to argue on the basis of natural prolongation by producing a correct sediment deposition map or compromises with India or maintains the boundary line drawn by the ITLOS, the country's sea area would be limited within or beyond 200 nautical miles of its continental shelf and Bangladesh would be surrounded by the maritime area of Myanmar or India, the speakers said.

Then Bangladesh would be only allowed to use the high seas only for some specific purposes, including navigation and over-flight and laying of submarine cables and pipelines as per the UNCLOS, they added.

**JP will not take  
responsibility  
of govt's failure**

Says *Ershad*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said his party will not take any responsibility of the failure of the incumbent Awami League-led grand alliance government.

"Jatiya Party had no role in the grand alliance since the inception till as of today of the government. We are saddened at the incompetence and failure of the government in running the country. We also don't want to share any success of the government," he said at a rally in the capital's Bijoy Nagar.

Marking its 27th anniversary, Jatiya Party, a key component of the AL-led 14-party grand alliance government, organised the rally followed by a colourful procession in the city led by the party chief.

Addressing the rally, Ershad reiterated his party's stance to contest independently in the next parliamentary polls scheduled to be held early next year.

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**যার উপর  
দাঁড়িয়ে আছে  
জাতির গৌরব**

রাজধানীর যানজট নিরসন এবং ঢাকা মহানগরীর সৌন্দর্য বর্ধনে হাতিরঝিল প্রকল্প দেশের একটি নান্দনিক গৌরব। দেশের গর্ব এই স্থাপত্যশিল্পের সাথে থাকতে পেরে আমরাও গর্বিত।

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা আজ উদ্বোধন করতে যাচ্ছেন জাতির অন্যতম নান্দনিক গৌরব হাতিরঝিল প্রকল্প। বৃহৎ এই প্রকল্প নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে দক্ষতার সাথে সম্পন্ন হওয়ায় রাজউক, গৃহায়ণ ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয় এবং বাংলাদেশ সেনাবাহিনীর কোর অব ইঞ্জিনিয়ার্স ১৬ ইসিবি সহ সম্পূর্ণ সবাইকে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন।

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