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# Court order quizzical

*Fakhrul, 6 others denied bail; Moudud, Bulu, Anee get lucky*

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Moudud Ahmed and two other BNP lawmakers in seven vandalism cases, considering their parliamentary membership.

But in the same cases, it denied bail to seven other senior BNP leaders, including acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, saying "charges brought against them were primarily proved".

The order issued by the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court irked the BNP which took no time to announce a 36-hour countrywide shutdown from tomorrow.

It also announced they would intensify the agitation to get their leaders released.

Earlier, the main opposition party enforced two days' countrywide hartals on April 9 and 10 over the same demand.

The three BNP lawmakers -- Moudud, who is also a member of BNP's national standing committee, Barkatullah Bulu and Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee -- were granted the bails two weeks after they landed in jail.

They were denied the bails on April 7 and sent to jail as they surrendered to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court on expiry of their four-week bails granted by the High Court.



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## HARTAL

### Tuesday, Wednesday

*Threat on for Thursday; Shibir to enforce 60-hour shutdown in Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj from today*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance yesterday announced that it would enforce a 36-hour countrywide hartal from tomorrow morning protesting a Dhaka court denying seven BNP leaders bails.

The alliance came up with the announcement immediately after the court ordered bails to three BNP lawmakers but denied bails to seven other leaders, including BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

The opposition alliance would also enforce hartal on Thursday if the government obstructed its hartals and kept harassing opposition leaders, Hamadullah Al

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## Know context of Baksal

*Hasina asks party leaders*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also chief of the Awami League, yesterday asked her party lawmakers to equip themselves with adequate knowledge about the background and philosophy of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's formation of Baksal to counter the criticism of it as one-party rule.

She gave the instruction at a meeting of the Awami League

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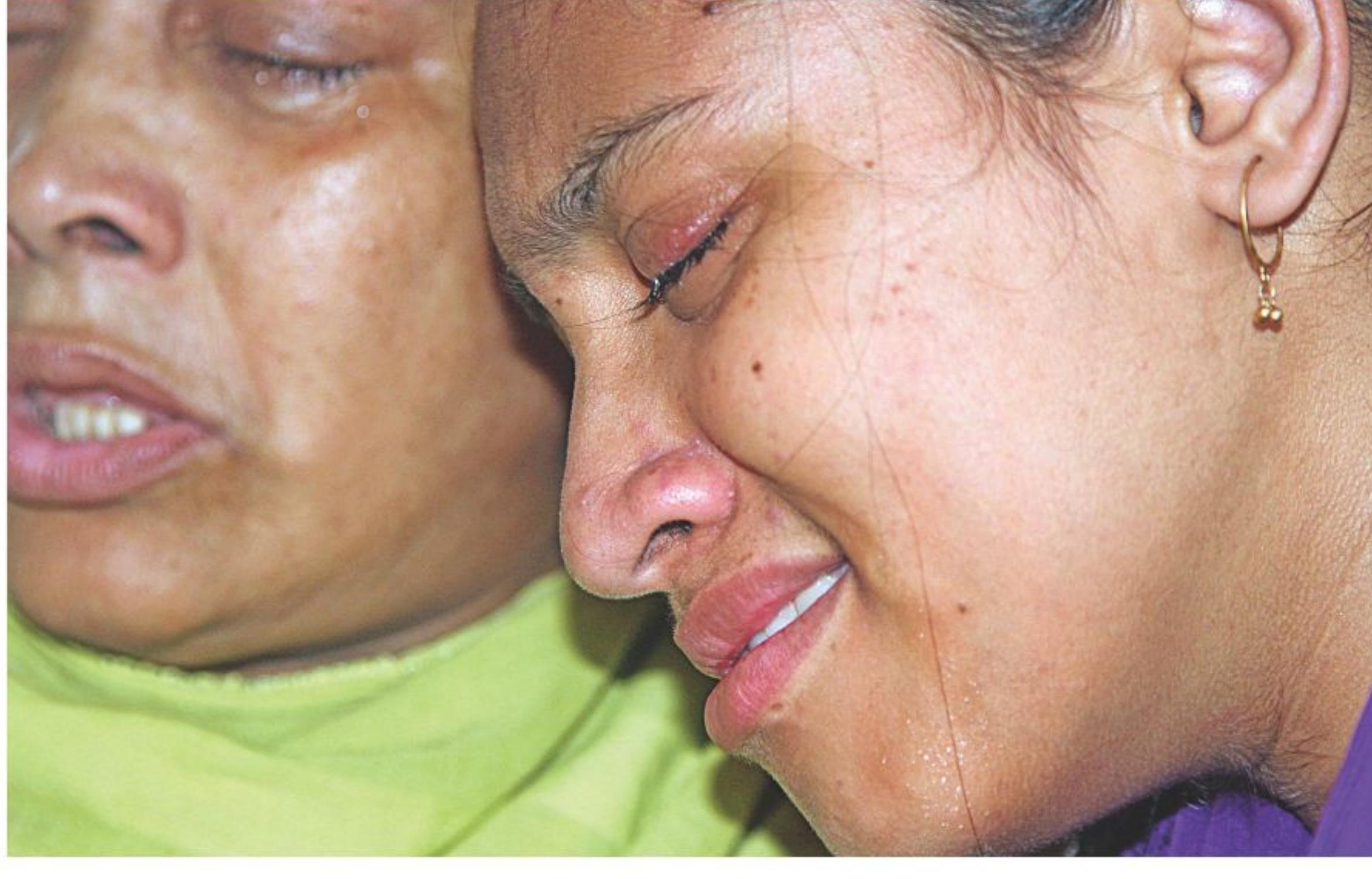
## PADMA BRIDGE

### Abul denies graft link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain, MP, in a statement yesterday claimed that he was in no way involved in the alleged

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The mother, left, and sister of slain Chhatra League leader AK Fazlul Haque Patwari, bottom, in tears after criminals shot Fazlul dead at Kazipara in the capital yesterday. Chhatra League and Awami League activists vandalise several vehicles in Mirpur in protest at the killing.

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## Mayhem in Mirpur

*Around 100 vehicles damaged after BCL man shot dead*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals yesterday shot dead a Chhatra League leader at east Kazipara in the capital's Kafrul area allegedly over a land dispute.

The victim, AK Fazlul Haque Patwari Babu, 24, was president of BCL ward no-94 and a second year BA student of Dhaka Model Degree College.

Enraged by the murder, activists of BCL and other organisations associated with the ruling Awami League blocked roads in Mirpur section-10, section-2 and 13 for an hour. They went on the rampage after 1:30pm and vandalised around 100 vehicles reportedly in presence of police.

Around 10:45am, two youths -- one wearing a mask and another helmet -- dragged Babu out of a rickshaw garage, said Mohammad Hasem, who sells tea near the garage. Within a minute he heard four shots.

Then the duo fled. Babu was found lying on the ground with blood oozing from his body, Hasem said.

Some local people rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

The Daily Star correspondent met the victim's family at their Mirpur residence. Babu's mother Momtaz Begum was howling and demanding justice for her son's

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