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# Finger pointed at Rab men

Tk 6cr deal made for kidnap, murder of Nazrul, alleges father-in-law; all-out hartal in N'ganj to protest killings

STAR REPORT

In a stunning allegation, Nazrul Islam's father-in-law Shahidul Islam yesterday alleged that some Rab members killed Nazrul in exchange for Tk 6 crore from Nur Hossain and other accused in the abduction and murder case.

He, however, did not substantiate his claim or say how he came to know about the deal.

Contacted, Rab Legal and Media Wing Director Habibur Rahman said the force was being implicated in the crime with an ill motive.

"Investigation is on. The probe will reveal who is responsible for what," he told The Daily Star last night.

Shahidul said some workers witnessed the abductions on April 27 near Shibu Market in Narayanganj.

On the day, Narayanganj panel mayor and ward councillor Nazrul and his four aides, and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted separately around the

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Streets without any vehicles at Chashara intersection in Narayanganj city during the hartal yesterday. The lawyers of the district had called for the hartal to protest the abduction and murder of Nazrul Islam, Chandan Sarker and five others. More photos on page 3.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Yes, they are the culprits

Shamim Osman names 3 of the accused, admits Nur Hossain his man

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman, feared by locals as the crime lord of Narayanganj, yesterday claimed three of the accused in the case filed for the abduction and murder of panel mayor Nazrul Islam did commit the crimes.

Addressing a rally at Sanarpar in Narayanganj by Dhaka-Chittagong highway, he categorically named Nur Hossain, Iqbal Hossain and Hasmat Ali Hashu, and said he is cent percent sure about their complicity.

Before the 2011 Narayanganj city corporation election, Nazrul was taken to the Rab-10 office as Iqbal made a Tk 1 crore deal to kill him, said the controversial politician.

Claming that he got Nazrul freed the very day, Shamim added, "The man who could make a contract to kill Nazrul, I have no doubt, had involvement in the killing."

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# Narayanganj restive for Osman brothers

None of past murders resolved, mayor tells

STAR REPORT

Law and order in Narayanganj town has sharply deteriorated after the Osman brothers became MPs in the one-sided January 5 elections, says city Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy.

Herself an Awami League leader, Ivy notes that under the control of Shamim Osman and his late brother Nasim Osman local goons had a free rein to pursue



Selina Hayat Ivy

their own agenda while the administration remained subservient to the Osman brothers. In the process, a section of administration officials gained from various illegal practices like drug dealing and unsocial activities. This has allowed various crimes to go unchallenged.

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# Khaleda blames govt for killings

Says Ershad involved in killing of Zia, Manzur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP chief Khaleda Zia yesterday alleged that the government had formed a "special force" comprising police and Rab officials of a particular region to abduct people, make them disappear and kill them.

"This special force is being operated from the very top. This government is using the special force to carry out abductions and killings of youth across the

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# Destiny high-ups charged

ACC accuses 51 of Tk 4,200cr money laundering

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday pressed charges against Destiny Group Managing Director Rafiqul Amin, Destiny 2000 President Lt Gen (ret) Harun-Ar-Rashid, and 49 others in two money laundering cases involving around Tk 4,200 crore.

They were charged with misappropriating funds through Destiny Tree Plantation (DTPL) project and from Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd (DMCSL), said an ACC official.

Rafiqul, Harun and DMCSL Chairman



Rafiqul



Harun

Mohammad Hossain were made prime accused in the two cases, Public Prosecutor Kabir Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday.

If the accused are found guilty, they will face imprisonment up to seven years, according to money laundering law.

The Group's irregularities came under the spotlight in early 2012 after the central bank found that the Group was involved in illegal banking. The Daily Star and other newspapers ran reports on massive irregularities in the Group's cooperative,

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# Mir Quasem's trial ends

Verdict in war crimes case any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 concluded the hearing of closing arguments in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali yesterday and kept the case waiting for verdict delivery.

Wrapping up the closing arguments, the prosecution sought capital punishment for Quasem while the defence sought the 61-year-old accused's acquittal on all charges.

The Tribunal-2, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan



with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam, had taken 25 days to deliver the verdict in the case against Abul Kalam Azad after closing arguments had ended. It took highest 41 days to deliver the verdict in the case against Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

If convicted, Quasem, who is considered as one of the top financiers of Jamaat, may face the death penalty.

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## Mir Quasem Ali

**Present status:** Member of Jamaat's Central Executive Council and top financier of Jamaat

**Status in 1971:** President of Islami Chhatra Sangha in Ctg town and alleged chief of Ctg Al-Badr Force

**Charges:** 14 (abduction, confinement, torture and killing)

**Time and place of offences:** November and December 16, 1971; Chittagong

**Prosecution witnesses:** 24

**Defence witnesses:** 3

# Lack of security shakes investor confidence

CPD says economic concerns to remain unless participatory political process is restored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country will not get over the prevailing economic concerns unless a participatory political and electoral environment returns, the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) said yesterday.

Some recent non-economic concerns

like security of assets and personal lives have further shaken investors' confidence, which prompted them to shelve their fresh investment and business expansion plans, the think-tank said at a media briefing on its budget recommendations for fiscal 2014-15 at Brac Centre Inn in the capital.

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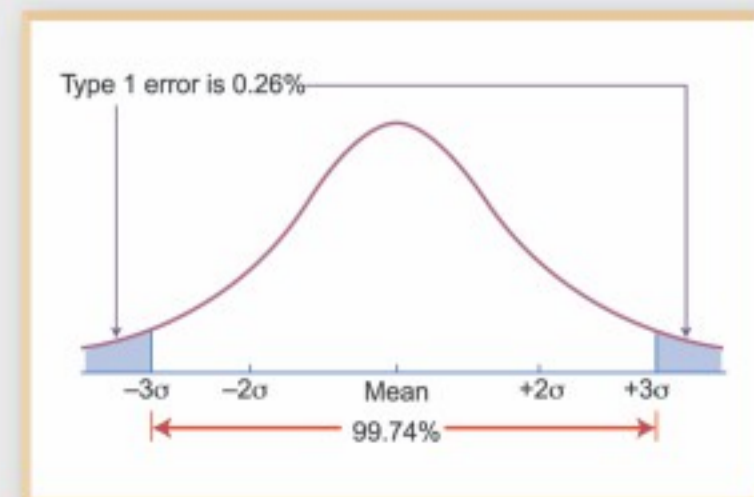
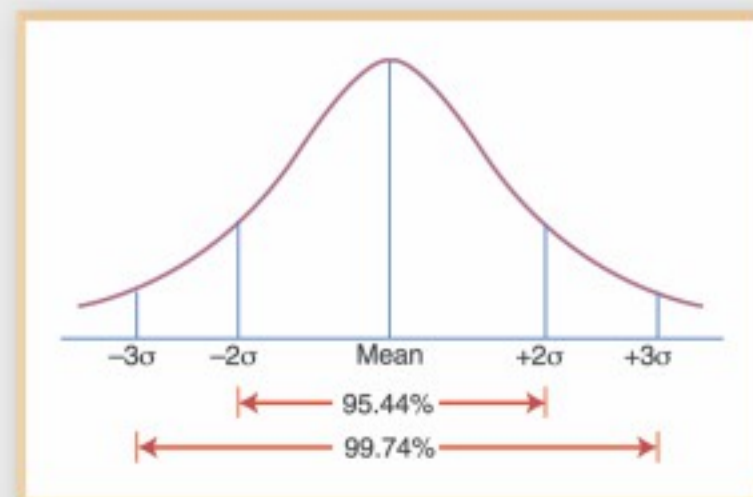
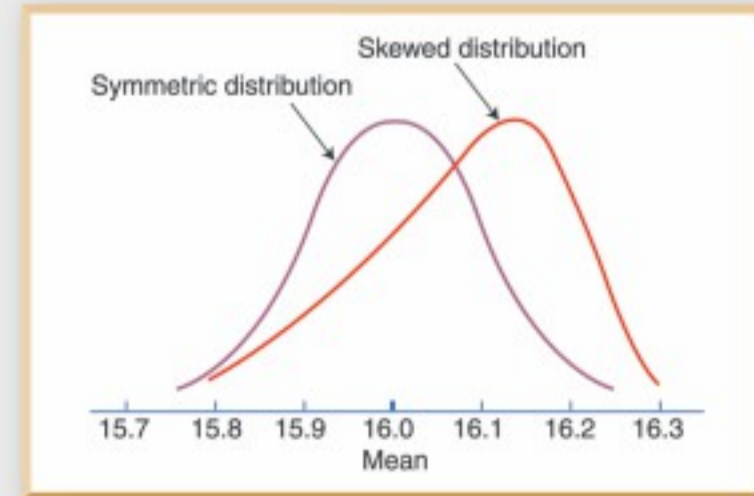
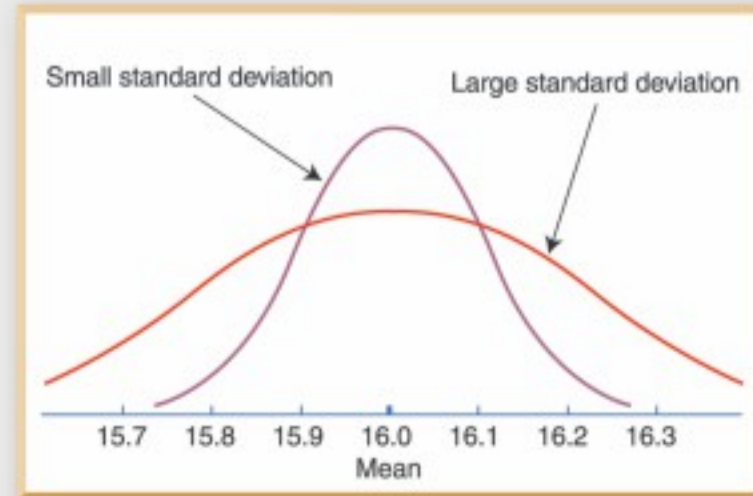
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