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9 Rab men sued for torture, killing

*Victim picked up on April 29, tortured
at Bhairab Rab camp before his death
a week later, says case statement*

JAMIL MAHMUD with SHEIKH SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Brahmanbaria

Nine Rab men have been sued for murder by the family of a businessman who died in a hospital after being allegedly tortured in the custody of the elite force in Brahmanbaria.

The accused Rab men include Maj AZM Shakib Siddiqui, commander of crime prevention company (CPC)-3 of Rab-14.

The case was filed with a Brahmanbaria court yesterday.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Nazmun Nahar fixed Wednesday for next hearing, after advocate Khairul Anam moved the case on behalf of the victim's family. The victim is Shahnur Alam, 43.

In the case statement, his brother Mehedi Hasan alleged some Rab-14 members tortured Shahnur at the battalion's Bhairab camp in Kishoreganj.

He died at a hospital in Comilla on May 6 after being admitted there following a reference from the Brahmanbaria prison authorities.

Assistant Sub-inspector Enamul Haq of Rab-14 led the team that picked up Shahnur from his home on April 29, the case statement reads.

Seven other unnamed Rab men and two civilians have also been made accused in the case.

The case comes amid widespread criticism of the elite force over its alleged involvement in extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances, something the force has always denied.

Three of its dismissed officers are now facing abduction and murder charges in a Narayanganj court. The case involves the April 27 kidnap and the subsequent killing of seven people, including Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker.

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Three kids wearing Argentine football jerseys ride a double decker as the bus goes past flags of nations taking part in the World Cup. Traders are selling those flags to football fans. World Cup fever has caught Bangladesh even though the tournament begins on June 12. The photo was taken near Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital.

RAB ARREST ORDER
HC attention
drawn to PM's
comment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday brought to the notice of the High Court Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's comment on an HC order for the arrest of three sacked Rab men for their alleged involvement in the Narayanganj seven-murder.

Advocate Tamzida Mila placed before the court a report published in The Daily Star in this regard.

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56 Feni cops transferred

*Another 3 arrestees make
confession in Ekram killing*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid controversy over the role of Feni police, intra-district transfers of 56 policemen were made yesterday, days after the gruesome murder of Phulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque.

Of the transferred, 26 including six sub-inspectors (SI) and an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) are of Feni Model Police Station that is investigating the murder case.

Also yesterday, three more arrestees confessed to their crimes while the Detective Branch (DB) of police detained another man in connection with the killing.

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BGB warns Myanmar

*'Befitting response' if attacked again; Mizanur's
funeral today in highest BGB honour*

STAR REPORT

A day after receiving the body of Nayek Mizanur Rahman, Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday warned Myanmar of instant "befitting response" if such incidents of firing and killing take place in future.

Tension is still running high at Bangladesh-Myanmar border at Painchhari of Naikkhangchhari in Bandarban since the attack on a BGB team on Wednesday.

"We want a friendly relationship with all bordering countries. But if they [Myanmar Border Guard Police] attack again, BGB will give befitting response immediately," the BGB's Chittagong region commander Brig

Gen Syed Ahmed Ali said in a briefing yesterday.

The briefing was organised after the body of Mizanur, who was killed in the unprovoked attack of Myanmar border guards on Wednesday, reached the Naikkhangchhari BGB camp yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) shot him and then reportedly intruded into Bangladesh territory to take his body away. On Friday, they attacked another BGB team there triggering a gun battle.

"They [BGP] must answer why they made such an attack," the region commander said, adding that they would talk about it at

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Brazil should bury 1950's demons

AFP, Sao Paulo



The trauma of a 2-1 loss in the trophy match 64 years ago before a 200,000 crowd, hangs over Brazil as they target a sixth World Cup triumph.

Cafu, born Marcos Evangelista de Moraes, told AFP in an interview that only winning this time will finally slay the 1950 demons. Brazil open the tournament on home territory against Croatia on June 12.

"If we do not win this World Cup then the spectre of 1950 will become that of 2014 and will haunt us until there is another World Cup here," he insisted.

Cafu was a member of the Brazil teams that won the World Cup in 1994 and 2002 and is the only player to appear in three finals, having lost in 1998 to France. He

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PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

A home in Kuakata of Patuakhali fitted with the rainwater collection system. Bottom, a resident of the house using the water for doing the dishes as the surface and below-surface water in the area has become saline.

DRINKING WATER CRISIS

Kuakata people turn to rainwater

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

People of Kuakata are using rainwater for drinking as an acute water crisis plagues the area.

Tube wells and deep tube wells pump out saline water during the summer, which is not drinkable.

Most water bodies in the southern tip of the country dry up in the summer months while others are contaminated with

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ZIA KILLING (LAST PART)

Ershad biggest beneficiary

President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated by some army officers on May 30, 1981, in Chittagong. In the aftermath, over a dozen officers were either hanged through a stage-managed trial or just killed. Many freedom-fighter officers were forced into retirement. While the Zia killing trial is yet to begin, the conspiracy behind the assassination remains to be unearthed.

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Then army chief General Ershad emerged as a champion of President Ziaur Rahman's rule with immense powers and exerted his authority to influence the then BNP-led government as well in his favour.

He became hyperactive and toured different cantonments after Zia's assassination. While addressing soldiers and officers there, Ershad lauded the slain president's role in the development of the army and the country.

During his visit to Bogra and Rangpur cantonments on June 11, 1981, he told soldiers and officers that



those who had killed "our favourite president" had not only tainted the army, but also the history of the nation.

In his view, the army officers who were involved in the assassination were "miscreants." And he congratulated the soldiers who had eliminated the "miscreants."

Ershad did not say anything about the identities of the "miscreants" and his role in eliminating the "miscreants".

Some of the accused and witnesses in the General Manzur Murder case, however, in their depositions described how Gen Ershad was desperate to eliminate Manzur immediately after Zia's death. Ershad had put pressure on then acting President Justice Abdus Sattar to order the police to hand over Manzur to army custody after his arrest on June 1, 1981.

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ICT lawyers' panel should be recast

*Says attorney general, thinks incumbent
chief prosecutor should resign for 'old age'*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid a longstanding tussle for leadership in the prosecution team of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), the chief law officer of the state feels the need for reconstituting the lawyers' panel as soon as possible.

Attorney General (AG) Mahbubey Alam yesterday told The Daily Star that incumbent Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo should step down, "considering his old-age".

The suggestion comes at a time when the

ICT has reached a crucial juncture in trying the '71 war criminals. And the persistent discontent among those loyal to the chief prosecutor and the acting chief prosecutor has stalled for weeks the preparation for filing a case against Jamaat-e-Islami for its anti-liberation role in 1971.

Meanwhile, former law minister Shafique Ahmed has differed with his successor regarding the trial of Jamaat under the existing ICT laws.

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Presidential clemency challenged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rights organisation yesterday challenged a constitutional provision that empowers the president to pardon any convict.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh submitted a petition to the High Court, saying that the Article-49 allowing the president to pardon death-row convicts was contradictory to some other provisions that guaranteed fundamental rights of the people.

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