

My uncle was killed after Subhan picked him up

Man testifies at war crimes trial; tribunal adjourns David Bergman's contempt proceedings till Aug 21

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A prosecution witness yesterday testified that his paternal uncle was shot dead after Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan and other Razakars took him away from their neighbouring village in Pabna during the Liberation War in 1971.

Nizamuddin Khan, nephew of martyred Kafiluddin Khan of Tatipara in Pabna Sadar, said he had seen Subhan at the place where his uncle was killed apparently for helping freedom fighters.

There was a Razakar camp in the neighbouring Dublia, a Hindu dominated village, and Subhan often visited the camp during the war, the 19th prosecution in Subhan's case told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

Nizam, 61, said Razakars used to torture Hindus in the camp at Dublia Bazar and pile valuables looted from them there. He said his uncle Kafiluddin, who was an ex-army officer, had been trying to save Hindus from Razakars and used to help freedom fighters.

In the first week of September 1971, his uncle was picked up at Dublia Bazar by several armed Razakars, accompanied by Moulana Subhan, said Nizam.

Kafil was taken to the camp and was tortured there before being taken towards Pabna, Nizam said, adding that he heard about the torture from some people.

Nizam said the next morning, he along with Kafil's brother Naimuddin and some other people went to Kuchiamora village to find Kafil. When they reached near Kuchiamora Kali Temple, they saw a car approaching towards the temple and Subhan and his uncle got down from it, he said. "As the car reached near the temple, we hid in a nearby bush. Then Razakars took my uncle inside the Kali temple and we heard five/six gunshots."

After some time, when Subhan and the Razakars left, they found the bullet-hit body of his uncle inside the temple, said Nizam. Later they buried him in Sreekole village.

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Politics, admin crime infested

NHRC chief tells seminar on safe waterways that reveals 9,537 people were killed in accidents in last 39 years while 800 recommendations went unheeded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's politics, economy and administration have been infested with crimes due to absence of the rule of law, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Mizanur Rahman said yesterday.

"We didn't let the rule of law be established. Laws could not run their own courses. Laws were chained often to politics, money and personal vanities. If the rule of law cannot be established, it's not possible to do anything for the people's wellbeing," he said.

What can people expect of a society where an administration official intends to protect self-interests ignoring public interests? he said, addressing a seminar, "Accident-free waterways, strict enforcement of laws and our recommendations", organised by the Safe Water Way Movement at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The rights body chief observed that people of different professions were engaged in blame games, but if the rule of law was to be established, everyone would have to perform their own duty properly instead of criticising others.

About communication and transportation, Rahman said it was the state's duty to ensure safe movement of people. He said he would send recommendations to the shipping ministry and other authorities for ensuring passengers' safety ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Presenting the keynote paper, Safe Water Way Movement member secretary Aminur Rasul Babul said at least 9,537 people were killed in launch accidents across the country in the last 39 years. Over this period, the probe bodies formed after the accidents placed over 800 recommendations to check the accidents, but the government is yet to implement these, he said.

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President welcomes maritime verdict

AL also happy, Workers Party congratulates Hasina

CITY DESK

President Abdul Hamid yesterday said the verdict regarding maritime boundaries between Bangladesh and India has created huge possibilities for harvesting fish resources in the Bay of Bengal, reports UNB.

The president was speaking at a programme marking the release of fish fry in the pond of Bangabhaban as part of National Fisheries Week 2014.

Meanwhile, the ruling Awami League, Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, Bangladesh Chhatra League and Workers Party hailed the verdict, in which the Hague-based international arbitral tribunal awarded Bangladesh 19,467 sq km, out of 25,602 sq km, in the Bay of Bengal.

The verdict would not affect the relations of the two countries, said AL Joint General Secretary Mahabubul Alam Hanif, talking to reporters at his personal office at the capital's Karwan Bazar.

Workers Party, a key ally of the Awami League-led 14-party alliance, congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the

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BUSINESSMAN'S DEATH IN CUSTODY

6 CMP policemen suspended

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Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) yesterday suspended six police personnel following a murder case filed against them over the death of a businessman in police custody in the city on June 19.

CMP also sent an Ansar Battalion member, who was on deputation at Panchlaish Police Station, back to the battalion and recommended the district Ansar adjutant to suspend him over the allegation.

The six cops are Panchlaish Police Station's Sub-Inspector

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