

## N'GANJ-7 MURDER Accused 3 Rab men sent back to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sent fifteen people including three officials of Rab-11 to jail in a case filed over the abduction and killing of seven people in the district in late April.

The court fixed October 13 for the next hearing, said police.

The court also asked the investigation officer of the case to submit the probe report on that day, said Narayanganj Lawyers Association President Shakhawat Hossain.

Meanwhile, lawyers demonstrated in the court area demanding punishment for the murderers.

Seven people including Narayanganj city panel

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## MILKY MURDER CASE AL leader Tipu denied bail Sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Awami League leader Jahidul Islam Tipu and sent him to jail in connection with Riazul Haque Khan Milky murder case.

Metropolitan Magistrate Anwar Sadat gave the order after Tipu, general secretary of Motijheel thana unit, surrendered before the court and sought bail.

Meanwhile, ABM Siddiqui Rahman, assistant superintendent of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and also investigation officer of the case, submitted a 10-day remand prayer for Tipu.

The court fixed August 25 for hearing.

Milky, organising secretary of Jubo League's

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## Govt full of Hawa Bhabans Alleges Ershad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There are Hawa Bhabans in every nook and cranny of the present government, jobs are impossible to get without bribes and politicisation has gagged the administration, alleged Special Envoy to the Prime Minister HM Ershad yesterday.

"Is it sleeping?" asked the Jatiya Party (JP) chairman while expressing dissatisfaction over the government's role in curbing corruption.

The former military dictator, with two ongoing corruption cases against him, was addressing a rally of JP Dhaka city south unit in the capital's Kakrail.

Hawa Bhaban had become the alternative powerhouse of the BNP-led four-party coalition government and earned the reputation as

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## CRIMES AT RU Cops foil protest Detain four student leaders before freeing them four hours later; students demand withdrawal of ban on political gatherings on campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police foiled a human chain of Biplobi Chhatra Moitri at Rajshahi University yesterday when the left-leaning student body was protesting against "all forms of torture" of general students and "sexual harassment" on the campus.

The activists were dispersed because processions, rallies, human chains and use of megaphones have been banned at the university since February 2 when Bangladesh Chhatra League attacked general students for demonstrating against a fee hike.

Witnesses said the Moitri activists gathered in front of the central library around 11:00am, and soon afterwards Assistant Proctor Sirajul Islam accompanied by police arrived at the scene and asked them to stop the programme.

When the protesters refused, the assistant proctor snatched the banner, and police arrested four leaders of RU Progressive Student Alliance. They were released four hours later.

Recently, a series of incidents of mugging, extortion, abduction, and sexual harassment have taken place on the campus, in which mostly BCL activists were involved.

A leader and two activists of BCL abducted a university

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## SWINDLED PROSPECTIVE HAJIS OF LAST YEAR Free pilgrimage for them this year Says JS body chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab) and the religious affairs ministry jointly will send 136 Hajj pilgrims, out of total 141 who were cheated by errant Hajj agencies last year, to help them perform Hajj in Saudi Arabia this year free of cost.

Bazlul Haque Harun, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on religious affairs ministry, disclosed it after its meeting in the parliament building yesterday.

"The arrangements for the 136 pilgrims out of the 141... have been ensured with the money collected from Haab and Hajj pilgrims' welfare fund of the ministry," he said.

Of the remaining five pilgrims, three died while two others did not show interest to make pilgrimage.

Some 98,762 pilgrims will leave for Saudi Arabia to perform hajj expected to be held on October 4 this year.

Of them, only 1,505 pilgrims will be sent under the government arrangements and the rest under the arrangements of private Hajj agencies.

At the meeting, standing committee member Syed Nazibul Bashar Maizbhandari MP warned the Hajj agencies of tougher punishment, including filing of criminal cases for any kind of fraudulence in sending hajjis.

The purchase of necessary items for the pilgrims, sending Hajj medical team, setting up Hajj camps and arrangements of pilgrims' transportation in Saudi Arabia have been completed.

Hajj flights to carry the pilgrims will begin on August 27 and continue till September 28.

Religious Affairs Minister Prof Motiur Rahman was present at the meeting.



When should a road undergo repairs? This pothole-ridden road near the police staff quarters in Uttara Sector 8 in the capital has been left in this state for a long time. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## RMG workers demand reopening of 4 factories

CITY DESK

Garment workers of four factories in Savar outside the capital and Chittagong city yesterday demonstrated demanding reopening of the factories.

Our Savar correspondent reports, the workers of Sonia Fine Knit Ltd at Shimultola in Ashulia started demonstration outside the sweater factory gate in the morning, said witnesses.

The workers, who have been continuing their movement to realise their four-point demand for a long time, said the authorities closed the factory on Monday for an indefinite period.

Their demands include salary hikes, a stop to sacking workers, an increase in festival bonuses, and termination benefits.

The factory Assistant Manager M Monju said

they shut the factory amid the "workers' violence".

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, workers of Valiant's Garments, Valiant's Fashion Wear and Anwara Apparels Ltd took to the streets in the city's Majhirghat.

Arifur Rahman Arif, deputy assistant director of Industrial Police-3, Chittagong, said the factories were shut three days ago as the five-storey building housing those needed immediate repairs.

Yasin Ali, managing director of Valiant Group which owns the factories, said they offered the workers to work at their other factories in KEPZ and CEPZ.

The workers, however, declined the offer as what they said the facilities given by the factories were not adequate.

They also demanded compensation.

## ARSON CASE Jubo Dal chief Alal, 57 others indicted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal President Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal and 57 others in a case filed for torching vehicles and exploding bombs during a hartal in December 2012.

All the accused, now on bail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after Metropolitan Magistrate Tareq Mainul Islam Bhuiyan read out the charges.

BNP leaders Habibunnabi Khan Sohel and Sultan Salauddin Tuku are also accused in the case. The court fixed September 18 to start the trial.

According to the case statement, some 6,000 BNP activists, including the 58, brought out a procession on December 18 before Police Hospital in the capital's Shantinagar and marched towards the party's Nayapaltan office.

During the procession, they vandalised and torched vehicles and hurled crude bombs targeting the law enforcers.

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### Dhaka, Delhi ties to continue: Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Relations between Bangladesh and India will continue like before, Finance Minister AMA Muhith told journalists yesterday.

Bangladesh did not have any discussion on issues, including giving transit facility to India and Teesta water sharing, with the new Indian government yet, said Muhith at his secretariat office in the capital, adding that the Indian government should be given some time to have a discussion on the matters.

8 errant businesses fined in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined Tk 28,000 to three pharmacies, four food shops and a construction company in the capital's Gulshan and Wireless Gate area.

Al Madina Pharmacy, Barishal Pharmacy and Shapla Drugs were fined for selling expired medicines and not renewing their licenses. Chowdhury Confectionary and Bikrampur Sweet Shop at Wireless Gate were selling food items without BSTI approvals and mentioning expiry dates, said the magistrate.

Sarkar Restaurant was fined for producing food in an unhygienic environment while EFES restaurant for having a faulty fridge. Besides, a manager of under construction building, Altaf Tower, was fined for keeping construction materials on the footpath at Wireless Gate.

Mohiuddin Monem new honorary  
consul of Czech Republic

CITY DESK

ASM Mohiuddin Monem has been appointed the honorary consul of the Czech Republic, says a press release.

He is the deputy managing director of Abdul Monem Ltd, director of Pragati Insurance Ltd and Pragati Life Insurance.

Ishtiaque made AIUB chairman

CITY DESK

Ishtiaque Abedin, a founder and vice president of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), has been made the chairman of the Board of Trustees, said a press release. He is the managing director of Chemlube Ltd, chairman of American Dairy and Country Chapter Chairs Committee of Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific.

Arrested reporter

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Md Mizanur Rahman.

According to police, they were on patrol when they heard shouts coming from that house around 1:00pm. They knocked at the door and found the three including the victim who instantly complained to them about being raped by the two.

Soon afterwards, a team from Detective Branch and another from CID reached the scene, the official added.

But a number of locals told The Daily Star that police both in uniform and plain clothes were seen roaming in the area an hour before the incident.

Quoting the victim, belonging to Dakshin Surma area, police said she was lured there by a job offer.

Mumtaz, at the police station, told The Daily Star that the woman called him about a month ago for publishing news. Later, she requested him to find her a job.

On Tuesday, she called him to meet him in this regard when Mumtaz was on his way to Amin's house. Hearing that, the woman went to that house where Mumtaz later arrived, he added.

Journalist held rallies in the last two days where they also alleged that the woman is an informer of SMP but the ADC said he does not know anything regarding this.

Denying the allegations, the commissioner said they arrested the two only on the basis of the woman's complaint.

The journalists yesterday handed over a memorandum, addressed to the home minister, to the deputy commissioner at his office demanding immediate release of Mumtaz.

Chief Editor of the Daily Uttor Purbo of Sylhet Aziz Ahmed Selim, after talking to Finance Minister AMA Muhith over the phone, yesterday said the minister assured him of forming a high level committee for investigation.

## Testimonies prove Azhar

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unarmed civilians including Jangoli Bhorosha, Kerad Hossain alias Bishu, Chini Mai, Anjiron Nesa alias Aam Mai, Momtaz Uddin, Moulavi Abdul Quddus Ali, Tamir Uddin alias Tamiz Uddin, Moriom Nessa Kalti Mai, Sarijonessa alias Sukhi Mai, Shadhina, Aziz Rahman alias Khoka, Zahir Uddin, and Osman Ali.

One Yusuf Ali sustained a bullet injury in that incident but died after the Liberation War.

Among the seven prosecution witnesses, three directly witnessed the incident.

One of them, Mokbul Hossain, saw Azharul and two Pakistani army men shoot dead his mother Anjiron Nesa while she was fleeing for life. Mokbul, who was also running for life, saw this from a field.

Another witness, Abdur Rahman, said that on April 16, 1971, the Pakistani army, Azharul and Jamaat supporters came to rail gate no 6 in Rangpur and went to Taxerhat, opening fire on people. Rahman said he later heard from locals that about 14 people were killed.

Prosecutor Tapas said that if the depositions of the witnesses were put together, it proved that Azharul abetted and facilitated the killings.

Jamaat leader Azhar, facing six charges of murder, genocide and crimes against humanity in 1971, was present at the dock yesterday. The tribunal adjourned the proceedings until today.

Meanwhile, the tribunal fixed September 24 for submission of the progress report on the ongoing war crimes probe against three suspects—Sirajul Islam alias Siraj Master, Khan Akram Hossain and Abdul Latif Talukder of Bagerhat. The three were brought to the tribunal yesterday.

## Ex-major held

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comments on a picture of the prime minister was derogatory and would mar the country's image and disturb law and order since his status and comments had some 'likes' and were even shared by some people.

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