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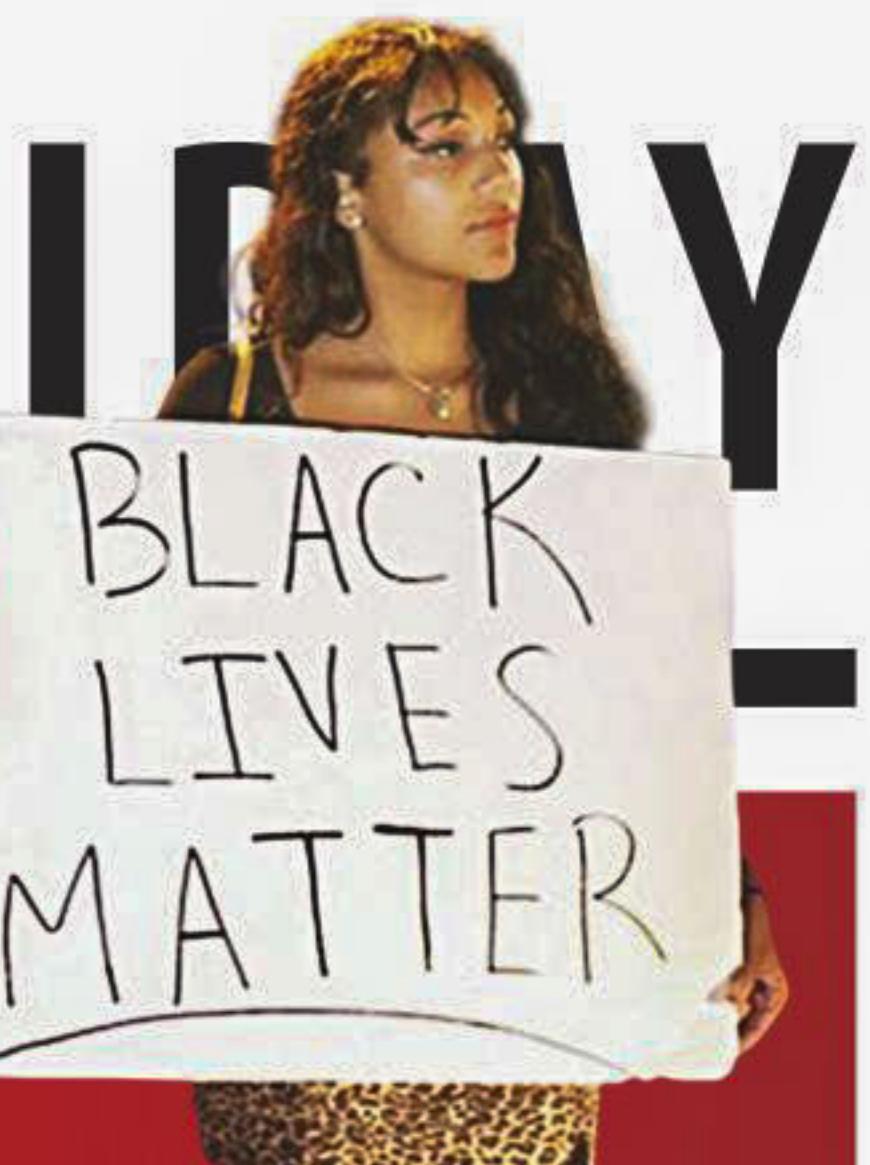
The Indian manufacturer strikes a deal with Uttara Group to make motorcycles in Gazipur

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FIRE IN FERGUSON

The shooting of the African-American teen Michael Brown and its aftermath

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MOVE TO WOO INVESTORS Japan to get exclusive zone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With Japanese investors going for new investment destinations, Bangladesh has decided to set up an economic zone exclusively for the entrepreneurs of the world's third largest economic power.

"We have a plan to set up eight new economic zones across the country. We may allow the zone at Mirsarai in Chittagong for Japanese investors," said Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday.

"The decision to allow a separate economic zone for the Japanese investors has already been made," Tofail told reporters after a meeting with Norihiro Inshiguro, vice-minister of economy, trade and industry of Japan, at the Secretariat.

"We may finalise the allocation of the economic zone during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe next month," he said, adding that the government had acquired 8,000 acres of land in Mirsarai.

The Japanese investors have been moving their investment from China to other countries since 2008, when Japan adopted the "China Plus One" policy to reduce overdependence on Beijing.

Since then, countries such as Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Bangladesh have turned into lucrative

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On the 10th anniversary of the August 21, 2004 grenade attack, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina consoles a victim on Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

Zia family behind attack

Hasina claims at rally
on Aug 21 grenade
attack anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP founder Ziaur Rahman was behind the Bangabandhu murder on August 15, 1975, and his family was involved in the August 21, 2004, grenade attack, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

At a public meeting on the 10th anniversary of the grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue, she accused the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, her son, her cabinet members and Jamaat leaders of the attack.

She blamed the law enforcement agencies for playing a dubious role. Instead of protecting the injured leaders and activists of her party, they charged truncheons and used teargas on the victims, she said.

She also blamed BNP-minded doctors for not treating the injured at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

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Rejoinder, our reply

The BNP sent a rejoinder to our report headlined, "Khaleda 'insolvent' to clear party fee: BNP banks on undocumented donations; leaders follow suit," on August 18, the day it was published.

Following is the full text [unedited] of the rejoinder, undersigned by BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir:

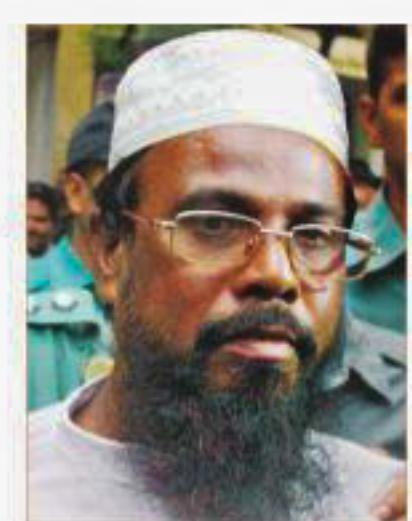
The news item published on 18th August 2014 issue of The Daily Star captioned 'Khaleda Zia insolvent to clear party fee' has surprised us. The news

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CPB RALLY BLAST 2001

Hannan, 12 other Huji men indicted

COURT CORRESPONDENT



A Dhaka court yesterday indicted 13 members of banned militant outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) including its chief Mufti Abdul Hannan in a murder case filed in connection with the bomb attack on a CPB rally in 2001.

Judge KM Imrul Kayes of Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka framed the charges, but Hannan and five others of the accused pleaded innocence.

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"Only the enemies of the nation can launch such a barbaric attack."

Then president Iajuddin Ahmed said in a statement after the August 21 grisly grenade attack on an Awami League rally.

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID

"The grisly grenade attack was aimed at diverting the people's attention from the government's success that made them worried about their future."

Then prime minister Khaleda Zia said this on Sept 2, 2004 at BNP's founding anniversary programme, making an oblique reference to the AL as being responsible for the attack. But further probe later revealed the involvement of Khaleda's son Tarique Rahman in the attack plot. Tarique has been indicted in the case as well.

"The government has given utmost priority to uncovering the mystery of the August 21 grenade attack and identifying the perpetrators. The government, for the first time in the history of the country, has announced a bounty of Tk 1 crore for providing information about the perpetrators."

Then state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar, now facing trial in connection with the grenade attack, said this in parliament on September 15, 2004 during a discussion on the attack.



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Justice Joynal still speaks of evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Joynal Abedin, who headed the judicial commission formed to probe the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally, still believes his findings were complete and based on evidence.

The report of the one-member commission formed by the BNP-led government had hinted at the link of foreign enemies apart from the local ones with the grisly attack in 2004.

It had not named the foreign country but gave

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AMASSING ILLEGAL WEALTH

ACC sues AL MP, 2 ex-state ministers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After probing for about seven months, the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued an incumbent lawmaker and two former state ministers for amassing wealth illegally.

Awami League legislator Abdur Rahman Bodhi, former state minister for water resources Mahbubur Rahman and ex-state minister for housing and public works Abdul Mannan Khan have been accused of concealing wealth information and discrepancies in their wealth statements and income tax returns.

ACC deputy directors Khairul Huda, Nasir Uddin and Abdus Subhan filed three cases with Ramna Police Station in this connection under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004.



Mahbubur Rahman

Abdul Mannan

A Rahman Bodhi

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Shahabuddin
gets highest
French title

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Internationally
renowned Bangladeshi
painter Shahabuddin
Ahmed has been
bestowed with France's
highest civilian title
for his contribution to
Art in France and all
around the world.

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