

N'GANJ-7 KILLING Why fail to produce Tareque

Court demands explanation
from jail authorities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sought explanation from the Dhaka Central Jail authorities for not producing former commanding officer of Rab-11 Tareque Sayeed Mohammad during a regular hearing of the Narayanganj seven-murder case.

The show cause notice was issued after hearing a petition filed by Advocate Shakhawat Hossain, a plaintiff of the case.

He filed two more petitions seeking information about the progress of prime accused Nur Hossain's extradition and the charge-sheet of the case which has not been submitted yet, despite significant progress in the probe, added Shakhawat.

The court has fixed December 1 for hearing the two petitions.

Of the 24 persons arrested in the case so far, two more Rab members-- Billal Hossain and Ruhul Amin-- were also not produced before the court yesterday.

Police sources said Billal was "sick" while Amin was on remand. The 21 others were sent back to the jail.

Narayanganj city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his three associates and driver, and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted allegedly by some members of the Rab-11 in separate incidents in Narayanganj on April 27.

Six bodies surfaced in the Shitalakkhya river three days later, while another was found the next day in the same river.



A rainbow adorns the sky over the port city of Chittagong in Bangladesh yesterday afternoon after an overnight severe depression over the city due to Cyclone Hudhud's landfall on the eastern coast of India.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

PM's OCT 26-27 UAE VISIT Dhaka expects withdrawal of visa restrictions

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka is expecting the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to withdraw stringent restrictions on entry of Bangladeshis and to resume recruiting workers by issuing work visas, alongside visas for businessmen and tourists, during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's October 26-27 visit.

Official sources said a hectic negotiation was ongoing through diplomatic channels as the Gulf nation has nearly stopped issuing Bangladeshis all types of entry permits since August 2012 for Dhaka's failure to address its security concerns over identification and the use of fake documents and expired passports and visas.

"We are expecting a breakthrough," said a senior official at the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.

The visit, at the invitation of UAE Vice President, Prime

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Enquire about US labour rights situation

Hasina tells ministers, MPs; directs Anisul Haq to write to US govt for deportation of convicted self-confessed Bangabandhu killer Rashed Chowdhury

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed Law Minister Anisul Haq to write a letter to the United States government to send back AM Rashed Chowdhury, a self-confessed convicted killer of her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

She also directed ministers and lawmakers to write letters from now on seeking to know labour rights conditions and trade union facilities in countries, including the US, which often try to "poke their nose" into Bangladesh's labour rights conditions and which have been pressing the government to ensure trade unions in garment factories.

Several ministers informed The Daily

Star of the directives, coming at a weekly cabinet meeting in Bangladesh Secretariat.

Though labour unrest sometimes occurs in those countries, they express concerns about Bangladesh's labour situation, she added, mentioning that such letters had been sent by US senators and congressmen.

Foreigners often want to implement their agendas by making some people, who do not even work in the garment sector, labour leaders, she said, adding that her government would not meet any such demand of foreign nations on an urgent basis.

About the US Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) facility, she asked ministers not to speak about the issue as, what she

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Muhammed Zafar Iqbal with participants of a drawing competition at a certificate awarding ceremony hosted by British Council on its premises in the capital's Fuller Road yesterday.

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British Council drawing contest winners meet famous writers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apsara Islam, a student of class four, had her dream come true yesterday as she got the chance to spend a morning with renowned writers Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Anisul Hoque and discuss her drawings with them.

"They are just as much fun as the stories they write," was her reaction after the meeting with the authors, who enjoy vast popularity especially among children and youngsters.

Amidst much fun and frolic, the authors told jokes, chanted rhymes, and reminisced their own childhoods with some 50 students, mostly from Heed International School.

"With the habit of reading you can broaden your horizon as well as enlighten others," Anisul Hoque told the children.

Recollecting old memories, the authors said they had spent a significant amount of time in British Council library.

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Piash Karim passes away

7 student organisations plan to resist family's move to hold wake at Central Shaheed Minar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Piash Karim, a professor of Brac University's economics and social sciences department making frequent appearances in television talkshows, passed away yesterday. He was 56.

Meanwhile, Chhatra Sangram Parishad, a platform of seven student bodies, fervently opposed Piash's cousin's announcement that the body will be taken to Central Shaheed Minar tomorrow for mourners to pay their last respects.

The announcement also drew flak in social networking sites, including Facebook.

The parishad, in a press release, said Piash had taken a stance in favour of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir, made "derogatory remarks" about the Shahbagh movement which demanded capital punishment for war criminals, and made "adverse remarks" on the trial procedure of the International War Crimes Tribunal.

The parishad also declared to stay with general students on the Central Shaheed Minar premises to prevent any such attempt.

Piash's cousin Iqbal Chowdhury told The Daily Star that his family took him to Square Hospital Ltd around 4:30am from his Dhanmondi residence in the capital as he was feeling unwell since Sunday evening and had vomited at midnight. Duty doctors said he had died by the time he was brought to the hospital, he added.

The namaz-e-janaza would be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers tomorrow and the body would be kept at the hospital's mortuary till Piash's three elder sisters arrive from abroad and decide where to bury him, he said.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia expressed deep condolences at the death. Senior BNP leaders including, acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and civil

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