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5 law enforcement agencies tell court five days into Salahuddin's disappearance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Joint Secretary General Salahuddin Ahmed remains traceless even five days after he went missing.

Five law enforcement agencies yesterday said none of them arrested the BNP leader, and they had no clue to his whereabouts.

However, Salahuddin's family members and a witness said plainclothes detectives picked him up from a house in the capital's Uttara area on March 10 night.

The agencies said they were trying to locate the BNP spokesperson, who from hideouts issued statements on hartals and blockade for the last one-and-a-half months.

In compliance with a High Court rule, the offices of inspector general of police (IGP), director general of Rapid Action Battalion, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and Special Branch of Police yesterday submitted separate reports on the BNP leader to the Attorney General's Office.

It remains unclear what happened to Salahuddin, who was appointed BNP spokesperson on February 1 following the arrest of another party Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed.

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'Raihan' stayed in Uttara house

Cops tell court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two security guards of a Uttara house, from where BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed supposedly went missing, said a guest staying in one of the flats left in a car with four-five others on March 10 night, according to a police report.

In the report submitted before the High Court yesterday, police claimed that they had no idea where Salahuddin was.

Guards Ashraf and Akhter told police that one Raihan, a guest of tenant Habib Hasnat, left the house around 9:00pm on that day. They said they did not know if this "Raihan" was Salahuddin.

They said the people with whom the guest left did not appear to be law enforcers and that they came in, went to banker Habib Hasnat's flat, stayed there for about half an hour, and left with the guest and he had no handcuffs on, the police report said quoting the guards.

The guards said Habib Hasnat and his wife Sumona were not at home and that the

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FOOTWEAR BY FABRIC

Young entrepreneur leaves firm footprints on world market

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Having learnt the ropes at a very young age, M Fayaz Taher has been involved in his family business since he was 13.

Fayaz, who had just stepped into his teens, helped his brothers in setting up a garment store -- Ferland -- in



Uttara and Fortuna Fried Chicken (FFC), which now has 10 outlets in the capital.

While studying at American International School in Dhaka, he used to work at his family-run garment factory during his vacations.

Now 30, Fayaz is the chief executive

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Sandals are displayed on the showcases of a Fortuna Bangladesh store at Rapa Plaza in the capital. The fast-growing company exports the shoes made from fabrics to countries in the west. *Inset*, 30-year-old Chief Executive Officer of Fortuna Bangladesh Fayaz Taher.

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Sylhet numbed

'Uncle' cop found to be kidnapper, killer of boy

A CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A police constable yesterday confessed before a Sylhet court that he kidnapped and killed a nine-year-old boy for ransom.

Police recovered Abu Sayeed's body wrapped in sacks from the attic of Constable Ebadur Rahman's house at Kumarpara in the city on Saturday night.

A fourth grader at Hazi Shahmeer Primary School, Sayeed had been abducted



Abu Sayeed

on Wednesday noon on his way home from school.

The heartbroken family and outraged locals demanded exemplary punishment for the killers.

"Ebadur kidnapped the boy for money, but killed him as he [Sayeed] recognised the policeman," said a court official, citing the constable's confessional statement to the Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate's Court-1 of Shahedul Karim.

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"The place for Begum Khaleda Zia, the queen of arson terror and unrest, is now Kashimpur jail, not the dialogue table."

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