

Anonymous letter makes Tureen feel threatened

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An International Crimes Tribunal prosecutor, Tureen Afroz, filed a general diary (GD) with the capital's Banani Police Station yesterday seeking "necessary action" over an anonymous postal letter attacking her with rude language for placing arguments in a contempt of court case.

Police and Tureen declined giving details of the GD.

Tureen told The Daily Star that the letter was received on Wednesday around 2:00pm at Brac University, from where she took leave from teaching to work as a prosecutor.

The tribunal judges, senior prosecutors and top law enforcing agency officials have been informed of the matter, she said, adding that she feels threatened and harassed.

"Tureen Afroz, you have placed arguments against Anu Muhammad and others before the second tribunal yesterday," reads the first sentence of the letter dated May 12.

"Those are the cream of the country and you are not even comparable to the dust on the foot of Anu Muhammad and Zafrullah (Chowdhury)," it adds.

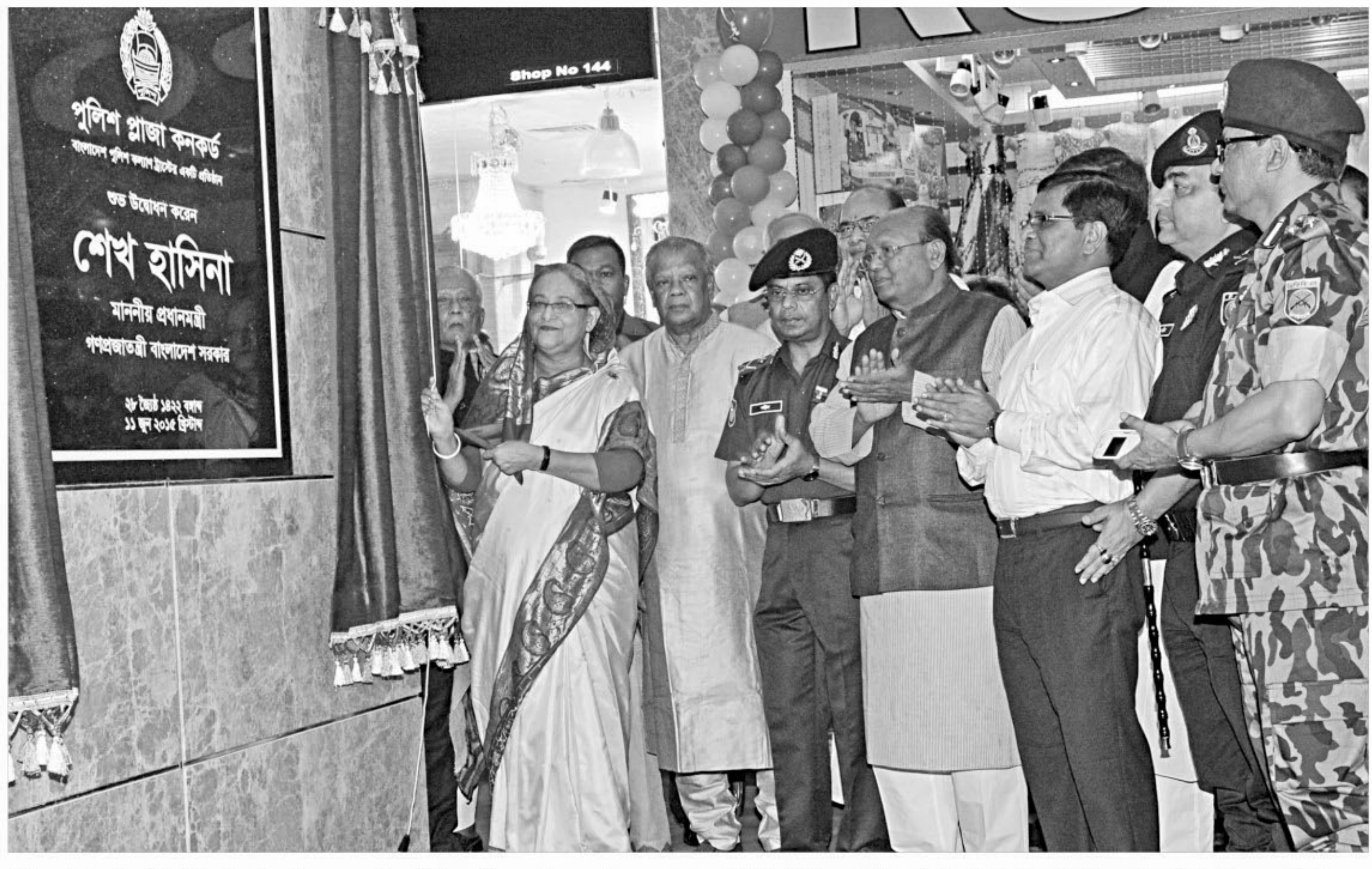
The remaining content is a personal attack on the prosecutor and full of expletives.

On May 11, Tureen placed arguments during the contempt proceeding at International Crimes Tribunal-2 against 23 eminent citizens including Anu and Zafrullah for their statement criticising the punishment of Dhaka-based British journalist David Bergman by the same court.

The tribunal on Wednesday gave Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafrullah a one-hour's jail sentence in the dock and fined him Tk 5,000, payable in seven days, for the repeat offence. In default, he will be jailed for a month.

The remaining 22 were pardoned as they "were not well aware of the consequence of their action" which they regretted, and had committed for the first time.

Tureen got different kinds of threats several times before over discharging professional duties.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates Police Plaza Concord, a commercial building of Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust, in the capital's Gulshan yesterday. Story on page 3.

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BCL BEATING OF RU CULTURAL ACTIVIST Arrest, expulsion demand on for second day

RU CORRESPONDENT

Protests were staged at Rajshahi University (RU) for the second consecutive day yesterday demanding expulsion and arrest of a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader who beat a cultural activist unconscious and left him with a fractured right shinbone.

The victim, Basudev Roy, a former president of RU Kendrio Sangskritik Jote, said the beating ensued when a window he opened in Silsila Restaurant on the campus on Tuesday evening bumped the BCL RU assistant secretary, Saddam Hossain Sajib, who was sitting outside, on the head.

The jote's 24-hour ultimatum demanding Saddam arrest ended yesterday and it is yet to inform of its plans.

A group of cultural activists led by Sammito Sangskritik Jote, Rajshahi President Abul Hossain met the vice-chancellor, demanding that he mount pressure on police.

Joined by several hundred teachers and students, the group then organised a rally in front of the central library where protest songs were performed.

"The Awami League-led progressive government must shoulder the responsibility," demanded Abul, also a language movement veteran.

Prof Maloy Kumar Bhoumick said fundamentalists used to harass cultural activists on the campus and now the latter were being gagged by the "so-called progressive" student body leaders.

Prof Azam Shah Santanu, Prof Kamruzzaman, general secretary of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee; Kolpona Roy, vice-president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad; and Alamgir Malek, vice-president of Udichi Shilpigosthi, Rajshahi, addressed the programme. Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation and Biplobi Chhatra Moitree of RU unit, RU Onushilon Natyadal, Rajshahi University Drama Association and Abritti Parishad expressed solidarity with the protest.

WAR CRIMES CASE Taher, Nani implicated in killing of six more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday linked Obaidul Haque Taher and Ataur Rahman Nani with the abduction, torture and killing of six people, including his maternal uncle, in Netrakona during the 1971 Liberation War.

"I want justice," Abdul Mannan Sabuj, the eighth to testify, prayed before International Crimes Tribunal-1, saying his family had grabbed the legs of Taher's father at one point pleading to spare his uncle's life but to no avail.

The accused, whom the primary school teacher living in Nagendranagar village knew before the killing, plead not guilty to the six charges they face.

On November 15, 1971, Sabuj stated to have witnessed while hiding inside a bush with his cousin Faruk the activities of a group of Razakars, the Pakistani occupation army's auxiliary force, led by Taher in Birampur Bazar.

"We saw Razakars detain my mater-



Taher Nani

nal uncle Badiuzzaman Mukta and Siddiqur Rahman," he said, adding that five persons, namely Abdul Malek, Lebu, Islam Uddin, Mizanur Rahman and Ismail, were also detained from the market and nearby areas.

When the detainees were being taken towards the Laxmiganj ferry ghat, he and Faruk went home and informed his family members. The Razakars shot Labu near the ghat for being a Hindu, said Sabuj.

Joined by three family members, including his mother, they then went to meet Taher's father Manjurul Haque in Mokterpara.

While waiting for Manjurul, he and Faruk went to a nearby street where

they heard that the detainees were being tortured. Moving ahead, they saw the Razakars doing so, said Sabuj.

After some time, the detainees were taken inside an army jeep which roamed around the town while the torture continued, he said. Coming back, he saw his family pleading with Manjurul. Taher arrived and drove them out as per his father's orders, said Sabuj.

The next day he and Faruk saw Taher and other Razakars shooting in the air and cheering near the Mokterpara bridge. "Apart from Obaidul Haque Taher, I recognised Ataur Rahman Nani," he added.

Later, they learnt that five detainees including his uncle who was an organiser of the Liberation War had been shot dead. Mizanur was released as he was a bank employee, said Sabuj.

Sabuj identified Taher and Nani at the dock. The three-member tribunal led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim adjourned proceedings until June 22 after the defence completed cross-examining Sabuj.

Dhaka to host int'l confce on AIDS Nov 20-23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will host a four-day "International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)" that will begin on November 20.

Partners in Population and Development (PPD), an intergovernmental alliance, will provide secretarial supports while Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur; North South University; James P Grant School of Public Health; and icddr will provide technical support.

Health ministers from 26 PPD member countries are expected to join the conference to be held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital.

PPD yesterday held a meeting on the event at The Daily Star Centre. An Arab Asia Investment Summit will also be held at the same venue simultaneously.

SEE PHOTO ONLINE

BLOGGER ANANTA MURDER Held photojournalist now admits going to crime scene

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Sylhet photojournalist now on a seven-day remand after denying arriving at the crime scene minutes after blogger Ananta Bijoy Das had been hacked to death, yesterday admitted that he had indeed gone there but claimed he was not involved in the murder.

"I denied my presence fearing harassment," Idris Ali of local daily Sobuj Sylhet was quoted as saying on the remand's third day by an officer of Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is investigating the case.

The murder took place near Subid Bazar in Sylhet, around 250 yards from Ananta's residence, on May 12 around 8:45am.

CID got hold of a photograph showing Ananta lying in a pool of blood and the legs of four persons, three of whom were local journalists who said they were performing their professional duties and who identified Idris as the fourth.

Suspicion was raised when Idris denied, leading to his arrest on June 7.

Another CID official said they were investigating whether Idris, a former member of an Islamist student organisation, had links with blogger Shafiqur Rahman Farabi, the lone accused arrested over free thinker and writer Avijit Roy's murder in February. The official said they would soon seek to take Farabi on remand. CID Special Superintendent (organised crime) Mirza Abdullal Bahqui told The Daily Star that the way Ananta was murdered indicated it was an extremist group.

Govt, NGOs must join hands

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Bangladesh is going to be a middle-income country, which is a sign of a mature civilisation where society cannot be tolerant of child labour.

Tofael Ahmed, director of Manusher

Jonno Foundation, said, "Middle-income country and societies where children work in hazardous condition are contradictory."

Mesbah ul Alam, secretary to the primary and mass education ministry, said a combined, transparent and

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P.O. Box: 2056, Telefax No.: 8823638 and e-mail address: dacamb@um.dk remain the same. The new telephone numbers will be announced at a later stage.

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1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mariam Chowdhury, one of the pioneers in women entrepreneurship (Advertising, Travel, Health product manufacturing, Restaurant etc) left for Heavenly Abode on this day last year. Daughter of Eminent Economist Late Dr. Abu Mahmood and survived by husband Engr. Bari Chowdhury and daughter Sraboni Muna Chowdhury. We Pray for her Departed Soul.

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