ATTACK ON ASADUZZAMAN NOOR'S MOTORCADE

Case not ready for trial in two years

Families of murder victims worried as main accused still scot-free, attends workplace

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, *Nilphamari*

Families of the four people killed by Jamaat-BNP activists in an attack on the motorcade of lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor at Ramganj Haat of Tupamari union in Nilphamari Sadar upazila have expressed worry as the case for the brutal incident is yet to be ready for trial in two years.

Meanwhile, the prime accused of the case has remained scot-free.

Jamaat-BNP men on night of December 12 in 2013 set fire to 200-250 houses of Hindu families in Polashbari, Tronibari, Laxmichap, Beltoli and Kachhari villages in Sadar upazila, looted valuables and injured many with sharp weapons, apparently to vent out wrath after the execution of Abdul Kader Molla, Jamaat's assistant secretary general, for crimes against humanity.

The then Awami League (AL) lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor (now also minister for cultural affairs) reached Nilphamari from Dhaka, and went to the villages with a motorcade on 14 December morning.

In the afternoon, when Noor with his entourage came to Ramganj Haat on the way to Nilphamari town, several hundred Jamaat-BNP men equipped with sharp weapons attacked them, leaving killed four people -- Khorshed Alam, president of Tupamari union unit of Kishok League, Farhad Hossen, office secretary of union Jubo League, and activists Murad Hossen and Lebu Mia.

Around 70-80 motorbikes of AL activists were either burnt or looted during the incident.

Regarding the matter, two cases were filed and investigation officer submitted charge sheet to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in the second week of July 2015, accusing 217 Jamaat-BNP men and the court issued arrest warrant against all.

Police arrested 56 accused from different areas of the district.

All of them got bail from the High Court and now moving freely.

In second and third week of November, 77 fugitive accused surrendered to court that ordered sending them to jail.

Their prayer for bail is now pending with the High Court.

Meanwhile, prime accused of the case Khairul Anam, ameer of Sadar upazila Jamaat, who is also lecturer of Kishoreganj Degree College, attends the workplace regularly and draws salary every month.

Expressing frustration over the matter, victims' family members said President of the college governing body Shawkat Chowdhury, Jatiya Party lawmaker from Nilphamari-4 constituency and opposition whip in parliament, has continued approving the salary sheet of the warranted accused.

Contacted, Shawkat Chowdhury said, "I'm not aware of the matter as law enforcement agencies did not send any letter to the college authority regarding it."

"Lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury's argument is unacceptable as the brutal killings shocked the whole nation and name of the prime accused in the charge sheet was published in most of the print and electronic media," said Nazmul Huq Shah Faruk, father of victims Farhad Hossain and Murad Hossain.

He expressed frustration, saying that the case is yet to be sent to the District and Sessions 'Judge's Court from the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court for trial although long two years has already passed.

Rashed Chowdhury, brother of deceased Khorshed Chowdhury, appealed that the case be tried under Speedy Trial Act.

The public prosecutor of Nilphamari said the case will be transferred to the District and Sessions Judge's Court very soon after maintaining the legal procedure.

FILE PHOTO: STAR

Nazmul Huq Shah Faruk breaks into tears after seeing the photo of his slain son Farhad, captured in the mobile camera of his neighbour at Shahpara village of Tupamari union in Nilphamari Sadar upazila, after a brutal attack by Jamaat-BNP activists on the motorcade of lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor left Farhad, his brother, and two others killed on December 14 in 2013. *Inset*, wreckage of motorcycles, burnt by Jamaat-BNP activists during the incident, kept in the local police station compound.

Man takes own life after killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gazipur*

A man committed suicide after stabbing his wife to death over family feud in Shafipur area in Kaliakoir upazila of the district on Saturday night.

The deceased are Raihan Ali, 38, a rickshaw puller, and his wife Halima Begum, 30, a worker of a local RMG factory.

Quoting locals, police said the couple, who lived in a rented house in the area, often quarrelled over family matters.

Raihan stabbed Halima indiscriminately with a kitchen knife while she was returning from her workplace around 10:30pm, Sub-inspector Saiful Alam of Mouchak police outpost said.

Hearing screams, as locals rushed in to save Halima, Raihan stabbed himself in the abdomen with the knife. Locals rushed them to Safipur General Hospital where the doctors declared the duo dead.

Being informed, police recovered the bodies and sent those to hospital morgue for autopsy, Officer-in-Charge Motaleb Mia of Kaliakoir Police Station said.

Iskcon temple attack case sent to DB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

The case for attack on Iskcon temple in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur was transferred to Detective Branch (DB) of police on Saturday.

Ruhul Amin, Superintendent of Police (SP) of Dinajpur, handed over the case to Dinajpur DB.

Md Redwanur Rahim, officer-in-charge (OC) of Dinajpur DB, produced accused Mosabberul Alam before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, seeking 10-day remand. The court granted the prayer.

On Saturday, the same court granted a three-day remand to another accused Shariful Alam.

Humayun Kabir, deputy inspector general (DIG) of Rangpur range, said the arrested persons have links with Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), a banned Islamist outfit.

Talking with reporters, DB officials said they want to interrogate the arrestees to get more information from them. They have already got some vital information, which would be helpful in carrying out the investigation into the

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

A farmer was killed and 14 others were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over land dispute at Jhirakhali village in Dhubaura upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Yasin Ali, 30, son of late Abdul Ali of the village.

Quoting locals, police said there had been a long-standing dispute between Yasin and Md Rokonuzzaman of neighbouring Batihala village over the ownership of nine acres of land.

As Rokonuzzaman and his men went to the disputed land around 11:30am, Yasin and his supporters swooped on their rivals, leaving at least 15 people from both sides injured.

The injured were admitted to Dhubaura Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) as their condition deteriorated. Yeasin died on way to MMCH, police said.

Nation recalls martyrdom of Bir Shreshtha Jahangir today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Chapainawabganj*

Today is the 44th death anniversary of Bir Shreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir, one of the seven greatest heroes of the 1971 Liberation War.

On this day in 1971, just two days before the nation's final victory against the Pakistani occupation army, Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir embraced martyrdom in a battle with the Pakistani occupation forces at Rehaichar in the district town.

Mohiuddin Jahangir was born on March 6, 1945 at Rahimganj village under Babuganj upazila in Barisal district.

On October 5, 1967 he joined the armed forces as a cadet at the Pakistan Military Academy. After successfully completing his training with the 15th war course, Jahangir was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

In 1971 Mohiuddin Jahangir was working at the construction field at Karakoram. On June 10, he took a few days leave and left for the Sialkot border to reach India. He managed to cross the border safely and joined the Liberation War at Mehdipur under Maldah district in then West Bengal.

On July 3, he became a captain of sector 7. He was given the responsibility to fight in Chapainawabganj border area.

On December 10, 1971, Captain Jahangir along with 50 freedom fighters crossed the Mohananda River and engaged in a fight against Pakistan army.

The freedom fighters took position near Rehaichar Moholla in Chapainawabganj town on December 13. On the following day, Jahangir went ahead of the defense line and charged grenade into a trench of Pakistan occupation army. Hit by a bullet from Pak army, the valiant freedom fighter died on the spot.

The next day, he was buried near the graveyard of another valiant freedom fighter, Major Najmul Haque on the premises of Sonamasjid in presence of Commander of Sector 7 Lt Col Kazi Nuruzzaman, other freedom fighters and local Awami League leaders.

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Chapainawabganj district unit, local administration and different socio-cultural and political organisations will pay tribute to the martyr by placing wreaths at his grave on the premises of historic Sonamasjid in Shibganj upazila and a memorial, at the killing spot of the war hero at Rehaichar in the

Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir

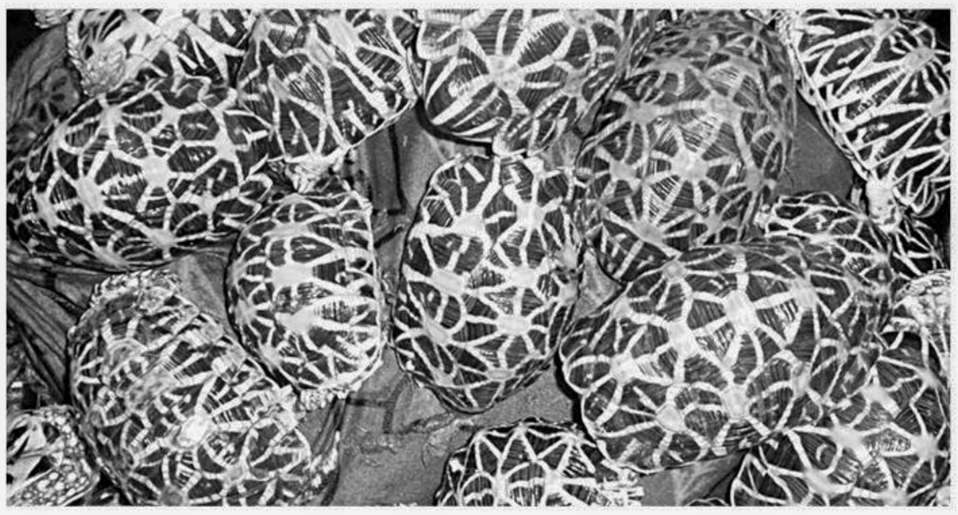

PHOTO: STAR

Border Guard Bangladesh seizes 824 rare species turtles worth around Tk 2 crore from Kagajpukur in Benapole under Jessore district yesterday. The turtles, possibly brought for smuggling, were later handed over to the forest department.

MURDER OF MEHERPUR SCHOOL KID ANTAR

Locals demand arrest, capital punishment of the killer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Several thousand villagers took out a procession and then formed a human chain beside the Kushtia-Meherpur highway yesterday, demanding arrest and capital punishment of the killer of schoolboy Antar Mahmud in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district.

The protesters also gave an ultimatum to the authorities to book the killer within 36-hours. They said tougher agitation will be launched if the killer is not arrested by then.

President of Mothmura union unit of Awami League Abul Hashem, general secretary of the unit Abdul Bari and social workers Moniruzzaman Atu and Sahabul Islam spoke at the programme.

Seven-year-old Antar Mahmud was killed allegedly by his neighbour Sabuj Ali at Baot village under Mothmura union in the upazila on Thursday night.

Antar was a second-grader at Baot Government Primary School and son of Kafirul Islam, an expatriate in the KSA.

Locals found Antar in a jute sack in a classroom of the school with his hands and legs tied and a gag in his mouth around three hours after he had gone missing from a playground in the village, Gangni police said.

Sabuj Ali, 19, who is an accused in several criminal cases, including mugging, might have committed the crime, Akram Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Gangni Police Station, said, adding that they are trying to unearth clue to the murder.

It's time for campaign

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and enforced disappearances of political leaders and activists, shrinking of democratic space and human rights violations would surely dominate their campaigns apart from local issues.

The party is also preparing guidelines for its leaders to follow during electioneering, said BNP Joint Secretary General Mohammad Shajahan. The campaigners would draw voters' attention to what he said was the controversial January 5 national election in 2014, absence of good governance and corruption.

"We will emphasize the need for good governance and tell voters that developments in their areas will be well-balanced if a democratic government comes to power."

The victory of BNP mayoral candidates is necessary to force the Awami League-led government to hold free and fair national polls under a non-party administration, Shajahan added.

However, the party in power will only raise local problems and their solutions in its election campaigns to woo voters.

The party is set to adopt a chapter of its 2014 election manifesto, headlined "Decentralisation of power, local government and administration" as its stressing statement in the campaigns for the municipal polls, said AL Organising Secretary Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury.

In the manifesto, the ruling party pledged to promote greater participation of citizens in the operation of the governmental and national development activities.

The local governments, as the manifesto says, will be empowered to handle development programmes tied with education, health, law and order, infrastructure development and social security.

Integrated work plans will be made to make the local government bodies more powerful and responsible, it adds.

The ruling party has not come up with any specific plan to conduct electioneering for party-sponsored candidates, but the central leaders will conduct campaigns for those in crucial places to secure victory.

The Municipal (Election Code of Conduct) Rules 2015 bars ministers and MPs from electioneering and so leaders who are neither minister nor MP will participate in election campaigns.

The party has planned to send its leaders from the minority community to the municipalities with huge minority voters, sources said. Besides, if any party-backed candidate wants central leaders to be present in his election campaigns, the party will send a team to his municipality.

Another priest

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The letter claims that it has been sent from the alleged Bangladesh chapter (Dinajpur) of global militant group Islamic State (IS). It says Tapan would be beheaded soon as per an order from Syria.

The sender, introducing himself as "Commander IS", claims to have received another order -- shoot dead whoever preaches Christianity in Dinajpur.

In the letter, the alleged IS unit also claimed responsibility for the recent bomb attack on Kantaji Temple in Dinajpur that left six people wounded.

Rabin Sarker, father of the church in Lalmonirhat, said there were 13 churches in the district but no one else from their community had received such threat.

"We are praying and doing our activities quite normally here," he said.

Meanwhile, a local intelligence official, wishing not to be named, said they were working to find out the authenticity of the letter sent to Tapan.

"We are dealing with the matter technically," he said.

The alleged threat comes days after Pastor Luke Sarker survived a deadly attack in October in Pabna and Piero Parolari, an Italian doctor and priest, was shot in the back of his head in Dinajpur in November.

At least a dozen Christian priests have received death threats through text messages recently.

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Unaudited Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
As at 31 October 2015

	31-10-2015 BDT	31 -07-2015 BDT
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4,702,398,916	4,686,699,740
Investments	4,569,450	4,569,450
Deferred tax assets	3,935,585	5,531,086
Total non-current assets	**4,710,903,951**	**4,696,800,276**
Current assets		
Inventories	15,487,654,424	15,711,719,251
Advances, deposits and prepayments	1,297,888,519	1,256,618,233
Deposit with Bangladesh Bank	350,000,000	350,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents	50,062,802	44,441,035
Total current assets	**17,185,605,745**	**17,362,778,519**
Total assets	**21,896,509,696**	**22,059,578,795**
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Share capital	846,668,060	846,668,060
General reserve	274,500,000	274,500,000
Dividend equalisation reserve	145,000,000	145,000,000
Revaluation reserve	4,197,058,496	4,197,058,496
Retained earnings	530,685,405	487,322,367
Total equity	**5,993,911,961**	**5,950,548,923**
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Long term loan - secured	816,000,000	636,000,000
Sponsors' loan	202,500,000	202,500,000
Retirement benefit obligations (gratuity)	23,514,076	28,110,436
Finance Lease	9,485,385	-
Total non-current liabilities	**1,051,499,461**	**866,610,436**
Current liabilities		
Long term loan - secured - current portion	234,000,000	114,000,000
Finance Lease- Current portion	5,660,675	-
Bank overdraft	900,590,758	1,195,049,479
Advance received against allotment	10,526,935,010	10,682,501,278
Trade and other payables	3,174,265,688	3,241,652,721
Provision for income tax	9,646,143	9,215,958
Total current liabilities	**14,851,098,274**	**15,242,419,436**
Total liabilities	**15,902,597,735**	**16,109,029,872**
Total equity and liabilities	**21,896,509,696**	**22,059,578,795**
Net Asset Value (NAV)	**70.79**	**70.28**

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Unaudited Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the 1st Quarter ended 31 October 2015

	For the 1st Quarter ended 31 October 2015 2015 BDT	2014 BDT
Revenue	651,651,057	812,347,452
Cost of sales	(461,895,074)	(638,756,557)
Gross profit	**189,755,983**	**173,590,895**
Other operating income	1,720,739	2,789,961
Administrative and Selling expense	(62,558,809)	(60,672,027)
Operating profit	**128,917,913**	**115,708,829**
Finance income	-	4,917,024
Finance expense	(62,101,023)	(49,796,948)
Profit before tax	**66,816,890**	**70,828,905**
Income tax expense		
Current tax	(21,858,351)	(20,112,465)
Deferred tax	(1,595,501)	-
	(23,453,852)	**(20,112,465)**
Profit after tax	**43,363,038**	**50,716,440**
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	**43,363,038**	**50,716,440**
Basic earnings per share	**0.51**	**0.60**

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Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows
For the 1st Quarter ended 31 October 2015

	For the 1st Quarter ended 31 October 2015 BDT	2014 BDT
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from customers and others	497,805,528	711,510,679
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(405,615,477)	(544,628,075)
Cash flow from operating activities	92,190,051	166,882,604
Income tax paid	(28,971,759)	(20,530,849)
Net cash from operating activities	**63,218,292**	**146,351,755**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(19,644,657)	(6,147,702)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	**(19,644,657)**	**(6,147,702)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Increase/(decrease) in long term borrowings	300,000,000	(29,909,998)
Increase/(decrease) in short term borrowings	(294,458,721)	39,997,988
Increase/(decrease) in finance lease	15,146,060	-
Interest paid	(58,639,207)	(35,814,460)
Dividend paid	-	(120,952,581)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	**(37,951,868)**	**(146,679,051)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,621,767	(6,474,998)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	44,441,035	69,749,095
Closing cash and cash equivalents	**50,062,802**	**63,274,097**
Net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS)	**0.75**	**1.73**

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Unaudited Statement of Changes in Equity
For the 1st Quarter ended 31 October 2015

	Share capital BDT	General reserve BDT	Dividend equalisation reserve BDT	Revaluation reserve BDT	Retained earnings BDT	Total BDT
1st Quarter 2014-2015						
Balance as at 01 August 2014	806,350,540	274,500,000	145,000,000	4,197,058,496	437,501,160	5,860,410,196
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	50,716,440	50,716,440
Dividend equalisation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation to general reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of bonus shares	40,317,520	-	-	-	(40,317,520)	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	(120,952,581)	(120,952,581)
Balance as at 31 October 2014	**846,668,060**	**274,500,000**	**145,000,000**	**4,197,058,496**	**326,947,499**	**5,790,174,055**

	Share capital BDT	General reserve BDT	Dividend equalisation reserve BDT	Revaluation reserve BDT	Retained earnings BDT	Total BDT
1st Quarter 2015-2016						
Balance as at 01 August 2015	846,668,060	274,500,000	145,000,000	4,197,058,496	487,322,367	5,950,548,923
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	43,363,038	43,363,038
Dividend equalisation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation to general reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of bonus shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 October 2015	**846,668,060**	**274,500,000**	**145,000,000**	**4,197,058,496**	**530,685,405**	**5,993,911,961**

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