



**MITU MURDER**

**IO talks to Babul Akhter's cousin**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The investigation officer (IO) of Mitu murder case talked to a relative of former superintendent of police (SP) Babul Akhter in Chittagong yesterday. Md Shafiuddin, 40, Babul's cousin living in the city's EPZ area, often used to go to Babul's GEC residence, the IO and Additional Police Commissioner Md Kamruzzaman of the Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police quoted him as saying.

During the interrogation at the DB office, Shafiuddin also said he last went to the house about 15 days before the killing, adding that he does not know why Mitu was killed and who are behind the murder.

Earlier on Sunday, the IO also talked to Babul's another cousin, Md Mafiz.

On June 5 last year, Babul's wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu was shot and stabbed to death at the city's GEC intersection.

Later, Babul filed the murder case with Panchlaih Police Station.

**Fire breaks out at Ctg RMG factory**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fire damaged valuables, worth Tk 10 lakh, of a garment factory in Khatunganj area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The fire was originated from an electric short circuit at Baro Mia Fashion Garment, housed on the fourth floor of a five-storey building, around 4:45am, said Jashim Uddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters in Agrabad.

Firefighters brought the fire under control around 6:15am, he added.

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He has no accreditation, had no formal education. Yet those who have been seeing him over the years call him "Doctor Mizan" for he claims to carry "medicines" some of which can cure illnesses of humans and others of livestock. This "physician" rolls from one weekly village bazar to another on his shabby two-wheeler, making use of his public speaking skills on a megaphone to convince people into buying his "elixirs". Making a living in this manner for the past 10 years, he says his father passed down the profession and "knowledge on pharmacology". The photo was taken in Gaibandha's Fulchhari Haat recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**1971 WAR CRIMES IN NETRAKONA Charges against three suspects accepted**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday took the charges into cognisance brought against three Netrakona men for allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque also directed the inspector general of police to submit a report within two weeks about a fugitive accused of the case. It also fixed March 7 for passing next order in the case.

The accused are Hedayet Ullah Anju, 80, and his brother Enayet Ullah Manju, 70, and Sohrab Fakir, 88, of Kulshree village in Atpara of the district. Of them, Manju and Sohrab are in jail while Hedayet is on the run.

The prosecution on November 28 last year pressed five charges against the three.

Hedayet was a Jamaat-e-Islami leader while the other were activists in 1971 and all of them first joined local Peace Committees and Razakar Bahini, according to the prosecution. Hedayet contested the Pakistan National Election in 1970 with Jamaat ticket but was defeated. He and his brother are still involved with Jamaat, they said.

The charges include looting and torching

of 20 to 30 houses in Madhuakhali village on May 29 and abduction and killing of two people, Malek Talukder and Kala Chand Munshi, of Mobarakpur village on August 23.

Other charges are abduction and killing of one Helim Talukder of Madan village under Madan Police Station on August 30 and genocide in Sukhari village of Atpara on September 3 that left seven Hindus dead and forced several Hindu families of Sukhari to leave the country on September 5, and looting and torching of 150 to 200 houses in Madan village on September 6.

Meanwhile, the tribunal recorded the testimony of Hari Debnath, the investigation officer of the case against two Kishoreganj men who allegedly committed crimes in 1971.

The accused are Syed Mohammad Hussain alias Hossain and Muhammad Moslem Pradhan. Hussain and Moslem face six charges. Moslem is now in jail and pleads not guilty while Hussain is on the run.

In his testimony, Hari showed several documents, which he seized during his investigation and the prosecution later submitted those as their evidence. The tribunal adjourned the case proceeding until today when he will face further cross-examination.

**COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY IN SATKHIRA MP's chairmanship stayed**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months the function of ruling Awami League lawmaker of Satkhira-4 constituency SM Jaglul Haider as chairman of a college's governing body in his locality.

It also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain in two weeks as to why the National University (NU)'s approval of Jaglul as chairman of the governing body of Shyamnagar Atorjan Women's College should not be declared illegal. Education secretary, vice chancellor of NU and three others have been made respondents to the rule issued following a writ petition filed by SM Afzalul Haque, founding member of the college.

**NEWS IN brief**

**IGP wants time to arrest Liton's killers**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Inspector General of Police (IGP) AKM Shahidul Haque yesterday wanted more time to arrest the killers of Gaibandha lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton, who was shot dead on December 31.

He said this while talking to journalists in Rangpur before attending a meeting with police officials.

Police along with other organisations have been working independently, and checking all the evidence and clues concerning the killing, he added.

About militancy, Shahidul said police have traced recent militant activities and been able to keep those under control.

The law and order situation in the country is much better now than in the past, he added.

**Selim Al Deen's wife Meherunnisa dies**

JU CORRESPONDENT

Begaumjadi Meherunnisa Parul, wife of Natyacharya Selim Al Deen, died at Holy Family Hospital in the capital yesterday morning. She was 66.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held at the playground beside the residence of JU vice-chancellor. Later, she was buried in the graveyard of Aruna Palli Housing Society in Savar.

JU VC Prof Farzana Islam expressed deep condolence at the death of Meherunnisa Parul.

Mentionable, Meherunnisa and Selim Al Deen got married in 1974.



**Biplobi Debendra Nath's death anniversary today**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Today is the 18th death anniversary of great revolutionary activist Biplobi Debendra Nath Ghosh.

On the occasion, Biplobi Deben Ghosh Smriti Rokkha Committee organised rallies at 4:00pm in Shikhhok Samity auditorium and his cremation ground in Barisal city.

Born on April 22, 1890, Ghosh was imprisoned for a total of 27 years for protesting against colonialists, imperialist and autocrats in the British and Pakistani periods and afterwards.



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Though the conventional season for mangoes is yet to arrive, this tree in Sylhet city's Lichubagan area is already in blossom with many reasoning the change in climate as the probable cause. The photo was taken on Saturday.

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