

# Execute directives to uphold dignity of Shaheed Minar: HC

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take steps for fully implementing its eight directives, including setting up a museum, issued earlier for upholding the dignity and sanctity of Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka.

The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman also asked the cultural affairs secretary to submit a progress report before it on implementation of the directives, following a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

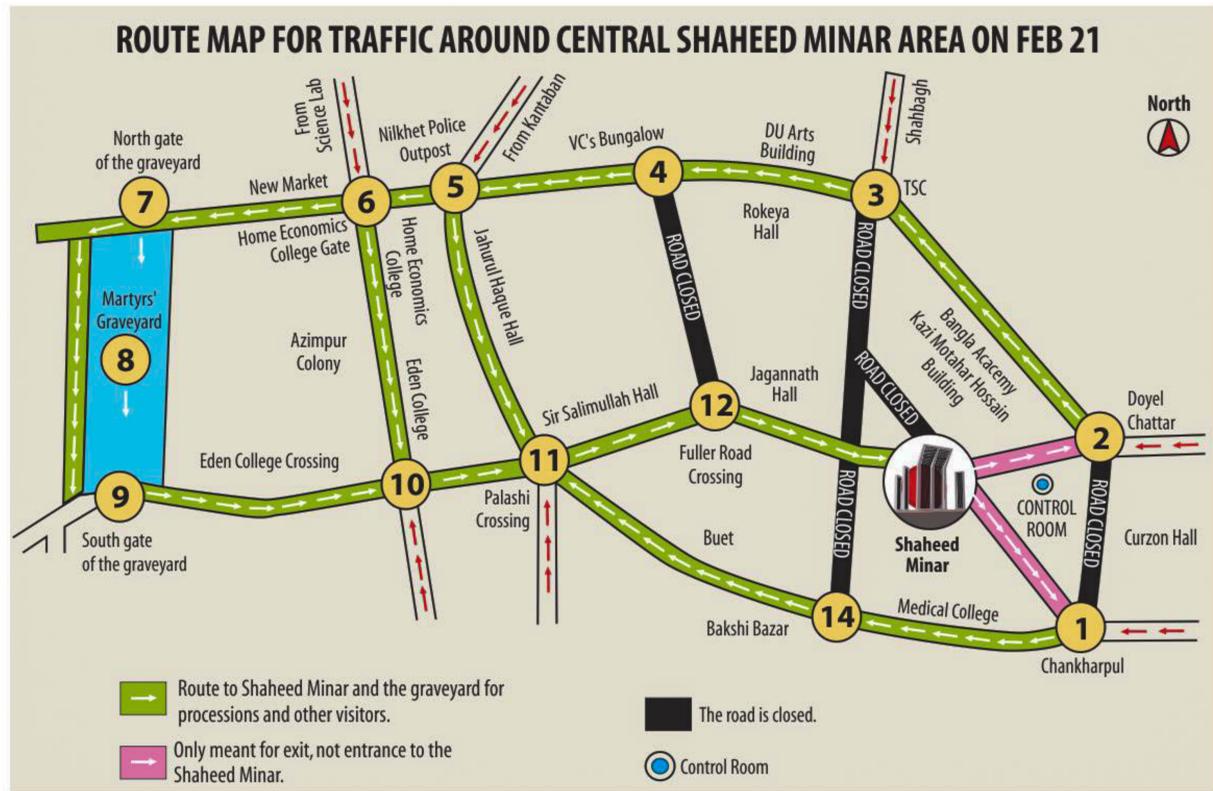
HRPB's lawyer Advocate Manzill Murshid moved the petition yesterday before the bench, saying that the HC on August 25, 2010 had issued eight directives to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Shaheed Minar that was set up to maintain the spirit of the Language Movement and pay tribute to its heroes, but most of the directives were not implemented yet.

Following a writ petition filed by HRPB, the HC on August 25, 2010 issued the eight directives.

It directed the authorities concerned to set up a museum along with a library at any side of the Central Shaheed Minar and take effective measures so that no unsocial activities take place there.

The HC asked the government to take effective steps so that no function or meeting can be held at the original Bedi (main part) of the Minar. However, there would be no embargo on holding any function outside the original Bedi.

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# Security beefed up at Shaheed Minar

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner yesterday said a four-tier security measure has been taken surrounding the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital though there is no threat centring this year's International Mother Language Day to be celebrated tomorrow.

Still, police are on high alert, with deployment of 8,000 policemen alongside Rab and other security forces on that day.

Asaduzzaman Mia told reporters while visiting the Shaheed Minar.

Alongside the Shaheed Minar area, CCTV cameras have already been set up on the road stretching from New Market to Matsya Bhaban. All will have to pass through a security archway to pay their tributes.

"Only the president, prime minister, cabinet members,

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# Interns 'beat' patient's son

**Go on strike at Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra**

A group of intern doctors at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital (SZMCH) in Bogra allegedly beat up a relative of a patient twice over a trifling matter yesterday afternoon.

After beating the patient's son, Rouf Sarkar, 35, inside the medicine ward and later in the presence of the hospital's director at his office, the interns went on an indefinite strike.

The Daily Star has obtained a video of the incident.

The patient, Alauddin Sarkar, 65, of Konagati village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, was undergoing treatment at the hospital for the last few days, said Bina and Shetu, the patient's daughters. "As my father, a patient of cardiac ailment, was feeling cold, my brother Rouf asked an intern to show him the switch of the fan for turning it off by addressing her as 'sister' since he thought she was a nurse," said Bina, 30.

"Suddenly, she became angry and started rebuking him," alleged Bina. "Meanwhile, other interns rushed in and started beating my brother. They even forced him to do squats by holding his ears and made him seek apology by touching their feet." They later confined him to a room, she alleged.

As the news spread, police arrived on the spot and got him out of the room, said Sub-inspector (SI) Shah Alam of Silimpur Police Station.

Afterwards, when Rouf went to the director's office to

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Patient's son Rouf Sarkar

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# An int'l figure little known in Bangladesh

**Seminar on the Ctg-born philosopher told**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Through his works, spiritual teacher Sri Chinmoy showed the way to find inner strength and contribute to peace building, an international seminar at Chittagong University was told yesterday.

The Department of Philosophy organised the seminar titled "Sri Chinmoy and Bangladeshi Philosophy", in the arts and humanities faculty auditorium.

Vice Chancellor Iftakar Uddin Chowdhury inaugurated the seminar as chief guest, where scholars from home and abroad presented six papers on the Chittagong-born philosopher-poet-composer.

Chairman of the department, Prof NHM Abu Bakar, who took the initiative for the daylong seminar, hoped that Chinmoy's philosophy would be introduced in the courses of study at the department.

"The first course on Sri Chinmoy's philosophy was given at the University of Connecticut (USA) in 1973. His book 'Beyond Within' has frequently been reprinted since then and was published as a textbook," he said.

In the first session, Prof Lunthita M Duthely of the

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Sri Chinmoy

# Pro-AL leader shot in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Miscreants shot a ward-level leader of Awami Swochhasebak League in the capital's Mohakhali area yesterday.

Didar Hossain Sajib, 35, was shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital from National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital. Later, he was taken to a clinic with bullet wounds in his chest and head, said police.

Sajib, also a contractor, is the president candidate of the organisation's ward no-20 unit, said his brother Zahidul Islam.

Zahidul said two youths, who are known to his brother, stopped him at Mohakhali Dakkhinpara around 4:00pm while returning home on a motorcycle. At one point, Zahidul said the miscreants shot his brother.

# Verdict on deaths of Tareque Masud, Mishuk Feb 22

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj**

A Manikganj court yesterday fixed February 22 for delivering verdict in a case filed in connection with a tragic road accident that killed five people including noted filmmaker Tareque Masud and renowned journalist Mishuk Munier.

Additional District and Session's Judge Al Mahmud Faijul Kabir declared the date after concluding hearing arguments.

The court received statements from 24 witnesses from the prosecution and two witnesses from the defence.

The accused bus driver, Md Jamir Hossain, 50, son of late Abdur Rahim Biswas of Daulatdiar village of Chuadanga district, was present at the court. He was freed on bail on November 17, 2011, public prosecutor Advocate Abdus Salam said.

Noted filmmaker Tareque Masud, media personality Ashfaq Munier Mishuk popularly known as Mishuk Munier, and their film production crew -- Wasim, Jamal and microbus driver Mostafizur Rahman -- died in a fatal road crash on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Joka under Ghor upazila in the district on August 13, 2011.

Tareque's wife Catherine Masud, painter Dhali Al Mamun,

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Tareque Mishuk

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<p><b>DAY 1 Wednesday 22 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm Film screening Born Together, Television, Guerrilla</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Ceremonial session Manipuri dance directed by Warda Rihab Deshar gaan by Jatiya Rabindrasangeet Sammilan Parishad Sylhet Inaugural session Rabindrasangeet by Adity Mohsin Fusion folk by Joler Gaan</p> <p><b>DAY 2 Thursday 23 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm : Film screening Meghmalla 7.15 pm : Stage play Kohe Birangana by Manipuri Theatre</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Tabla by Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay Folk songs by Bhajan Baul Nazrulsangeet &amp; Adhunik gaan by Manomay Bhattacharyya Folk songs by Chandana Majumdar &amp; Shatabdi Roy</p>	<p><b>DAY 3 Friday 24 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 10.30 am onward Kail O Kalam Sahitya Sammelan</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Ceremonial session Raga-based Bengali songs by Barnali Chattopadhyay Nazrulsangeet &amp; songs of yesteryears by Subir Nandi &amp; Jhuma Khandaker Jibanmukhi gaan by Gaaner Dol O Krishnakoli</p> <p><b>DAY 4 Saturday 25 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 10.30 am onward Kail O Kalam Sahitya Sammelan 7.15 pm : Stage play Amina Sundari by Theatre Art Unit</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Gambhira by Ataur Rahman Mintu &amp; team Bengali songs of yesteryears by Iffat Ara Dewan Nazrulsangeet by Khairul Anam Shakil Folk songs by Labik Kamal Gaurab, Nobonita Chowdhury &amp; Baby Dewan</p>	<p><b>DAY 5 Sunday 26 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 10.30 am onward Kail O Kalam Sahitya Sammelan</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Dance drama Drohokaal by Nilanjana Das Sarod by Rajrupa Chowdhury Rabindrasangeet &amp; Teen kobir gaan by Laiza Ahmed Lisa Palagaan by Kuddus Bayati</p> <p><b>DAY 6 Monday 27 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm Film screening Oggatonama, Jalaler Golpo, Aynabaji</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Ceremonial session Dhamail by Ram Krishna Sarkar &amp; team Jhurnur by Cha Jonogoshthi Nagri puthipaath 'Halatunthi' by Ali Ashab Sylheter ancholik gaan by Sushoma Das, Md. Shamim Ahmed &amp; Baul Surjalal Das</p>	<p><b>DAY 7 Tuesday 28 February</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm Film screening Dipu Number 2, Under Construction, Anil Bagchir Ekdin</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Flute by Moniruzzaman Bhajan &amp; Kirtan by Sharmin Shathi Islam &amp; Bizon Chandra Mistry Rabindrasangeet by Shama Rahman Rabindrasangeet &amp; Adhunik gaan by Srikanta Acharya</p> <p><b>DAY 8 Wednesday 1 March</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm Film screening Amar Bondhu Rashed, Runway, Titash Ekti Nadir Naam</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 6.20 pm onward Manipuri dance by Academy for Manipuri Culture &amp; Art Raga-based Bengali songs by Priyanka Gope Rabindrasangeet by Bulbul Islam Rabindrasangeet &amp; Adhunik gaan by Jayati Chakraborty</p>	<p><b>DAY 9 Thursday 2 March</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm Film screening Rina Brown 7.15 pm : Stage play Konjush by Lokonatyadal</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 4 pm onward Children's group performance by Jatiya Rabindrasangeet Sammilan Parishad Sylhet Children's musical drama by Shishutirtho Nazrulsangeet by Rakiba Islam Oishi Bhawayiya by Saiful Alam Raja Nazrulsangeet by Ferdous Aka Adhunik gaan by Haimanti Shukla Folk songs by Parvathy Baul</p> <p><b>DAY 10 Friday 3 March</b></p> <p><b>Syed Mujtaba Ali Mancha</b> 4 pm Film screening Ghashphul 7.15 pm : Stage play Mohajoner Nao by Subachan</p> <p><b>Hason Raja Mancha</b> 4 pm onward Children's songs &amp; recitation Rituranga by Gitobitan Bangladesh Nazrulsangeet by Anindita Chowdhury Sitar by Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay Closing session Rabindrasangeet by Rezwana Chowdhury Banya Folk songs by Shafi Mandal</p>
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