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The legend of JAGATJYOTI

WASIM BIN HABIB and MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA, back from Jolsukha, Habiganj

It was sometime in mid-August of 1971. The Pakistan occupation forces continued its atrocities in the then East Pakistan. In the Haor region encompassing Sunamganj, Habiganj, Kishoreganj and Netrakona, the marauding army was using the Sherpur-Ajmiriganj route on the Bheramohona River to supply arms and ammunition to different places. As intelligence reached freedom fighters about one such consignment, a special squad of young guerrilla fighters was assigned to sabotage it. An operation was designed; the route and place of attack were fixed. The fighters were to attach limpet mines to the hull of gunboats carrying one such consignment. But their commander all of a sudden devised a new strategy. Two poles were installed on the two banks of the river with a rope tied between them. Five mines were hung from it while a cordtex wire (fuse cable generally used in mining) full of plastic explosives was set up in place of the detonator. A fleet of gunboats arrived there around 11:00am. As it neared the mine line, a rocket launcher shell was fired on the target and at the same time, the fuse of the mine series was set alight.

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Local razakars tie the body of Jagatjyoti Das, commander of Das Party, to an electricity pole before desecrating the corpse at Ajmiriganj bazar of Habiganj on November 16, 1971. The razakars later dumped the body into a river.

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Farmers Bank in cash crunch

Fails to return Climate Trust Fund money; depositors worried over getting their money back

- The bank has deposits of Tk 4,700cr including Tk 1,900cr from institutions
- It started operation in 2013 with Tk 400cr capital

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Depositors are concerned about getting back their money from the trouble-hit Farmers Bank as cases of its failure to pay clients continue to come up. Bangladesh Bank and the finance ministry have received a number of complaints from depositors -- both institutions and individuals -- about the bank's incapacity to repay money on maturity of fixed-term deposits. Farmers Bank recently failed to pay more than Tk 229 crore to Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCCTF) on maturity of its fixed-term deposits.

The BCCTF, a government trust formed to tackle risks and adverse effects of climate change under the environment and forest ministry, deposited Tk 508.13 crore with the bank's Gulshan and Motijheel corporate branches in November and December last year under fixed-term deposit schemes.

Five of the deposits amounting to over Tk 229 crore became mature between November 24 and December 7. When the BCCTF contacted Farmers Bank to encash the deposits, the bank made excuses to delay payments.

The BCCTF then contacted the finance ministry and the BB through its parent ministry to help it get the money back.

"The money the BCCTF gets from fixed-term deposits with different banks helps it run its activities. If Farmers Bank does not pay back the BCCTF's deposits, its administrative work will be hampered," reads a letter of the environment and forest ministry, which was sent to the senior

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In tears, Ctg bids farewell to Mohiuddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Awami League stalwart and former Chittagong mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury died yesterday, bringing an end to a decades-long, colourful political career.

Fondly called Chattal Bir (hero of Chattal, a corruption of Chittagong), the veteran politician died at 1

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