Barisal Division Journalists' Welfare Association yesterday forms a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital protesting the police torture of Sumon Hasan, a video journalist of DBC news, a private television channel, on March 13. PHOTO: STAR

POLICE TORTURE OF BARISAL JOURNO

2 more policemen suspended

UNB, *Dhaka*

Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) suspended two more police officials of its Detective Branch (DB), for allegedly torturing a journalist of a private TV channel recently.

The suspended members are Abdur Rahim and Rasel Parvez, both are constables of BMP Detective Branch.

BMP Assistant Commissioner (Detective Branch) Nasir Uddin Mallik said the two were suspended on Thursday, upon finding evidence of their involvement in torturing Sumon Hasan, a journalist of privately-run television channel DBC news.

Earlier, another constable Maksudul Haque was also suspended in connection to the same incident, he added.

Sub-inspector Abdul Bashar, assistant sub-inspectors Swapan and Akther Hossain and constables Hasan and Saiful Islam were also found guilty, according to the departmental probe report.

A case will be filed in this connection, the commissioner added.

Earlier on Wednesday, eight members of DB police were closed to the district police lines over allegation of torture, and a probe committee was formed.

On March 13, a DB team, led by Sub-Inspector Abul Bashar, had an alteration with Sumon Hasan during a police drive near old "Beauty Hall" in the city.

At one stage, the DB team swooped on the journalist leaving him unconscious.

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organised the meeting on "Role of lawyers to create national unity".

Dr Kamal said news reports on money embezzlement from banks were published while the finance minister did not disagree with those.

The country is experiencing "mindless" looting of money even after 46 years of independence.

He said one of the historic six-point demand was to save money from being misappropriated into the erstwhile West Pakistan and people struggled for it back then.

Marking Bangabandhu's birthday, Dr Kamal said creating unity among countrymen was the core idea of Bangabandhu.

"Will we not follow the idea?" he said.

He also urged the lawyers to wage movements to save the country from "thieves".

Emptiness is all they have

After losing parents in Nepal plane crash, two youths wait to see them one last time

ANWAR ALI, *Rajshahi*

The two expatriate brothers lost their parents on that fateful day. Now, they fear they would miss the chance to see their parents one last time as their mother's body is yet to be identified.

"It's always hard to even anticipate how it feels to have both your parents gone," said Md Kaisar Imam, elder son of the retired couple -- Md Hasan Imam and Begum Hurun Nahar Bilquis Banu.

The couple were among the 51 who died in the US-Bangla plane crash in Nepal on March 12. They planned the tour to celebrate their retirement with their friends.

"A vast emptiness is always driving me now. Everything will be in its place except for the two most precious persons of our lives," he added.

A retired joint secretary, Hassan's name is in the final list of identified bodies but the body of Bilquis, a retired teacher of Rajshahi, is not in a state to be identified.

Therefore, the body would go through a DNA test. A team of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) already reached Kathmandu to collect DNA samples of the victims which would be cross-matched with samples of the victims' family members at the CID lab in Dhaka. The entire procedure will take eight to 10 days, said sources.

Two brothers Kaisar Imam, *left*, and Toukir Imam. PHOTO: COLLECTED

"If so, one of us will miss the chance to bury our parents as we must return to our work in Canada by April 2," Kaisar said.

The two brothers work as software developers in Canada. One of their cousins is now in Nepal to identify the bodies.

Just a day before the crash, Kaisar had his last conversation with his mother. He was pulling her leg as Bilquis never agreed to fly to Canada to meet her sons due to her flight phobia but this time she was ready to embark on a plane journey.

It was 9:00am on Monday in Alberta, some seven hours after the plane crash-landed in Nepal, when the brothers first got the news.

"I thought it must be some other plane. But anxiety engulfed me," Kaisar said.

Soon, they started getting phone calls from

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Abul Mansur Ahmad's 39th

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Moulana Bhashani and Shaheed Suhrawardy) in the 1954 election through which the Muslim League was ousted from power. The Ekush Dafa was the first comprehensive articulation of the political, economic and cultural demands of the Bangalees of the then eastern part of Pakistan.

He was elected a member of East Bengal Provincial Assembly in that election, and served as health minister in the United Front cabinet under Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq. In 1955, he was elected a member of Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

He was the minister for education in the United Front government of East Pakistan in 1956 and the minister for commerce and trade in 1956-1957. After the promulgation of martial law by Ayub Khan in 1958, he was imprisoned and subsequently released in 1962. He then retired from politics.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was known for his strong stand in favour of regional autonomy of East Pakistan. He also made remarkable contributions to industrialisation of the long neglected East Pakistan. He always propagated secularism in a manner unparalleled in the forties, fifties and sixties.

Abul Mansur Ahmad's publications include great satires like Aina, Asmani Purdah, Gulliverer Safar Nama and Food Conference. He also penned insightful works on social and political history of Bengal such as Bangladesher Culture. He has two autobiographical writings -- Atma Katha (About myself) and Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachar (50 years of politics as I saw it).

Abul Mansur Ahmad was one of the greatest political personalities of the subcontinent who combined rare talents in three distinct fields -- politics, journalism and literary writing. He was born in 1898 in Dhanikhola village of Trishal, Mymensingh.

Marking his death anniversary, a discussion on "Abul Mansur Ahmader Khojey: Buddhadev Boser Sathe Tarker Sutra Dhore" will be held in Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium (Faculty of Social Sciences) at Dhaka University on March 23 at 4:00pm.

Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad and Gyantapash Abdur Razzak Foundation will jointly host the programme. Emeritus Professor Anisuzzaman will preside over the discussion while researcher Mohammad Azam will present the keynote paper. Essayist Hayat Mamud and researcher Murshed Shafiul Hasan will take part in the discussion.

In addition, an international seminar will be held at Netaji Subhas Open University in Kolkata on April 21 this year. Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad and the Centre for Language Translation and Cultural Studies of the university's School of Humanities will jointly host the programme.

In 2015, five researchers were awarded for their works on Abul Mansur Ahmad -- Dr Nurul Amin, Dr Rajib Humayun, Dr Chengis Khan, Dr Mizanur Rahman, and Imran Mahfuz. A special honorary memorial award was given to Emeritus Professor Dr Rafiqul Islam for editing a six-volume work of Abul Mansur Ahmad.

AL leaders meet Congress high-ups

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radicalisation of youth in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina has written a letter to Sonia Gandhi commending the "adept leadership, wisdom and prudence of Rahul Gandhi" and said she strongly believes that would "further flourish" and continue to serve the people of India under his leadership.

Hasina's letter, put on the Congress party's website, was handed over by Dipu Moni to Sonia.

In her letter, Hasina recalled with gratitude the "extraordinary support" extended to the people of Bangladesh by the then Indian PM Indira Gandhi during the 1971 Liberation War.

Bangladesh and India enjoy excellent bilateral relations based on mutual respect, shared values of democracy, culture, tradition, tolerance and growing cooperation in many areas including trade and investment, Hasina said in the letter.

Although Awami League and the Congress have traditionally enjoyed close ties, the presence of the AL representatives in the Indian opposition party's crucial meeting assumes significance as it comes in the midst of escalating political battle between Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government and the entire opposition.

Asked if the presence of the AL delegation in the Congress plenary would send a wrong political signal at this juncture, Moni said, "There is no scope for any misperception, because this is a party-to-party relationship."

"Awami League has always enjoyed very close ties with Congress and now has very good relations with BJP too," said Dipu Moni.

She recalled that representatives of both the Congress and BJP had attended AL's National Council in Dhaka one and a half years ago.

She said a delegation led by AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader is going to visit India soon to interact with leaders of different Indian political parties. She, however, did not specify the dates of the visit.

Moni said AL would have good relations with India no matter which party is in power and which in the opposition.

"As the next door neighbours, India and Bangladesh should have the best of relations...," she said.

The AL delegation also met former Indian president Pranab Mukherjee at his residence in New Delhi in the evening.

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