

A Correspondent Narayanganj: The High Court on Wednesday asked the Public Administration Ministry-formed probe committee, headed by Additional Secretary Shahjahan Ali Mollah, to complete the investigation into the Narayanganj seven murder incidents. Earlier, on Tuesday, additional secretary Abdul Hakim was given the responsibility of heading the probe committee. Citing a report published in the dailies, an HC division bench comprising Justice M Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore passed the order after a brief hearing on the matter. During the hearing, the HC taking serious note of it said the chairman of the investigation committee, according to the report, has been changed. Before any change in the committee, the matter should have been informed to the court as the Public Administration Ministry formed the probe committee as ordered by it. Replying to the court, Attorney General (AG) Mahbubey Alam submitted that Mollah has been promoted as the Secretary in-charge of the Public Service Commission (PSC). Interrupting the AG, the HC said that then the new chairman will have to function afresh. So, the person (Shahjahan Mollah) made chairman earlier will discharge his responsibility as usual, it added. On May 7, the Public Administration Ministry formed the seven-member probe panel headed by Shahjahan Ali Mollah, following a High Court order to look into the alleged involvement of Rab officials in the abductions and killings of seven people in Narayanganj. On April 27, Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his three associates and driver, were abducted from Fatullah area of the city. Hours after their abduction, senior lawyer at district Judge's Court Chandan Kumar Sarker and his driver were also abducted on their way to capital Dhaka. Three days into their abduction, the bodies of six people, including that of Nazrul Islam and Chandan Kumar, were recovered from the Shitalakhya River on April 30. Besides, another body was recovered from the river on May 1. Nur Hossain, a Narayanganj city Awami League leader and also a councillor, and his associates remained absconding following the abduction and killing of Narayanganj city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, lawyer Chandan Sarker and five others. Shahidul Islam alias Shahid chairman, father-in-law of slain Nazrul Islam, filed a case along with his widowed daughter alleging that some officials of elite force Rab killed Nazrul Islam, in exchange for Tk 6 crore from city councillor Nur Hossain. Three former RAB officials, including Lt Col Tareque, Major Arif Hossain and Lt Commander MM Rana, who were arrested earlier, confessed to their involvement in the sensational seven murders.