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TAQI MURDER CHARGE SHEET

# Years of wait for ‘any day’

*Rab's promise of filing charge sheet not fulfilled even in 6yrs; teen's 7th death anniversary today*

SANAD SAHA and MUNTAKIM SAAD

Within a year of the murder of Narayanganj schoolboy Taqi, Rapid Action Battalion claimed it cracked the case, finding involvement of ex-Jatiya Party MP's son Ajmeri Osman and his 10 associates.

The elite force said the final charge sheet could be submitted any day.

Since then six years have passed but Rab is yet to submit the probe report for some “unknown” reasons.

Today is the seventh death anniversary of Tanwir Mohammed Taqi, the son of Rafiur Rabbi, a renowned cultural activist in Narayanganj.

There has been no clear answer from any authorities on what is holding the investigators back from submitting the report. For the last few years, the elite force has only one thing to say: “Investigation is going on.”

Seventeen-year-old Taqi went missing after he had left home for Sudhijan Pathagar, a library, around 4:00pm on March 6, 2013.

His A-level results were out the next day and he emerged as the highest scorer in the world in physics by obtaining 297 out of 300. In chemistry, he got 294 out of 300, the highest score to be obtained in the subject by anyone in



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## SPECTACULAR STILTS

A pair of black-winged stilts foraging for insects in Charal Beel area of Chapainawabganj's Gomostapur upazila. These migratory birds, known for their distinct pink legs, bloodshot eyes and long black bills, throng the area every winter, but birdwatchers say their presence has been thin this year. The photo was taken early last month.

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ALI ASRAF BHUIYAN

MATIRANGA CLASH

# 4 dead villagers among those sued by BGB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RANGAMATI

Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday sued scores of people, including four deceased, in connection with Tuesday's clash in Khagrachhari that left five people dead.

Shahab Mia, 54, his sons, Ali Akbar, 27, and Ahmad Ali, 26, and their relative Mofiz Mia, 55, died in the clash and the BGB yesterday accused them and others of multiple crimes, including murder and attempted murder.

All the deceased were residents of Gazinagar village in Khagrachhari's Matiranga upazila, said police.

Ishak Ali, Habildar of BGB's Palashpur zone unit, filed the case with Matiranga Police Station, accusing 19 named and some 60 to 70 unnamed people of involvement in the violence, said the case's investigation officer Md Shanoor Alam, inspector (investigation) of the police station.

He added that Mofiz Mia's son, Hanif Miah, is also an accused in the case.

The charges against them include murder, attempted murder, injuring BGB members and obstructing government officials from discharging their duties, said

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

# USSR will stand by Bangladesh



**Bangabandhu has a big fatherly embrace for his son Russel who was at the airport to receive him when he returns from the Soviet Union on March 6, 1972.**

MARCH 6, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

## BANGABANDHU RETURNS FROM MOSCOW

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is given a warm reception when he returned to Dhaka today after his successful visit to the Soviet Union. He is greeted with cheers and applause by a large crowd at the Airport.

Speaking briefly at the airport, Bangabandhu says that Bangladesh and the Soviet Union have pledged to work jointly for the cause of world peace. The Soviet leaders have assured that they will stand by the people of Bangladesh, he adds.

The prime minister describes his Soviet visit as “very successful”

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GAMBLING IN CLUBS

# SC stays HC order for taking action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed a High Court directive that asked law enforcement agencies to take immediate action against clubs, seize gaming equipment and prevent people from playing games at clubs.

The apex court, however, upheld the rest of the HC verdict which observed that games played with money at stake and dependent on luck rather than skills are gambling and punishable offences.

A seven-member bench of the Appellate Division led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order after two leave to appeal petitions were filed by eight clubs, including Dhaka Club, Gulshan Club, and Uttara Club, challenging the HC's February 10 verdict.

The SC stayed the HC

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# Nasa shares pic of unusual hole in Mars



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Nasa has shared a picture of an “unusual” hole in the Martian surface that could serve as a home for life.

The hole appears to be the entrance to a larger underground cavern, which can be seen a little in the image and could serve as protection.

The image was discovered in 2011, by chance – it was spotted as art of a broader series of images, taken of the slopes of Mars' Pavonis Mons volcano, using the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter that continues to orbit around the planet to this day.

When the hole was discovered, Nasa conducted further analysis that suggested the cavern goes around 20 meters deep. It could not find an explanation for the circular crater that surrounds the hole – or a proper estimate of just how far the underlying cavern might extend.

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ROHINGYA ABUSES

# London city corp revokes honour of Suu Kyi

AFP, London

The City of London Corporation yesterday revoked an honour granted to Aung San Suu Kyi over the treatment of minority Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

Elected representatives on the body that runs London's historic centre and financial district voted to revoke the freedom of the city granted to Suu Kyi three years ago.

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## PRAYER TIMING MARCH 6

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-15 12-30 4-30 6-05 7-30  
JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-45 6-10 8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# 20 injured as CU BCL factions clash

*Rooms in AF Rahman Hall vandalised*

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

At least 20 people were injured when two groups of Chittagong University's Bangladesh Chhatra League unit clashed over establishing supremacy at AF Rahman Hall early yesterday.

During the incident, many rooms were vandalised and valuables looted.

Police and witnesses said the dormitory and its adjacent area had turned into “a battleground” during the clash.

Earlier on Wednesday, “Bijoy”, a BCL faction comprised allegedly of followers of Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel, and “Concord”, a faction comprised allegedly of followers of Chattogram City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin, chased each other on the campus, leaving five BCL men

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**People burn a tyre on a road in Jaliapara Chowrasta Mor area in Khagrachhari's Guimara upazila yesterday morning, protesting the abduction and killing of a motorcyclist, Akib Uddin, who had gone missing on Tuesday. Police have arrested two locals -- Saching Marma and Aungching Marma -- for their alleged involvement in the murder. During the demonstration, the protesters assaulted a man named Mongsa Prue Chowdhury.**

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AFGHAN CONFLICT

# ICC backs war crimes probe

*Investigation includes possible atrocities by US forces; Human rights groups hail the decision*

AFP, The Hague

International war crimes judges ruled yesterday that a probe into wartime abuses in Afghanistan must go ahead, including looking into possible atrocities committed by US forces, as they overturned a previous court ruling.

Pre-trial judges at the International Criminal Court last year rejected a demand by its chief prosecutor to open a full-blown probe into crimes committed in the war-torn nation -- an investigation also bitterly opposed by Washington.

Prosecutors at The Hague appealed the move, saying that the judges made an error when they slapped down Fatou Bensouda's request by saying although it met all the right criteria and a reasonable basis, it was “not in the interest of justice”.

The appeals judges agreed with the prosecution.

“The prosecutor is authorised to commence an investigation into alleged crimes committed on the territory of Afghanistan since May 1, 2003,” ICC judge Piotr Hofmanski said.

“It is for the prosecutor to determine whether there is a reasonable basis to initiate an investigation.”

Pre-trial judges are only called upon to see if there is a reasonable basis for an investigation and not to “review the prosecutor's analysis”, he said.

In fact, the appeals judges said, prosecutors could even look into possible atrocities outside of Afghanistan if they

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