

4 of a family

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Entering the house, they found the bodies in three rooms.

Gani was a rickshaw-van trader. Besides, he used to give people loans and take interests on them, the police officer said.

Shafiqul Islam, additional superintendent of Tangail police, said the four might have been killed a couple of days ago. Police were investigating the incident, he added.

After visiting the spot, Sanjit Kumar Roy, superintendent of Tangail police, told journalists that they have already got some clues, but would not disclose those now for the "sake of investigation".

He hoped that they could identify the killers soon through probe.

Meanwhile, a team of Criminal Investigation Department collected evidence from the spot, said Riazul Hoque, special superintendent of police of the CID.

Irene Khan

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any remuneration for their efforts to maintain their independence.

Khan will be taking up the position in August 2020, and will maintain it for three years.

She will be taking the responsibility of documenting violations of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

She would also be responsible for gathering information on threats, violence, harassment, persecution or intimidation directed at persons seeking to exercise or to promote the right to freedom of opinion and expression, especially the persecutions of journalists or other professionals in the field of information.

She will also be advising governments, advocating on behalf of those whose rights are affected, and mobilising international support for the cause.

Her responsibilities would also include mobilising international and national communities, including civil society, governments and international organisations, to address the human rights issues.

Khan was also the first woman to head Amnesty International. She had also served as the director-general of International Development Law Organisation, an intergovernmental organisation dedicated to the promotion of rule of law.

Argentinian 'dirty war' suspect hiding in Berlin: report

AFP, Berlin

An Argentinian-German man wanted in Buenos Aires for crimes against humanity committed in the "dirty war" waged by the country's former junta has been hiding in Berlin where authorities have refused his extradition, Bild daily reported yesterday.

Luis Esteban Kyburg is accused of leading an Argentinian naval unit between 1976 and 1983 that was allegedly involved in torturing and killing abducted political opponents of the dictatorship.

Some 30,000 people were "disappeared" in the "dirty war" waged by Argentina's last military dictatorship against suspected left-wing political critics.

Argentinian judicial authorities filed an extradition request for Kyburg in 2015, the daily said.

But German authorities have rejected the demand because Kyburg is a German citizen, and therefore cannot be extradited to face trial elsewhere, the daily added.

Prosecutors in Berlin were not immediately available for comment when reached by AFP.

Kyburg himself told Bild that he was "waiting here. Court in Germany, not in Argentina. I'm waiting.

Mango export drops 85pc since 2016

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buy mangoes randomly from local markets.

These mangoes were also certified by the DAE's Plant Quarantine Wing, which among other duties inspects and regulates the export of plants and plant products according to the requirements of importing countries, as maintaining good agricultural practices.

However, on reaching the destination countries, especially in the US and in Europe, most of the mangoes that were bought from local markets were found to be infected with pests. These were accordingly rejected and then destroyed.

As the rate of rejection rose, the demand for the Bangladeshi fruit continued to fall in the importing countries, DAE officials and farmers said.

Rabiul Islam, a mango producer of Kansat in Chapainawabganj, said, "We survived the losses from producing safe export-quality mangoes because the demand for safe mangoes has luckily increased in local markets. Local buyers are also choosing our mangoes. If we had to depend only on export, we would have had to suffer much more losses."

According to DAE officials, none of the contract farmers in Rajshahi got any opportunity to sell mangoes for export this year, and only one farmer of Chapainawabganj managed to sell some 10 tonnes to exporters.

"When we go for producing export-quality mangoes, our expenditure goes up," said Ismail Khan, general secretary of Shibganj Safe Mango Producers' Association, an organisation of 200 mango producers.

Ismail said he provided some 10 tonnes of Amrapali variety of mangoes to exporters this year.

"If we harvest three tonnes of mangoes from an orchard, we hardly get one tonne of quality mangoes for export. So, the price of export-quality mangoes rises," he told this correspondent.

Contract farmers were trained to produce sufficient quantities of safe mangoes following good agricultural

practices -- that include using the prescribed quantity of pesticides and insecticides, using the fruit-bagging method of cultivation, and harvesting the fruit by engaging skilled labourers -- both farmers and DAE officials mentioned.

As per these rules, exporters have to ensure compliance with the "good agricultural practices" beginning from cultivation to packaging the mangoes, said Md Fazlul Haque, additional director of DAE's Plant Quarantine Wing.

But while exporting, businessmen prefer buying mangoes from local markets, ignoring contract farmers to avoid paying them a "good price".

"Buying the best quality mangoes for export requires paying the contract farmers well. But what happened in the last few years is that some businessmen avoided paying the farmers -- instead they bought mangoes from the markets at lower prices and managed the test results in their favour," said the DAE official.

Most of the mangoes were found to be pest-infected and were eventually rejected in destination countries, especially in Europe, resulting in poor exports these last few years, he noted.

The country produces around 12 lakh tonnes of mangoes a year and can export at least 10 percent of the fruit without having any impact on local demand, said a mango researcher at Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute.

When farmers first began producing safe mangoes following a Chinese method of using fruit bags in mango trees (to combat fruit flies) in 2015, the potential of mango exports came to light.

For the first time, 165 tonnes of mangoes were sent to Europe and the Middle East that year. Of this, only 10 tonnes were from Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts with the rest from southern districts, according to the DAE.

Next year saw the highest export of mangoes till date -- 665 tonnes -- of which 90 percent were from Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj, the major mango-producing districts in the

country.

Inspired by the 2016 export, the farmers of Rajshahi region produced some two crore safe mangoes with an export target of 5,000 tonnes in 2017. But they managed to sell only 2.8 tonnes to exporters that year.

Most of the 324 tonnes of mangoes exported in 2017 were bought from markets and not from the contract farmers, DAE officials and farmers confirmed.

In 2018, most contract farmers were once again unable to sell their produce to exporters and only 231 tonnes of mangoes were exported that year.

Last year, mango exports fell to below 100 tonnes -- an 85 percent decline since 2016.

The loss suffered by farmers in 2017 prompted the region's Agro Food Producers' Society Convenor Anwarul Hoque to file a complaint with the Prime Minister's Office on July 10 that year.

In the complaint, Anwarul stated that some officials of the DAE's Plant Quarantine Wing were biased to insecticide-using producers, and they certified "non-organic" mangoes for export resulting in losses to the organic mango farmers.

A three-member committee headed by Mohammad Mahfuzul Haque, chairman of Bangladesh Food Safety Authority, probed Anwarul's allegations.

While the probe report, signed on November 1, 2017, could not find evidence of DAE's backing for insecticide-using producers, it found "neglect and apathy" of officials to organic mangoes and recommended promotion of safe mangoes.

It also detected a lack of coordination among farmers of safe mangoes, exporters, and DAE's quarantine wing officials.

But farmers of safe mangoes say the probe report's recommendations were never implemented and they witnessed repetitions of the 2017 situation in the following years and a sustained fall in exports.

Mango exporter Md Shahabuddin of Feni said all exporters are not the

same and reputed exporters do not flout rules when buying mangoes for export.

"Dishonest exporters in league with dishonest officials are exporting low quality mangoes for profit. Their malpractice is hurting our reputation."

He points out that agricultural officials have to certify when exporters buy mangoes from a garden and they also test the mangoes and certify after exporters take those to a quarantine station.

"You see, officials are involved in two phases and still their certified mangoes are being rejected abroad."

Usually, exporters pay around Tk 20 per kg, and sometimes as much as Tk 40, higher than the market price for mangoes, when they buy from contract farmers. The price goes further up if farmers incur higher costs for production, he said.

Many exporters want to avoid this extra expenditure, saying they compete with Indian and Pakistani exporters in foreign markets, he also said.

The exporter observed there are large market possibilities for Bangladeshi mangoes in European, Middle-Eastern, and Asian countries.

"Yet, we cannot explore this potential for those dishonest people and due to lack of a standard policy for mango exports."

This year during peak mango season, exports were hit hard by lockdowns and travel restrictions across the globe due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Only late in the mango season did exporters become active and start procuring mangoes for export. An agro farm sent a sample consignment to Switzerland on July 12.

DAE's Fazlul Haque said the government is considering setting up quarantine stations in Rajshahi and some other regions to end safe mango farmers' woes.

"One of our projects to set up such stations is awaiting approval," he said, adding that the field-level stations would help exporters source local mangoes.

At present, exporters have to take mangoes to Narayanganj for testing.

Shun parochialism

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sowing seeds of discord among the workers. They are visiting the workers' quarters and spreading hate campaign among workers of different districts. Bangabandhu maintains that all the workers and people of Bangladesh have only one identity -- Bengali. There can't be any differentiation on district-basis, he adds.

Mentioning that his government has exempted land tax upto 25 bighas the prime minister says that he has a demand on the peasants: produce one maund more in every bigha.

PM WARNS MURDERERS

In his Adamjeenagar speech, Bangabandhu sounds a note of stern warning against those who are engaged in political murders. He mentions that at least 70 workers of Awami League have been murdered during the last six months. He says that during the 24 years of Pakistan, nobody ever dared to touch his political workers. But as he is now in power, some quarters are taking advantage of the situation and killing his political workers. The prime minister observes that political assassination is no politics and would never bring any good to the country. He wonders whether these elements have misjudged his forbearance as weakness. He says that his government is determined to maintain law and order at any cost. Bangabandhu asks the criminal elements to rectify themselves or face the consequences.

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Flood situation may worsen in northern parts

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may peak between July 25 and July 26.

Sirajul said leakages have appeared at 26 places of the Bhuapur-Tarakandi road, which is also an embankment along the Jamuna, due to pressure from floodwater.

If the embankment collapses, four more upazilas of Tangail will be flooded.

Currently, about 1.3 lakh people in 151 villages in six upazilas of the district have been affected by the flood.

In Munshiganj, the Padma river was flowing 68 cm above the danger mark, yesterday.

Some 13 shelters have been prepared at Srinagar, Louhajang and Tongibari upazila.

However, locals expressed

reluctance to go to the shelters before floodwaters reach their homes.

According to sources at the district administration, 65 metric tons of rice, dry food for 700 people and Tk 4 lakh for children's food have been allocated along with livestock feed.

In Brahmanbaria, the Titas river continues to rise due to incessant rain. It was flowing 6 cm above the danger level yesterday.

"Flooding started in the low-lying areas of the upazila but the town protection dam is yet to be submerged," said Ranjan Kumar Das, executive engineer of the local WDB.

In Jamalpur, the overall flood situation turned worse as the Jamuna was flowing 123 cm above the danger mark at Bahadurabad Ghat point in

Dewanganj upazila yesterday noon.

Over eight lakh people of 625 villages under seven upazilas and seven municipalities have been affected by the flood.

Many along with their livestock have taken shelter on high grounds of villages and on concrete bridges.

There is a scarcity of drinking water, cooked food and hygiene facilities. People are in dire need of water purifying tablets and dry food.

In Kurigram, yesterday afternoon, the Brahmaputra was flowing 91 cm above the danger mark, Dharla 62 cm and Dudhkumar 81 cm above, said Ariful Islam, executive engineer of local WDB.

Jahela Bewa, a resident of Char Shankar Madhabpur under Rajibpur

upazila, said she has been living on an embankment for the last one week as her home was under four to five feet water.

During the June flood, she had to stay on the embankment for 12 days.

In Lalmonirhat, though floodwaters have started to recede from houses, in many areas, roads are still submerged. There is an acute crisis of food and drinking water in the flood-hit areas.

Flood victim Narendra Nath, of Jagatber village in Sadar upazila, said floodwaters have receded from their houses, but they cannot travel for work as roads are still under water. He is now jobless.

Our correspondents from Tangail, Lalmonirhat, Brahmanbaria and Jamalpur contributed to the story.

Amnesty condemns Belarus for 'misogyny' ahead of poll

AFP, Moscow

Belarus is targeting female activists with misogyny and discriminatory tactics, Amnesty International said yesterday, as women in opposition have teamed up to contest President Alexander Lukashenko in an election next month.

The ex-Soviet state has been ruled since 1994 by Lukashenko, a former collective farm director who has claimed that the country does not want a woman president. The 65-year-old is running for a sixth term in the August 9 poll.

The authorities have cracked down on the opposition, barring and detaining would-be candidates and detaining more than 250 people at protests this week.

In a report Amnesty accused the authorities of targeting woman involved in politics in "gender-specific ways".

"The Belarusian authorities are wheeling out practices that smack of misogyny," said Marie Struthers, the group's Eastern Europe and Central Asia director.

Amnesty gave testimony from activists who said they faced threats of sexual violence and of their children being taken into care.

The election will be contested by Lukashenko and another four candidates including a woman opposition candidate, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya.

Tikhonovskaya put herself forward after her husband Sergei Tikhonovsky, a popular vlogger, was detained and

barred from standing. She was allowed to run after gathering the necessary signatures.

On Thursday she announced an alliance with the campaign teams of two popular opposition figures who have been barred from standing, Viktor Babaryko and Valery Tsepkalo.

Babaryko, an ex-banker, has been detained over suspected financial crimes. Amnesty has recognised him as a prisoner of conscience along with Tikhonovskaya's husband.

To promote their joint campaign, Tikhonovskaya, 37, posed punching a fist with Babaryko's female campaign chief and Tsepkalo's wife.

Tikhonovskaya said last month she received an anonymous phone call threatening to jail her and put her children in care. She said she

considered withdrawing from the poll.

Amnesty accused Lukashenko of "tokenistic" appointments of loyal women politicians and said he "routinely makes sexist statements".

Lukashenko claimed in May that Belarusian society "has not yet matured enough to vote for a woman".

He said this was "because according to the constitution, our president has strong powers".

The president does not appear in public with any woman partner.

In his electoral declaration he said he is still married but his wife, whom he wed in 1975, is never seen with him in public.

He is has a teenage son, Nikolai, who accompanies him to public engagements.

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