

Expat killed by muggers

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An expatriate Bangladeshi was allegedly murdered by muggers in the port city on Tuesday night.

The victim Nur Mohammad Rafiq, 43, was the younger brother of Jakir Hossain Lulu, sports reporter of Chittagong bureau of the daily Ittefaq.

Locals found Rafiq unconscious at Lane No 3 of Amirkabir Residential Area opposite to War Cemetery area at around 9:45pm and informed police. He was then

rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Police alleged unidentified muggers killed him while he was going to Kazir Dewry on a CNG-run autorickshaw from Reazuddin Bazar after doing a little shopping on Tuesday night.

Marks of beating, scratch of nails and strangulation were found on the body of the victim, Police and CMCH sources said.

A mark of human biting was also found in his left hand, they added.

Family sources said Rafiq, father

of two sons, arrived home on a month's leave from Abu Dhabi on July 13.

Victim's brother Jakir Hossain said they talked over cellphone at around 9:00pm when Rafiq told him to wait at Kazir Dewry intersection.

"He told me that he would come there in a CNG-run autorickshaw within a few minutes," Jakir said adding, as he didn't reach there even after half an hour, I called him again but got no response despite several attempts.



Flood-affected people wait in long queues for relief at Ashrafabad at Kamrangir Char in the city yesterday.

BDR, pirates trade fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Fire was traded between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and sea pirates at Atharodeki area in the Sundarbans yesterday.

There was, however, no casualty.

Being tipped off, the BDR members were hiding to seize the goods smuggled from India.

Sensing their presence, the pirates carrying the goods on boat, fired 15 rounds of bullets at the BDR members.

In return, the BDR fired eight rounds of bullets.

The pirates fled to Indian border after being chased for an hour.

The pirates are the aides of Indian Motaleb group, said Maj Alamgir, commanding officer of the seventh rifles battalion at Nilidumur in the Sundarbans.

Tarique Rahman

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clarify the media report that Tarique is facing a case for concealing information in the wealth statement about owning Daily Dinkal. It was also reported in a section of press that Tarique has wealth worth Tk 58 lakh beyond his known sources of income.

Aazam, also former prime minister Khaleda Zia's lawyer, commented on the report of commencement of inquiry into her wealth statement.

Focusing on the history of the daily, the mouthpiece of the BNP, Aazam said former BNP lawmaker MA Jinnah was the actual owner of the daily. Jinnah handed over the ownership of the daily to BNP in 1991.

Then BNP secretary general late Abdus Salam Talukder accepted the ownership of the daily. Subsequently, Prof Majidul Islam was appointed its publisher and printer.

In July 1998, BNP policymakers in a meeting decided to appoint Tarique as the publisher and printer of the daily and he took over the charge on April 16, 2002. Since then, he has been in this position.

"The ownership of Dinkal is in the name of Abdus Salam Talukder. Tarique Rahman didn't buy its ownership. All the movable and immovable properties of Dinkal belong to BNP. Therefore, Dinkal's income and expenditure were not shown in the income tax document of Tarique. As a result, there can't be any case against him regarding the ownership of Dinkal," the briefing was told.

About Tarique's wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission on June 10, Advocate Aazam said, "To the best of my knowledge, the wealth statement submitted by Tarique Rahman to the ACC is correct and flawless. He owns nothing more than what he stated and his all assets are taxed."

About the 'supplementary statements' sent to the ACC, he said, "His client informed the commission as soon as the information became available to him after submitting the statement."

Aazam urged the ACC to accept the supplementary statement on both legal and humanitarian grounds.

About the reported inquiry into the wealth statement submitted by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, he said, "Khaleda firmly told that to the best of her knowledge she has no more asset apart from those stated in the wealth statement."

'Seized materials from courier service not military weapons'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After initial examination of the seized materials from a courier service office in the city on August 8, a team of military explosive experts have said those are neither military weapons nor part of military weaponry.

"Twenty-nine materials, recovered from Trans Air Express Courier Service at Arambagh, are 'line throwing rocket fuse'. Those are used as signal flares from ship to ship or shore to rescue in operations," they added.

It is perceived from the words inscribed on the line throwing rocket fuses, weighing 670 to 700 grams each, that those may contain very low capacity flammable explosives for creating force, sources said, adding that their range is only 250 metres and those are a type of rocket projectile.

They said although involvement of any militant group was not found behind the smuggling of those fuses, it is very suspicious as those were destined for India.

A team of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) seized the 29 fuses after raiding Trans Air Express Courier Service.

They also arrested three people Rezul Karim, Nur Alam alias Badal and Sayed Kamruzzaman alias Kamrul alias Tanu who are now on a five-day remand.

Earlier, Ruhul at a function protested a Shibir decision that enraged the Shibir cadres, Ruhul told newsmen.

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Besides, those were sent to Rainbow Marine and Navigation, a marine equipment

RU student files case against Shibir cadres

RU CORRESPONDENT

A general student of Mother Box hall of Rajshahi University filed a general dairy (GD) against Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) cadres of the hall with Mother Police Station yesterday.

Ruhul Amin, a fourth year student of Statistics department, said on Tuesday night, a group of Shibir cadres led by hall President Razzak and Secretary Shahabul ordered him to immediately leave the hall.

In his GD Ruhul mentioned that the ICS cadres threatened to oust him if he doesn't abide by their order.

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When contacted Razzak denied the allegation and said Shibir is not involved in such incidents.

WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy rainfalls are also likely at places during the period, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessor and lowest 25.5 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:31pm today and rises at 5:34am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.0	26.3	97	94
Chittagong	27.8	25.5	97	90
Rajshahi	32.6	25.7	93	90
Khulna	31.5	26.4	88	84
Barisal	30.0	26.0	98	92
Sylhet	30.9	26.0	92	93
Cox's Bazar	28.8	27.4	92	93

Flash flood in India

AFP, Shimla

Flash floods killed six people and left as many as 54 missing after triggering landslides and flattening houses in a remote village in northern India, police said yesterday.

Ten school children were among the missing after a cloudburst triggered the flooding late Tuesday, police said, adding the children had travelled to Ghanvi village to celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence.

"Six bodies have been recovered so far by rescue teams from the debris in Ghanvi village in Shimla district," said a senior police official.

"The final death toll could be between 50 and 60 people," said police officer Jaipal Singh.

Army, paramilitary and police teams combed the debris for survivors.

Floodwater raced through the village in scenic Himachal Pradesh state, causing landslides and washing away houses and other buildings, such as a school, police said.

The Press Trust of India reported 16 houses were washed away.

There were fears some victims might be buried in landslides while others could have been swept into a nearby fast-flowing river, police said.

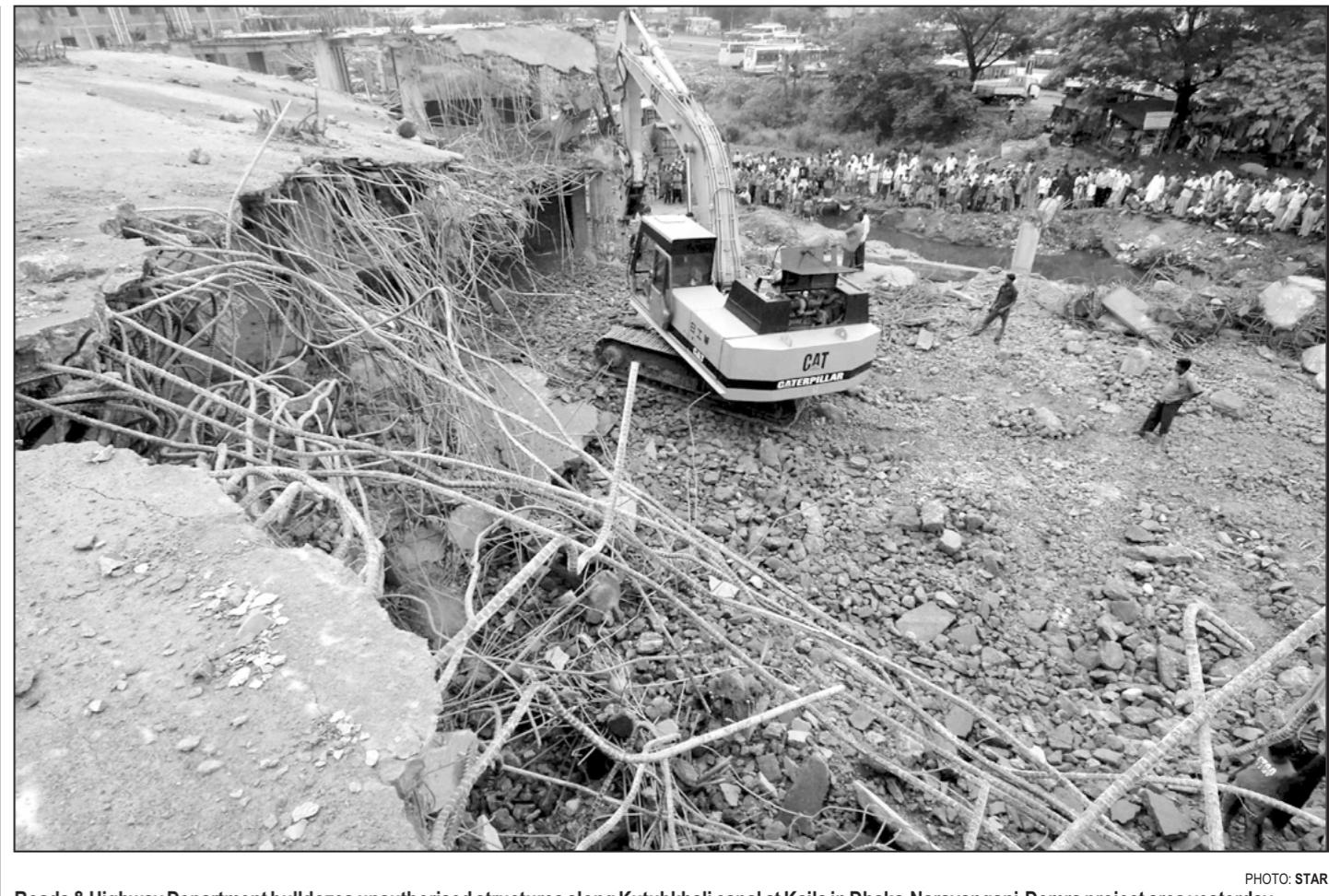


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Siraj's daughter-in-law jailed for 6yrs

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60,000 in default of which she has to spend another nine months in prison.

Farzana was sentenced to five years' imprisonment under section 166 of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 for evading tax. She was also fined Tk 50,000 in default of which she has to suffer six months of imprisonment.

The court sentenced her one year of imprisonment under section 164 of the same ordinance for not submitting her income tax return since fiscal year 2004-05 to 2006-07. She earned over Tk 2.78 crore during the period.

He said Farzana evaded income tax of Tk 80.45 lakh by concealing information about her income of Tk 2.78 crore.

According to the Income Tax Ordinance, it is mandatory to submit tax return if someone has taxable income, he added.

CASE AGAINST ISRATUNNESSA

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday issued the order to attach all moveable and immovable properties of Isratunnessa, wife of detained AL Joint General Secretary Obaidul Quader in a tax evasion case after Motijheel police submitted a report on the AL leader's wife who is on the run.

National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed the case against Farzana, wife of former BNP lawmaker's son Rajib Shiraj Apu on July 12.

Farzana, managing director of Garden Fresh Preservations Ltd in Savar, went into hiding before the case was filed. She did not even employ a lawyer to defend her.

The sentence against Farzana will take effect from the date of her arrest or surrender before the court.

Senior Special Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued the arrest warrant against Farzana on July 12, after Syed Zakir Hossain, Deputy Tax Commissioner of Companies Circle of NBR filed the case.

In his complaint, Zakir said Farzana evaded income tax of Tk 80.45 lakh from fiscal year 2004-05 to 2006-07.

Complainant said Farzana gave false information about her income and expenditure to the NBR and did not show her income tax returns.

She also concealed information about her real income of Tk 2.91 crore, the complainant added.

The same court directed the authorities concerned on July 22 to get an advertisement published in two national Bangla dailies asking Farzana Khan to surrender before the court within three days. Later the case was transferred to the Special Court.

Advocate Rafiqul Haq Benu, public prosecutor of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) moved the case at the special court as counsel for the NBR.

After completion of his argument on August 9, Rafiqul prayed to the court for awarding punishment to Farzana saying that allegations against her were proved in the deposition of witnesses. The court had fixed yesterday for delivering its verdict.

Advocate Rafiqul told The Daily

Star that Farzana opened her income tax file with the NBR on October 11, 2005. But she did not submit her income tax return from fiscal year 2004-05 to 2006-07. She earned over Tk 2.78 crore during the period.

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HARRIS CASE

The same court yesterday fixed August 19 for the hearing on charge

framing against Harris Chowdhury, political secretary to former premier Khaleda Zia in connection with a graft case.

ACC Assistant Director Monayem Hossain, also the investigation officer (IO), submitted the charge sheet against Harris and his associate Amin Badal to the same court on July 22, showing 18 people as prosecution witnesses.

Haris has been absconding while Badal is behind bars.

MOHIUDDIN CASE

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and three others, including prominent TV artist Abdullah Al Mamun, were acquitted of charges of corruption.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge Monayem Hossain acquitted Mayor Mohiuddin, Abdullah Al Mamun, AL leaders Golam Mostafa Kanchan and Secretary of Chittagong Bar Association Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury of the corruption charges.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against them with Kotwali Police Station on June 28 on charge of misappropriating Tk 44 lakh from a CCC fund for making a documentary on the Liberation War named Mukti juddha Chittagong.

The judge acquitted Mohiuddin, Mamun and two others, as allegations brought against them could not be proved.

EX-MPSUED

In Pirojpur, a Tk 8 lakh extortion case was filed yesterday against former BNP lawmaker Dr Rustom Ali Faraziee.

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