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SHOT INTO DISABILITY BY RAB

# They all speak of Limon's innocence



*The High Court order to grant Limon six months' bail and ensure his proper treatment has brought relief not only to Limon's family but also to his villagers and well-wishers. Meanwhile, The Daily Star's special correspondent Morshed Ali Khan visited Limon's village in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi district and talked to around 150 people--farmers, traders, teachers, leaders of political parties (both Awami League and BNP) and even children. They all said Limon was innocent.*

MORSHED ALI KHAN, back from Jhalakathi

At around 4:00pm on March 23, Tokacher Jamaddar, a septuagenarian farmer of Jamaddar Hatkhola in Chhaturia village of Jhalakathi district, had just finished his day's work when two Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel arrived at his doorstep. The armed Rab men wanted Tokacher to identify a young man lying by the river Sandhya with a bullet wound. Tokacher followed the men to the spot, some 50 metres from his house, and had a proper look at the motionless youth clad in blood.

"What have you done?" Tokacher cried out at half a dozen Rab men present there. "He is Limon, our Tofazzal's son and a brilliant student of Kathalia college. He

has nothing to do with any misdeed."

Tokacher and his wife Zaida Begum narrated how the Rab personnel reacted when they learnt that they had just shot an innocent boy while looking for one of the most wanted criminal of the area Murshed Jamaddar and his associates. (See the side story)

"When I told them that Limon is innocent, there was a panic among the Rab personnel," said Tokacher, "One of them told me it was an accident. As the sun was setting they called a local boatman to send wounded Limon away with some of the officers."

Zaida Begum said Limon was a promising child who worked hard to pay for his studies and support his family. "He

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**Clockwise from top:** This tin house -- residence of Limon and his family in Chhaturia village of Jhalakathi -- only tells of a household struggling with abject poverty, not the 16-year-old's "link to crime". Tokacher, a 70-year-old farmer. Asked by the Rab, he had said Limon is a meritorious student of a local college, not a criminal. Mohazzel Hossain, Limon's uncle, and his family members. Mohazzel too is a victim of Rab torture. He suffered eight fractures in his left leg after the battalion members beat him.

PHOTO: MORSHED ALI KHAN

## For whom Limon was shot

*Rab was looking for notorious gangster Murshed*

MORSHED ALI KHAN, back from Jhalakathi

The members of Jhalakathi Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) were tense on March 23. They were in pursuit of one of the most notorious gangs in the southern region hiding along the border of Rajapur and Kowkhali police stations in

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## Home ministry probe starts tomorrow

*Medical board formed for treatment*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The home ministry-appointed investigator will start probing Limon's case from tomorrow.

Additional Divisional Commissioner Shawkat Akbar said he would visit the place of occurrence --

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# Al-Qaeda confirms bin Laden death

*Vows revenge; CIA spent months near raided house; the terror group chief 'planned new US attack' from Abbottabad hide-out*

AGENCIES

Al-Qaeda confirmed the death of Osama bin Laden yesterday in an Internet message that vowed revenge on the United States and its allies, including Pakistan.

Five days after President Barack Obama announced bin Laden's death in a US raid in Pakistan, the Islamist militant group confirmed the death of its leader as a historic moment, and vowed not to deviate from the path of armed struggle.

Also yesterday, US officials said extensive surveillance of bin Laden's hideout from a nearby CIA safe house in Abbottabad led to his killing in a Navy



SEAL operation, a revelation likely to further embarrass Pakistan's spy agency and strain ties.

And, intelligence gathered from computer files and documents seized at his compound showed bin Laden had for years orchestrated al-Qaeda attacks from the Pakistani town, and may have been planning a strike on the

US rail sector this year, the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

THE MESSAGE

"In a historic day for the great Islamic nation... the mujahid (holy warrior) Shiekh Abu Abdullah, Osama bin

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## Bin Laden's wife spent 6 years in Pak hideout

AP, Islamabad

One of three wives living with Osama bin Laden told Pakistani interrogators she had been staying in the al-Qaeda chief's hideout for six years, and could be a key source of information about how he avoided capture for so long, a Pakistani intelligence official said yesterday.

Bin Laden's wife, identified as Yemeni-born Amal Ahmed Abdullfattah, said she never left the upper floors of the house the entire time she was there.

She and bin Laden's other two wives are being interrogated in Pakistan after they were taken into

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# Govt goes tough on defiant docs

*Actions taken against 300 in last one year for not joining duty in villages despite PM's warnings*

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The government has taken action against some 300 doctors in last one year for not joining offices in rural areas defying repeated warnings from the prime minister.

Many of them have been terminated, transferred and served show cause notices as to why they would not be sacked from the job for violating service rules, according to sources in health and family welfare ministry.

"Receiving reports from civil surgeons, we have terminated, transferred and made OSD (officer on special duty) the physicians including several recruited recently on an ad hoc basis," Health Secretary Mohammad Humayun Kabir told The Daily Star.

Of them, at least 50 have been fired in last six months, mentioned Joint Secretary (admin) Ashrafur Islam adding, departmental action is underway against many others and a committee led by Additional Health Secretary Amir Hossain is working on it.

Civil Surgeon of Chittagong Mohammad Abu Tayab said 16 medical officers have been sacked in his district in last one year due to absence from work.

Thirteen doctors have already resigned while seven more face departmental action, he added.

"The health ministry recently sacked Medical Officer of Rangunia Union Sub-centre Sukumar Chowdhury, who has been absenting himself for the last 16 years," noted Tayab.

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## War hero Nooruzzaman passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Veteran freedom fighter Lt Col (retd) Quazi Nooruzzaman (Bir Uttam), sector-7 commander of the 1971 Liberation War, breathed his last yesterday at the Square Hospital in the capital.

He was 86. Nooruzzaman, a veteran of the Second World War, joined the British Indian Navy in 1943 at the

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