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His wife Sahana Rahman Rani, a former BNP lawmaker, and their two daughters were in their village home in Jhenidah.

Kalabagan Police Station Officer-in-charge Enamul Huq suspects Nurul, 20, aided by some others killed the engineer.

Police recovered Golam Rahman's body from his bedroom on the second floor of a four-storey building on Lake Circus Road.

The OC suspects the killing of Rahman, who was on leave preparatory to retirement (LPR), was pre-planned.

The killers looted Tk 50,000, 25 topas of gold ornaments, a laptop and two cell phones, said Sahana Rahman.

"I've no idea about the motive behind the murder," she said.

She last talked to her husband around 10:00pm on Monday.

"As I found my husband's cell phone switched off since Tuesday morning, I asked his brother Shahin Iqbal to go to our house. He found my husband dead," said Sahana, vice president of Jhenidah BNP.

In Mothertek, two brothers hacked their cousin to death following a brawl over family property.

The deceased was identified as Ahmed Ali, 22, while his killer cousins were Babu and Biplu. They all used to live in the same building.

Ali's brother Habibur Rahman said Babu and Biplu were locked into an altercation with Ali at a tea stall in front of their building around 10:00pm. At one stage the cousins hacked Ali with a knife.

Ali was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

In the Kadomtoli incident, a fan factory employee Russell Ahmed Ujjal, 18, of Nurbagh was stabbed to death allegedly by his friends.

"Russell woke up from sleep when one of his friends called him over the phone around 8:00am", said Russell's mother Nazma Begum. "Half an hour later, locals told me that criminals stabbed my son and left."

Kadomtoli police detained Russell's friend Nantu who allegedly confessed to the killing over a feud over a cell phone.

In Elephant Road, a 16-year-old boy was found dead in his room on the 11th floor of an apartment.

New Market Police Station OC Mostafizur Rahman said the boy, identified as Babu, might be killed by someone living in the same building.

Seventy-year-old Julekha Khatun of Bolsota village in Keraniganj was allegedly killed by her grandson Chanchal around 11:00pm on Tuesday during a quarrel over the latter's drug addiction.

Police arrested Chanchal and his friend Chan Mia in this connection.

## B Protidin

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"The daily Bangladesh Protidin has exposed the practice of yellow journalism by publishing false, fabricated and motivated information against Prothom Alo Editor Matur Rahman," the council said in its verdict.

BPC also directed both the newspapers to publish full verdict of the council within a week from receiving the copy of the judgement on May 5.

With reference to different reports published since April 4 in 2010 in Bangladesh Protidin regarding Matur Rahman and his alleged involvement in the grenade attack on an AL rally in 2004, Bangladesh Protidin failed to provide any evidence to substantiate its reports.

BPC came up with the verdict after scrutinising the reports and hearing from both the sides. It also said that the reports were against journalistic ethics and laws.

Matur Rahman filed the case with BPC on October 24 last year stating that the newspaper was trying to destroy his neutral image and reputation by publishing report containing false, fabricated and motivated information, said a press release from Prothom Alo.

## 2,000kg OMS

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OMS dealer Johurul Islam by a tractor after Fazr prayers.

Johurul, also Awami League general secretary of Ward no-4 of Mistripara, managed to escape.

On information, police rushed to the spot and seized the rice.

Locals handed over Din Muhammad and Saiful Islam to the law enforcers.

## No arms found

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During an operation on March 23 in pursuit of a criminal gang, Rab also recovered five pairs of footwear in front of the house of a local farmer, Shaheed. They recovered a spent bullet of same calibre weapon.

With this recovery the elite force guessed that a group of miscreants had been in a meeting there.

According to Rab, the 'shootout' erupted when they retaliated after being attacked by the miscreants. Since Limon was sitting with the gang, he received a bullet in his left leg.

The highly sophisticated US-made pistol did not bear any manufacturer's name but the bullet found in its chamber bore the mark "KS 7.65", according to police and Rab.

An expert said the street value of the firearm in the local underground market could be anything between Tk 1 to 2 lakh.

Sixteen-year-old college student Limon was looking for a calf which had strayed near his home in Chhaturia.

The Rab team caught and shot him at point-blank range. Later doctors amputated his leg.

After the incident Rab filed two cases against the innocent teenager and seven others for possessing illegal firearm and obstructing on-duty law enforcers.

Within weeks of recording the cases, Rajapur police produced a charge sheet against Limon falsely identifying him as an associate of the criminal gang and for possessing an illegal firearm.

When the matter came into light, villagers, students and teachers of his college raised money to arrange his treatment under police custody at Pangu Hospital in Dhaka.

Human rights organisa-

tions and a cross-section of people protested the maiming of the innocent boy and demanded his release.

After spending about 45 days in hospital prison cell, Limon is now undergoing treatment at Pangu Hospital.

He was freed on Monday on a six-month interim bail granted by the High Court.

**LIMON WANTS WITHDRAWAL OF CASES**  
College student Limon Hossain, maimed by Rab shooting, yesterday sought withdrawal of false cases against him and total freedom rather than staying out of jail on bail.

"They did not bring Shane (Bauer) and Josh (Fattal) to the court (from prison) and I was not told why," the trio's lawyer Masoud Shafiq told AFP.

Bauer and Fattal, both aged 28, were arrested along with Sarah Shourd, 32, who is being tried in absentia, on the border between Iran and Iraq on July 31, 2009. They insist they lost their way while on a hiking trip.

Iran has accused the three hikers of "spying and illegally entering the country."

Earlier he was not allowed to go out of the ward, but now he is visiting different wards on a pair of crutches for his relief.

Director of the hospital Prof Khandker Abdul Awal said the teenager was fairly well.

A non-governmental organisation in Savar has expressed willingness to provide him with an artificial leg free of cost. It will take another two months to do that, mentioned the director.

Limon's father Tofazzal Hossain said different persons and institutions helped them bear the hefty costs of his son's treatment. But now they are facing financial problems.

Our Barisal correspondent reports, Manobadhihar O Paribesh Sangbadik Society formed a human chain in front of Aswini Kumar Hall in Barisal yesterday demanding withdrawal of false cases against Limon, his rehabilitation and punishment of Rab personnel for maiming him.

## Sons slam

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former Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic, the statement said "international law has been blatantly violated" and, in a reference to the shooting of other people in the compound, said President Obama had ordered "the execution of unarmed men and women".

Omar, the fourth son of Osama, called on the US to provide proof of his father's death--"we are not convinced," he said--while also condemning Osama bin Laden's sea burial as a deprivation of the family's religious rights.

He also said it was "unworthy" of US special forces to kill an unarmed female family member and one of Osama bin Laden's sons, identified in news reports as 22-year-old Khalid. But the exact identities of those killed remains unclear.

Bin Laden's family said it was calling on Pakistan to repatriate his three wives and several children, who are being held in military custody after surviving the dramatic US special forces raid on their Abbottabad home eight days ago.

Omar said he was assembling a "panel of eminent British and international lawyers" to help obtain answers. If the Obama administration did not respond within 30 days it would take "necessary action" including lodging cases with the international criminal court and the international court of justice, reports the Guardian.

In the statement Omar reiterated that he "always disagreed with our father regarding any violence and always sent messages to our father, that he must change his ways and that no civilians should be attacked under any circumstances".

**US SENATOR TO VISIT PAKISTAN**  
US Senator John Kerry said he would travel to Pakistan early next week to resolve some of the puzzles lingering since the death of the al-Qaeda leader, reports AFP.

"There are some serious questions, obviously, there are some serious issues that we have just got to find a way to resolve together,"

Kerry, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters.

**AL-QAEDA WARNS OF NEW JIHAD**

The leader of al-Qaeda's Yemen branch has warned that jihad will become more "intense and harmful" following the slaying of bin Laden, SITE monitoring group reported yesterday.

"Do not think of the battle superficially... What is coming is greater and worse, and what is awaiting you is more intense and harmful," AQAP leader Nasir al-Wahishi said in a statement posted on an Islamist website.

**SOME CONGRESS MEMBERS TO SEE DEATH PHOTOS**

Meanwhile, a US official told CNN Tuesday that members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Intelligence Committee, as well as those in the equivalent House committees, will be allowed to view the photographs taken of bin Laden after he was killed.

The viewings will take place at CIA headquarters in northern Virginia at a time to be decided, the official said.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-California, confirmed that the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee would be given the opportunity.

## SC verdict

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for delivering the verdict.

On January 1, 2001, the HC declared all punishments imposed in the name of fatwa illegal. The verdict came following a hearing on a suo moto rule issued earlier by the court after a newspaper report on Hilla marriage (marriage with a third person).

Human rights organisations-- Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and Ain O Salish Kendra-- argued against fatwa before the HC.

The same year Mufti Mohammad Toyeb and Abul Kalam Azad filed an appeal with the SC against the HC verdict.

The SC on March 1 this year started hearing the long overdue appeal.

## Iran trial of US hikers postponed

AFP, Tehran

The trial of three American hikers charged with spying after being arrested on the Iran-Iraq border was postponed yesterday as they were not brought from prison, their lawyer said.

A closed-door second session of the revolutionary court had been scheduled for yesterday after the trial began on February 6 and lasted just a few hours.

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## Rahul Gandhi

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land acquisition and promised not to desert them till their demands are met.

He reached Bhatta Parsaul village, the epicentre of the agitation in Western Uttar Pradesh, in the wee hours riding pillion on a motorcycle.

Rahul sat with the agitating farmers throughout the day in scorching heat to empathise with their cause and women who lost their men.

"I want to tell you that I am with you till your demands are met. Till your work is not done, the Congress party will not desert you," he said.

NDTV said very early this morning that Rahul was expected to be released shortly.

## NBR targets

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all information regarding their transactions in both local and foreign currencies since fiscal year 2004-05 to 2009-10.

Accounts of all financial investments of the persons including their current and savings deposit, credit accounts, credit cards, vaults, lockers, savings instruments have also been sought.

The 15 people include SEC Chairman Ziaul Haque Khondaker, DSE former president Rakibur Rahman, his wife Gulzar Begum, DSE President Shakil Rizvi, his wife Rehana Rizvi, ICB General Manager, Iftikharuzzaman, his wife Shaila Zaman, ICB Deputy General Manager Md Abdur Rouf and his wife Shahida Parvin.

Besides, accounts information of Chittagong Vegetable Oils and its five directors -- Shamsul Alam Shamim, AHM Habibullah, Md Nurul Alam, Mohammad Amin, and Izranul Haque -- has been sought.

The Ibrahim Khaleel-led probe committee submitted its report to Finance Minister AMA Muhith who published it on April 30. The finance minister described in details what steps the government would take on the basis of the report.

In necessary cases Bangladesh Bank, NBR, restructured SEC, and the Anti-Corruption Commission will take action after further investigation and review of the findings.

The finance minister in his statement mentioned that in 2009 Chittagong Vegetable Oils' share price increased by 251 percent and in 2010 it shot up by 4,148 percent. The abnormal rise in price of a Z category share needs more investigation.

The probe committee in its report held most responsible the SEC high officials including its chairman for the share market debacle. Mentioning name of SEC Chairman Ziaul Haque Khondaker and other high officials, the probe committee recommended their removal and intensive enquiry into their actions.

The report said DSE former president Rakibur Rahman had undesirable influence on the SEC and it warned to remain alert about him.

## Legal block to power

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HC's observations on the paragraphs of the constitution, without giving any detail.

In a reversal of decision, the same court yesterday upheld the HC Division's nullification of those paragraphs.

Yesterday's verdict came following a petition by the government to review the SC's earlier judgment.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by newly appointed Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain delivered the verdict.

The HC had observed, "Article-150 of the constitution should be sealed off forever," so that no new "adventurist" may inject unlawful and extra-constitutional materials.

The SC yesterday upheld the HC observation.

In its earlier judgment the SC condoned those acts of the martial law regime which were necessary to maintain continuity of the state and which were done for the wel-

fare of the public. Yesterday the SC put a deadline of December 31, 2012 on that condonation, and said the parliament will take decision on those issues by the deadline.

The apex court in its earlier judgment left it to the parliament to restore article 116 to its original position.

Article 116 empowers the president of the country to deal with postings, promotions, and granting of leave of lower court judges in consultation with the Supreme Court.

In yesterday's verdict the apex court put December 31, 2012 deadline for the parliament to come to a decision about article 116 as well, and said until then the article's current position will remain in force.

The SC also asked the government to settle the matter of handing over the possession of Moon Cinema Hall at Wiseghat area in Dhaka to its owner Bangladesh Italian Marble Works

Company (BIMWC) within three months.

The HC's 5th amendment verdict resulted from BIMWC's writ petition. Maksudul Alam on behalf of BIMWC filed the petition to reclaim the cinema hall the company had lost during the first military regime.

In the petition he also challenged the 5th amendment that had ratified all acts of that martial law regime.

The petitioner's counsel Barrister Ajmalul Hossain, and Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star that following the SC's yesterday's verdict the door has been closed on military usurpers of state power, and the way for legitimising such usurpation.

The first martial law regime, declared illegal by the apex court, had been presided over by Khandker Mushtaque Ahmed, Abu Sadaat Mohammad Sayem, and Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman.

## Youth held for kidnapping

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in Paltan on Tuesday and rescued a school girl of O-level who eloped with the youth a month ago. Brother of the girl filed a kidnap case with Pahartali Police Station on April 22 accusing Russell and seven others.

Police said Russell made sex videos of as many as 40 girls luring them in love traps.

While investigating the kidnap case, police found that Russell had worked at diagnostic centre Lab Aid in the port city and was forced to resign from there in January this year for his indecent activities.

On a tip off from some staff of the diagnostic centre, police recovered a video clip of Russell and another girl from a person in GEC area a couple of weeks ago, said Inspector Md Ismail Hossain of Pahartali Police Station.

Russell met his last victim, the girl rescued on Tuesday,

while working in the diagnostic centre in 2007. From there they grew intimate and finally eloped on April 11 this year.

He took the girl to a rented apartment in Chakaria upazila and stayed there till April 30 and then came back to Chittagong, said Inspector Ismail, adding that they went to Dhaka on May 7 and stayed at Royal Palace, from where he was held.

Talking to The Daily Star regarding the recovered video clip, Russell admitted that he was the man in the clip and it was made in 2007 at one of his friends' house.

He claimed that his female partner in the clip insisted on his recording the scene with a mobile phone. Russell also admitted that the clip was later released at a pornographic site in the internet.

Russell however denied making any more sex video.

He also denied the allegation of kidnapping saying

that he and the girl had an affair since 2009 and the girl fled last month from torture of her family for their relationship.

He also claimed that they got married on April 30.

The rescued girl told The Daily Star that she fell for the youth and eloped with him knowing nothing about Russell's relations with several other girls.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Panchlaish Zone SM Tanvir Arafat said the girl was below the age of an adult.

Meanwhile, police claimed that they have information that he tricked over 40 girls of different schools and colleges and made sex videos through hidden camera and published the clips in pornographic websites.

AC Tanvir said police were trying to recover a hard disc of Russell where the other video clips might have been stored.

## Summit to sign

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power (341 MW each) projects and Meghnaghat dual fuel 335 MW power projects back in January.

This was followed by rather lengthy negotiations between the two parties over the detailed nature of the 22-year contract for each power project.

During this 22-year period, the government would purchase Tk 37,000 crore worth of electricity from these three plants--making these the biggest private sector contracts in the country so far.

As the contract signing was being delayed, questions were raised whether the local company would really be able to finance the projects. Summit repeatedly said that a number of financiers have assured it of around \$ 800

million investment required for the three projects.

Last month, the government had invited Summit to sign the deals. But it was not possible as the law ministry had not cleared the contract documents.

The law ministry had reservations about allowing the British law as the law for arbitration under two of the three contracts. The ministry wanted the Bangladeshi arbitration law to be referred in the contracts.

But the project lenders representing multilateral agencies argued that they would not finance the projects if arbitrations are held under Bangladeshi law instead of international laws. They also argued that the bid documents had referred to international laws.

The matter ended upon a

decision from the prime minister upholding the British law.

Summit won the tenders for the three private power projects back in October-November last year by offering the lowest prices.

These power plants would serve as basic power stations and come into operation by 2013.

In recent times, Summit commissioned a 102 MW rental plant in Narayanganj on March 20 ahead of schedule and completed its Khulna Power Company Ltd Phase two 115 MW plant in Khulna and Khan Jahan Ali 40 MW plant in Noapara which are now running on test operation and supplying power to the national grid. These would go into commercial operation this month.

## 84 jawans of BGB jailed

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of the convicts, 23 were sentenced to seven years in prison, two were jailed for six years, one was for five years, five were for four years, five for three and a half years, 19 for three years, nine for two and a half years, one for two years and nine months, 13 for two years and one for a year and six months.

The court also awarded minimum punishments to five accused who pleaded themselves guilty earlier. Of them three were sentenced for a year, one was for nine months and another for four months.

The court started its proceedings at 9:20am at Pilkhana BGB (previously known as BDR) headquarters and continued it for about an hour.

Thirty-three prosecution witnesses were cross-examined on the depositions they gave against the convicts while nine prosecution witnesses gave statements on behalf of the accused.

"The verdict was finalised considering the magnitude of charges, service records

and contribution of either jawans or their fathers in the liberation war", Iftikhar Uddin said before the pronouncement of the judgment.

"The court was impartial and found all the accused guilty as charged", he added.

The court warned the convicts not to create any chaos at the Darbar as such attempts would be counted as the contempt of court.

However, the convicted jawans shouted, "We don't accept the verdict", as Iftikhar Uddin was leaving the court.

Members of the court also included Lt Col Shahadat, Major Matur Rahman and Deputy Attorney General Mohammad Ullah Kislul.

The charges against the convicts include leaving Darbar Hall defying the order of the then BDR DG, not informing high-ups about mutiny and controlling subordinates, participating in the mutiny, and dumping bodies of slain army officers.

Charges against the 86 accused were framed on October 4 last year following the plea of the plaintiff of the case Nayek Subedar Shah

Alam Bhuiyan, of which two are on the run.

"They will face trial once they are arrested," Major Taslim Uddin, prosecutor of the case told The Daily Star.

A total of 74 people, including the DG and 56 other army officers, were brutally killed in a bloody carnage at Pilkhana which spread from the headquarters to some other units across the country on February 25-26, 2009.

## SSC exams

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having any mobile operator connections, has to enter in the massage option and type the first three letters of the respective board (for example DHA for the Dhaka Board), give a space and type the roll number and then send it to 16222 to get the results.

The students can apply for review of the results only through the Teletalk's prepaid mobile phones, says a press release of Teletalk.

Some 13.15 lakh examinees took this year's SSC examinations in February.

## BNP roots

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not accept an election under a political government, the possibility of which has increased following the verdict.

"The verdict will mainly help the present autocratic government stay in power by bringing changes to the constitution according to its desire. It is not mandatory for the people or parliament to accept the verdict."

The SC should not be involved in such national and political issue, the BNP leaders said.

He was addressing the press conference to convey the party's reaction to the court judgment. Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and standing committee member MK Anwar were also present.

Replying to a query, Mirza Fakhrul said, "BNP will not participate in the next election unless it is held under a caretaker government."