

# Banshkhali Carnage

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members of his family, including an infant.  
Tejendra's son Bimal Shil, the lone survivor of the attack, filed a case the next day against 30-35 unidentified people on charges of arson attack, looting and murder.  
The first charge sheet was submitted against 31 people on December 14, 2005 by Investigation Officer ASP Clarence Gomez, but Aminur's name was not included.  
Aminur, chairman of Kalipur union, is also the president of Kalipur union BNP. He is a cousin of BNP lawmaker Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, a former state minister for environment and forest.  
The plaintiff and his lawyer allege that Aminur,

widely known as Amin Chairman, was the mastermind behind the killing.  
Bimal filed a petition challenging the charge sheet and appealed for further investigation alleging that the main suspects were not included.  
On March 20, 2007, a Chittagong court ordered further probe into the case. But Amin Chairman's name was again left out by new IO ASP Shafiqur Rahman as he submitted a charge sheet on November 27, 2007 against the same 31 accused.  
When the plaintiff again challenged the charge sheet, the case was transferred to the CID and ASP Khurshid Jamil was made the new IO. Four more CID

officials conducted probe into the case and submitted charge sheets several times without mentioning the name of Amin Chairman.  
Investigation Officer Hla Ching Pru on January 9, 2011 submitted a supplementary charge sheet against 39 people including Amin Chairman for the first time and seven new accused.  
The court, however, later dropped charges against accused Nurul Islam, said PP Hashem.  
On September 12 the same year, the court framed charges against 38 accused including Amin Chairman on charges of arson, robbery and murder.  
But the prosecution on February 26 this year prayed to the court for

changing the charges, said the PP.  
Aminur surrendered to the High Court on February 2 last year and appealed for bail. But he was asked to seek bail from the Chittagong court. He did so on February 13 and his bail plea was rejected. The court also sent him to jail.  
After around two weeks, his lawyers appealed again to the High Court for bail and it was granted.  
In January this year, following an appeal the High Court stayed proceedings against Amin Chairman for six months, his lawyer Mahbubul Islam said.  
Shambhu Prasad Biswas, counsel for the plaintiff, yesterday said now it would be easy to prove the

incident as the charges have been changed. "But the case may face delay as Amin Chairman has secured a stay order."  
The 37 who were accused yesterday are Sabur Ahmed, Abdul Karim, Javed Hossain, Ahammad Mia, Mahbubur Rahman, Md Hasan, Sarwar Uddin, Md Shahjahan, Abu Taiyab, Akbar Ali, Shahjahan, Aminul Hoque, Ahammad Hossain, Matlub, Shafiul Azam, Jashim, Nazrul Islam, Aminul Hoque, Anu Mia, Selim, Bakkar, Rubel, Abu, Oji Ahmad, Aziz, Fazal Kader, Asgar, Jashim, Enam, Ledu, Kamrul Islam, Amir Hossain, Md Yunus, Abul Kalam, Nurunnabi, Rashid Ahmad and Abdul Nabi.

# War records destroyed

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subsequent regimes," he said.  
The three-member tribunal-1 led by its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq recorded the testimony of the investigation officer for the eighth day yesterday.  
The Jamaat-e-Islami leader, who faces 20 charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War, was produced before the court yesterday. He is among four Jamaat and one BNP leaders facing similar charges at the tribunal.  
Helal yesterday began by placing as evidence photographs and footage of several Pirojpur locations where Sayedee allegedly committed the crimes.

He showed visual evidence of Bhagirathi Chatyar and Bhanu Saha's house in Pirojpur. Bhagirathi and Bhanu were victims of Sayedee's alleged crimes.  
Soon after the Liberation War had ended, Sayedee went into hiding to evade the freedom fighters who were hunting down collaborators, the witness said.  
"Fearing assault by the masses and freedom fighters, he did not surrender and had fled from his own house and area [Pirojpur] and had taken refuge in the house of Rawshan Ali in Bagharpara of Jessore," said Helal.  
He remained in hiding for a long time until locals learnt about his atrocities in Pirojpur, he said, adding that Sayedee later had to flee the

area in a bull cart.  
The Jamaat leader later returned to Pirojpur, became a lawmaker and tried to conceal his atrocities committed during the war through various campaigns, he added.  
Helal Uddin also presented as evidence a number of special video reports on the Liberation War, atrocities committed during the war and "known war criminals".  
The reports included one from the Indian News Review and a series of 23 special reports of ATN Bangla on "known war criminals" and atrocities committed during the war.  
Helal would continue giving deposition for the ninth day on Monday.

# Govt will have to explain

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Rahman told reporters after a seminar at Bidyut Bhaban auditorium in the capital.  
The government in the UNHRC session will face questions about the disappearances, he said expressing deep concern over frequent reports of people going missing.  
It is the state's responsibility to ensure security of every citizen, he said demanding that the government immediately find out BNP leader M Ilias Ali who along with his driver has been missing since Tuesday night.  
"The government can handle the missing incidents internally, but it will have to be accountable to international organisations," Mizanur said.  
When asked whether

the disappearances are happening due to failure of law enforcement agencies, the rights body chief avoided giving a direct answer.  
Referring to the murder of journalist couple Sagar Sarwar and Meherun Runi, he said, "After investigating an incident for two months, if law enforcers admit before the court that they have failed to find out any clue, that worries people. They (law enforcers) themselves acknowledged their failure".  
The seminar the NHRC chief attended yesterday was on "Full rights of daughters to inherit properties in the absence of sons" organised by the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh and Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha.  
Mizanur and other

speakers, including Law Minister Shafique Ahmed, at the seminar stressed the need for establishing equal rights for women everywhere, even inheriting properties.  
After the programme, the law minister also talked to reporters about Dhaka City Corporation polls. He said the election would be held after the court verdict.  
As the issue remains pending with the court, it will decide when and how the election will be held, he added.  
Following a writ petition, the High Court on April 16 stayed holding of the DCC polls for three months, as the procedure required for the elections had not been completed. The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the HC order.

# PM orders probe

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have gone into hiding on instructions from his leader Khaleda Zia.  
"I don't know whether she [Khaleda] directed him to disappear. Perhaps, she can say it properly. You [the people] also know that her former secretary Haris Chowdhury has been traceless since the tenure of the last caretaker government," said Hasina.  
She said the opposition leader having no issue for movements was up to creating an issue by hiding one of her leaders. "Only she [Khaleda] knows what game she is playing to make an issue out of it."  
The discussion was organised by the Awami League (AL) marking April 17, the Mujib Nagar Day, when the first government of Bangladesh was formed in exile in 1971.  
Hasina, also the AL president, blamed BNP founder Ziaur Rahman for introducing the culture of killing, secret killings and corruption in the country and putting the liability on others.  
She alleged that BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia also taught her two sons how to indulge in corruption. "What good can the future generation learn from her?" she asked.  
Hasina also alleged that BNP, during their previous tenures, had abducted numerous Awami League leaders and workers from their houses and killed them.  
Referring to the expansion of BNP alliance, the AL chief said the opposition leader had bigger their coalition with "those who killed seven students in Dhaka University in 1974" and the anti-liberation war forces.  
Even those who used to use abusive language while talking about BNP and its chairperson also joined the coalition, said the premier without naming anyone.  
She claimed that when the AL came to power, the country got something and development took place. On the contrary, when BNP assumed office the country turned into a state of militancy, corruption and misrule.  
"How can the rule of law be established in the country where the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman are awarded," asked Hasina, adding that when pro-

liberation parties assumed power in a country, the country developed or else it happened vice versa.  
In the discussion, AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam urged every one to focus on the true history of the country as, what he said, the anti-liberation forces were out to destroy the true history of the country and its liberation.  
AL praesidium member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, who chaired the discussion, called upon the party lawmakers and leaders to disseminate the true history of the country.  
The discussion was also addressed by AL leaders Matia Sajeda Chowdhury, Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, Abdul Latif Siddique, Mahbubul Alam Hanif, and prime minister's advisers HT Imam and Tawfiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury, among others.

# A loss she could not get over

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dormitory room while her roommates were in class.  
Papiya's maternal uncle Rajib Chowdhury told The Daily Star that she had attended some of her classes yesterday and also carried out her rounds at a ward. Returning to her room around 10:30am, she told her roommates that she would take a nap and skip the remaining two classes of the day.  
One of her three roommates returned around 1:00pm and found Papiya hanging from the ceiling fan with a scarf. The door of her room was found ajar.  
Shabbagh Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sirajul Islam told The Daily Star that the dorm authorities informed them about Papiya committing suicide and they recovered the body around 1:30pm from room.  
Rajib Chowdhury said Papiya's brother Anupam Bhattacharya died in the

USA about a year and a half ago. Anupam, a graduate of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, had been studying for his post graduation.  
Since her brother's death, Papiya had broken down mentally. Family, friends and her college acquaintances said Papiya had been depressed since her brother's death.  
Her father Arup Bhattacharya, a college professor at Hathazari in Chittagong, also went into retirement ahead of schedule following his son's death. Rajib last night said he did not have the courage to break down the news of his niece's death to her parents.  
**O-LEVEL STUDENT KILLS HIMSELF**  
Mohammadpur police recovered Amir Reza's body from his Rayer Bazar flat yesterday morning. He was an O level student of Eminence International

School and College in Gulshan.  
Amir's maternal cousin Shihab Al-deen Reza told The Daily Star that Amir was a drug addict. He had been having fights at home, especially with his mother, usually over money to buy drugs.  
On Wednesday night, his mother scolded him when he tried to get money from her.  
He went to bed after dinner as usual. He did not come out of his room in the morning and family members found the room locked from the inside.  
Peeping into the room through the keyhole they discovered that he had hung himself from the ceiling fan.  
Shihab said Amir had been an addict for some years and he had several spells in rehabs over the years. He was brought home from rehab last month after a four-month stay.

## CHANGE OF INTERVIEW DATE

The Interview for the post of Junior Officer (Cash) scheduled for Sunday, 22 April 2012 has been rescheduled and will now be held on Monday, 23 April 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Head Office premises of the Bank. We regret any inconvenience cause due to this.



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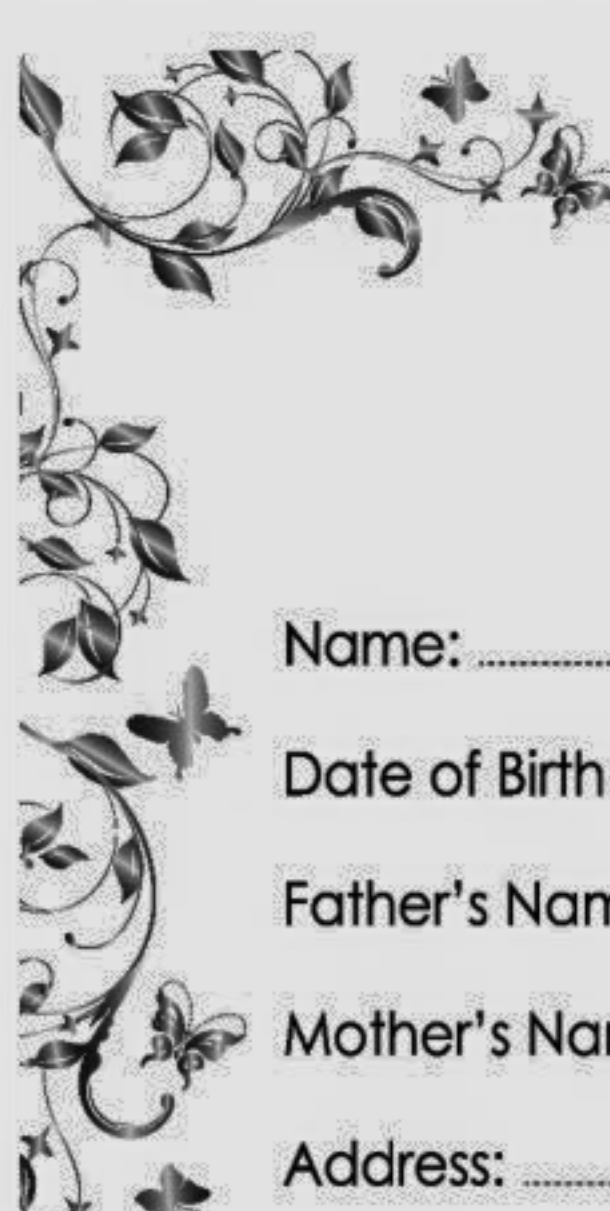
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