

## JAGANNATH-NAZRUL CLASH

Police have sued 500 people, arrested only one

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## LOAN DEFAULTS GO UP

The amount rises by Tk 7,282cr in 3rd quarter after loan scams

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Nicolas Sarkozy is grilled over his 2007 campaign finance

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# Koko's laundered money back

### Singapore returns S \$20.41 lakh to ACC; US \$9.32 lakh more on the way

M RAHMAN

The Anti-Corruption Commission says it has brought back around 20.41 lakh Singapore dollars laundered by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's younger son Arafat Rahman Koko and his associate.

"A few minutes back, I came to know that the sum of money has been transferred to Sonali Bank's Ramna corporate branch from Singapore," ACC Chairman Ghulam Rahman around 5:00pm yesterday said.

The commission earlier had opened the Stolen Asset Recovery Account to receive the amount, he told reporters while leaving his office in the capital's Segunbagicha.

The money, equivalent to over Tk 13 crore, was deposited in Singapore by Koko and Ismail Hossain Saimon, son of former

BNP minister late Akbar Hossain. It will be now spent in anti-graft activities, he said.

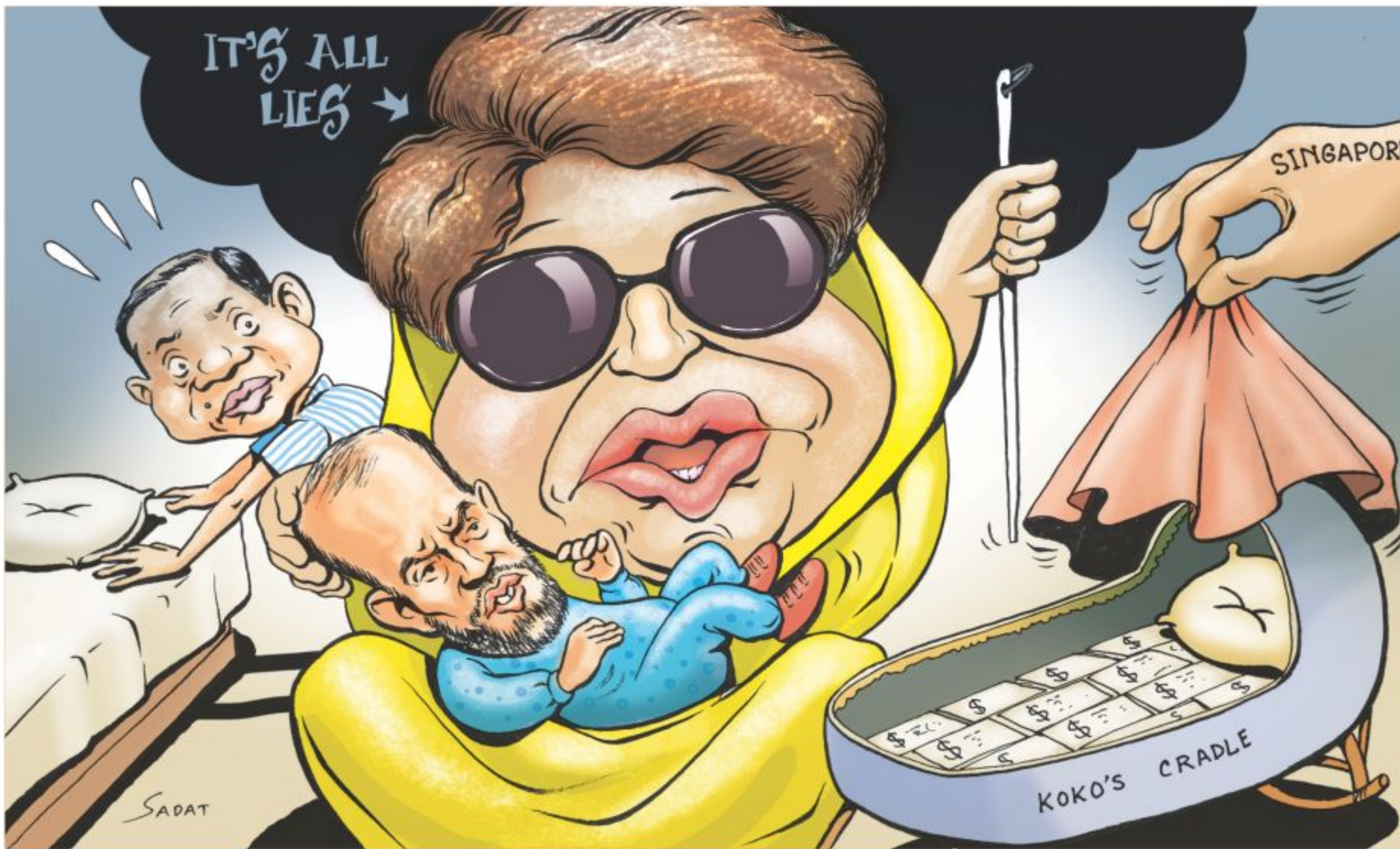
This is the first money laundering case in which the government could recover an amount.

ACC Deputy Director Abu Syeed on March 17, 2009 sued Koko and Saimon for laundering more than Tk 20 crore -- Singapore \$28,84,603.15 and US \$9,32,672.81.

Koko had received the amount from the Chinese company Siemens and from Habibur Rahman, a Bangladeshi living in Dubai, Syeed told The Daily Star over phone yesterday.

The anti-graft body recovered the amount that Habib had sent to Fairhill Consulting's account at Singapore Overseas Bank from Janata Bank's Dubai branch between 2004 and 2007.

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**KOKO**  
Siphoned off over Tk 20cr to Singapore. He and an ex-BNP minister's son received the amount in bribe from Siemens and China Harbour. Jailed for 6yrs, fined Tk 38.83cr.

**TARIQUE**  
Facing trial for laundering Tk 20.41cr to Singapore. He and his business partner Mamun allegedly received the money from different sources promising contracts. FBI testified against him last year.



## Good to see int'l rules working

React leading citizens; BNP doubts it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-graft campaigners, politicians, ministers and independent analysts yesterday welcomed the recovery of the money that Arafat Rahman Koko and his aide had laundered. They termed it a major step towards the country's fight against corruption.

But the BNP, whose chairperson is the mother of Koko, said it was "politically motivated".

The reaction and counter-reaction followed the Anti-Corruption Commission's announcement yesterday that it had recovered 20.41 lakh Singapore dollars (over Tk 13 crore) laundered to

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## Tarique most popular despite propaganda

Says Mirza Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday claimed Tarique Rahman is the "most popular" person in the country despite the government's propaganda against the party's senior vice-chairman.

"He [Tarique] is the

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## PARAG ABDUCTION

# Jubo League's Jewel arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a Jubo League leader for his alleged links with the abduction of six-year-old Parag Mondol less than two hours after a High Court ruling.

The HC asked the government to explain in a week why it should not be directed to arrest Shubhadda Union unit Jubo League president Aminul Haque Molla alias Jewel Molla, the alleged mastermind of the kidnapping, and Ameer Hossain, the ringleader of the abductors.

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## PAKISTAN TALIBAN KILL 36

# D-8 summit on in shadows of death

STAR REPORT

Leaders of Developing Eight attended a summit in Pakistan yesterday after militant attacks killed 36 people across the country in some of the deadliest violence claimed by the Taliban for months.

The string of attacks on Shia Muslims and police and troops underscored the immense security challenge in a country

where Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked extremists bitterly oppose the US-allied government.

Twenty-three people were killed and 62 wounded overnight in Rawalpindi, the twin city of summit venue Islamabad, where Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan were among the

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# When civility goes missing

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

In the early 1970s, soon after the liberation of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia quite often met each other, usually at Bangabandhu's residence at Dhanmondi 32. They were both young. One was the daughter of the Father of the Nation. The other was the spouse of the Liberation War hero Ziaur Rahman, then deputy chief of army staff.

The times were pregnant with idealism. And both

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West Indies batsmen Marlon Samuels, left, and Darren Bravo congratulate each other during their unbeaten 198-run third-wicket partnership on the second day of the second Test against Bangladesh at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday. The duo carried the visitors' score to 241 for two at stumps, trailing Bangladesh by 146 runs in the first innings. Story on page 16.

## Revenge, if Kasab's body not returned

Threaten Pak Taliban

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

The Pakistani Taliban yesterday threatened revenge unless India returns the body of a Pakistani man executed for his role in the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people.

Spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan demanded that Mohammad Ajmal Kasab's body be given back to his family or

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## How Laden's body was buried at sea

Secret emails give details

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

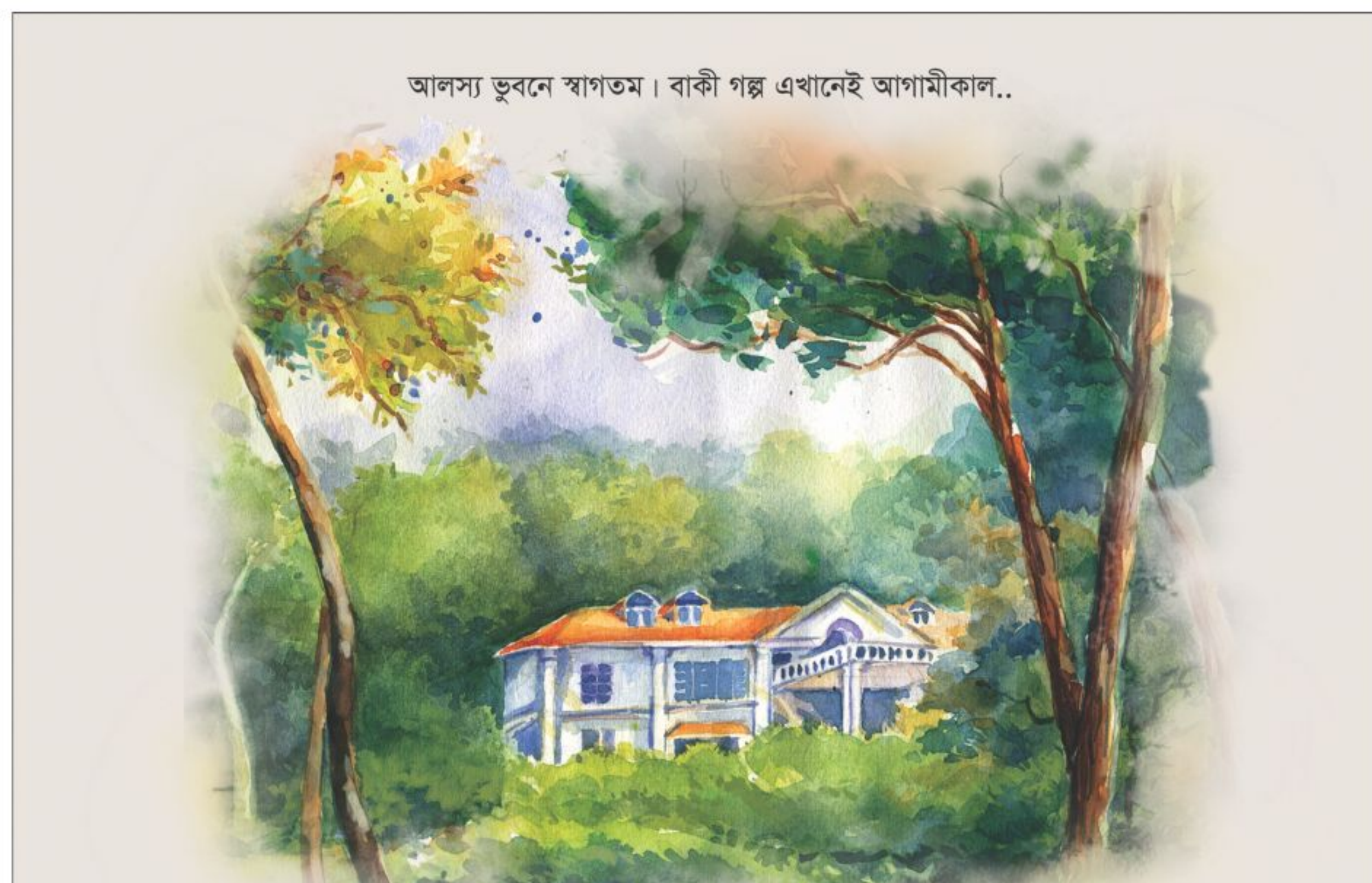
Osama bin Laden was buried at sea from a US warship amid high secrecy that included his body being referred to as "the package" delivered by "Fedex", secret military emails reveal.



Islamic rites.

The emails were obtained by

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আলস্য ভুবনে স্বাগতম। বাকী গল্প এখানেই আগামীকাল..

ঢাকা থেকে ঘণ্টা দেড়েকের ড্রাইভ। শ্রীপুর কালমেঘ ফরেস্টের গা ঘেঁষে কালমেঘ ফরেস্ট লজ অ্যান্ড কান্ট্রি ক্লাব আপনার অপেক্ষায়।

লালমাটির পথ ধরে শালবনে ঘুরতে ঘুরতে ঠিক করে ফেলুন কোনটা আপনার হবে! বাংলার সাথে পেয়ে যাবেন কান্ট্রি ক্লাবের মেম্বারশিপটাও।

আপনি আর সে তখন সুইমিং পুলে পা ভুবিয়ে দুপুরে রেস্টুরেন্টের, বিকালে টেনিস কোর্টের আর সন্ধ্যায় স্পার গ্ল্যান্টা সেরে ফেলবেন।

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