



## SUFISM IN BENGAL

Apart from religiosity, it also influenced the folklore

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## MANNING DIDN'T AID ENEMY

The US soldier, however, is convicted of espionage; could be jailed for 136 years

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## JUBO LEAGUE LEADER KILLING

# 'Murderer' killed in Rab 'shootout'



Tarek

### TIMELINE

#### TUESDAY

1:07am

Milky killed

3:15am

Tarek got himself admitted to hospital

4:00am

Rab arrested him at hospital

9:45pm

Milky's brother Major Rashidul filed case

#### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm

Rab applied to Home for taking over case

9:45pm

Rab got Tarek released from hospital, started for Gulshan Police Station

10:15pm

'Shootout' at Kaola, near airport

### STAR REPORT

In a dramatic development, Jahid Siddique Tarek, who allegedly shot dead Jubo League leader Riazul Haque Khan Milky early Tuesday, was killed in a "shootout" between his cohorts and Rab at Kaola in the capital last night.

The elite force was taking Tarek, joint secretary of Dhaka City (south) unit Jubo League, to Gulshan Police Station from a hospital in Uttara.

Rab claimed they came under attack as they reached Kaola near Shahjalal International Airport. Rab personnel returned fire leading to a shootout that left Tarek and one of the attackers dead on the spot. Two Rab members were also injured in the gunfight.

Earlier on Tuesday, Rab identified Tarek as Milky's killer from CCTV footage, and detained him at Fortune Hospital in Uttara.

Tarek was receiving treatment at the hospital for a bullet wound he suffered accidentally while attacking Milky at the entrance of Shoppers World, a shopping mall in Gulshan, said Rab.

Milky's brother Major Rashidul Haque Khan filed a murder case against Tarek and 10 others on Tuesday night.

The elite force also arrested six others in connection with the murder, and handed them over to Gulshan police, who are investigating the case.

But Tarek was still in Rab custody as he was receiving treatment at Fortune Hospital.

As Tarek's condition improved, Rab was taking him to the Gulshan Police Station by a microbus last night.

Kismat Hayat, commanding officer of Rab-1, said a Rab team with Tarek left Fortune Hospital by a microbus around 9:45pm. As they reached Kaola around 10:15pm, a group of 10 to 12 criminals attacked them.

Some of the attackers in a white car fired from the front while some others on two motorbikes struck from behind to snatch Tarek, who was in the microbus, said Habibur Rahman, director of Rab media wing.

After the brief shootout, Rab members found Tarek dead inside the microbus.

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# Weak EC for whom?

All but AL vocal against its power-cut move

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The BNP yesterday strongly opposed the Election Commission's controversial decision to abolish the commission's sweeping powers to cancel candidacy in parliamentary polls for serious violation of electoral rules.

The ruling Awami League, on the other hand, is mum on the issue, but its two allies -- Jatiya Party and Workers Party -- are surprised at the

decision and they demanded that the EC retain the powers.

"If this authority is axed, electoral offences will increase alarmingly and it will be difficult for the commission to control the situation," BNP leader MK Anwar told a press conference at the party's central office in the capital.

When the EC was given this authority under article 91E of the RPO before the 2008 national polls, the AL had strongly opposed it.

Back then, the BNP had opposed the entire electoral reforms, including this particular provision.

After taking office in January 2009, the AL-led alliance government did not cancel the powers although it abolished the armed forces' powers to arrest anyone without a warrant on the election day.

Contacted, two AL leaders told The Daily Star

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## Judgment on Jamaat today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All eyes are now on the High Court, as it is set to deliver today the verdict on a writ petition that challenged the legality of Jamaat-e-Islami's registration as a political party.

Bangladesh Tariqat Federation's Secretary General Rezaul Haque Chandpuri and 24 others filed the writ petition on January 25, 2009.

In the petition, they said Jamaat-e-Islami was a religion-based political party and it did

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Sajeeb Wazed Joy, his wife Kristine Wazed and mother Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina are showered with flower petals as they reach the home of Joy's father late scientist Wazed Miah at Pirganj in Rangpur yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

## NEWS ANALYSIS

# It's absurd, suicidal

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad and his team have hurriedly taken an absurd decision to abolish the Election Commission's sweeping authority to cancel one's candidacy in the parliamentary polls for serious electoral

offences.

If the authority is finally scrapped, the EC will be made weak and helpless in the face of candidates' power to use violent means. This decision has triggered a huge uproar and people who have been advocating for long a stronger EC, termed it suicidal.

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## Re-elect AL for development

PM at Pirganj rally

HASAN JAHD TUSHER, from  
Pirganj, Rangpur

Warning people that militancy and terrorism would come back if the BNP-Jamaat alliance returns to power, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought public support and blessings for the next polls.

"If the BNP-Jamaat alliance returns to power,

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## Hasina mum on Joy joining politics

HASAN JAHD TUSHER, from  
Pirganj, Rangpur

Amidst demands from ministers and the party grassroots for formally bringing Sajeeb Wazed Joy into politics, neither Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina nor her son made any

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