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Alam, police recovered the decomposing bodies breaking into the flat on the fifth floor of the building around 4:00pm yesterday.

The bodies were found in Oishee's bathroom and they bore several stab wounds, said police.

Amzad Ali, caretaker of the building, told The Daily Star that Mahfuzur on August 4 had instructed him not to let Oishee leave the building without his or his wife's consent.

But around 8:00am on Thursday, Oishee got down to the ground floor and asked the caretaker to call a CNG-run three-wheeler for her.

When the vehicle came she went back to the flat to bring her luggage. As the caretaker called on the intercom to see if Oishee had her parents' consent to leave, a female voice told him to let her go, said the caretaker.

He now suspects that Oishee might have mimicked her mother's voice over the intercom.

Minutes after the intercom call, the girl got down with her eight-year-old brother Ohidur Rahman and house help Sumi, 10, and they all boarded the three-wheeler, added Amzad.

Oishee had not returned since.

Around 2:00am yesterday, she called one of her uncles Iftekhar Alam from her mother's phone asking for his address in Uttara, said Oishee's uncle Rabiul.

She told Iftekhar that her mother had gone to her village home after a fight with her father and Mahfuzur went there to bring her back. She said she was living at her friend's house.

Yesterday morning, informed by Iftekhar, Rabiul came to check on the family and found the flat locked and nobody answering the phone.

Around 10:00am, Rabiul called Oishee on her mother's number and she told him that she was in Kakrail and was coming home with her brother. She also said their house help had been sent to her home in Aftabnagar.

This was the last time anyone could reach Oishee over the phone.

Around 10:30am, Ohidul returned to his Chamelibagh home alone by a rickshaw. Rabiul waited there for a couple of hours for Oishee, but as she did not come he took his nephew to his home.

Rabiul and other relatives also contacted the Special Branch to know the whereabouts of Mahfuzur and they were informed that Oishee's father had not contacted them in the last two days.

The Special Branch then asked Paltan police to look into the matter. Police found the bodies in Oishee's bathroom and sent them to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsies.

Police said the body of Mahfuzur bore a deep injury in the throat and his wife had three to four stab wounds in the abdomen. They have also recovered a bloodstained knife and a kitchen knife from the scene.

They said Oishee's room was in a mess and so was one of the almirahs, said Rabiul.

Officer-in-Charge of Paltan Police Station Golam Sarwar said police were trying to trace Oishee.

Shang Baojun, one of Liu Hui's lawyers told AFP.

"It is difficult for us to understand this decision," he added.

"But it is difficult to say if the judgement was affected by other factors," he added, refusing to be drawn on whether the family was being targeted.

Lawyers said previously that Liu Xia believed the charges against her brother were "political persecution".

Liu Tong said the entire family has been devastated by the failure of the appeal.

Foreign diplomats and journalists were barred from entering the court for the appeal hearing, media reports said.

An official who answered the phone at Beijing's Huiarou District People's Court on Friday could not immediately confirm the decision to uphold the sentence.

of our family will be in jail at some point."

Liu Hui, who manages a real estate firm in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, was alleged to have defrauded another man, together with a colleague.

"The government is saying in public that it wants fair trials, but then this happens which is completely ridiculous," Liu Tong told AFP.

"They say it (Liu Xiaobo's activism) is unrelated, but I can't agree with them.

"We feel like there is nothing we could have done about this and that we are helpless," he said.

The Nobel laureate's wife, Liu Xia, left home after years under house arrest in April to attend the opening trial session for Liu Hui, her brother.

She also attended the sentencing in June, but not Friday's appeal, as she felt unwell during the journey to court and returned home,

# Rowhani govt cleared to start work in Iran

AFP, Tehran

Iran's parliament approved on Thursday most of President Hassan Rowhani's cabinet picks, allowing the government to start work, parliament speaker Ali Larijani said.

He said on live television the proposed ministers of education, Mohammad Ali Najafi, of science, research and technology, Jafar Milimonfared -- both considered close to reformists -- and Massoud Sontani-far, at sports and youth, were rejected.

Among the key nominations approved by the conservative-dominated parliament were Mohammad Javad Zari as foreign minister and Bijan Zanganeh for the oil portfolio.

Voting was on a candidate-by-candidate basis and not on the 18-member cabinet as a whole. Rowhani now has three months to fill the three posts left vacant.

Zanganeh, who is highly respected in the energy industry and on the international scene, already served as oil minister between

1997 and 2005 under reformist president Mohammad Khatami.

But he faced heavy criticism during the four days of parliamentary debate on newly-elected Rowhani's nominations, for both his ties to reformists and over alleged corruption in oil contracts.

As for the new foreign minister, Zari, who holds a US doctorate in international law, served as the Islamic republic's ambassador to the United Nations between 2002 and 2007.

# Cops on hunt for 100 jihadis

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commissioner of Detective Branch, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The group even included members of banned militant outfits Harkat-ul-Jihad al Islami (Huji) and Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, the official added without specifying any name.

"Many of them believe in armed struggle or Jihad and they are under our watch. We're trying to arrest them," said Mashiur, who is leading an investigation and operation against the Ansarullah network.

Members of Ansarullah Bangla Team allegedly masterminded the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider on February 15.

The militants, who follow the idealism of Anwar al-Awlaki, "spiritual leader" of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, have campaigned for Jihad through blogs and other online platforms.

They also wrote blog posts on how to make bombs with cheap materials

available in the kitchen.

Meanwhile, The Daily Star found that Jasim left the job of Khatib at Hatembagh mosque in the capital's Rayerbazar two years ago as the mosque authorities under political pressure had requested him to avoid "objectionable sermons".

However, the mosque authorities never dared to sack Jasim as they feared reprisal from the "influential people" he could attract through his "electrifying sermons", said locals.

During his longer-than-usual oration, Jasim inspired the mosque-goers to take part in Jihad, said a number of locals, wishing anonymity.

During his sermons after the Jum'a prayers every Friday, his followers used to scream in unison, affirming that they agree to his call for Jihad.

Jasim later joined as a Khatib at a mosque located in a sparsely populated area in Basila of Mohammadpur.

taken by the European Union in response to the situation in Egypt," said Ashton.

Germany said it would review ties with Cairo, and joined France in calling for EU talks on the situation, which are expected to take place on Monday.

French President Francois Hollande was discussing the crisis with counterparts in London, Berlin and Rome.

On Thursday, the UN Security Council held an emergency meeting on Egypt, calling for an end to the violence and "national reconciliation".

US President Barack Obama said Washington was cancelling a joint US-Egyptian military exercise.

"While we want to sustain our relationship with Egypt, our traditional cooperation cannot continue as usual when civilians are being killed in the streets and rights are being rolled back," he said.

But despite scrapping the exercise, he stopped short of suspending Washington's annual \$1.3 billion in aid.

The international response was not uniformly critical, with Saudi Arabia and Jordan saying they backed Egypt's fight against "terrorism".

Saudi King Abdullah said his kingdom stood "with its Egyptian brothers against terrorism, deviance and sedition, and against those who try to interfere in Egypt's internal affairs."

The unrest pushed up oil prices on fears it could impact Suez Canal traffic or spark further Middle East unrest, analysts said.

# 70 more killed

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Muslim Brotherhood movement.

The call to end the day's demonstrations came shortly after a night-time curfew went into effect.

"Today's rallies end with evening and night prayers (at about 1800 GMT), and will be followed by funeral prayers," Anti-Coup Alliance spokesman Gehad El-Haddad told AFP.

But he said the group of Morsi loyalists would hold "daily anti-coup rallies" going forward.

Hours earlier, the group's supporters emerged from mosques in the capital and elsewhere for "Friday of anger" protests.

Violence erupted almost immediately, with gunshots ringing out in Cairo and security forces firing tear gas.

In the capital, a man leapt off a bridge near a police station to escape shooting as police armoured vehicles advanced on protesters, witnesses said.

An AFP correspondent counted at least 19 bodies in one Cairo mosque, while witnesses said more than 20 corpses had been laid out in a second mosque.

Security sources and the health ministry reported at least 31 dead, including four in the Suez Canal city of Ismailiya and another eight in northern Damietta.

In Cairo, streets were virtually deserted except for demonstrators and security forces, with the army deploying at key points in the city.

But some residents formed their own roadblocks, checking identity papers and searching cars.

The interior ministry,

instructions on the visit.

Rafiqul Islam Mia, another standing committee member of the party, said during their visit, the committees will observe the party's organisational status at grassroots level.

They will also make recommendations to the BNP chief to overcome weaknesses and resolve disputes inside the party, he said.

The committee has been assigned to make a list of prospective leaders from each district for contesting the national polls, and bridge the gap between senior and the grassroots

level leaders, Rafiqul said.

He also said the party high-ups had already sent e-mails to the chiefs of the committees mentioning the purpose of the visit.

Asked about the duration of the visit, he said, "The committee chiefs will decide how much days they will need to complete the tasks."

During their visit to the party's organisational districts, the committee members will make people aware about the necessity of the opposition's movement as well as highlighting the government's failure in various sectors.

# BNP moves

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The visit is part of the opposition's strategy to wage a tough anti-government movement to realise its demand for caretaker government and prepare party leaders at the grassroots level for the next polls.

Party Chairperson Khaleda Zia will formulate a guideline on this strategic task during a meeting with the national standing committee members today, Mahbubur Rahman said.

The BNP chief will also sit with the chiefs of the committees at her Gulshan office on Monday to give her final

instructions on the visit.

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# S Korea sends North formal family reunion proposal

AFP, Seoul

South Korea yesterday proposed formal talks next week with the North on arranging the first reunion in three years of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

In a telephone message, the South suggested holding discussions on August 23 under Red Cross auspices at the border village of Panmunjom, where the ceasefire ending Korean War hostilities was signed, the Unification Ministry said.

South Korean President Park Geun-Hye had called for a resumption of the suspended reunion programme in a speech on Thursday to mark the end of Japanese colonial rule over the Korean peninsula.

Her initiative came a day after the two Koreas reached a breakthrough agreement in their efforts to resume operations at a joint industrial zone that was closed in April at the height of soaring military tensions.

The reunion issue is a highly emotional one. The division of Korea in 1945 and the war that followed saw millions of Koreans separated from other family members, with no direct mail or telephone service.

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concerned about the welfare of the family members of the deceased; and is already receiving information that some family members are being scrutinised by the police, who have told them not to speak about their incident. The informants of this news are the family members themselves," read the release.

"This is exactly why Odhikar refused to give the information of the 61 deaths to the Ministry of Information, unless it formed some sort of independent inquiry commission under the law."

It claimed that it had sent the list "in order to hold a fair and just investigation, without further intimidating and threatening the victim families".

Detectives on August 10 arrested Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan in connection with tarnishing the image of the government, the state and law enforcers by publishing a "false report" online about law enforcers' flushing out Hefajat men from the capital's Shapla Chattar on May 5 and 6.

No dialogue

FROM PAGE 16 [Prime Minister] Sheikh Hasina. They want to destroy Bangladesh Awami League and the spirit of the Liberation War forever," alleged Ashraf.

Ashraf, also LGRD and cooperatives minister, was speaking at an AL discussion marking the National Mourning Day (August 15) in the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

On August 15, 1975, a disgruntled group of army officers killed Bangabandhu and most of his family members.

Like the previous years, BNP and its different front organisations celebrated 68th birthday of the party's Chairperson Khaleda Zia on August 15.

Ashraf said Khaleda Zia herself "does not know" her real date of birth and had deliberately picked August 15 only for amusement.

"People of Bangladesh will not forgive them [BNP] and we condemn them," said Ashraf, also son of Syed Nazrul Islam, of one of the four national leaders killed in jail on November 3, 1975.

He also came down heavily on foreign diplomats for taking stance in favour of arrested secretary of Odhikar Adilur Rahman Khan.

However, addressing the discussion, AL senior leader Suranjit Sengupta said the door for dialogue was still open but it had to be done in accordance with the constitution.

# China upholds jail term for Nobel laureate's relative

AFP, Beijing

A Chinese court yesterday upheld an 11-year prison sentence given to a relative of jailed Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo, a lawyer said, in a verdict the family claimed was littered with "lies".

Police detained Liu Hui in January on suspicion of committing fraud in connection with a real estate deal. His brother-in-law Liu Xiaobo was jailed four years earlier for "subversion" after he circulated a charter calling for democratic reforms.

Liu Hui's brother, Liu Tong, said he refused to believe government promises that his family was not being targeted because of Liu Xiaobo's political activism, which earned the dissident a Nobel Peace Prize in 2010.

"We feel uncomfortable with the verdict. It is painful. There are a lot of lies in it," he told AFP. "At this rate all

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## Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of Individual Consultants (Time-Based)

- The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD), Ministry of Environment and Forest, jointly with the Arannayk Foundation (AF), have received grant from the Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF), to implement the Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project with technical support from the World Bank. A part of the Grant fund will be utilized for payments of individual consultant who will provide specific technical inputs for the effective execution of the project.
- BFD now invites eligible individual national consultants to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) for providing the services mentioned below.
- Duty Location:** The positions for contract S-14, S-15, S-17 and S-18 are based at Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Bangladesh Forest Department. The positions require extensive field visit in the project area in the coastal and hilly areas. The positions for contract 19.1-19.10 and 20.1-20.10 will be based in 10 different Divisional Forest Offices: Patuakhali Coastal Forest Division, Bhola Coastal Forest Division, Noakhali Coastal Forest Division, Chittagong Coastal Forest Division, Chittagong North Forest Division, Chittagong South Forest Division, Cox's Bazar North Forest Division, Cox's Bazar South Forest Division, Barisal Social Forest Division and Feni Social Forest Division.
- Positions with key functions, qualifications and experiences:**

Contract #	Positions	Qualifications and Experiences
S-14	<b>Project Manager</b> (Senior Individual Consultant)	Post-Graduation (Masters) on Natural Resource, preferably Forestry; Trained in project management, and M&E; Minimum 5 years as Project Manager/Project Director/Project Coordinator or donor funded project implementation experience for at least 7 years; Experience in forestry sector is preferred; Demonstrated capacity to work in foreign aided projects in a team environment.
S-15	<b>Financial Management Specialist</b> (Senior Individual Consultant)	Post-Graduation (Masters) in Accounting/Finance, MBA or Post Graduation (Masters) with Accounting Credibility; Professional accounting qualification CA/CMA/ ACCA etc. are preferable; Trained on operating Financial Implementation Software; Minimum 10 years as financial management specialist or similar position, preferably with IDA project.
S-17	<b>Communication and Information Specialist</b> (Individual Consultant)	Post-Graduation (Masters) in Communications/Journalism/Public Relations/ Social Sciences/International Relations or a related field; A minimum of 3 years' experience in communications at the national or international level; Proven experience in publishing articles independently in media; Experience in natural resource management is an added advantage.
S-18	<b>Accounting Expert</b> (Individual Consultant)	Post-Graduation (Masters) in Accounting/Finance, MBA or Post Graduation (Masters) with Accounting Credibility; Trained on Financial Management/Accounting Software application, minimum 5 years in project accounting and financial management or similar responsibilities; Proven track record to develop a Chart of Accounts befitting the relevant computerized accounting system and the report.
S-19.1-19.10	<b>Accountants</b> (Junior Consultant) – 10 Positions	Bachelor (Graduation) in Accounting/Finance, BBA or graduation with accounting credibility; Minimum 3 years as Accountant or similar position, preferably with IDA/Donor project; Trained on Financial Management/Accounting Software application; Must possess good communication skills in English, both written and spoken.
S-20.1-20.10	<b>Community Mobilization Officer</b> (Junior Individual Consultant) – 10 Positions	Post-Graduation (Masters) in Social Science; Trained on participatory approach; Minimum 3 years in the field of Community mobilization or similar works, preferably with IDA/Donor project; Experience in participatory rapid assessment, focus group discussion, participatory monitoring etc.; Experience in working with forest community will be preferred; Ability to impart training to the field level staff on participatory approach; and Must possess good communication skills in English, both written and spoken.

5. The Terms of Reference of the above positions are available in Bangladesh Forest Department website ([www.bforest.gov.bd](http://www.bforest.gov.bd)) and will provide detailed scope of work and required qualifications and experience.

6. **Duration of the Assignment:** The duration of the assignments will be thirty-nine (39) months except for the position of Communication and Information Specialist will be thirty (30) months. However, the duration of the assignment may be increased or reduced according to the performance of the consultant, availability of the consultant, project needs, and budget.

7. **Selection Procedures:** BFD now seeks the application from eligible applicants to express their interest in providing services (complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, current remuneration, academic details, major publication(if any), contract address including telephone number and e-mail). The consultants will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers (January 2011). Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

8. **Remuneration:** Negotiable consolidated remuneration inclusive of all applicable Tax & VAT as per law of Bangladesh within the project allocated budget.

9. Expression of interest (hard copy or soft copy through email) must be delivered to the address below by **September 09, 2013**.

10. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address of the undersigned during normal office hours.

11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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# Snowden says not represented by dad or his lawyer

AFP, Washington

US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden says neither his father nor his father's attorney speak for him "in any way," according to a statement published yesterday by an online news site.

"I would like to correct the record: I've been fortunate to have legal advice from an international team of some of the finest lawyers in the world, and to work with journalists whose integrity and courage are beyond question," Snowden said in a statement to the Huffington Post.