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BHASHANTEK BARBARISM

Cops walk the criminals' way

Case weakens as vital evidence overlooked

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER, SHAHEEN MOLLAH and EMRAN HOSSAIN

With much of the evidence destroyed, facts distorted and identities manipulated by police, the physical and sexual assaults of 11 members of a family in a Bhashantek slum early this year sounds like an implausible story.

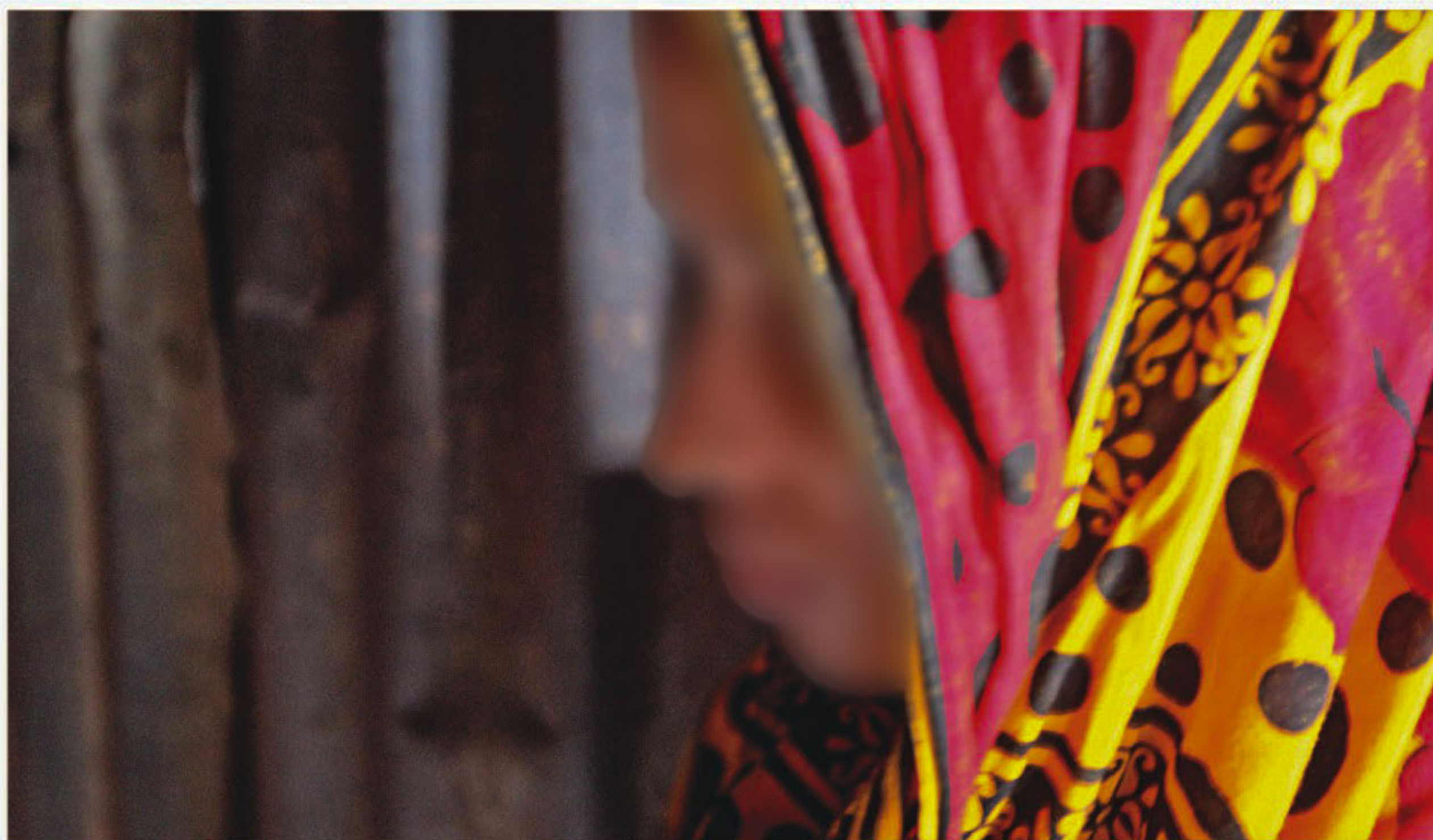
Released on bail, all the nine masterminds of the attack now roam boastfully about the labyrinthine slum, thanks largely to the police inaction.

Mamun, Bablu, "Langra" Badal and Dulal are among the released masterminds who led a group of about 20 local goons to carry out the February 11 assault.

Since his release in March, Badal has been accused in four fresh cases. Mamun already faces five cases for drug dealing while Bablu is wanted in a dozen of cases, The Daily Star has gathered.

On the day, the gang forced nine members of the family in a room, including six women, undressed them all and assaulted them for about 15

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This mother lost her baby born a month after she endured brutal physical and sexual torture in the city's Bhashantek slum. Her face has been blurred in the photo.

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15 hours of horror

EMRAN HOSSAIN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Who killed little Yasin? Nobody. He was killed nonetheless.

Relatives speak of him a lot. His big, dark eyes looked watery all the time but he never cried. In the four months he lived, he never moved his limbs either; he only gave blank looks. And one day he just collapsed and died.

"Isn't it strange that he never cried or moved his limbs?" says his grandmother.

Maybe not, given the unspeakable brutality he had undergone while in his mother's womb. He was born a month after his mother survived a most cruel torture in a Bhashantek slum in February.

She was eight months into pregnancy

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SC JUDGES Impeachment bill tabled

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The government yesterday placed a constitutional amendment bill in parliament seeking to restore the Jatiya Sangsad's authority to impeach a Supreme Court judge on grounds of misbehaviour or incapacity.

The existing constitutional provision for the

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SEE THE BILL IN ONLINE EDITION

NEWS ANALYSIS

Distorted facts

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The government has made a distorted statement of facts in the constitutional amendment bill in regard to scrapping parliament's power to impeach a Supreme Court judge on grounds of misbehaviour or incapacity.

In the preamble of the bill, it directly put the blame on military ruler General Ziaur Rahman for abolishing parliament's authority through introduction of the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) in 1978.

The power to remove a SC judge "was conferred on the

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IMPEACHMENT BILL 4 jurists urge consultation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four leading jurists of the country have urged the government not to push through the bill on the removal of judges.

"Instead, a process of consultation should be initiated, and only after proper consultations

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Most MDGs on track

Despite progress, some key targets might not be achieved in time, says govt report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will not be able to reach some key targets under the Millennium Development Goals before the 2015 deadline despite its laudable progress in achieving most of the

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