

# Man arrested for 'killing wife, maid'

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Police detained a man yesterday after his wife and 10-year-old domestic help were found dead at their home in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Mohammad Riduwan, 27, son of Sirajuddowla of Paschim Goalia Palong village, tried to stage a drama after the murders.

Around 4:00 yesterday, he told his neighbours some robbers had broken into their home in the village and killed his wife Tahmida Kabir Zaki, 22 and housemaid Khorshida Akter brutally, locals said.

When police rushed to the crime scene around 5:00pm, Riduwan suddenly surrendered himself to them and confessed to killing the two, said Saiful Islam Bhuiyan, OC of Ramu Police Station.

"Primary investigations show Riduwan split their throats with some sharp weapons. We are trying to find out whether anyone else was also involved in the incident," said the police official.

The bodies were sent to Cox's Bazar Zila Sadar Hospital for autopsy report, he added.

Family dispute might be the reason behind the killings, said locals, adding that the man had been living in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and returned home five years ago.

Zaki had submitted an application to the local union parishad few days ago in connection with her marital discord with Riduwan.

The man killed the two right before the eyes of Ruaida Akhtar, his one and a half years old daughter, said locals, adding that the child was safe and currently with her grandmother.

# IU suspends

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BCL convener Shamim Hasan Khan presumed the time to be 2009 or 2010. He declined to talk further.

The Daily Star could not independently verify how the photos were leaked to the press.

BCL sources said Matiar and Mamun, who took the "training", were involved with BCL politics while studying at Dhaka University and friends to IU BCL leader Sajib. The three became friends for being involved with BCL, said the sources.

Matiar hails from Kurigram and Mamun from Gazipur, the Jugantar reported yesterday.

The two enrolled in DU under the 2006-2007 session. Later Matiar joined IU as lecture before moving to Jagannath University the same year, while Mamun entered public service through the 32nd BCS exam.

Their friend, Sajib, also student of the same session, is studying law. He was supposed to graduate in 2010 but is still in the second year, said the department sources.

Sajib has been out of his home in Kushtia town for the last two days, said his mother, when this correspondent visited her yesterday.

# 8 days in jail

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the same name, said court sources.

An arrest warrant was issued for Jasim Uddin, son of Abul Kasem in Lohagara upazila, Chittagong after his wife Parvin Akhter sued him in September last year for torturing her for dowry.

The victim of the same upazila was arrested and sent to jail through the court on August 31.

Parvin in a statement submitted to the court on September 2 said the accused was seen in the locality and sought the release of the arrestee.

# Fugitive JMB man

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Sagir was directly involved in the airport bomb blasts.

The two also said Sagir had been hiding in different places in Gazipur, Turag and Bhatara since the series blasts happened to avoid arrest.

Hailing from the capital's Uttarkhan, Sagir also stands accused in a case for exploding bombs in front of Star Watch and Islami Mishtanno Bhandar in Gulshan-1 in the same year, said the Rab official.

In response to a query at the briefing, Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab media wing director, said they were scrutinising the authenticity of the recent video message released by global militant outfit al-Qaeda over launching its branches in South Asia.

The Rab official also added that after talking to Indian police, they had not found any authenticity of media reports about arresting four Indian citizens who were entering Bangladesh to meet a recruiter of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

# Tk 1 CR FORGERY

# ACC sues 7 Sonali, Prime bank officials

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Two officials of the state-owned Sonali Bank and five of Prime Bank were sued yesterday by the Anti-Corruption Commission for misappropriating Tk 1 crore through forgery.

ACC Deputy Director Shahin Ara Momtaz filed the case with Motijheel police around 5:30pm.

The Sonali Bank officers issued a fake cheque worth Tk 1 crore against a company named Belhasa-Accom and Associates, and forwarded it to Prime Bank's Motijheel branch, said the case statement.

The Prime Bank officials, on their part, opened a fake account against an

imaginary person named Kamal Hossain for receiving the cheque.

The money was evenly shared by all the accused after withdrawal, the case statement added.

The accused of Sonali Bank are Anisur Rahman Sarker, senior officer and Liakat Ali Chowdhury, officer of the bank's Motijheel branch.

The accused of Prime Bank are Mohiuddin Ahmed, senior vice president; Zafar Hossain, senior assistant vice president; Ferdous Azad Dipu, senior executive officer; HM Kamruzzaman Sumon, executive officer, and Mirza Kamrul Hasan, sales executive. They all worked at the bank's Motijheel branch.

# Mother seeks justice

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She identified two ex-CID officials in the dock -- Ruhul Amin and Abdur Rashid -- who had cooked up a story and falsely implicated Joj Mia in the two cases. They had kept contact with Jobeda after Joj Mia's arrest.

The duo along with another ex-CID official Munshi Atiqur Rahman have been charged with derailing probe in the two grenade attack cases.

Accusing them of harassing her son, Jobeda sought punishment to the former CID officials.

Later, she was cross-examined by the counsels for several accused in the cases. She will be cross-examined again tomorrow.

Joj Mia, who used to sell posters and cassettes near the Gulistan cinema, went to his village home at Senbagh in Noakhali in June 2005 after he was taken ill.

Officials of the Criminal Investigation Department arrested Joj Mia from his home on June 10 morning. He was then taken to Senbagh Police Station.

"I asked them why they arrested my son, but they did not give any answer," Jobeda told the court.

In the afternoon on the same day, the CID brought Joj Mia to Dhaka for interrogation.

Several days later, law enforcers from Senbagh Police Station along

with Mokshed Chowkidar visited Jobeda, and asked her to come to Dhaka, she said in the statement.

Jobeda then came to Dhaka to find her son, but faced difficulties in getting information about his whereabouts.

While staying at a relative's house in Mirpur, she came to know that her son was kept at Kashimpur prison in Gazipur.

Jobeda then went to the prison, but the jail authorities didn't allow her to meet her son.

They asked her to produce them a court order with permission to meet the prisoner.

She then obtained a court order and finally met her son.

Joj Mia was later found innocent and released from jail after around three years.

A grisly grenade attack on an Awami League rally left 24 people, including Ivy Rahman, wife of late president Zillur Rahman, dead and more than 300 others injured on August 21, 2004. AL chief and the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina survived the attack.

Following the incident, Motijheel police filed two cases -- one for the killing and the other under the Explosive Substances Act.

# MP Enamul concealed

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Enterprise is a separate entity bearing separate TIN (Tax Identification Number). So I did not mention it in my wealth statement."

Meanwhile, ACC deputy director Nasir Uddin, who investigated wealth of ex-state minister Abdul Mannan Khan's wife Syeda Hasina Sultana, submitted his report requesting its permission to sue her for concealing wealth information.

Last month, the graft watchdog sued Abdul Mannan Khan, former state minister for housing and public works, along with Awami League legislator Abdur Rahman Bodi and ex-state minister for water resources Mahbubur Rahman for the same alle-

gation.

Regarding Syeda Hasina Sultana, another top ACC official said during investigation ACC found that she concealed information of Tk 2 crore and also failed to produce any document pertaining to the income source of Tk 1.5 crore.

Earlier in January, the ACC launched a probe against them and some other former and current lawmakers on allegations of illegal wealth accumulation.

The investigation was followed after media reports revealed huge discrepancies in the wealth statements of the ex-ministers and lawmakers based on the affidavits the seven submitted to the Election Commission in 2013 and 2008.

# Non-communicable

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patients, and out of them 1.5 lakh people die of the disease annually. The disease attacks 2 lakh people yearly, she said.

"This is a rising trend... because of lifestyle. We have a sedentary lifestyle. Our eating habits have not improved. We eat things that are not healthy," Dr Singh said, adding that tobacco use, high rate of air and water pollution in the region aggravate the situation.

These countries need to focus on non-communicable diseases, she said, but added that a shortage of funding is a drawback in dealing with these diseases.

Dr Singh said diseases like diabetes or hypertension require lifelong treatment, which is very expensive and

therefore prevention is the solution.

"So, the governments should invest more money in fighting non-communicable diseases," she said.

On community clinics, she noted her surprise in seeing communities' involvement in clinics that focus on maternal and child health.

"If there is a shortage of drugs, they do not wait for the government to replenish it unlike in many other countries in the region. The community gets together, buys the drug and gives it to the patients," the regional director said.

Community Clinic (CC), one for every 6,000 people, is a ward-level public health facility. Nearly 11,000 community clinics were established during 1998-2001 to take healthcare to people's doorsteps.

# Students block

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"unclear activities" of the university authorities.

She further said that the students alleged the authorities have not made it clear whether the campus is legal or not, adding that she has forwarded the memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Chittagong.

Prof Nurul Huda, registrar of the university, said the students demonstrated after receiving wrong information that the main campus was not

approved by the UGC.

However, as per the UGC advertisement published in different newspapers including The Daily Star today (Monday), only the city campus has been mentioned as not having the commission's approval, he said.

Denying the allegation of any unclear activities in operating the university, he said, "We have assured the students that there is no problem with our campus in Chandanaish."

# Kamal Pasha

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other book stores of harsher consequences, if they "keep books that distort history".

Prothoma Prokashan published the book, which has raised huge controversy for stating that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman concluded his historic March 7 speech in 1971 by saying "Joy Pakistan".

Around 20 activists of the faction led by Kamal Pasha Chowdhury went to the outlet of Prothoma Prokashan

last evening and asked for a copy of the book. When the store keepers tried to resist them, they threatened to break through the door.

The shop keepers eventually gave in. "Book store owners, beware! Don't keep any books in your stores that distort history. We will seize them and burn them," said Kamal Pasha.

Prior to this, the activists held a rally in front of the National Museum and burnt a replica of the book there.

# Tarique, Fakhrul

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seminar at Queen Mary University in London on August 24, said "the prime minister is the leader of black sheep".

Tarique told another seminar organised on the occasion of BNP's founding anniversary on September 2 that late president Ziaur Rahman was the first president of Bangladesh, which is defamatory and punishable, said Siddique.

The comments have tarnished the image of the PM, he said.

On the other hand, BNP acting secretary general Fakhrul on September 5 said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the end of his March 7 speech in 1971 used the words "Joy Pakistan", the complainant said.

Fakhrul was addressing a programme at the party's headquarters in Nayapaltan marking the fifth death anniversary of former finance minister M Saifur Rahman.

Fakhrul also said Bangabandhu did not declare the independence of Bangladesh, which tarnished the country's image as well as of the government, and it caused a loss of Tk 500 crore worth of reputation of the Bangalee nation, the complainant added.

# BCL men

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protesting the announcement of new BCL committee for the college.

When news of the new committee spread on the campus, a number of aggrieved BCL leaders along with at least 100 activists went on the rampage, damaging vehicles stuck on the road due to traffic congestion, witnesses said.

Kazi Mirajul Islam Dollar and Manik Hossain were declared president and general secretary of the new two-member college unit committee by BCL central president Badiuzzaman Sohag and general secretary Siddique Nazmul Alam. Other members of the committee were yet to be announced as of filing this report at 1:30am today.

The BCL men went berserk from Amtoli to Brac Centre on the Mohakhali-Gulshan road, creating panic among pedestrians and locals. Owners of nearby business outlets pulled down their shutters in fear, witnesses said.

The rampage disrupted traffic movement for about an hour on the road.

Morshed Alam, additional deputy commissioner of Gulshan Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, briefed reporters that a group of BCL activists took to the street and damaged several vehicles stuck in front of the college around 7:00pm.

Police brought the situation under control by dispersing the agitated activists around 8:00pm, the ADC said.

Later the vandals were seen roaming about the area wielding iron rods and sticks in presence of the police.

The ADC said police did not arrest anyone in connection with the vandalism.

Aggrieved BCL leaders said that anger grew among college unit leaders as loyalty was considered instead of devotion.

"The committee was announced secretly without holding a council session. We do not accept it," said Mahfuzur Rahman, a BCL leader with the college unit.

However, BCL president Sohag said those who took part in the vandalism were not real activists of BCL.

Meanwhile, in a similar incident, aggrieved BCL activists of Government Bangla College blocked the Mirpur Road yesterday around the same time, protesting the announcement of the new college unit committee.

Sohag and BCL general secretary Siddique Nazmul Alam nominated HM Jahid Mahmud and Mujibur Rahman Anik as the college unit president and general secretary respectively, without holding any council, activists said.

Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station, said police rushed there on information and pushed them back into the campus.

# Even Khaleda's order

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the committee had been experiencing different types of problems, including pressure from followers of former city unit boss Khoka and lack of communication skills of the committee members.

Abbas yesterday at press a briefing at BNP headquarters in Nayapaltan admitted that it is not possible to announce the full committee within the time limit. The committee which was formed to form the thana and ward committees could not work as per expectation due to hindrance from the government, he alleged.

Giving an explanation of the failure, he said that as they did not hold councils for a long time, they could not proceed properly. He also said that due to different political programmes of

the party, they could not start the work in time.

However, he hoped that everything would be alright within a few days.

But, sources at the party said half of the 15 teams created by the new city leadership failed to sit with all thana and ward committees in the last one month. Though some of them sit with the local leaders of the thana and wards, they fail to give any constructive message to Abbas.

"It's very tough to undermine Khoka's control on the leaders of the unit, and Abbas could not show any success regarding this problem. If Abbas can remove the control of Khoka in future totally, the committee can work smoothly," several leaders told The Daily Star.

# Misleading preamble

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But it is not possible to get back Article 96 as it was in the original charter.

In 1972, the retirement age of an SC judge was 62 years, which was increased to 67 through an amendment in 2004. Placed in parliament on Sunday, the bill proposes to retain the increased retirement age.

The law minister's scripted statement attached to the copies of the bill too claimed that the bill had been placed to restore Article 96 of the 1972 constitution.

The bill also proposed a crucial change in regard to the enactment of a law to regulate the procedure and for investigation of the misbehaviour or incapacity of a judge.

Enactment of the law was made mandatory by using the words "parliament shall by law regulate..."

But the 1972 constitution had not used the word "shall". It rather said parliament "may by law regulate..." and thus put the matter under the consideration of the House.

Asked for his opinion, an ex-joint secretary of the law ministry, who is also an expert in drafting laws, said the mistakes were made due to inefficiency in drafting the bill. If they were not corrected, the bill could be chal-

lenged in court.

According to Jurist Shahdeen Malik, this type of inaccuracy was unpardonable. It might also amount to fraud against the nation, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

On Sunday, the law minister while placing the bill brought a few changes in it by omitting some words from the preamble and in his statement.

The original bill said the authority to impeach an SC judge on grounds of misconduct or incapacity was "conferred to the Supreme Judicial Council instead of the Parliament substituting article 96 of the constitution enacted in 1972, by the military ruler through unconstitutional means of martial law".

The Supreme Judicial Council was introduced in 1978 during the military rule of Major Gen Ziaur Rahman, who was then chief martial law administrator in addition to being president.

While placing the bill, the minister omitted the phrase "instead of the Parliament".

The bill also did not say anything about the fourth amendment to the constitution through which the president was empowered to impeach SC judges through curtailing parliament's powers.

# Move to revamp

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The master plan will specify the nature of industries to be set up in the area as there will be no heavy and labour-intensive industries there, he added.

The Detailed Area Plan (DAP), land use plan, zoning map, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, existing flyovers, parking facilities, service roads and other necessary facilities would be considered while formulating the plan, he said.

He said the PM had asked to prepare the master plan speedily and properly.

Later, a senior official of the housing and public works ministry told The Daily Star that the master plan would be prepared within a month.

The cabinet also approved another proposal for ratifying the visa exemp-

tion agreement for official and diplomatic passport holders between Bangladesh and the Philippines.

Diplomatic and official passport holders would be able to have access to and make transit in both countries and could stay up to 30 days under the agreement, he said, adding that the stay can be extended with the approval from the authorities concerned.

However, the visa waiver facility could be suspended in case of any special circumstances like domestic turmoil, security concerns and health hazards in both the countries.

Bangladesh now has visa waiver agreements on official and diplomatic passports with 12 countries and discussion is going on in this regard with 19 more countries, said the cabinet secretary.

# Feroza Begum critically ill

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yesterday morning as her heart beats dropped alarmingly, he said, adding that her blood pressure had also dropped. Doctors had used medical instruments to bring the pressure to a certain level in order for her to undergo dialysis, said Shafin Ahmed.

He also said his mother had undergone treatment at the same hospital last week, when she was affected with Hepatitis B. She stayed in the hospital for four days. She was again rushed to the hospital on Friday morning as her physical condition deteriorated, he added.


Born in an aristocratic Muslim family in Faridpur district, Feroza Begum became drawn to music in her childhood.

At a time when Nazrul Sangeet was in a state of decline in this part of the

world, it was Feroza Begum who revived the glory of the music genre and infused new life into Nazrul Sangeet. Through her unique presentation style and delivery of songs, she emerged as the most prominent Nazrul Sangeet singer in the subcontinent and is today an icon for the generations that followed hers in the world of Bangla music.

Feroza Begum married Kamal Dasgupta, a singer, composer and lyricist of the subcontinent, now deceased. Among her three sons, Hamin Ahmed and Shafin Ahmed are also musicians and are currently members of the rock band Miles.

In recognition of her contributions to music, Feroza Begum has been honoured with many awards, including the Independence Day Award.



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