



Friends and family members join a demonstration outside the UK Home Office in London Tuesday, demanding a full investigation into the mysterious death of Rubel Ahmed, a Bangladeshi youth, at a UK immigration detention centre on September 9.

PHOTO: ANSAR AHMED ULLAH

# BANGLADESHI'S DEATH IN UK IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE

## London protesters demand full enquiry

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The friends and family of Rubel Ahmed, a Bangladeshi student who died in immigration custody in the UK two weeks ago, demonstrated outside the British Home Office in London Tuesday, demanding an independent enquiry into the circumstances surrounding his death.

The 26-year-old was picked up by UK immigration police on July 22 and kept at a Morton Hall detention centre in Lincolnshire. He was found dead on September 9 in mysterious circumstances.

Though the authorities have launched an enquiry, the protesters demanded that the Home Office conduct a full investigation.

The demonstration was organised by Justice for Rubel Campaign, supported by a host of organisations including Movement for Justice, Movement Against Xenophobia, RMT, Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, Voice for Justice, Students League, Youth Union, Greater Lamakazi Welfare Association, Jalalabad Probashi Kallayan Parishod, Greater Sylhet Development & Welfare Council, and Voice for Change.

After his death, the authorities concerned said Rubel had committed suicide, but his inmates said he was complaining of chest pains on the night of his death.

Rubel had been banging on his cell door asking for help for at least two hours before anybody came to attend him, said the

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## First plain land indigenous peoples' confce today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The first-ever national conference on indigenous peoples of the plain land will be held in Rajshahi today aiming to establish their rights.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Hoque will attend as principal speaker and State Minister for Social Welfare Promod Mankin will inaugurate it at the Rajshahi Medical College auditorium.

Ten lawmakers and around 1,200 indigenous people are expected to attend it.

The parliamentary caucus on indigenous peoples organised the conference, aided by Bangladesh Adibashi Forum, Jatiya

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## ARSON CASE

### 18-party leaders get more time

Court keeps them waiting for 2hrs

COURT CORRESPONDENT

MK Anwar, Mirza Abbas, Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, Oli Ahmed and 30 other leaders of the BNP-led alliance yesterday spent about two hours on the premises of a court in Old Dhaka for hearing on charge framing against them for torching a bus.

But, the hearing was not held as the court granted time petitions filed by the accused.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ataul Haque fixed October 27 the hearing of charge framing against them.

The court also asked counsels of the accused to produce before it a High Court order for framing the charge afresh.

Another court in 2012 indicted them in the case on April 29 the same year after a bus was torched in front of the Prime Minister's Office during a countrywide hartal enforced by the alliance.

The court was scheduled to begin the proceedings at 10:30am in the morning yesterday. But it could not proceed as BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, who is behind bars in a money laundering case, was not produced before the court on time.

The court began the proceedings at 11:30am when

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## GOPIBAGH-6 MURDER

### Four 'JMB operatives' accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four alleged operatives of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) have been accused of killing six people in the capital's Gopibagh area in December last year.

Besides, a Dhaka court yesterday granted a four-day remand for each of the four -- Syed Ziaul Islam, Al Amin, Golam Sarwar Rahat and Azmir Alias Amit.

They are also accused in three other cases under Anti Terrorism Act 2009, Explosive Substance Act and Arms Act with Ramna Police Station.

Inspector Abual Khaier Matubbar of Detective Branch (East) of Police produced the four before the court yesterday and

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Raisa loves rain and loves to shower; it is a struggle for her mother to take her out of shower every day. Raisa Habib, at three and half years, is a bundle of joy, full of life and health. Their parents, both teaching in Rajshahi University, have already started making plans to send her to pre-school. While bathing Raisa one day, her mother felt a swelling on her right flank, that too was vague and painless. She did not have any other complaints like fever, etc. Hence her parents did not feel the urgency to consult a doctor. After few days in a social get-together party, Raisa's mother casually mentioned about this swelling to one of her doctor friends. He suggested her not to ignore this and to consult a Paediatric Surgeon. A Paediatric Surgeon focuses on surgery of infants, children, adolescents, and teenagers.

When they visited the Paediatric Surgeon in the tertiary care super specialty hospital in Dhaka, the Consultant rushed Raisa through some investigations. These very urgent and essential investigations revealed Raisa having Wilms' Tumour in her right kidney; a cancer of kidney. "I still remember how difficult it was for me to share this shocking news to the parents who were relatively less tensed while their only daughter was playing and laughing in my chamber" says the Paediatric Surgeon of the hospital.

Wilms' tumour is a rare kidney cancer that primarily affects children, also known as nephroblastoma. Wilms' tumour most often affects children aged 3 to 4 and becomes much less common after age 5 (five). Wilms' tumour most often occurs in just one kidney, though it can sometimes be found in both kidneys at the same time. This tumour doesn't always cause other signs and symptoms unless advanced. Children with Wilms' tumour may appear apparently healthy, or they may experience:

- Abdominal flank swelling
- Abdominal pain
- Fever
- Blood in the urine

Factors that may increase the risk of Wilms' tumour include:

- Being female. Girls are slightly more likely to develop Wilms' tumour than are boys.
- Having a family history of Wilms' tumour. If someone in a child's family has had Wilms'

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tumour, then that child has an increased risk of developing the disease.

Raisa's surgery was planned without delay. More than two hours of meticulous surgery was done; after surgery, removed right kidney was sent for microscopic examination. Raisa had an absolutely uneventful recovery. Few things including histopathological report came out favorable, there were no residual tumour near or far away in the body and the left kidney was found to be absolutely fine. Following surgery, Raisa had a course of chemotherapy & they went back to Rajshahi.

Life is as colourful and joyful now for them like before. On her follow up visits with the Paediatric Surgeon in this International Standard hospital, Raisa was found absolutely okay in all examination and investigation. She is now in class two studying in a Rajshahi school. She still loves rain and loves to shower.

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For 11 hours this 18-year-old girl was chained out in the open overnight allegedly by her boyfriend and his parents in Barisal city while no passers-by or neighbour came to her assistance. The girl had refused to withdraw cases accusing the boyfriend of raping her and trying to engage her into prostitution. The girl was rescued on Tuesday morning. Her face has been blurred to protect her identity.

PHOTO: STAR

# Where men rule!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An 18-year-old girl was rescued by police and a local ward councillor in Barisal city on Tuesday morning after being chained up and beaten for around 11 hours under the open sky overnight allegedly by her boyfriend and his parents who were pressing her to withdraw cases filed against him.

On being treated at a hospital, the girl filed a case under the women and children repression prevention act yesterday against the boyfriend, Shahadat Hossain Mithu, 20, his father Altaf Hossain alias Shanu Haoladar, mother Hosneara Begum and two friends Shamsu Khan and Rafiq Akand.

The mother was denied bail and sent to jail while the others are on the run, said police. Local non-government rights organisations are scheduled to form a human chain today demanding arrest and exemplary punishment of the accused.

The councillor, Firoj Ahmed, quoting the victim and her family, said the textile factory worker had gotten into a relationship three years ago with her neighbour Mithu who resides at

Rice Research Institute Road under Ward 24.

Refusing to marry her, Mithu took up a job and started living in Gazipur in February this year. The girl followed him there and they started living together. Police, following complaints by locals, raided their residence on June 2 and got to know from the girl that Mithu had tried to engage her into prostitution, he added.

The girl was handed over to her parents and Mithu was sent to jail with two cases filed against him, one over rape and another over conducting "unsocial activities", said Firoj.

Getting bail on September 14, Mithu, alongside his parents, asked the girl to come over to their residence on Monday to reach an understanding, he added.

When the girl refused to withdraw the case, they chained her up to a tree and a lamppost on their courtyard and tortured her. None of the passers-by and neighbours came to her assistance during the whole ordeal, he said. Police detained and then questioned five neighbours -- Palash Khan, Shipon Haoladar, Md Ripon, Abdul Huq and Delwar Hossain -- before releasing them.

## RMG union members learn

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active techniques to pass on their knowledge to other staff in the work place.

"Following the Rana Plaza collapse, occupational safety and health has become the number one priority in the RMG sector. Unions have a vital role to play in this regard as they are able to pass on skills to the workforce while also engaging with the employers regarding safety concerns. These training events will help build capacity of

union staff and organisers and we look forward to replicating this type of training on a wider scale in the future," Reddy said.

The three-and-a-half-year Improving Working Conditions in the Ready-made Garment (RMG) Sector Programme focuses on improving RMG factory building safety, workers' rights and overall working conditions in Bangladesh. The initiative will run until December 2016.

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