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It didn't stop at shooting

Shopkeeper shot at point blank by cops still detained, faces two cases

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

The ordeals of the man who survived a point-blank shot by police in Jessore last month are far from over.

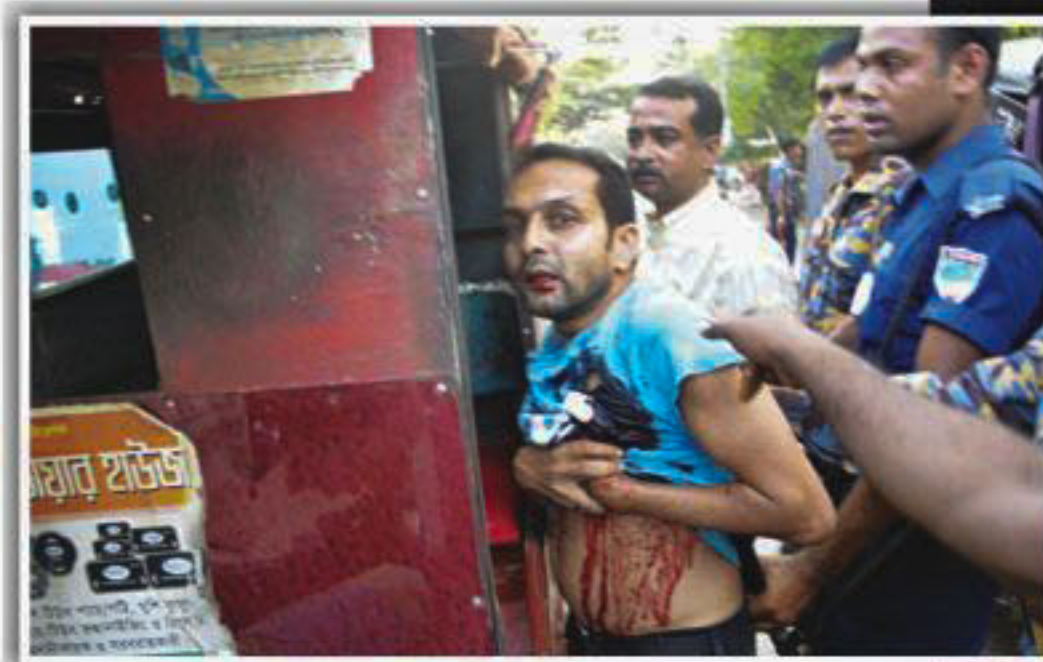
For over a month, Aminul Islam Kamal fought for life with one of his lungs damaged by shotgun pellets, and all this time police kept him handcuffed to the hospital bed.

As if these were not enough, the 45-year-old shopkeeper was thrown into jail immediately after his release from hospital on Sunday. He now faces two cases for "assaulting police and spreading terror".

Rights activists described the filing of the cases against Kamal, son of a freedom fighter with no political links, as a possible police plot to prove him to be a culprit and thereby justify their "brutal mistake".

Yesterday afternoon, he was granted bail by a Jessore court but was not

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Kamal lying at Jessore Medical College Hospital, where he was taken from Dhaka's National Institute of Chest Diseases & Hospital, with his hand cuffed to the cot. Inset, in a photo published by this newspaper earlier, heavily bleeding Kamal being taken to hospital under police custody in Jessore on Oct 1.

PHOTO: COURTESY



Surprise flight

Accused use chopper to appear in court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

It was 11 in the morning. People were going about their usual work. They were a little shaken when a chopper roared in the sky. By the time it hovered over the police lines field, they were on their feet.

A chopper in this small town is always a

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LAND ACQUISITION FOR ARMY Farmers fall victim, livelihood at stake

8 rights bodies, development organisations present report after field investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite natural disasters and threats from robbers, Rahima Begum, 50, has clung on to the piece of land that she has cultivated for over 15 years in Noakhali's Char Carring area.

Having lost everything to river erosion, Rahima, like more than 5,000 landless families in the area, leased land from robbers who claim ownership of Char Carring and other islets in the country's south. She thought her hope of the land's ownership would soon materialise after the government's Char Development and Settlement Project (CDSP) started there in 2011.

However, with the arrival of army in the area in 2012, that hope seems

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Lawmen worst human rights violators

Says national rights commission chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcement agencies are the worst violators of human rights in the country, said National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

"The number of complaints of human rights violation against law enforcement agencies tops the list we receive," he said, adding that research should be done as to "why law enforcers are at the top".

The rights boss made the comments at a

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Obama worried at state of Rohingyas

Presses Myanmar to give them citizenship

AFP, Naypyidaw

The United States yesterday called for Myanmar to allow stateless Rohingya Muslims to become citizens, after President Barack Obama said he was "deeply concerned" about the marginalised group.

Obama, who is in Myanmar's capital to attend the East Asia Summit, would push to ensure the "fundamental universal rights" of all those in the nation, a White House official said.



The US president also met with Myanmar democracy heroine Aung San Suu Kyi after voicing alarm the Southeast Asian nation's much celebrated political reforms were backsliding.

The meeting took place in Myanmar's capital, Naypyidaw, as Obama took time out from a summit that had been meant to heap praise on the country's shift from army rule, but instead has highlighted growing concerns over the transition.

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Suicide or murder?

Mysterious death of former MP's daughter-in-law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The daughter-in-law of a former Awami League lawmaker was found dead at their Dhanmondi residence in the capital yesterday.

Shamarukh Mahjabin, 26, was the wife of Humayun Sultan, son of Khan Tipu Sultan, ex-MP from Jessore-5 constituency.

The two got married in

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PRAYER TIMING November 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	5-00	5-35
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30



Ace Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan follows through on a back-footed cut during his fluent knock of 71 against Zimbabwe on the second day of the third and final Test at Chittagong yesterday. The Tigers piled up 503. In reply, the visitors were 113-1 at stumps. Story on Page 18

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Khaleda rebukes party top brass

Asks them to be more active

RASHIDUL HASAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night came down heavily on the party's standing committee members for being "inactive" for waging a fresh anti-government movement.

"The government didn't give us permission to hold a rally in Dhaka to mark November 7 [National Revolution and Solidarity Day]. But you are all silent on the issue. Even in talk shows, you are not vocal against the government's widespread corruption," she told a meeting of the party's highest policymaking body at her Gulshan office.

She blasted the party leaders for stopping the agitation programme after the one-sided January 5 polls, said meeting sources.

"We should have continued the movement after the farcical election. But none of you advised me to this end. Even some foreigners at that time had asked me why we were not in a movement," a standing committee member quoted Khaleda as saying.

Criticising Mirza Abbas, she said the BNP leader couldn't do anything in Dhaka.

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The Daily Star



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the government's drive against unfit vehicles would help reduce road accidents?



TOTAL VOTES: 194

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for BNP chief Khaleda Zia to urge the international community not to provide training or arms and ammunitions to Rab and police?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

The underground city

Haunting images in World War-I trenches

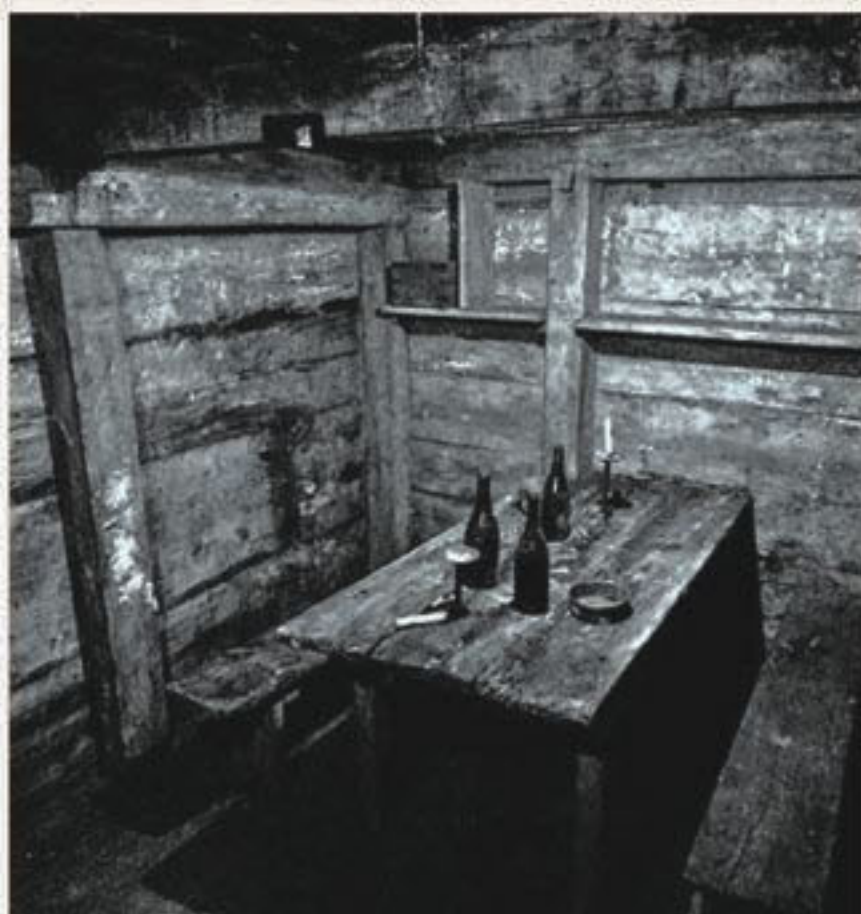
MAIL ONLINE

The First World War may have taken place 100 years ago, but it seems we still do not know all the secrets of life fighting in the trenches, or the full scale of the horror the troops faced.

A new collection of images documents long-forgotten caverns and quarries across France, Belgium, Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine where soldiers from both sides sheltered, carving haunting figures and faces into the soft rock walls while they hid from the bombs above.

The quarries, which were used as underground cities and contain human remains, are preserved almost exclusively by local residents while many of them are unknown to the wider public and even to historians.

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Meena Gaming Contest



For the first time ever, UNICEF Bangladesh invites contestants to develop 'Meena Game' for the children of Bangladesh.

'Meena Game' (free downloadable and playable on all platforms) will be used as an innovative advocacy tool for raising awareness and promoting child rights.

Bangladeshi citizens/expatriates, minimum 12 years of age or older, will be eligible to register online to take part in the contest as an individual; independent group (minimum 2, maximum 7) and relevant registered organizations.

Prize

- A Crest
- A Certificate and
- Taka 100,000 (Initial Award Money)
- Taka 10,00,000 (Final Award Money)

Online registration should be done from 15 November 2014 to 15 December 2014

To download the details of the competition and register online, please visit: www.unicef.org.bd