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BRUTAL!

Yaba addict stabs pregnant wife, killing unborn baby

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Anis's story is an example of how Yaba can transform a normal person into a brute.

Married with two children, Anis stopped supporting his family, and sold off his shop and shanty, and took it all out on his pregnant wife, Morsheda.

He ended up stabbing her with a pair of scissors, critically injuring her and killing the unborn baby, according to a relative.

Anis, 26, a resident of Tejgaon Station slum, a yaba hub in the capital, got addicted to Yaba a year after his marriage in 2009.

Their daughter Munni is 5 and son Hira 3.

"My husband was fine when we married six years back. He had a grocery shop. I also used to help him," said Morsheda Begum, 22, who has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) since June 11.

But things had started to change since Anis took to Yaba. "The profit we used to make was spent on buying Yaba, and not a penny on the family," said Morsheda, a sick and thin mother lying at a bed of the hospital's casualties department.

He then sold the grocery shop and squandered all the money on Yaba with his friends. Helpless, Morsheda sought his relatives' help to get by.

Finally, four months back, he sold off his last asset, a



Morsheda, the victim



Some of the 61 Bangladeshis, who were rescued from the Andaman Sea last month, coming out of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday. The victims had been trafficked into Malaysia by sea.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS 61 Bangladeshis return home from Malaysia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixty one Bangladeshi trafficking victims, who were rescued by the Malaysian authorities from the Andaman Sea last month, returned home yesterday from Kuala Lumpur.

A flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying them landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka around 5:10pm.

The returnees are the first batch among the 715 rescued in the Andaman Sea last month, as their identities have been confirmed through verification, BM Jamal Hossain, director (Welfare and MRP) at the foreign ministry's consular wing, told The Daily Star.

He added that the foreign ministry was bearing all the expenses regarding the repatriation of the rescued Bangladeshis from Malaysia and the rest would be brought back in phases on

LAWMAKER'S SON Two more testify on shooting

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two more friends of Bakhtiar Alam Rony yesterday gave judicial statements before a metropolitan magistrate in connection with the murder of two people in a shooting incident on April 14.

They are Jahangir Alam Bhuiyan and Kamal alias Tiger Kamal.

According to court sources, their statements were similar to that of Kamal Mahmood, another friend of Bakhtiar, who gave his statement as a witness on Wednesday.

The two witnesses yesterday told Metropolitan Magistrate Nuru Miah that Bakhtiar had fired shots in

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China eyes rail link with South Asia

Proposes 3,000-km line from Yunnan to Kolkata via Ctg, Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Besides being part of the transit corridor with India, Bhutan and Nepal, Bangladesh could find herself as the hub of another such connectivity network involving India, China and Myanmar.

China proposes to build a high-speed 3,000-kilometre railway line between Kolkata and Kunming, capital city of south western Chinese province of Yunnan. The line would pass through Mandalay in Myanmar and Chittagong, Dhaka in Bangladesh.

The Kunming-Kolkata link would be part of Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor aimed at boosting trade and investment.

The project could be funded through China's Silk Road Development Fund or China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Fund, Li Jiming, vice-secretary general of Yunnan province, was quoted by a group of Indian journalists in their reports published there.

The journalists were taken to the province recently at the Chinese government's invitation.

"The proposal has been discussed with India and other countries. It will be beneficial for all of us as it will facilitate trade and people-to-people contact," Li said, adding that the response from Bangladesh and Myanmar

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BURDWAN BLAST JMB man held in Kolkata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's National Investigation Agency yesterday arrested Noor-ul-Haque, suspected financial brain behind the banned militant outfit Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), in connection with the Burdwan blast in West Bengal last year.

NIA officials said Haque had figured as Naeem during the probe into the blast case. He was apprehended outside the Howrah railway station in Kolkata by NIA sleuths.

A resident of Bakshipur in Murshidabad district, Haque was allegedly collecting cash for running the terror outfit. He carried a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh on his head and is considered to be a close aide of the prime accused Sajid, the arrested chief of JMB.

A senior NIA official said those arrested earlier by the anti-terror agency had often referred Haque's name as Naeem and, therefore, the NIA was not able to make

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The 'Waterman'

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Rajendra Singh is considered a hero in the state of Rajasthan, in India, for single-handedly reviving five rivers that had been dried up for decades. His exceptional work and dedication have earned him the nickname 'Waterman of India'.

Singh, who studied Ayurvedic medicine at college, had always dreamt of becoming a farmer. So when he moved to Rajasthan's Alwar district after graduating in 1985, he was interested in healing not just his people, but also the semi-arid region's ailing ecosystem.

Singh noticed that the district's population was

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INTERNAL FEUD Jubo League leader shot dead in Feni

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A Jubo League leader was shot dead allegedly by his rivals over an internal feud

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
1	19		6-52
2	20	3-38	6-52
3	21	3-38	6-52

PRAYER TIMING
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	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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Nine killed at US church

Authorities term it 'hate crime'; suspect captured

CNN ONLINE

A white man walked into a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina, and opened fire during a Bible study class, killing nine people Wednesday evening.

Eight died at the scene; a ninth at a hospital, police said. Among them is the church's pastor, the Rev Clementa Pinckney.

The shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest AME church in the South, is being investigated as a hate crime.

"The only reason someone would walk into a church and shoot people that were praying is hate," said Charleston Mayor Joe Riley.

The suspect, Dylann Roof, 21, of Lexington, South Carolina, was arrested Thursday morning about 245 miles (395 kilometres) away in Shelby, North Carolina, law

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