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Rajon and Rakib. The teen boys, both aged 13, from Sylhet and Khulna were killed by some brutes in July and August. The barbaric murders shook the nation to its core and stirred massive outcries in the social and mainstream media. Yesterday, two courts in the two districts sentenced six people to death for the murders.

JUSTICE, REFRESHINGLY QUICK



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

People raise hands and shout slogans demanding capital punishment for Samiul Alam Rajon's killers while the accused are being produced before a Sylhet court yesterday.



RAJON

Son of Sheikh Azizur Rahman of Badeali village under Sylhet Sadar upazila. He was beaten to death over a false allegation of theft on July 8. Out of the total 13 accused in the case, the court found 10 guilty.



RAKIB

Son of Nur Alam of Tutpara Kabarkhana of Khulna city. He was tortured to death at a motor workshop on Aug 3 because he had started working at another garage. Charges were pressed against three accused and two of them were convicted.

Four to die for killing Rajon

Six others jailed for brutal torture on the 13-year-old

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and MINTU DESHWARA, from Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday handed down the death penalty to four people for the brutal killing of 13-year-old Rajon that stirred a huge outcry all over the country.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge Akbar Hossain Mirdha meted out different jail terms to six others for their involvement in the killing. Three others were acquitted of all charges.

Before pronouncing the verdict, the judge said he had completed

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Quamrul Islam

Hail, people!

Commoners, not cops, played key role in catching Rajon's killers

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and MINTU DESHWARA

It was the common people who played the key role to ensure justice for the gruesome murder of 13-year-old Rajon in Sylhet.

They caught most of the 11 accused while the police were evidently negligent in taking actions against the culprits and went as far as helping the prime accused flee the country.

Again, it's the people who tracked down Quamrul Islam, the main culprit, in Saudi Arabia and handed him over to the Bangladesh mission there when the government agencies responsible for this were still toying with procedural options.

They did not stop just there. They took to the streets

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Death penalty for 2 killers of Rakib

Trial completed in 11 working days; victim's family demand capital punishment for Sharif's mother

AMANUR AMAN from Khulna, and WASIM BIN HABIB

Two persons have been handed down the death penalty for killing 13-year-old Rakib by pumping air into his rectum in Khulna, an incident that sparked outrage all over the country three months ago.

The murder of the teenage boy was "heinous and barbaric", Khulna Metropolitan

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Mintu and Sharif

NEWS ANALYSIS

Amnesty Int'l views show political bias

INAM AHMED

Amnesty International (AI) has caused fury and rage in the minds of Bangladeshis with its latest statement in support of two war criminals awaiting death - SQ Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

The way it tried to defend these two criminals is surprising, given AI's long track record, which is not always stone-paved (its false claim of babies being killed by Saddam Hussein in Iraq is just a reminder). More shocking and surprising was the manner in which it tried to insult our war of independence by saying that "pro-independence forces also committed serious crimes".

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During a nationwide special drive aimed at maintaining law and order, members of joint forces take a youth, detained at a slum in Chittagong city's Bakolia area, to a nearby police station yesterday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

'IS PRESENCE' IN BANGLADESH

Hasina sees local, foreign conspiracy

BSS, Dhaka

Denying the existence of Islamic State in Bangladesh, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a local and foreign conspiracy is afoot to establish that cohorts of IS are active in the country.

"By doing this they want to place Bangladesh in the same line with other Muslim countries reeling under militancy, terrorism and conflicts. Our acknowledgement in this regard would make it easy for them to invade Bangladesh like other countries," she said.

The prime minister was speaking at a press briefing at her Gonobhaban residence in the capital.

The briefing was organised to inform the media about the outcome of her first official visit to the Netherlands on November 3-6.

Hasina said, "Many quarters are pressing us to confess the IS existence in Bangladesh to create a situation here like the ones in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Libya".

Without naming any country, she said, "They want to bring Bangladesh in line with those countries and that is the part of their conspiracy."

"My question is, if they can take an acknowledgement from us of the

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Nitish, Lalu decimate BJP

Say 'Bihar election results will have national impact'

AGENCIES

The Grand Alliance headed by Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad yesterday routed the BJP-led NDA in Bihar to score a landslide two-thirds majority in a battle in which Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi staked his all.

The alliance, which included Congress as a junior partner, swept the poll bagging 178 assembly seats, five less than the three-fourth majority mark in the 243-member assembly. Congress also made impressive gains winning 27 seats out of its allo-



Indian politicians Lalu Prasad Yadav and Nitish Kumar embrace after their win in Bihar election.

cated 41 seats within the Grand alliance. It had won only 4 last time.

The BJP-led NDA could manage only 58 seats, while other political parties and independents got only 7 seats.

It was the most expensive state election ever fought by the BJP, with more than 90 top party figures addressing 600 rallies over the last six weeks, party officials said.

For Modi, the Bihar results are seen as a personal setback for the second time in 10 months after BJP's disastrous

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