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said he had noticed some dried blood on the victim's shirt.
Sub-inspector Tahmudul Islam of Darussalam Police Station said there was a small quantity of blood on the spot, indicating that the murder was committed somewhere else.
Sayed Hossain Sohag believed that his brother lost his life for refusing to pay extortion money.

He said they shifted to Tularbagh area from South Bishil as some criminals fired three to four shots at their old home a few years ago. "They did that because we refused to pay them the money they had demanded."
He, however, could not say whether someone had demanded extortion money from Junayed recently.

Sohag said a torn cheque for Tk 306,000 was found in the pocket of his brother.
The cheque was issued by Oasis Real Estate, the company where Junayed was a shareholder.

He said feud with anyone over Junayed's real estate business could also be the reason behind the murder. He could not elaborate on the reason of his claim.
Shah Alam, manager of the hotel owned by Junayed, said the victim went missing after coming out of the building around 12:30am today.

Both of his two mobile sets are still missing, he added.
A case was filed and police were investigating.

Earth is made up

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previously thought, and more of a "head-on assault".
The force of the impact resulted in early Earth and Theia, together to form a single planet, with a piece breaking off and entering its gravitational pull to form the moon.

Researchers studied moon rocks from three Apollo missions and compared them with volcanic rocks found in Hawaii and Arizona.

To their surprise, no difference was found in the oxygen isotopes and it was established that the rocks from each shared chemical signatures.

Edward Young, lead author of the new study and a UCLA professor of geochemistry and cosmochemistry, said, "We don't see any difference between the Earth's and the moon's oxygen isotopes; they're indistinguishable."
"Theia was thoroughly mixed into both the Earth and the moon, and evenly dispersed between them. This explains why we don't see a different signature of Theia in the moon versus the Earth."

According to Professor Young, Theia was growing and would likely have become a planet, had it not been destroyed in the collision.

The research, funded by Nasa, the Deep Carbon Observatory and a European Research Council advanced grant and published in the journal Science, also raised questions about Earth's origins.

They include, whether the collision would have removed any water contained by Earth -- before asteroids rich in water hit our planet tens of millions of years later.

BSMMU to focus

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He said the hospital provides services to around 6,000 patients at the outdoors. More patients could be given the services when the new facility was annexed, he added.

The ECNEC (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council) yesterday approved another health sector project involving Tk 635 crore, with which a medical college will be set up in Tangail and the existing 250-bed hospital will be upgraded to a 500-bed one.

The ECNEC also okayed another project titled Protecting Building in Urban Areas, which will help weak buildings withstand earthquakes. The Tk 571-crore project will be financed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica).

A main component of the project is identifying the risky buildings in the private sectors including the RMG sector and providing loans to them through the Bangladesh Bank for renovating or shifting those to other venues.

The planning minister said the amount for providing loans is not included in the project fund. He added the risky buildings would be identified first and a separate project would be taken to give loan for those buildings.

According to the project proposal, the loans will be given for risky buildings in Dhaka and Chittagong.
Another major component of the project is constructing the main building of the Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters at Mirpur, modernising nine fire stations and forming a separate unit for quick response to disasters.

The ECNEC also passed six other projects involving Tk 2,284 crore in total.

Two Netrakona

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According to one of the two charges that got them the death penalty, Taher and Nani, accompanied by other razakars and the Pakistan army men attacked three villages -- Laufa, Asma and Gumuria -- under Barhata Police Station on October 19, 1971, and detained 10 people.

Seven of the detainees were later shot dead while one survived with bullet injuries and two were freed. The razakars also raped women there.

About the charge, the verdict read: "The attack was so outrageous and organised that had kept the near relatives including the fathers of some of victims captured from their houses [as listed in charge no.3] in such a vulnerable condition that despite witnessing the perpetrators accompanied by the accused persons taking away their near and dear ones forcibly they could not resist it."

"Even one of the civilians was forcibly dragged out when he was reciting the holy Qur'an. It is hard to believe that the accused persons and their accomplices were really human beings. Their barbaric wrongdoing had rather painted the notion of humanity with untold shame and shock," it read.

The second charge that brought them death said the duo along with other razakars detained seven people including Badiuzzaman Mukto, an organiser of Liberation War, at Birampur Bazar between November 15 and 16 in 1971 and tortured them keeping confined to a torture camp. Later, six of them were shot dead.

The verdict on the charge said, "Similarly, the relatives of the victims captured forcibly from Birampur Bazar remained mere spectators even on seeing the attack directed upon their relatives who were eventually killed."

One of the two charges for which they were given imprisonment until death said razakar commander Taher and his accomplice Nani accompanied by other razakars and the Pakistan army men attacked Baushi Bazar under

Barhata Police Station and looted valuable of 400-450 shops and 20-25 houses of the Hindus on August 17, 1971.

They also detained and tortured seven to eight people, including local Awami League leader Fazlur Rahman. All but Fazlur were released. Taher, Nani and other razakars took Fazlur to Trimohoni Bridge and shot him dead, the charge added.

The second charge said razakars under the leadership of Taher on October 4, 1971, caught footballer Dabir Hossain at Sree Sree Narosingh Jeur Akhra and took him to Zilla Parishad Bungalow where he was tortured all day. He was later shot dead near Moktarpara Bridge in Netrakona town.

The tribunal, however, acquitted them from two charges; an act of genocide that left 15 Hindus dead; and the deportation of the Hindus of Netrakona town in May 1971.

After the latest reconstitution of the Tribunal-1 on September 15 last year, this was the first verdict delivery. Prison authorities produced Taher and Nani before the tribunal at 10:20am.

Three judges -- Justice Anwarul Haque, Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md Shohrwardi -- read the summary of the 268-page verdict in presence of prosecutors, defence lawyers, accused family members, and journalists.

After the judgment, Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman Badal said the prosecution was happy with the verdict while defence counsel Gazi MH Tamim said they would appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

According to the law, a war crimes convict could file an appeal with the Supreme Court within 30 days from the date of the verdict's pronouncement.

With Taher and Nani, two war crimes tribunals so far convicted 26 people for committing crimes during the Liberation War.

WHO asks

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reported from Thailand and Maldives, according to the statement.

The mosquito-borne disease, which spread mostly in the Americas in recent months, is strongly suspected to have a causal relation with clusters of microcephaly and other neurological abnormalities.

The WHO has declared the Zika virus disease as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

The virus, first discovered in Uganda in 1947, spread through bites from Aedes aegypti mosquito, also the vector for dengue.

The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis. The illness is usually mild with the symptoms lasting a week. There is no vaccine for the disease.

Poonam recommended countries

to build capacity of their laboratories to detect the virus and step up surveillance for cases of fever and rash, neurological syndromes and birth defects.

"Countries should intensify their vector control program and prepare health services for managing Zika virus disease," she noted.

All sectors that can assist should be engaged, and the public informed of the risks and preventive measures against Zika virus disease, said WHO.

People, read the statement, can protect themselves against mosquito bites by using insect repellent, wearing clothes and using physical barriers such as screens, closed doors and windows.

Everyone should help prevent breeding of mosquitoes by emptying containers that hold standing water in and around their houses, added the release.

Nat'l poetry festival ends

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main reasons for worldwide terrorism and cruelty today.

"Poets write for peace and friendship," he told the discussion on "Poetry for Friendship, Poetry for Peace".
"Poetry always speaks for people, truth and justice," added Golum Kuddus, president of Sammilito Sangkritik Jote.

The two-day festival was held at Hakim Chatter of DU. Jatiya Kobita Parishad (JKP) organised it with the theme "Kobita Moitritr, Kobita

Merkel tells Putin to 'use influence' to rein in Ukraine rebels

AFP, Berlin

Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to use his influence to rein in pro-Kremlin rebels in eastern Ukraine, a day after the German leader warned that a peace deal was not being fully implemented.

During a phonecall, Merkel "made it clear to President Putin that in order to obtain further progress towards a comprehensive political solution", a ceasefire had to be respected and unfettered access given to observers monitoring the truce.

"Here, Russia must use its influence on the separatists," she said, according to a statement issued by her spokesman.

The conversation came a day after Merkel hosted Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko for talks, with the Ukrainian leader accusing Russia of continuing to send troops and weapons into his country in violation of a ceasefire deal.

Kiev and Moscow finalised the peace accord brokered by France and Germany in the Belarus capital of Minsk last February, but sporadic clashes still took place on the frontline.

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Indian poet Dilip Das said, "If the verses of a poem lack the language of poetry, it will go in vain and become useless for the nation."

More than 200 poets from India, Sweden, Norway, Slovakia, Morocco, Taiwan, Nepal and other countries shared their own writings, while poetry recitals by artistes kept the audience spellbound throughout the event.

The festival became a rendezvous for poetry lovers of all ages.

Md Mejanur Rahman, an associate professor of the Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology, came with a dozen of his students.

He said, "I brought my students along so that they can know about poetry and inculcate humanist values in themselves."

President of JKP Muhammad Samad said, "There is an intense relation between poetry and movement. Poetry talks about dream, consciousness and determination."

Pleased at people's response to the festival this year, Samad told The Daily Star, "We want to continue our effort to make future festivals successful too."

A musical performance was held at the end of the festival.

No possibility

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finance ministry for selling fuels at lower prices, he said.

The government is now repaying the loans. Besides, it is setting up new gas pipelines with the money it gets from fuel sales, mentioned the state minister.

Earlier, speaking on point of order at the Jatiya Sangsad, independent lawmaker Haji Selim blasted the government for not cutting fuel prices.

"On several occasions in parliament, I called upon the government to reduce fuel prices after the prices started going down on the international market," said Selim, also a Dhaka city Awami League leader.

Trial of Khaleda

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a written statement through her lawyer to contest the suit, while a petition was submitted on behalf of Nasrin Iskander for not framing charges against her.

On October 2, 2012, Sonali Bank Ltd filed the loan default suit against 10 directors of Dandy Dyeing Ltd, including BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman and his younger brother Koko.

Nazrul Islam, senior executive officer of the bank's principal office, lodged the case with the Artha Rin Adalat-1 for recovery of the loan.

The company had borrowed Tk 12.16 crore from the bank's principal office in Dhaka on October 16, 2001, according to the case statement.

As the company failed to pay it off, the principal loan plus interest accumulated over the last 11 years has amounted to Tk 45.49 crore, it added.

On June 4 in 2009, Finance Minister AMA Muhith told parliament that Dandy Dyeing had got a waiver of interest worth Tk 12.16 crore on bank loans within a week after the BNP-Jamaat coalition came to power in 2001.

According to Muhith, Tarique exerted influence over the then government through the controversial Hawa Bhaban.

Housewife

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three, sustained 10 percent burns on her face, chest and hands, said Partha Shankar Paul, resident surgeon of the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where she was admitted after the incident.

The couple were locked into an argument around 10:30am at their rented one-room house at Konapara of Demra. At one stage, her husband, Amir Hossain, a factory worker, brought out a small bottle of liquid from a showcase and splashed it on her face, Jesmine told reporters at the hospital.

Amir had quarrelled with her frequently, suspecting her of having an illicit relationship, she said.

Maksuda Begum who lives in the adjacent room told The Daily Star that last week after a quarrel with her husband Jesmine left the house along with her children and went to her sister's.

She stayed there for four days and then her husband brought her back.

The neighbour said she heard the couple quarrelling yesterday again and after some time Jesmine screamed out.

She came out and saw Amir run out of their room after locking it from outside with a door chain, she said, adding that she opened the door and found that Jesmine was screaming with pain from burn injuries on different parts of her body.

Cruz bests Trump

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"Tonight is a victory for courageous conservatives across Iowa and all across this great nation," Cruz, 45, said during a victory speech lasting more than 30 minutes.

An uncharacteristically humbled Trump, 69, congratulated Cruz and said he still expected to win the Republican nomination. Opinion polls show Trump leading nationally and in New Hampshire, which holds the next nominating contest.

"I'm just honored," Trump said.
Unusually large crowds poured into schools, churches and other venues for the caucuses, in which voters gather together to select a candidate.

Cruz's well established get-out-the-vote effort helped overcome the enthusiasm from large crowds that have shown up for Trump's rallies. Trump skipped the last Republican debate before the caucus because of a dispute with host FOX News. A Trump adviser said his second-place finish was expected.

Iowa has held the first contest in the country since the early 1970s, giving it extra weight in the electoral process that can translate into momentum for winning candidates.

Rubio, 44, may benefit from that momentum as much as Cruz. The Florida lawmaker established himself as the mainstream alternative to the two front-running rivals.
CLINTON SIGHS, SANDERS SMILES

The results of the Democratic race put pressure on Clinton to siphon support away from Sanders, who has won over politically left-leaning voters with his promises to take on Wall Street and start fresh with healthcare reform.

Clinton, 68, said she was breathing a "big sigh of relief" after the results. She lost Iowa to then-Senator Barack Obama in the 2008 Democratic race and never recovered.

"It is rare that we have the opportunity we do now to have a real contest of ideas," Clinton said with her husband, former President Bill Clinton, and daughter Chelsea joining her on stage.

Sanders, 74, declared himself overwhelmed. The lawmaker, who smiled broadly as he addressed supporters, is leading in New Hampshire, home to next week's second contest, but trails Clinton in other states such as South Carolina, which holds the third contest.

"Nine months ago, we came to this beautiful state, we had no political organization, we had no money, we had no name recognition, and we were taking on the most powerful political organization in the United States of America," Sanders said.

The 2016 election is shaping up to be the year of angry voters as disgruntled Americans worry about issues such as immigration, terrorism, income inequality and healthcare, fueling the campaigns of Trump, Sanders and Cruz.

Good days

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December 2015 and April 2016, said Md Absar Uddin, acting deputy general manager of Salt Project under the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), the government agency responsible for monitoring and ensuring production of quality salt.

The target is enough to meet the domestic demand, which the industries ministry is yet to fix for this year.

Last year, the demand was 17.2 lakh tonnes and it is assumed that the figure would be around the same this year, according to officials.

As of January 8, salt production stood at 74,035 tonnes, which was 40,000 tonnes during the same time last season.

Last year, the production target was 16 lakh tonnes and the actual production was 16.27 lakh tonnes.

Salt producer Md Asadullah of Banskhal said he incurred a loss of Tk 3 lakh last season.

Production cost of a maund of salt is Tk 150-155, he said. Last year a maund of salt sold for Tk 80-90.

However, he sold a maund of salt for Tk 390 on January 11 this year.

Salt producer Mohammad Alamgir of Pekua upazila said he sold salt for Tk

380 a maund on January 8, while his production cost was Tk 150 per maund.

Ashabuddin, fellow salt producer of Kaiyabil in Kutubdia upazila, said he sold each maund for Tk 390 on January 10.

Abdul Halim of Moheshkhali, the country's biggest salt producing area, said, "The fair price of salt will have a positive impact on the local economy."

Md Shafiq Miah, president of Teknaf Upazila Salt Farmers' Unity Council, said some producers were seriously affected in the last three years as the price dropped.

If the present market price continued, salt production would go beyond the set target, he hoped.

About 5 lakh people are engaged, directly and indirectly, in salt production and marketing, including 55,000 marginal salt producers in Cox's Bazar, according to the BSCIC.

In 2011, the government introduced the National Salt Policy, 2011, which calls for discouraging import of salt.

Lawmaker Asheq Ullah Rafiq of Cox's Bazar-2 (Moheshkhali-Kutubdia), said the government had decided not to allow import of salt this year.

The decision's positive impact had already been seen, he observed.

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Invitation for Re-Tender
Sealed tender invited from the eligible bidders as defined in the tender documents for the under mentioned work(s) as per terms & conditions stated below.

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| 01. | Ministry / Division | Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock . |
| 02. | Project Name | South-West Region Livestock Development Project |
| 03. | Procuring Entity | Project Director . |
| 04. | Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (OTM). |
| 05. | Budget & Source of fund | GOB (Annual development Budget). |
| 06. | Invitation for | Works (Construction). |
| 07. | Invitation Ref. No. & Date | SWRLDP/Construction-1/2016/87, Date : 01-02-16. |
| 08. | Tender Package No | WD ₂ , WD ₆ & WD ₉ . |
| 09. | Tender documents selling place | 1. District Livestock Office, Khulna. 2. Department of Livestock services , Farmgate, Dhaka . 3. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. |
| 10. | Last date and time of selling documents | 17-02-2016 (office hour) |
| 11. | Receiving place of tender documents | 1. Department of Livestock services , Farmgate, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. 3. Room no-1401/1, Building no-06, Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock , Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka. |
| 12. | Last date and time of Receiving the documents | On / before: 12:30 Noon, 18-02-2016 |
| 13. | Opening place, time & date of tender documents | District Livestock Office, Khulna. On: 2:30 Noon, 18-02-2016 |
| 14. | Eligibility Bidders | Contractors firm with eligibility stated in tender document as per Public Procurement Regulations-2008, having experience similar type of works within the previous 03 (three) year. |
| 15. | Price of tender documents (Non Refundable) | WD ₂ & WD ₆ :750/- (Seven hundred fifty) Taka each . WD ₉ : 500/- (Five hundred) Taka each . |
| Information of works | | |
| Pack. no. | Description of item | Location |
| WD ₂ | Lot-1 Construction of 2-Storeyed Building accommodate Garrage, dormitory and Main gate with guard room in DLO Office Jessore | DLO Office, Jessore |
| WD ₆ | Lot-1 Construction of 2-Storeyed Building accommodate 4 nos. Garrage, dormitory and Main gate with guard room & RCC Road in DLO Office Kustia | DLO Office Kustia |
| WD ₉ | Lot-1 Construction of Boundary wall in UDLC Office , Kaira, Khulna | UDLC Office , Kaira, Khulna |
| | Lot-2 Construction of Boundary wall & RCC Road in UDLC Office , Dumoria, Khulna | UDLC Office , Dumoria, Khulna |

The Tender Security must be Bank draft / Pay Order from the schedule Bank in favour of undersigned (PD & Project). The next normal official day & time will be effective for receiving & opening of tender documents if any unavoidable circumstances occurs as on mention date . The Procuring authority reserves the right to accept or reject any portion or all tenders without assigning any reasons


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