

# 'GUNFIGHT' WITH COPS Murder accused shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An accused in a murder case was killed in a "gunfight" between his cohorts and police in Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah early yesterday.

The dead, Chhontu Mia, 23, of Lalpur village in the upazila, stood accused in a case filed for killing one of his villagers, said Aminul Islam Biplob, officer-in-charge of Moheshpur Police Station.

Chhontu was an active member of a gang which snatches motorcycles, according to police.

Police arrested Chhontu from Kushtia town on Monday afternoon. As per his statement, the law enforcers took him to Halidapara, about 20 kilometres southeast of the upazila headquarters, around 3:30am yesterday for recovering firearms and ammunition.

When police reached the spot, associates of Chhontu opened fire on the law enforcers. Police then returned fire, triggering the "gunfight", the police official said.

After the gun battle, police found the bullet-hit body of Chhontu on the spot and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Two constables of Moheshpur Police Station suffered bullet wounds, he claimed. They were admitted to Khulna Police Lines Hospital.

Police also claimed to have recovered a homemade gun and six bullets from the spot.

## First food

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supermarket of its kind in Denmark and perhaps the world as it is not just aimed at low-income shoppers but anyone who is concerned about the amount of food waste produced in this country.

"Many people see this as a positive and politically correct way to approach the issue."

The supermarket is hoping to help reduce the 700,000 tonnes of food waste Denmark produces every year.

The Danish Minister for Food and the Environment, Eva Kjer Hansen said: "It's ridiculous that food is just thrown out or goes to waste."

"It is bad for the environment and it is money spent on absolutely nothing."

"A supermarket like WeFood makes so much sense and is an important step in the battle to combat food waste."

In the last five years, Denmark has reduced the amount of food waste it produces by 25 percent.

France has recently passed a law banning supermarkets from throwing away or spoiling unsold food.

## Ex-MP Shakhawat

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behind his back, towards the western side of the Bazar.

The witness said after sometime, when he and a shopkeeper Khandakar Abdul Razzak headed for home, those Razakars intercepted them, and at that time, Aziz heard Ibrahim asking the boy "to get ready".

Then Ibrahim asked the two of them to take the boy to the ferry ghat of Chingra Bazar but when they refused, Ibrahim and Aziz (son of Ful Sarder) hit them with the rifle butt, the witness said.

When they took the boy to the ferry ghat, Shakhawat asked his accomplices, "You are yet to kill the boy?" Shakhawat then took a rifle from Ibrahim and shot the boy.

When Ibrahim and Aziz beat them again, they threw the body into the nearby river, said the witness, adding that later they learnt the name of the boy, Abdul Malek of Hijaldanga; he was killed because he used to supply information about Razakars to the freedom fighters.

The case proceeding was adjourned until March 2 after the defence completed his cross-examination.

**CRIMES IN MYMENSINGH**  
Meanwhile, the tribunal yesterday directed the prosecution to submit formal charges, if any, on March 23 in a case filed against three Mymensingh men for their alleged involvement in crimes committed during the war.

The accused are Amjad Ali, 88, son of Fajar Ali Akanda of Palashihata (or Kishoreganj) village, Riaz Uddin Fakir, 65, son of Nayeab Ali Fakir of Bhalukjan village, and Wajuddin, 70, son of Joynal Abedin of Bidyananda village, under Phulbaria upazila in Mymensingh.

Of the three, Amjad died while the investigation was going on. Riaz is now in jail, and Wajuddin on the run.

The tribunal yesterday set the date after Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha filed a time petition, saying the prosecution received the probe report and other documents against the three on February 18 but they needed three weeks' time for preparation to submit formal charges.

# Bacchu, 27 bankers

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Moniruzzaman and Golam Faruk Khan, suspended GM Khandaker Shamim Hasan, sacked GM Mohammad Ali, former DGM Korban Ali, DGM Omar Faruq, sacked DGM Shipar Ahmed, suspended DGM SM Waliullah, AGMs M Zahir Uddin, M Imrul Islam, Abdus Sabur, Abdus Sattar Khan, Polish Das Gupta and Iqramul Bari, former AGM Sarwar Hossain, manager M Muhibul Huq, sacked deputy manager SM Zahid Hasan and deputy manager NA Toufiqul Alam.

The organisations are Azad Trading, Vasabi Fashion Ltd, Tahmina Denim Ltd, Life Style Fashion Maker Ltd, UK Bangla Trading Ltd, Tahmina Knitwear Ltd, Farshi International Ltd, Khadija and Sons, Little World Ltd, ARSS Enterprise, Amira Shipping Agency, Asian Shipping BD, SFG Shipping Line Ltd, Monika Trading International, Fast and Best Trade Impex, Trade House, Asian Food Trading and Company, Surma Steel and Steel Trading Company, Silver Com Trading, Syntex, B Alam Shipping Lines, SL designer Ltd, Tanzina Fashion, Fiaz Enterprise, Nahar Garden (Pvt) Ltd, LR Trading, Syed Traders, Rudra Specialised Cold Storage Ltd, New Auto Define, Teliuise International Ltd, Dynamic Trading, Ahmed Oil Mills Ltd, Bithi Enterprise, Emerald Specialised Cold Storage Ltd, Emerald Auto Bricks Ltd, Propel International Ltd, RI Enterprise, Gunjan Agro Aromatic Auto Rice Mill, Huque Trading, Voice Enterprise Ltd, Hasib Enterprise, SOS Brothers, Ali Construction and Suppliers, Bashar Enterprise, Emerald Oil Ltd, Simex Ltd, RK Foods Ltd, Syed Real Estate and Developers Ltd, Reliance Shipping Lines, Syed Constructions Ltd, Nil

Sagor Agro Industries Ltd, Nil Sagor Agro Industries Ltd (feed mill unit), Paruma Engineering Works, Emerald Dress, Barshan Agro Industries Ltd and Ajbiha Agro Industries Ltd.

The eight surveyor firms are SD Survey Firm, Rupsha Surveyors, PSR, BDS Adjuster, Unique Survey Service Bureau, Professional Associates, Desh Paridarshan Company and IHS Inspection.

Muhith said the finance ministry dissolved the board of directors of BASIC Bank in July 2014 and reconstituted it with an experienced banker as its chairman.

In May that year, the central bank removed then managing director Kazi Faqurul Islam from the state-owned bank for his alleged involvement in the scam.

The minister also said the Anti-Corruption Commission submitted first information reports on 56 organisations that took loans from the bank, owners or officials of eight surveyor organisations and 27 bank officials.

Several cases were filed by the anti-graft watchdog over the scam.

"The cases are now under investigation," said Muhith, adding that BASIC Bank also took punitive actions against its officials as per rules.

**DEFAULT LOANS**  
Muhith told the House that the amount of total default loans in different banks stood at around Tk 74,769 crore since 2009.

Replying to another query, the minister said the government took various measures to ensure that the state-owned commercial banks make profits.

The steps include reconstitution of the banks' boards, signing of annual performance contracts with them and amending the Bank Company Act, 1991 and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2012.

# BNP questions

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Khulna, Sathkira and Munshiganj.

Rizvi, however, did not clarify whether the aspirants were able to submit nomination papers.

According to EC's statistics, BNP did not nominate chairman candidates in 70 UPs.

Criticising the role of EC and AL, Rizvi said they [AL and EC] want to create another model of occupying polling stations.

Election Commissioner Zabed Ali has meanwhile warned that necessary action would be taken if anyone violated electoral laws and tried to destroy the peaceful atmosphere for polls.

Addressing an election review meeting in Pirojpur yesterday, he said, "We will take steps if we get specific allegations."

## CANDIDACY STATISTICS

The EC yesterday found that only AL-nominated chairman aspirants filed nominations in 25 UPs. It has paved the way for them to be elected unopposed.

"If their nominations are considered valid after scrutiny tomorrow [Wednesday], they will be declared elected unopposed," said a deputy secretary of the EC.

As many as 3,568 chairman aspirants filed nomination papers to contest the elections. Of them, 1,900 were nominated by different

## CHAIRMAN ASPIRANTS

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AL 741                             | Islami Andolon              |
| BNP 668                            | Bangladesh 245              |
| Jatiya Party 148                   | Other political parties 24  |
| JP (Manju) 20                      |                             |
| JSD 30                             | Independent candidates 1668 |
| WBP 24                             |                             |
| Total chairman aspirants 3,568     |                             |
| Total councillors aspirants 35,862 |                             |

political parties, while the rest 1,668 were independents, according to the EC.

Ruling AL has nominated multiple chairman aspirants in three UPs -- Ambaria under Mirpur upazila of Kushtia, Jogipol under Dhigalia upazila of Khulna and Kalarmarchara under Moheshkhali upazila of Cox's Bazar.

As per rules, a political party must nominate a single candidate in each UP. If any political party nominates multiple candidates, nomination of all the candidates would be cancelled.

"The returning officers will take necessary measure to this matter while scrutinising the nominations in the three union parishads," an election commissioner told The Daily Star seeking anonymity.

# 'Coming home'

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accident and Topu's family get compensations.

Protestors withdrew the blockade around 2:00pm after receiving assurances from local police of meeting their demands. Topu's friend Rashidul Islam said they will again take to the street on Saturday morning if their demands were not met.

Humaira Parvin, additional deputy commissioner of traffic (North) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, claimed the police vehicle was making a U-turn on the road when it hit the bike to avoid colliding with a speeding covered van.

Incensed, locals blocked the road in Kakoli for sometime and vandalised the police minibus. Cops later brought the situation under control.

This paper ran several stories on police's failure to stop vehicles on the wrong side of city streets. The authorities concerned repeatedly assured that they would stop such violation of traffic rules.

"This time the policemen themselves flouted the rules and caused the death of a youth," said Topu's friend Sohel.

Topu would love to make friends and lend his hand to help those in need, he added.

Maruf Hossain Sarder, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, said they arrested the driver and seized the minibus.

Asked whether the on-duty traffic police neglected their duties, he said the DMP formed a committee headed by an assistant commissioner of the traffic division to probe the incident.

Meanwhile, the victim's body was taken to his maternal grandfather's house in Shalna of Gazipur for burial after holding a namaz-e-janaza at a playground near his city home.

Afsana said they didn't file any case until yesterday afternoon. However,

Inspector (investigation) Wahiduzzaman of Banani Police Station claimed the victim's family filed a case early yesterday.

However, the inspector could not remember the names of the accused.

Topu's colleague was undergoing treatment at the hospital yesterday.

## Why Fakhrul's bail

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Surendra Kumar Sinha asked Fakhrul to explain his comment on the judiciary.

Different newspapers reported that Fakhrul, while addressing a party meeting in Sylhet on February 7, alleged that the government was trying to control the judiciary.

Fakhrul's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon last night told this correspondent that they will submit explanations on behalf of his client to the SC today.

# Nepal ends months-long fuel rationing

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal has lifted its months-long rationing of fuel following the end this month of a border blockade by people protesting against a new constitution, officials said yesterday.

The months-long blockade caused a crippling shortage of fuel and other vital supplies in the landlocked Himalayan country.

But members of Nepal's ethnic Madhesi community decided to call off their protest at a key border post which began last September, allowing trucks to resume crossing over from India.

# Investigate

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The order came after Public Prosecutor Mahmuda Akhter yesterday filed a no-confidence petition with the court against the final report submitted by the Detective Branch of police on December 24 last year.

Detectives in the probe report said none of the offenders could be identified or arrested.

Earlier on January 27, the DB picked up Md Kamal Hossain, one of the suspects, from a house in the capital's Chawkbazar. According to detectives, the arrestee during primary interrogation confessed to his involvement in the sexual harassment. He was later placed on two-day remand for interrogation.

Kamal is among the eight people identified from CCTV footages of the incident, said police.

Police on January 31 produced Kamal before a Dhaka magistrate for recording his confessional statement. But he refused to confess and was later sent to jail.

At least 20 women were sexually harassed in the span of an hour, allegedly under the nose of law enforcers, by a group of rowdy youths in the evening of April 14 last year.

The incident sparked widespread protest across the country, with people from all quarters condemning the incident and demanding immediate arrest of the culprits.

Shahbagh police on April 15 last year filed a case in this connection. Police on May 17 declared a reward of Tk 1 lakh for capture of each of the eight suspects.

# Murder

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forces as the government had "imposed a one-party fascist rule" in the country.

Khaleda said the plan of killing innocent people started with the murder of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella.

Foreigners, religious leaders, bloggers, and publishers have been murdered as part of the plan, she added.

"In this very bad time, questions have arisen in public mind what the government is doing?"

The former prime minister alleged that the government did not take any initiative to stop the bloodshed.

"The government has taken no action against people getting killed one after another over the last few months. It even couldn't unearth the mystery behind the murders," she said.

The BNP chief criticised the government for shifting blame on the opposition and implicating BNP leaders and activists in "false" cases in the incidents instead of finding the offenders and preventing the attacks.

# Khaleda asked

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ordered the BNP chief to surrender before the trial court within two months from the day of receipt of the verdict copy.

On September 2, 2007, the Anti-Corruption Commission lodged the case with Tejgaon Police Station against Khaleda, her youngest son Arafat Rahman Koko, Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and 10 others. The case was filed under the Emergency Powers Rules.

Of the accused, Koko, former BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and former finance minister M Saifur Rahman died.

According to the case statement, there was corruption in the awarding of a contract to Global Agro Trade (Pvt) Company Ltd (Gatco) for con-

tainer management at inland depots in Dhaka and Chittagong. The graft allegedly cost the state exchequer over Tk 1,000 crore.

On July 15, 2008, the HC stayed the case proceedings against Khaleda and issued a rule upon the government and the ACC to explain why the case proceedings should not be quashed.

The anti-graft body on January 27 last year moved to revive the Gatco corruption case and prayed to the HC to start hearing a rule in which it questioned the legality of filing the case under the Emergency Power Rules of 2007.

Khaleda along with her son Koko was arrested in the case on September 2, 2007. She was freed the following year after securing bail in Gatco and three other cases.

# 3 suspects remanded

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for five days each for the case filed for allegedly possessing illegal firearms and explosives after police produced them before the court around 12:45pm.

US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat has meanwhile condemned the brutal killing of the Hindu priest, saying it was a "cowardly act".

Police claim two of the suspects -- Khalilur Rahman and Jahangir Hossain -- are members of the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). The third suspect, Babul Hossain, is an activist of Jamaat-e-Islami, they say.

Unidentified assailants attacked priest Jogeswar Dasadhikari, 50, of Sri Sri Sonto Gaurio temple on Sunday morning when he was preparing his offerings for the morning puja at the temple, about half a kilometre away from the upazila headquarters.

They first hacked him indiscriminately in front of the temple and chased him to a house in the backyard where they slit his throat, leaving him dead on the spot, police said quoting locals.

The attackers shot devotee Gopal Chandra Roy, 35, who was undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) and also hurt another devotee Nitai Das by hurling a crude bomb while escaping.

Locals said they saw three people fleeing the scene on a motorcycle.

Jogeswar's elder brother Rabindranath Roy filed a murder case with Debiganj police accusing three

unknown people on Sunday night. The police also filed a case for possessing firearms and explosives.

Although the police arrested the three suspects, they are still clueless about the motive behind the gruesome murder.

Law enforcers picked up Khalil on Sunday evening from Bhalaganj Bazar, while Jahangir and Babul were arrested at their houses in the upazila during an overnight drive, police said.

Police sources said the arrestees were accused in criminal cases in the past.

**US AMBASSADOR CONDEMNS**  
The US has strongly condemned the "cowardly acts" that target members of a community with historic roots in Bangladesh and strike at the country's traditions of diversity and harmony.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms these cowardly acts," US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat said in an oblique reference to the February 21 killing of a Hindu priest and injury of another person in Panchagarh.

The US supports the Government of Bangladesh's efforts to identify the perpetrators of this and all extremist attacks, she said in a statement yesterday without mentioning any name or specifying any incident.

"The Government of Bangladesh's commitment to rooting out militancy is demonstrated by the recent arrest of suspects involved in these incidents and by the counter-terrorism raid in Dhaka, which lead to the seizure of bombs and bomb-making materials," Bernicat added.



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