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## 'Breakthrough' in priest killing

**Killer, two accomplices held 5 days into murder, claim cops; 'all of them JMB men'**

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, from Thakurgaon

Five days into the murder of a Hindu priest in Panchagarh, police yesterday claimed to have "completely cracked" the case and arrested three "key suspects".

Those arrested include the one who had slit the priest's throat at a temple in the country's northern-most district on February 21, police claim.

"We have been able to completely crack the case just in five days. Three of the five suspects directly involved in the murder were arrested following several raids last night [Thursday night]," said Deputy Inspector General Humayun Kabir of Rangpur police range yesterday.

All three arrestees were members of the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, he told journalists at Debiganj Police Station in Panchagarh.

He, however, did not disclose the identities of the three "for the sake of investigation".

The fresh arrests take the number of those detained over the incident to six. Two more suspects are on the run and police hope to arrest them soon, said the DIG.

Asked about the motive, Humayun Kabir said the militant group wanted to intimidate the people of minority communities and create instability in the country.

Criminals slit the throat of Jogeswar Dasadhikari, 50, a priest of Sri Sri



**Hindu priest Jogeswar Dasadhikari, killed in Panchagarh on February 21.**

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PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

**Mahmudullah Riyad stepped into the crease with the team jittery after having lost three wickets in the span of 11 runs. But his unbeaten 27-ball 36 took the Tigers to 133 for 8 before the bowlers bundled out the UAE for 82, scripting a 51-run victory in their second Asia Cup T20 match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.**

## Gas fire at house kills 2 children

**Parents critically burnt at Uttara apartment; another kid survives minor burns**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A stroke of a match has torn apart the entire world of Shah Newaz.

Believed to have originated from accumulated gas early yesterday, a blaze at his house in the capital's Uttara took lives of two of his sons, injured him and his wife critically and slightly burnt another son.

Sharlin bin Newaz, 15, and Zayan bin Newaz, 1, died around 5:05pm and 6:50pm at the intensive care unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital's burn unit.

Shah Newaz, 50, a maintenance engineer of US embassy in Dhaka, his wife Sumaiya Begum, 40, are fighting for their lives with 95 and 90 percent burns.

Another son, nine-year-old Zarif bin Newaz, who suffered six percent burns, was released from the hospital after treatment.

Sumaiya's brother Abul Khayer Khan Hamim said the fire broke out around 6:30am when Shah Newaz lit the gas stove to make tea. Sumaiya was in prayer and their sons were asleep.

The fire engulfed the flat within a minute, giving them no time to come out, he said, quoting the injured.

Zarif told The Daily Star that he woke up from sleep "with severe pains in the legs and hands".

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## Bowlers do the job

**Bangladesh beat UAE by 51 runs**

BISHWAJIT ROY

Bangladesh's bowling proved to be too good for the UAE last night at Mirpur as the hosts bounced back from their defeat against India in the first match with a 51-run victory against the ICC Associate member country to stay alive in the Asia Cup T20.

Like their previous game against Sri Lanka, the UAE bowlers once again worked well in favourable conditions to restrict the Tigers to 133 for eight, but the Bangladesh bowling showed their prowess to dismiss them for 82. The momentum Mahmudullah Riyad gave the team during the batting was brilliantly backed up by the pacers, who simply killed UAE's hopes of causing an upset.

Once again Taskin Ahmed generated good pace to give his team a decent start, but he was unlucky in the first over as Soumya Sarkar dropped Rohan Mustafa at second

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BANGLADESH:** 133 for 8 in 20 overs (Mithun 47, Soumya 21, Riyad 36 not out, Shakib 13; Naveed 2-12, Javed 2-34)

**UAE:** 82 all out in 17.4 overs (Mustafa 18, Shahzad 12, Usman 30; Mustafizur 2-13, Mashrafe 2-12, Mahmudullah 2-5, Shakib 2-20, Taskin 1-24, Al-Amin 1-8)

**Player-of-the-match:** Mahmudullah Riyad

slip. However, like the first match, Al-Amin Hossain provided the first breakthrough by removing Mohammad Kaleem in the second over.

Then Mustafizur Rahman came to the party with his off-cutter but his return catch was disallowed after the third umpire decided that the ball had touched the ground, although it was not a clear-cut decision. The batsman however failed to capitalise on his luck, hitting a full delivery outside off from captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, to the safe hands of Mustafizur.

Mashrafe took another important wicket -- that of Shaiman Anwar -- before Mustafizur all but settled the issue by taking two consecutive wickets in the eighth over, both with his famous off-cutter. Losing half their wickets for 36 runs, UAE were then left to bat for respectability.

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## PM stands by families of slain Habiganj kids

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the authorities concerned to build houses for the families of the four children who were brutally killed at a Habiganj village recently.

"The prime minister also asked the authorities concerned to construct a classroom and a library at Sundrateki Government Primary School in Bahubal upazila, where three of the four kids studied, in their memories," said PM's Deputy Press Secretary Ashrafur Alam Khokan.

He said the PM ordered Director General (admin) of the Prime Minister's Office Kabir Bin Anwar to take necessary steps in this regard following a request from female lawmaker Amatul Kibria Keya Chowdhury.

As per the order of the PM, Anwar directed Bahubal Upazila Nirbahi Officer Saiful Islam to take necessary initiatives for constructing houses on the paternal land

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**"The coming days will be critical, and the world will be watching."**

US PRESIDENT **BARACK OBAMA** REFERRING TO RUSSIA AHEAD OF A PLANNED 'CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES' IN SYRIA



**Nine-year-old Zarif, who suffered six percent burns in a fire believed to have been caused by accumulated gas at his house, lies in a bed at DMCH burn unit yesterday morning. He lost two brothers in the fire. Inset, a relative looking at an album amid charred belongings at the family's house in Uttara.**

PHOTO: STAR

## Scam-hit FIFA gets new chief

AFP, Zurich

Europe's Gianni Infantino on Friday won the presidency of FIFA with a convincing win over Asian rival Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and vowed to lead the scandal-tainted body into a new era.

The 45-year-old Swiss-Italian general secretary of UEFA got 115 votes in the second round of the election held at the FIFA Congress while the Asian Football Confederation president got 88.

Infantino takes over the 209-member, multi-billion dollar body from Sepp Blatter with world football's image at an all-time low.

Blatter has been banned from football for six years and US and Swiss authorities have launched major corruption investigations into FIFA and other football federations.

Infantino said that despite the scandals of the past year football deserves to be "highly respected."

"And we will restore the image of FIFA and the respect of FIFA and everyone in the world will applaud us," a visibly surprised Infantino told the Congress.

Sheikh Salman, a member of the Bahrain royal family, was one of the first to congratulate his rival.

Having got 27 votes in the first round of the election, Prince Ali bin al Hussein of Jordan got just four in the second.

Former FIFA official Jerome Champagne had seven votes in the first round but zero in the deciding ballot. South African tycoon Tokyo Sexwale withdrew from the contest

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Gianni Infantino