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## Priest killed in similar fashion

**Bike-riding assailants hack the Hindu cleric to death in Jhenidah; SITE Intelligence says IS claims responsibility**

STAR REPORT

Nobody had an answer as Shefali wailed, "Why would anyone kill my husband whose only job was to perform puja?"

Ananda Gopal Ganguly had been performing services at different temples in his village and adjacent areas for decades, she said.

His father Satya Gopal Ganguly was also a priest. A resident of Karatipara village under Jhenidah Sadar upazila, seventy-year-old Ananda was brutally murdered while going to a temple in Naldanga union, said family members.

Around 9:00am, three attackers on a motorbike intercepted Ananda, who was on a bicycle, in Sonakhali area near Mahishakundu Smashan (cremation ground), about two kilometres off his home, said police based on witness accounts.

Gopinath Kanjilal, Jhenidah superintendent of police, said the priest was stabbed in the neck and his throat was slit. He died on the spot.

The incident had similarity with other suspected militant attacks of recent times, the official said.



Ananda Gopal

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Passengers scramble to get on a crammed moving bus while others eagerly wait to avail the next one after work in the city's Farmgate area yesterday. Intermittent showers made their trips home difficult as they were keen to have the first iftar of the holy Ramadan with their near and dear ones.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## No mercy for killers of SP's wife

Warns PM

BSS, Madina

Terming the murder of a police official's wife in Chittagong a cowardly act, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has vowed to bring the perpetrators of the killing to justice.

"I can say that those who committed the killing won't get away scot-free... they must be tracked down and brought to justice," she said while exchanging views with expatriate Bangladeshis at Madina Hilton here on Monday evening.

Mahmuda Akter Mitu, wife of Babul Akter, superintendent of police of Police Headquarters, was stabbed and shot dead by bike-riding assailants in the port city on Sunday.

Hasina said there was no offence of the police

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## 3 'militants' killed in 'shootouts'

Another criminal die in similar incident

STAR REPORT

Four people, three of whom suspected militants, were killed in three separate "gun-fights" between "their cohorts" and law enforcers in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Police said the two killed in the capital were Tareque Hasan Milu alias Ilias and

Sultan Mahmud Rana alias Kamal, aged between 25 and 40. They were operatives of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), law enforcers claimed.

Tareque was directly involved in the killing of Rajshahi University Professor AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee and the bomb

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## Stop production in 7 days

HC asks authorities to take action against 20 companies making substandard medicines

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the health ministry apparently dragging its feet over stopping manufacture of sub-standard drugs, the High Court yesterday directed the government to halt production of 20 companies within seven days.

The court also ordered closing production of antibiotics



by 14 other companies within the same time, and issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks as to why their inaction in cancelling licences of the 20 drug companies shouldn't be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain

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## Some massive thefts in banking: Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The banking sector was tainted by a series of scams, including some massive thefts, according to Finance Minister AMA Muhith.

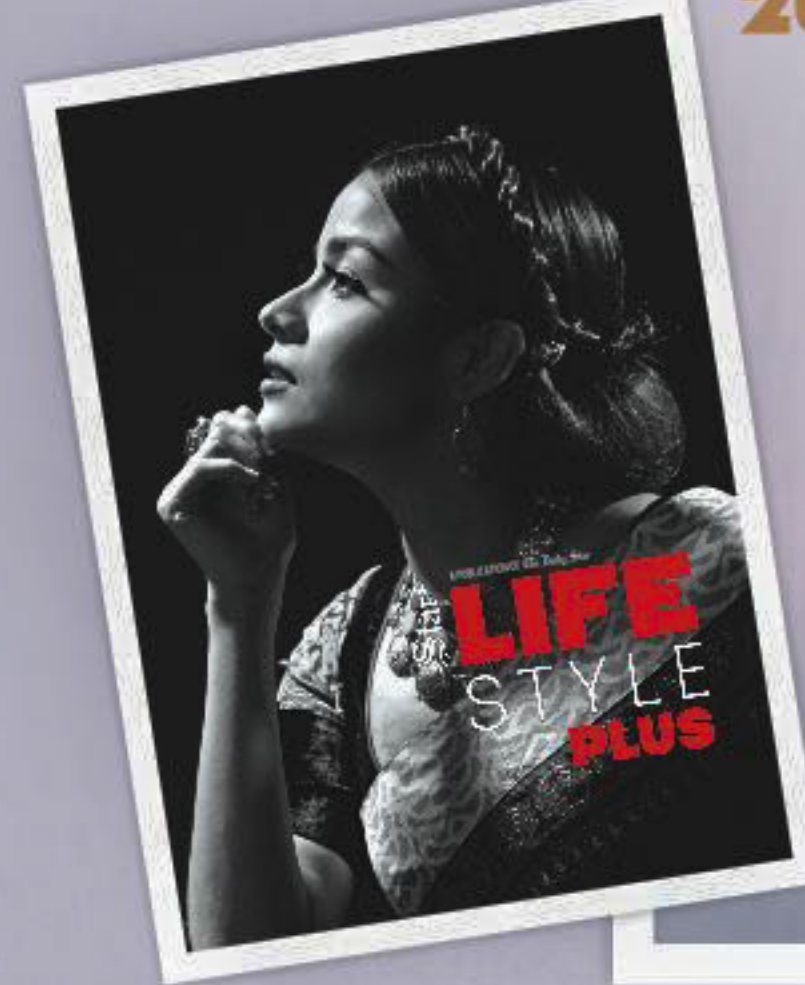
"Thefts were massive in some cases," Muhith said echoing Rustam Ali Farazi, an independent lawmaker, in parliament yesterday.

But none of the incidents was severe enough to warrant a complete shutdown of any financial institution, the minister said.

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## Bomb attack on cops kills 11 in Istanbul

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish police detained four people in a hunt for the perpetrators of a car bombing in central Istanbul that killed seven police and four civilians, state media said.

The third deadly attack in Turkey's biggest city in six months targeted a bus transporting anti-riot police in Beyazit district, close to many of the city's top tourist sites, Istanbul governor Vasip Sahin said on Turkish television.

Thirty-six people were wounded, three of them seriously, he added.

The four suspects were taken to police headquarters in Istanbul for interrogation, state-run Anatolia agency said, without

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Police officers and rescuers inspect the site of a bomb attack that targeted a police bus in Vezneciler of Istanbul yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## DEATH SENTENCE Quasem has 15 days to seek review

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prison authorities read out the death warrant to condemned war criminal Mir Quasem Ali at Kashimpur Central Jail-2 in Gazipur yesterday, a day after the International Crimes Tribunal issued the warrant for him.

The warrant was read out to Quasem around 7:00am after it reached the jail around 1:00am yesterday, Prasanta Kumar Banik, jail super of Kashimpur Jail-2, told our Gazipur correspondent.

Quasem will get 15 days from today to file petition seeking review of the SC verdict. His lawyer on Monday said they will file for a review within this deadline.

On Monday, the tribunal

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