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The musician and his patriotic songs live on in our collective memory

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Two passports, one number

Issued with same details, thanks to fraudsters

BELAL HOSSIAN BIPLOB and WASIM BIN HABIB

Only the photo belongs to her. All other information that the passport carries is someone else's. And with this passport she flew to Qatar three years ago without any trouble.

She is now traceless, and the authorities in Bangladesh cannot say anything about the woman except that the passport was last used to enter Malaysia two years ago.

And the woman whose information was used in the passport is Josna Begum, a

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"I was utterly shocked and couldn't understand how another woman can use my information and have a dupli-

Khaleda not celebrating birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is not celebrating her "birthday" today as the country is now facing problems like militancy and flood, said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

"Many BNP leaders are now in jail, while people are passing their days amid threats of militant attacks. Under these circumstances, Khaleda Zia's birthday would not be celebrated this year," Fakhrul told The Daily Star yesterday.

"She [Khaleda] also thinks that there is no

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Bangladeshi expat imam, aide shot dead in New York

STAR REPORT

A Bangladeshi imam and his assistant were shot dead by a gunman in New York on Saturday.

The two Bangladeshi expatriates were identified as Alauddin Akonjee, 55, imam of Al-Furqan Jame Mosque in Ozone Park, and his associate Tara Uddin, 64.

Alauddin from Habiganj left for the US six years back to stay with four of his sons living there, said his relatives in Habiganj.

He was supposed to visit his 90-year-old mother at his ancestral home in Chunarughat next month, according to them.

Alauddin's son Faizuddin Akonjee told BBC Bangla last

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Alauddin Akonjee

NATIONAL MOURNING DAY TODAY

Shame darker than the night

SHAKHAWAT LITON

It was around 3:00am of August 15, 1975. Preparations for carrying out a barbaric assassination were almost done.

Major Syed Faruk Rahman, one of the masterminds of the massacre, was sitting on a stool in front of the lancer unit headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment. An operation map was open on his knees. Execution of which would send a massive blow

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Dalim goes on air

WASIM BIN HABIB and SHAKHAWAT LITON

The night still shadowed the whole nature with its deep black curtain. It was around 4:30am. Four people at the radio office in Dhaka's Shahbagh just fell into exhausted

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GULSHAN ATTACK

Prima facie proof against Hasnat found

Claim police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday said they have found initial proof of former private university teacher Hasnat Karim's involvement in the July 1 bloody siege of Holey Artisan Bakery.

"It's very simple. There must have been prima facie proof, that's why he has been produced [accused] in the case," Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told journalists at the DMP media centre.

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Youths like Faraaz don't give in to fear: Nasim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League presidium member and Health Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday lauded Faraaz Ayaz Hossain, saying the ones like Faraaz never give in to fear.

"Brave Bangalee sons like Faraaz are never scared of anything. The daring ones like him overcame every fear and liberated the country," he said.

Nasim, also the spokesperson for the AL-led 14-party alliance, was speaking

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DAULATDIA REELS FROM EROSION



The landing station-2 of Daulatdia ferry terminal in Rajbari after it was damaged by the raging Padma river. Below, banks being devoured by the river in the same area, and traffic snarl-up near the terminal. The photos were taken yesterday noon.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

HIMU MURDER IN CHITTAGONG

Five get death sentence

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday handed down death penalty to five people, including a man and his son, for killing Himadri Majumder Himu in 2012.

The five are Shah Selim Tipu, his son Junaid Ahmed Riad, Mahboob Ali Khan Danny, Zahedul Islam Shawon and Shahadat Hossain Shaju.

Shawon and Riad are on the run. The other three convicts were present when the Chittagong Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court-4 pronounced the verdict.

Himu's family members, who say the 18-year-old was murdered for his anti-drug activities, have expressed

satisfaction over the verdict and urged for its quick implementation.

However, the three convicts, while being taken to jail, told reporters that they were "framed" and they would go to the High Court (HC) to challenge the verdict.

Judge Nurul Islam, while reading out the verdict, said, "The convicts were given death penalty as the prosecution has proven the charges brought against them beyond any doubt."

Following approvals from the HC and the Supreme Court (SC), the verdict would be executed by hanging the



Himu

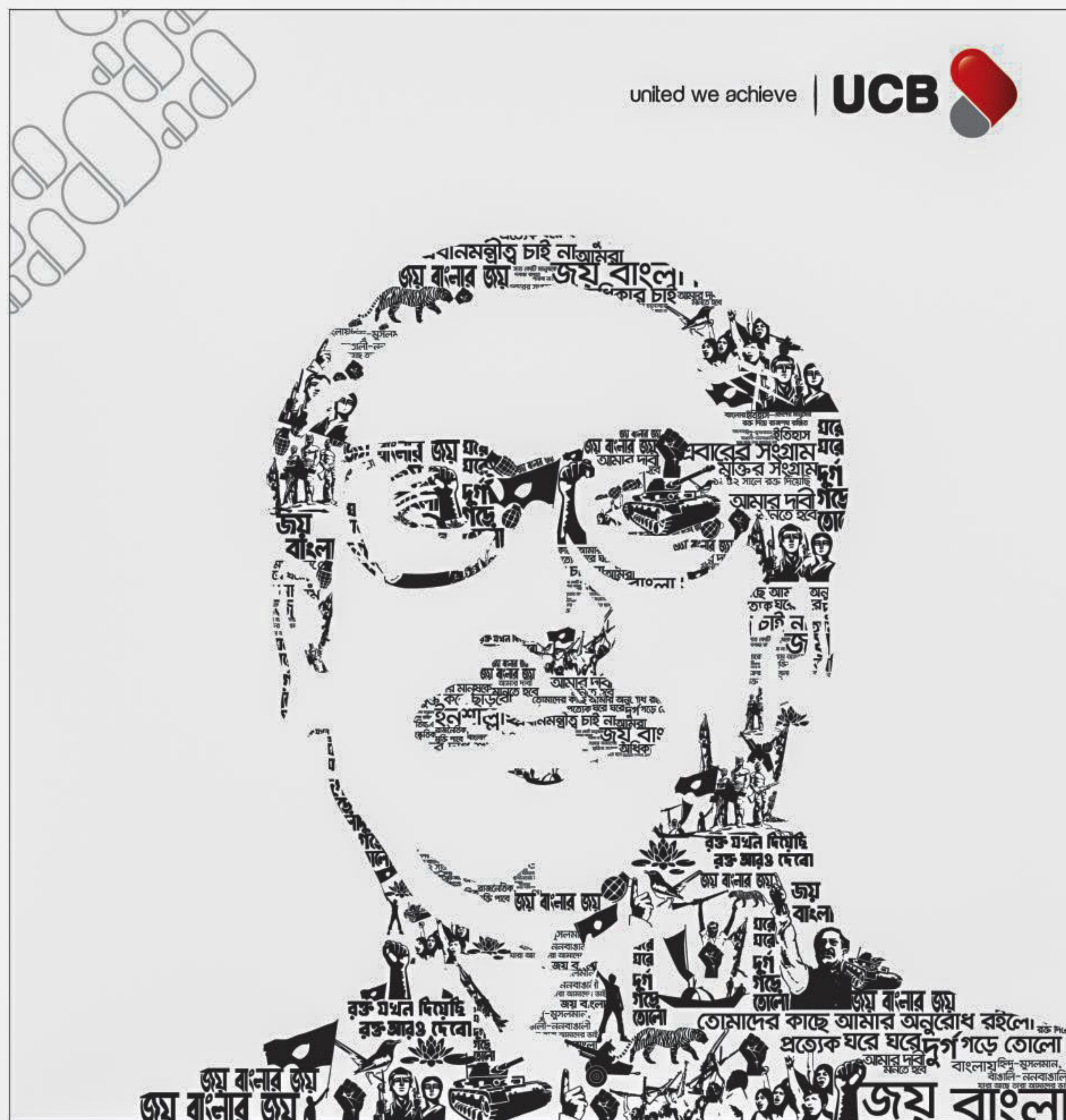
convicts until their death, he said. The fugitives shall also be executed following their arrest or surrender.

However, the convicts can file an appeal with the HC challenging the verdict within seven days, added the judge.

Himu, an A-level student of Summerfield School and College in the port city, was involved with an anti-drug social organisation "Shikor".

On April 27, 2012, he was taken forcibly by Riad, Danny, Shaon and Shaju to the rooftop of a four-storey building -- Farhad Mansion owned by

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