



Marzan missing for 8 months

Identified by a Pabna family as their son; police claim he was 'in charge of Gulshan attack'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The youth, who police claimed was "in charge of Gulshan attack" and known among fellow militants as Marzan, has been identified by a Pabna family as their son.

"We have seen the photos [released by police] in the media and we are sure this is our son," Nazim Uddin Nizam of Afuria village in Hemayetpur union told our Pabna correspondent yesterday.

His full name is Nurul Islam Marzan. He is aged around 25 and a student of Arabic department at Chittagong University, Nazim added.

He married a girl named Priyoti one and a half years ago. Eight months back, he took his wife to Chittagong and they have been out of contact since then, the father claimed.

Nazim also demanded punishment to his son if found involved in militancy.

Contacted, Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of the DMP, said, "We have initially become sure that he is Nurul Islam Marzan, son of Nazim Uddin of Pabna district."

CU Vice-Chancellor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury told The Daily Star that they came to know from the media that Marzan is a student of Arabic department at the university.

"Instantly, we asked the department chairman, university registrar and proctor to submit all information regarding Marzan by tomorrow [today] noon," he said.

CU Registrar Prof Kamrul Huda said that following an order, most of the departments of the university submitted the lists of missing students. But Arabic department and several others are yet to comply with it.

Releasing his photograph on Friday, police said that



Marzan

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, her sister Sheikh Rehana and daughter Saima Wazed Putul sprinkle flower petals on the graves of their family members, who were brutally killed on August 15, 1975, at the capital's Banani Graveyard yesterday on the occasion of the National Mourning Day.

PHOTO: BSS

NATIONAL MOURNING DAY OBSERVED

Homage to Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Resolving to stand united against terrorism and militancy, the nation yesterday observed the National Mourning Day on the 41st death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Paying tribute to Bangabandhu at the

memorial plaque for the nation's founding father on Dhanmondi Road-32 in the capital and his grave in Tungipara of Gopalganj, mourners demanded that the fugitive killers of the great leader be brought back and punished to carry out the Supreme Court verdict.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, eldest daughter of Bangabandhu, stood in sol-

emn silence in front of her father's grave. Most of her family members were also massacred on this day 41 years ago.

She placed wreaths at the grave and prayed for salvation of the departed souls.

Just before the prayers, Hasina drew younger sister Sheikh Rehana close to her. While offering prayers, the two surviving

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Bangabandhu: a forbidden name for 16yrs

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

While living, there was not a day he did not make news. His larger than life images adorned the pages of all dailies and weeklies. TV news started with his words. He was top news almost every day in Bangladesh. But after August 15, 1975, it was as if he had not even existed!

It was a media blackout. There was no news in the national dailies on his first death anniversary on August 15, 1976. A look at the pages of that day's major dailies will tell you nothing to remind of what had happened to Bangabandhu at dawn of August 15, 1975.

There was little change ahead of his second death anniversary in 1977. Yet, the media was unable to tell people the truth.

Read two news items published in the Ittefaq, the then top Bangla daily, for example:

"The programme chalked out by Bangladesh Awami League to mark its mourning day include Quran khwani at its central office at 91, Nawabpur at 10:00am and milad mahfil along with prayers at 3:00pm." This is what Ittefaq ran as news inside its broadsheet daily on August 15, 1977.

In a column titled "Indoor Politics" in its back page next day, August 16, Ittefaq ran another news item that read: "August 15 was observed through a Quran khwani at the Nawabpur office of Bangladesh Awami League since 10:00am, a destitute feeding programme at the residence of the organisation's convenor Begum Zohra Tajuddin at 12:00noon and a milad mahfil at the central office at 5:00pm. Special prayer was also offered after the milad."

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Hero dies a tragic death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After saving the lives of two youths from drowning with his heroic efforts, 26-year-old pickup driver Sarwar Hossain drowned in a canal at Beraid of Badda in the capital yesterday.

University student Sabbir Hossain, who was bathing in the canal, said Sarwar was washing his vehicle there around noon yesterday.

Sabbir began to drown and his friend Raju Pandey dove into the canal to save him but both of them struggled with the strong current.

Children who were playing football nearby saw the situation develop and threw their football into the canal so that the drowning men could use it as a buoy.

The football kept them afloat but they could not

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New pipeline to carry gas from India

Delhi plans to build the 6,900km line to Myanmar thru' Bangladesh for easy transport of gas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

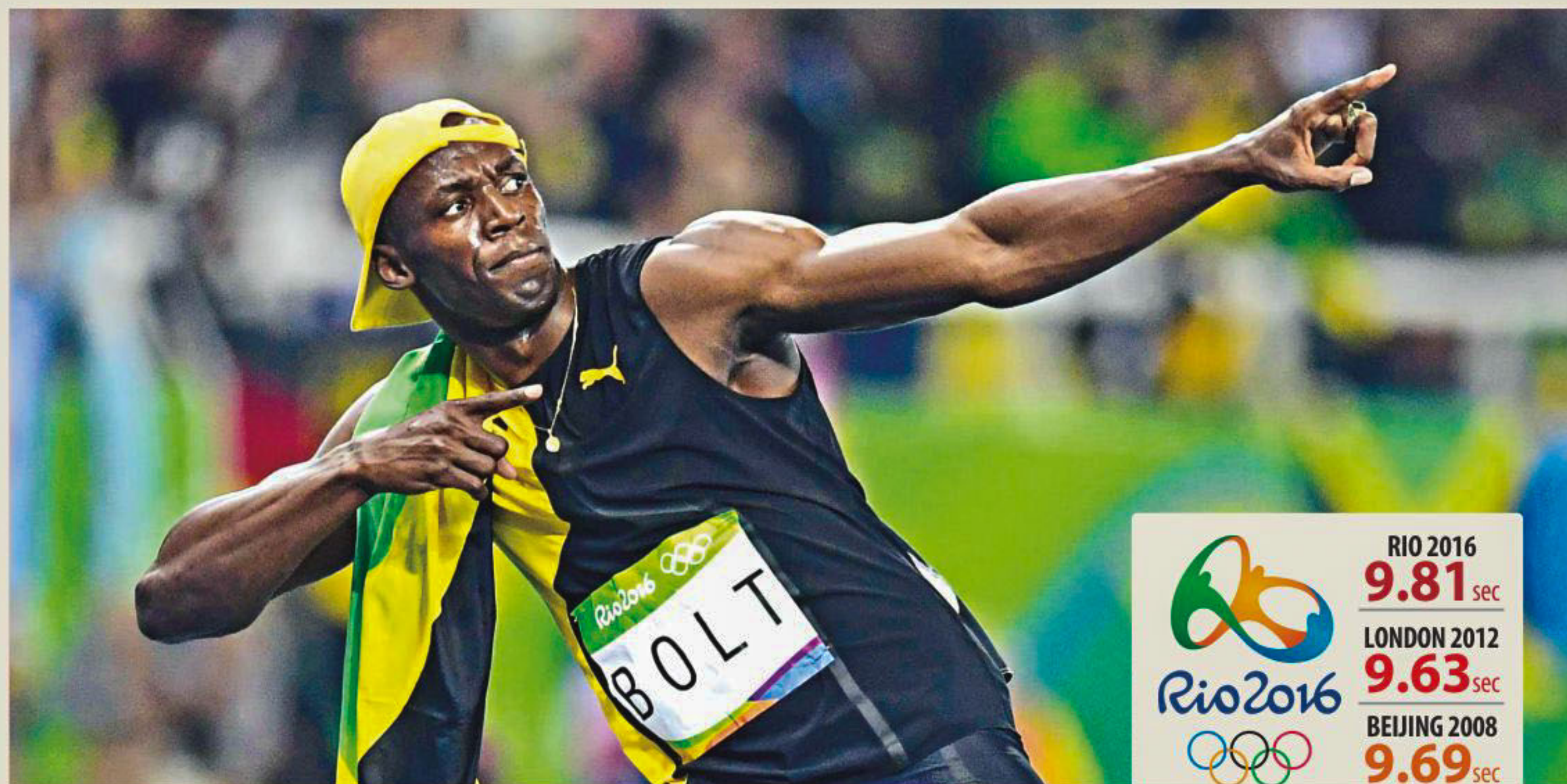
New Delhi plans to lay a 6,900-km gas pipeline linking Bangladesh, India and Myanmar.

As part of the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for the north-eastern region, India would lay the pipeline connecting Sitwe in Myanmar, Chittagong in Bangladesh, and most north-eastern states and West Bengal in India, SC Soni, executive director of India's state-run oil company ONGC, told reporters in Agartala on Saturday.

Talking to reporters in West Bengal on Sunday, Indian Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said his country's Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board started the process of laying the pipeline from Contai in West Bengal via Haldia to Duttapulia on the India-Bangladesh border for supplying gas.

"We have discussed with our Bangladesh friends and have agreed to take the pipeline to Bangladesh. There are

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Jamaican sprint superstar Usain Bolt strikes his trademark pose after winning the Men's 100m Final at the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

PHOTO: MONIRUL BHUIYAN

First step towards immortality

ATIQUÉ ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

There was not the usual swagger; hardly the animated gestures and witty remarks which defined Usain Bolt till London 2012. It was a rather subdued Usain, a more modest version of him that the Rio's Olympic Stadium saw leading up to the 100m race and then at the mixed zone or the press conference two hours later.

But for 9.81 seconds on Sunday night, for the 9.81 seconds which

is perhaps the first of three steps to redefining sprint history. Bolt was the same old Bolt -- typically sluggish off the blocks, playing catch-up with the frontrunner for half-way through the race before a dash of lightning speed saw him leave the others in his wake, including his great rival Justin Gatlin as he chest-thumped his way to victory. The 100m sprint victory completed an unprecedented treble in Olympic history and took the Jamaican one step closer to a his-

toric 'triple triple'.

"Stay tuned, two more to go," the Jamaican said at the press conference. "Somebody said last year I can become immortal. Two more medals to go and I can sign off. Immortal."

But for 70 metres of the race, or close to seven seconds for that matter, Bolt's bid for immortality was put under serious challenge by the pantomime villain Justin Gatlin. The American, a two-time dope offender, was booed all the

way to the start of the race as the eight competitors emerged from the tunnel. It was billed as the 'battle between good and evil'; it was a battle between the fastest sprinter in the history of mankind and the fastest sprinter of the year, who had also set the fastest time in the semifinals.

If Bolt's typical sluggish start was taken as the usual pattern of his operation, the Jamaican surely played with the nerves of

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Six killed as truck hits autorickshaw

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

All the six passengers including a married couple and the driver of a CNG-run auto rickshaw were left dead as it collided head-on with a truck yesterday morning near Kashinathpur area under Sujanager upazila of the district.

Police identified five of the victims as Abul Kalam, 36, the driver of the three-wheeler, Shadhon Hossain, 27, Hasina Begum, 28, Abdul Malek, 32, and Panna Khatun, 30. The last two in the list were the husband and wife while

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