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Brought down by a teen freedom fighter's blood

Brutal murder of Jasim, 15, at Mir Quasem's torture camp in Dalim Hotel catches up with the Jamaat leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was the evening of Eid-ul-Fitr in 1971. Hasina Khatun bade farewell to her cousin Jasim Uddin, a 15-year-old freedom fighter who was about to go on a mission. She did not get to know his fate until the country achieved independence months later in December, but his parting words -- "Apa [sister], please pray for us so that we can be successful" -- always rang in her ears as something inspiring. Jasim was cruelly and most cowardly murdered at nefarious Mahamaya Dalim Hotel under the behest of Mir Quasem Ali, the chief of the notorious Al-Badr force in Chittagong. She came to know about it from Shafiul and Saifuddin, who were also held captive in the hotel. The day after Eid, Jasim was abducted by Al-Badr members from an unknown location in Chittagong. They took him to the hotel, which was turned into the main Al-Badr camp for torture, and inflicted brutal torture on him and other freedom fighters and freedom loving people. Jasim was tortured to death there and his body was dumped in the Karnaphuli river. His body was never found. When Hasina, Jasim's family members and his other relatives were demanding justice, they unfortunately had to see the dramatic rise of Quasem in the country's political and business arenas. But justice finally caught up with the Jamaat leader in November, 2014, when a special tribunal sentenced him to death for Jasim's killing. But they had to wait for nearly two years to see the man behind the killing.

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They came in as the two heavyweights in Group C, but in the end Bangladesh dazzled the home crowd at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and advanced to the final eight of the AFC Women's Championship Qualifiers after beating Chinese Taipei 4-2. Story on page 14.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

3 injured as ammonia gas leaks from Dhaka factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three people fell sick after ammonia gas leaked from a factory in the capital's Shoarighat last night. Fire Service and Civil Defence sources said the gas started leaking around 8:30pm from an ice factory on Champatoli Lane under Chawk Bazar Police Station. On information, 10 fire engines went to the spot and was working to bring the situation under control, said Babul Mia, an on-duty fireman at the fire service office. The identity of the victim and the reason behind the leak could not be ascertained.

Deputy Commissioner (Lalbagh division) Mohammad Ibrahim Khan of Dhaka Metropolitan

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'Murad' faked NID card to rent flats

Say police; home boss warns militants

RAFIUL ISLAM

Faking his identity, "Murad", the military commander of "Neo JMB" rented two flats about the same time, one in Narayanganj and the other in the capital's Rupnagar, to shelter militants, police officials said. He introduced himself as Jahangir Alam in the tenant's information forms submitted to the land lords and even made a fake national ID card for that, a top police official said yesterday preferring anonymity. "A common name Jahangir Alam was found mentioned in the tenant information forms collected from the land lords of Narayanganj and Rupnagar militant dens," a top police official concerned said. His "actual" name is Jahidul Islam. His father name is Nurul Islam of Panchthubi village in Comilla Sadar, said Masudur Rahamn, deputy commissioner (Media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. He said they came to know this after matching his fingerprints with the Election Commission database. Police sources said in the database, his profession was mentioned as "government service" and his present address was "Ward-6 Mirpur Cantonment" under Pallabi Police Station. Monirul Islam, chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of DMP on Friday said Murad was a retired army personnel but he could not say what his rank was in the army. "Murad", who police said gave arms training to the Holey Artisan and Sholakia attackers, was killed during a raid in the capital's Rupnagar Friday.

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Students hold anti-militancy rallies across the country

STAR REPORT

Educational institutions across the country organised anti-militancy rally yesterday to raise awareness of terrorism and build social resistance against the menace. To stop the upsurge in militancy at educational institutions, teachers, students, guardians, community leaders and journalists joined in the programmes, in response to calls from the education ministry. These institutions are now most susceptible to radicalisation, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said while addressing a discussion titled "Our responsibilities to resist terrorism and militancy" at the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University. "Militants are trying to lead our soft-minded students astray by targeting and brainwashing them," he said. Urging teachers to take good care of their students, Nahid said teachers have to consult with guardians if their children remain absent from the institutions for 10 consecutive days.

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Coffee could be extinct by 2080

If that happens, global warming to blame

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Coffee could become extinct if global warming continues on its current trajectory, according to a report by The Climate Institute. By 2050, researchers said, the amount of suitable coffee farmland is expected to have halved due to rising temperatures, pests and fungi. Wild coffee is expected to be wiped from the face of the planet by the year 2080.

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'I didn't violate constitution intentionally'

Says Minister AKM Mozammel Huq

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq yesterday said he did not intentionally violate the constitution. "What the honourable court has said about violation of constitution ... I can't violate the constitution knowingly. I didn't do it intentionally," he told a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club. His comments came two days after the Supreme Court released the full verdict on contempt charges against Mozammel and Food Minister Qumrul Islam. The SC in its full verdict on Thursday said the ministers acted in violation of

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US President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands during their meeting at the West Lake State Guest House in Hangzhou, China yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

'Moment we decided to save our planet'

US, China ratify Paris climate agreement ahead of G20 summit

AFP, Hangzhou

The United States and China yesterday formally joined the Paris climate change agreement, with President Barack Obama hailing the accord as the "moment we finally decided to save our planet". The move by the world's two biggest polluters is a major step forward for the 180-nation deal, which sets ambitious goals for capping global warming and funnelling trillions of dollars to poor countries facing climate catastrophe.

Obama and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping handed ratification documents to UN chief Ban Ki-moon, who said he was now optimistic the agreement will be in force by the end of this year. At a ceremony in the Chinese city of Hangzhou, Obama said climate change would "define the contours of this century more dramatically than any other challenge". "This is not a fight that any one country no matter how powerful can take alone," he

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