

2 killed in Kushtia AL infighting

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Two Awami League activists were killed and around 30 people injured in a factional clash over establishing supremacy in Majhpara village of Kushtia Sadar upazila yesterday.
The dead are Iman Ali, 35, of Majhpara and Sahabuddin, 55, of Baidyanathpur.
Sub-inspector Atiqur Rahman, in-charge of Abdalpur Police Camp, said several hundred supporters of Jhauadia Union Parishad Chairman Keramat Ali got locked in a clash with supporters of Bokhtiar Hossain, a former chairman of the union, around 9:00am.
Bokhtiar is also the president of Jhauadia union AL, while Keramat is the joint secretary of Kushtia Sadar upazila AL.

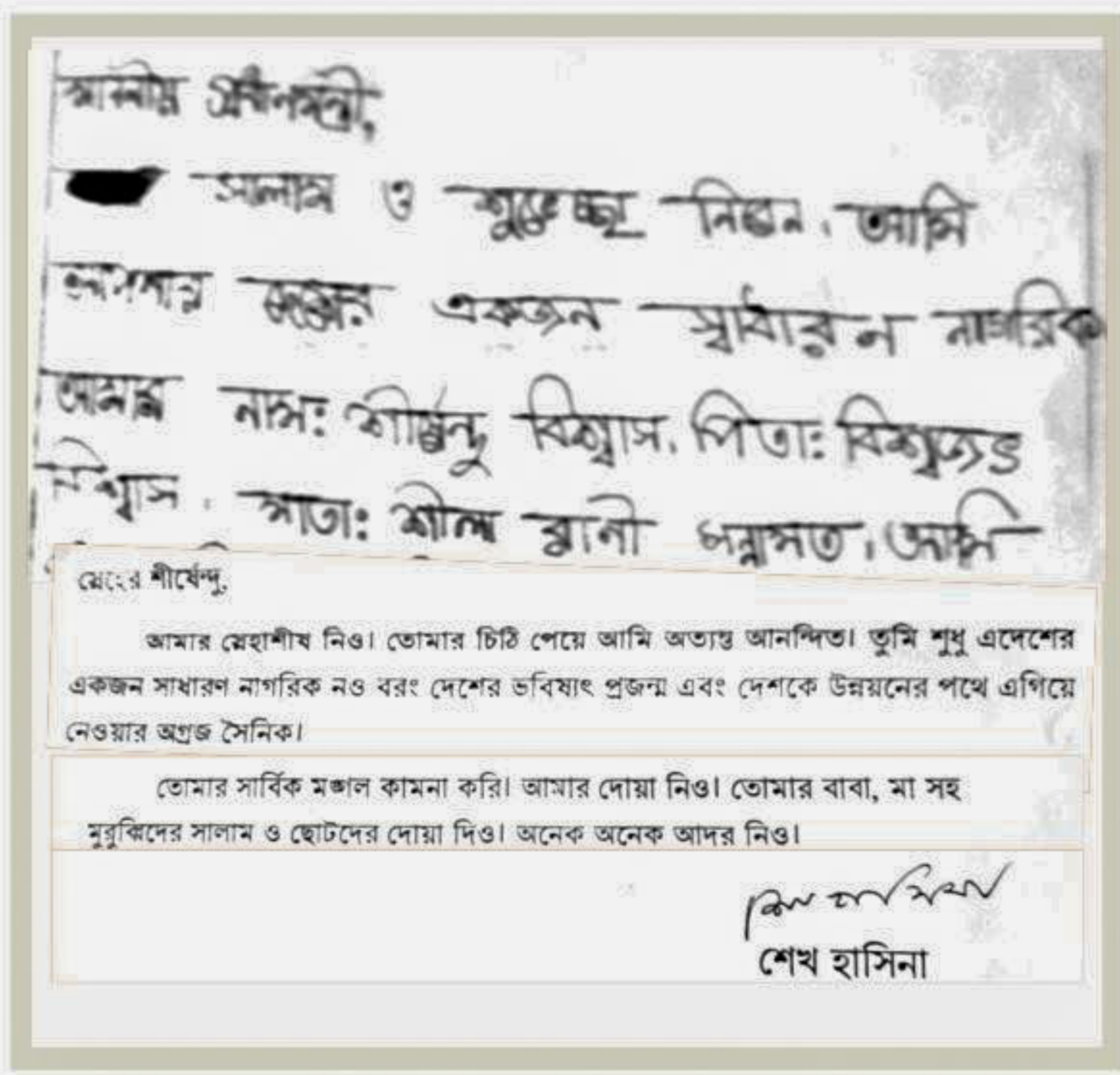
Police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between the two AL leaders over establishing supremacy in the area. Things got worse after Keramat was elected the UP chairman as an independent candidate in June 11, defeating AL nominee Bokhtiar.
The rival groups used arms and sharp weapons during the hour-long clash yesterday. They also vandalised at least 25 houses in the village, some 36 kilometres off Kushtia town.
According to police, the two dead were supporters of Keramat and activists of Jhauadia union AL. Iman died of bullet wounds while Sahabuddin of hacking injuries.
Many of the injured received treatment at Kushtia General Hospital and private clinics in the town.

Proloy Chisim, Kushtia superintendent of police, and Zoynul Abedin, additional superintendent of police, rushed to the spot around 10:00am.
Zoynul said law enforcers later brought the situation under control. Additional police forces were deployed at the village to avert any law and order situation.
Autopsies were carried out on the bodies of the two AL men at Kushtia General Hospital in the afternoon.
Police later handed over the bodies to the deceased's families.
Preparations were underway last night for filing two cases with Kushtia Islamic University Police Station in this regard.

Construction

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Bangladesh and India are jointly implementing the project despite strong opposition from local environmental groups. Indian power company BHEL has been awarded a contract to set up the plant.
The state minister said the government will come up with its response to the observations and queries from Unesco, and then it will make a decision considering the future situation.
Nasrul said the government will conduct an environmental impact assessment study for each of the power hub to find the right solution to mitigate the impact of power plants on environment.
The government has planned to boost power generation to 40,000 MW by 2030 from the existing 10,000 MW, he added.
"We'll have to conduct a study to determine the impact on environment before taking up any project," he told the workshop.
Officials of ERM, a consulting firm which conducted the cumulative impact assessment on Siddhirganj power plant, made a presentation on their study report.

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He filed a case with Motijheel police against the former CID officials in March 2009 accusing them of diverting the course of probe.
Fazlul Kabir arrested Hannan and six others in the August 21 cases and took steps for recording of their confessional statements.
In June 2007, he pressed charges against 22 people, including Hannan and BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu.
At the same time, he dropped the names of Joj Miah and 19 others from the charge sheets and appealed to the court to free them of the charges.
But the court in August 2009 ordered a further investigation as the prosecution submitted two petitions saying the previous investigators had not found sources and suppliers of Arges grenades used in the attack.
In August that year, Akond took over the investigation charge.
Judge Shahed Nuruddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal 1 in Dhaka yesterday recorded Akond's statement partially. The rest will be recorded on October 3.
A total of 224 prosecution witnesses have so far given their statements before the same tribunal.



Parts of Shirshendu's letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asking for a bridge over the Payra river in his locality and the PM's reply. PHOTO: COLLECTED

4th-grader writes to PM

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Mujibur Rahman's childhood at a programme marking the death anniversary of the leader. He stood third at the competition.
"My village home is in Jhalakathi and we have to cross the Payra river to go to my home ... The river has high waves ... Sometimes boats and trawlers sink in the river."
The boy mentions that many lives are lost in such accidents and he does not want to lose his parents as he loves them very much.
"Therefore, I request you to take steps to build a bridge on the Mirzaganj [Payra] river," he says towards the end of his letter.
Talking to this correspondent

yesterday, Shirshendu said, "I wrote the letter to the prime minister on August 15 this year and posted it."
Shirshendu is the only child of his parents. His father works for a non-government organisation in Patuakhali town and mother works at the social welfare office. They live in a rented house in the town's Puran Bazar area.
"We are very proud of him [Shirshendu] and glad to know that the prime minister replied to his letter," Bishawjit said.
Siddiqur Rahman, headmaster of the school, said the letter would be formally handed over to Shirshendu tomorrow.

Outsiders often

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Moreover, a new 10-storey building, Dhaka Medical-2, with 600 beds is functioning without any permanent employees, he added.
At the burn unit, most of the bandaging job, which should actually be done by trained people or doctors, is done by unauthorised outsiders, a source at the DMCH said.
"We informed the hospital authorities and the health ministry but there was no response. Three hundred employees are required only for the unit whereas there is none," said Samanta Lal Sen, the coordinator of all government burn units in the country.
The outsiders work under the doctors' supervision, he added.
About 400 patients receive treatment at the unit.
Meanwhile, the hospital authorities have formed a three-member committee to look into the death of Biplob Mondal, 24, who had been admitted to the hospital with head injuries after a motorbike accident in Keraniganj on September 18.
Shahbagh police yesterday produced Sumon, who had administered the drug, before a court. The court placed him on police remand for three days, said Officer-in-Charge Abu Bakar Siddique of Shahbagh Police Station.
After an autopsy at Dhaka

Medical College morgue, the body was taken to Biplob's village home in Keraniganj.
DMC morgue sources said the body bore head injuries and viscera had been collected from the body to find out if wrong treatment was the cause for his death.
Biplob from Keraniganj, who had been undergoing treatment at the neurosurgery department, suddenly started complaining of breathing problems around 3:00pm on Friday. His relatives sought help from a nurse to put him on a nebulizer but no one attended to him, said his cousin Subash Mandal.
A youth came in and said the nurse sent him. "We did not know who he was. We thought he might be somebody from the hospital," Subash said.
The youth named Sumon then administered a drug into the nebulizer machine and as Biplob started inhaling, his condition began to deteriorate, he claimed. Biplob died a few minutes later.
Soon after his death, Biplob's relatives caught Sumon and beat him up and handed him to the DMCH camp police, said Sub-Inspector Bachhu Mia, in-charge of the police outpost.
He was later handed over to Shahbagh police.

Factory used

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secured place. "The fire became more devastating because of those chemicals," he told the workshop.
However, it still remains unknown what exactly caused the blaze. Titas officials declined to discuss it, saying their job was to investigate gas and gas line related issues.
Gazipur district administration, industries ministry, Fire Service and Civil Defence and Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments also formed committees to investigate the Tampaco inferno.
Meanwhile, death toll from the incident rose to 36 as search and rescue team found another body at the site yesterday.
Deputy Director Aktaruzzaman of Gazipur Fire Service said remains of a body was recovered from the debris around yesterday noon. The body could not be identified immediately, he said.
So far, 29 bodies have been identified.
The fire broke out after a huge explosion at the foil factory on the morning of September 10 when workers were changing their shift at the four-storey factory.
Twenty-four bodies were found that day while around 50 persons suffered injuries as the fire led to the factory building collapse three days ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha.
At least 11 persons are said to remain missing.
On Wednesday, relatives of nine of the 11 workers gave DNA samples to the authorities concerned to identify their loved ones.
Two cases were filed against the

factory authorities with Tongi Police Station. The owner, former lawmaker Mokbul Hossain, has been named the prime suspect.
Meanwhile, search and rescue in the debris reached its 15th day as the army, fire service and Gazipur City Corporation joined the operation.
Equipped with heavy instruments, they were seen clearing the debris from the spot.
Reports
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about steps taken by the Bangladesh government to bring back the killer.
"Our efforts are still on to bring him back and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during his recent visit to Canada talked to her counterpart Justin Trudeau regarding this. The meeting was very fruitful and the Canadian government was considering ways to send Chowdhury back to Bangladesh," Anisul said.
About Canada's stance against death sentence, the minister said, "They have their constitutional obligations. They told our prime minister that they were considering ways to avoid those."
Five of the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were hanged on January 28, 2010.
Another six death-row convicts -- Abdul Rashid, Shariful Haque Dalim, Noor Chowdhury, Moslemuddin, Rashed Chowdhury and Abdul Mazed -- are now hiding abroad. Their cohort Abdul Aziz Pasha died in Zimbabwe in 2001.

No link yet

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"According to the evidence at hand, we haven't yet found any connection between Akash and the Holy Artisan incident," he told reporters.
Reports in the international media on Akash's involvement with the attack would be verified, the DMP chief said, adding that Akash was sent back to Bangladesh with the help of Interpol.
The 37-year-old Feni man is now in jail in two arms cases there.
Although the businessman was deported on September 2, the incident came to light on September 22 after Malaysian daily The Star ran a report on his arrest along with three foreigners and a local man.
Quoting sources, the newspaper said, "A Bangladeshi man, who was among the four arrested for terror links, had met the suspect involved in an attack in Dhaka, Bangladesh, two months ago."
Malaysian police arrested him on August 19 for smuggling weapons for an international terror group, the report said, quoting Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, Malaysia's police chief.
"He owned a restaurant in Bukit Bintang. He was placed in Interpol's Red Notice and he was deported on September 2," the report said.
Responding to a query, DMP chief Asaduzzaman Mia said over the past three months, none of the family members made any written or verbal request to police for receiving the remains of the five militants and chef Saiful Islam of Holy Artisan.
The bodies have been handed over to Anjuman Mufidul Islam [a social welfare organisation] for burial as unclaimed bodies, he added.
The five militants -- Nibras Islam, Rohan Imtiaz, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, Khairul Islam Payel and Shafiqul Islam Uzzal -- were killed on July 2 following an operation of the joint forces at Holy Artisan Bakery in Gulshan.
Apart from the five, Saiful Islam, reported to be a chef of the café, was also killed in the operation.
Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Mohibul Islam of counter terrorism unit of the DMP said the cyber crime unit was working to know the origin of a newly released video of featuring the Holy Artisan attackers.
The SITE Intelligence Group, a US-based organisation that monitors terrorist activities, on Friday said the Islamic State released a video from Bangladesh for the first time about the attackers.
About five hours before that post, SITE Intelligence in another tweet said: "#ISIS promoted forthcoming vid from #Bangladesh, marking 1st production from the group's division there. Appears to focus on #Dhaka attack."
In the video, in which they appear to have spoken before the attack, they are heard saying that they would target anyone who they call the "enemies of Islam".

Happy to get
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The school has 175 students from pre-primary to class-V and is run by Education and Development Foundation, a Spanish NGO.
The sources said the school building was constructed at a cost of Tk 70 lakh and the contractor handed over the building to the authorities concerned on August 10.
ATM Rafiqul Islam, coordinator of Education and Development Foundation in Mymensingh, said the union parishad member went to the school the same day and claimed Tk 2 lakh.
"As we expressed our inability to pay, he locked the school and left," added the coordinator.
He also warned not to open the school until he received "his dues", the sources said.
"We tried to manage the issue locally and informed local elites and political leaders," said the official.
"Finally, we informed Kamrul Ahsan Talukder, upazila nirbahi officer of Bhaluka, of the matter and he called the UP member at his office and asked him to open the school on August 20," said the coordinator.
However, the member did not pay heed to the UNO's instructions.
The UNO along with upazila officials and Officer-in-Charge Mamun-or-Rashid of Bhaluka Police Station went to the school Thursday afternoon and opened the school.
The school managing committee has filed a general diary with Bhaluka police.
"Punitive measures will be taken against the member if he created any disturbance in future," the UNO said.
The officials also handed over education materials among the schoolchildren at a gathering of teachers, students and their guardians.
Nadira Akhtar Lipi, head teacher of the school, said they were very happy now.
The UP member could not be contacted for comments as his mobile phone was found switched off.

Merkel now wants migrant deals with other countries

AFP, Vienna
German Chancellor Angela Merkel, under fire at home over her refugees policy, called Saturday for Europe to secure deals with third countries to send back migrants who do not qualify for asylum.
Speaking after talks in Vienna with leaders along the Balkan migrants trail into Europe, Merkel said the continent must "stop illegal immigration while living up to our humanitarian responsibilities".
To this end "it is necessary to get agreements with third countries, especially in Africa but also Pakistan and Afghanistan... so that it becomes clear that those with no right to stay in Europe can go back to their home countries," she told reporters.
Last year hundreds of thousands of people, many fleeing the Syrian war, trekked up from Greece through the western Balkans to northern Europe, in the continent's biggest migration crisis since 1945.
Populist parties across Europe have stoked concerns about the influx, not least Alternative for Germany (AfD), which has stolen support from Merkel's centre-right party in recent state elections.
On Monday Merkel said for the first time that the influx could have been better handled.
In March, under pressure from Austria, Balkan countries closed their borders, and the flow has since slowed dramatically, although 100-150 still make it to Austria every day, Vienna says.
The same month the EU struck a deal with Turkey -- home to more than three million refugees -- under which Ankara promised to halt the inflow in return for billions in aid and other sweeteners.
The pact may yet collapse, however, in the wake of the July 15 coup attempt in Turkey.

As illustrated by a large fire at a refugee camp on the island of Lesbos on Monday, Greece meanwhile remains under severe strain, with more than 60,000 people stranded.
An EU scheme to relocate them -- and others in Italy -- around the bloc has failed to live up to expectations, while extra administrative assistance promised by the EU has been insufficient.
Merkel on Saturday said that EU countries' participation in the relocation scheme has been "too slow", saying this could "increase the pressure" on Greece's border with Bulgaria.
"It is unacceptable that the countries that first receive (the migrants) bear the burden," Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said in Vienna, according to ANA.

Space plenty

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The PM said if a party makes a mistake, it has to pay for it. "We went for elections but the BNP-Jamaat did not join it. They burnt people to stop the elections. Am I to give them the scope for burning people?"
"But they took part in local government elections," she said.
Trying the war criminals was a national obligation, Hasina said, adding, the Awami League had promised the country that it would ensure the trials of war criminals.
She also said her government, through awareness campaigns, has been able to increase the involvement of the people against militancy.
"The people are now more aware... they are the ones informing us [about militant activities]," she added.

Five killed in US mall
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"I don't what his motivation was to do this," Chris Cammock, police chief in the larger nearby town of Mount Vernon, told a news conference. "But I certainly plan to find out through the investigation, to the best of our ability."
He said police are not looking for anyone else as part of their probe.
Burlington Mayor Steve Sexton's voice trembled as he noted that the randomness of gun violence in America -- which causes an estimated 30,000 deaths a year -- had hit his small town.
"This was a senseless act, the world knocking on our doorstep. It came to our little community," Sexton said.
Police released a still from video surveillance of the suspect showing only his head and torso, though the full picture, published by local media, showed him holding what appeared to be a rifle.
The shooting came amid fierce debate in America over gun control laws. It is a hot issue on the campaign trail ahead of the November 8 presidential election.
Police received calls around 6:58 pm Friday (0058 GMT Saturday) that shots were fired at the mall.
The shooter had walked in without a weapon, and appeared on security cameras about 10 minutes later with a rifle, said Cammock.
The suspect was last seen walking toward a highway from the mall before police arrived, police said.
Witnesses told KOMO News that a shooter walked into the Macy's store and opened fire. Nearby businesses were evacuated, the television station added.
"I hear one shot and then stand kinda still and like two, three other people start running out saying 'gun' and then shot after shot after shot," said Armando Patino, who was working at a cellphone store.
"I turn around and run to the store. Some people didn't know where to go. I just moved them into the store," he added.
"We went in the back where we have a door and everything and we just stayed there until they told us to evacuate."
Multiple law enforcement agencies and sniffer dogs were searching for the suspect.
Police took hours to clear the sprawling building. Cammock said police have so far interviewed about 20 people about the shooting.
The mall said it would stay closed for a day as a mark of respect for the victims.

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