



## TRUMP'S INAUGURATION

The social media world was ablaze on the 20th of this month when Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States of America. Newspapers across the globe, for example the Independent UK, put up titles like 'So Help Us God'. Facebook, Twitter and everything in between had opinions scattered throughout about what is to come. A mix of fear and anxiety gripped the American society and the rest of the world alike. But can we really tell the future? We have to wait and watch.

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A Narayanganj court today observed that some high-ambitious members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in connivance with common people have committed the sensational seven-murder.

(...highly ambitious...)

The court said Rab has been playing vital roles in curbing militancy and terrorism in the country since the long.

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## THE TENSION WITH RAB

The much awaited verdict of the Narayanganj seven-murder case was finally issued by Narayanganj District and Session Judge's Court on 16th January. The verdict awarded death penalty to 26 of the perpetrators 25 among whom are the members of the elite law enforcement agency Rapid Action Battalion (RAB). Different government organisations and RAB's current Director General have stated that the verdict did not tarnish the image of a disciplined force like RAB. However, human rights organisations around the world have been questioning RAB's involvement in extra-judicial killings for long since. Recently, Human Rights Watch reiterated its appeal to disband RAB stating that this agency has been used often times as an in-house death squad.

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This has severe implications and could be deadly for women and girls in developing countries and conflict zones, who often resort to dangerous methods of ending their pregnancies when they lack access to safe abortion. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 21 million women a year have unsafe abortions in developing countries, accounting for about 13 percent of all maternal deaths. This cannot be supported. LOOK at this photo. Look at all the men surrounding him deciding what to do with our bodies.

Donald Trump Signs Anti-Abortion Executive Order Surrounded By Men

It seems like women might be interested in this policy too.

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## TRENDING THIS WEEK



## WOMEN'S MARCH

Trump's inauguration was almost overshadowed by the women's march that took place the day after. Celebrities, citizens, people from all walks of life, of all ages took part in this historic event where they brought up issues of all kinds, to tackle them and to stay united. Facebook and Twitter are still giving updates and motivational statuses about the event. Slogans were flying across the United States and the rest of the world where not only violence against women were being discussed, but also Islamophobia and other important issues of today.

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There are marches happening worldwide in conjunction with the Women's March on Washington, which is expected to be the largest inauguration-related demonstration in U.S. history.

Pictures From Women's Marches Around the United States and the World

Crowds in hundreds of cities around the world are gathering Saturday in conjunction with the Women's March on Washington.

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## PERSONALITY



## RECALLING ROOTS

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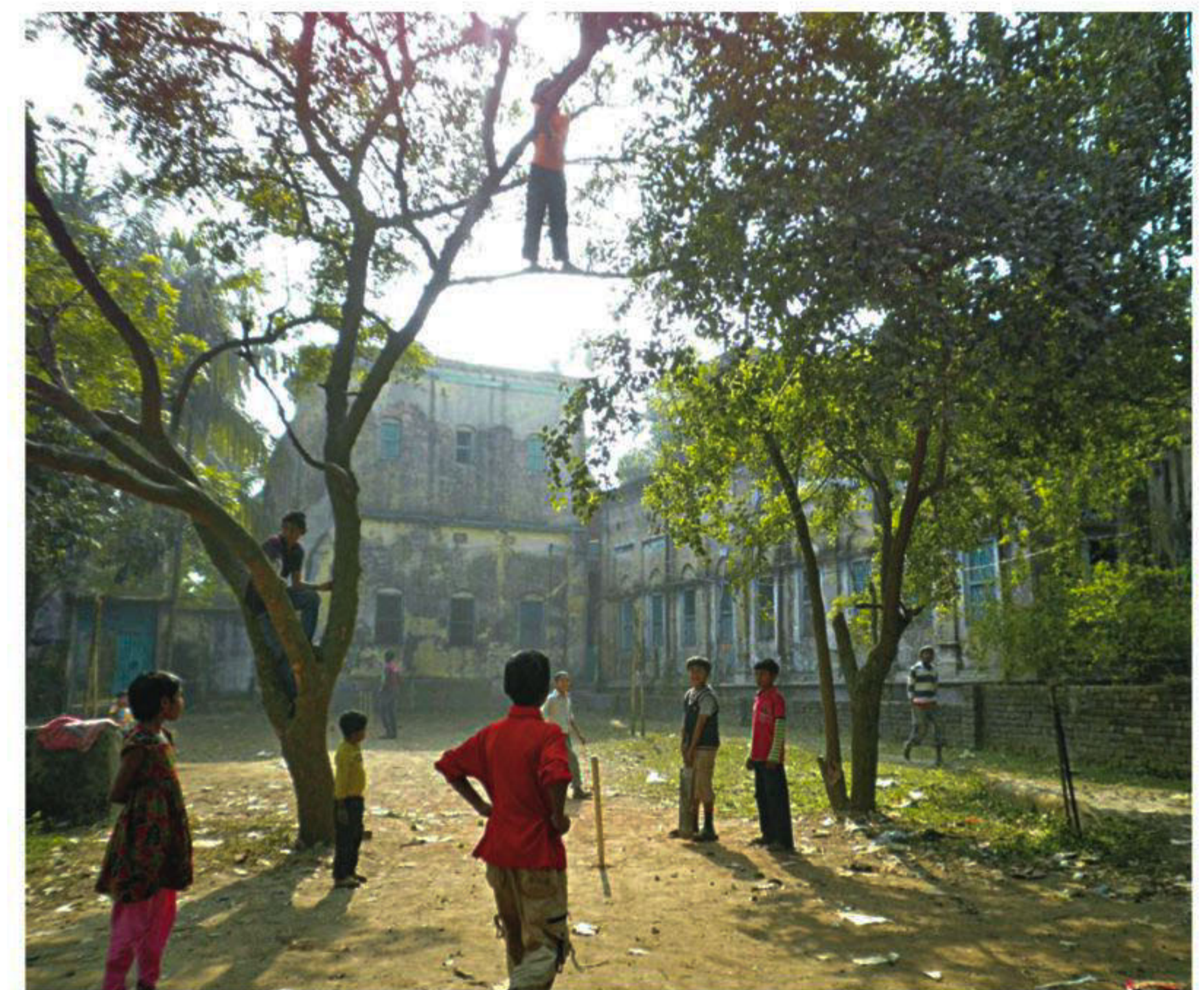
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During my childhood years, whenever my family would plan on visiting my great-great-grandfather's *zamindar* house (also famously known as *Boro Basha* locally) situated just beside the *Eid'gah Maath* in Jinjira, Keraniganj, deeply rooted memories come rushing from within. Back in the 90's, travelling to our *zamindar* house included a part where we had to cross over to the other side of the Buriganga River by ferry. A bridge had not been built yet. From the fear of drowning, crossing the river was the only part I dreaded about in the whole journey. Otherwise, with every visit to my root, with every experience, I always learnt something new about the history behind my lineage.



Zamindar Khan Shaheb Haji Emdad Ali, my great-great-grandfather, was a self made man. He became a *zamindar* not through lineage. Rather, back in the British era, he bought a handsome amount of land to acquire his position as a *zamindar*. He also maintained good contact with the governors of the British Empire and was awarded with the "Khan Shaheb" title. Some of the estates owned by Zamindar Khan Shaheb included the prominent *Gonimiyaar'haat* in Jinjira, a portion of the Dhaka's Moulvibazaar, the haat-bazaars and more. Most of these properties are still owned and looked after by our family. There were ups-and-downs as well. At one point, my great-great-grandfather tried to establish his own business in Assam. However, incurring loss, he had to come back.

The *Boro Basha* is two storied itself and covers a huge area. There was a pond too. Although a lot of it has been refurbished, but most of the original style and architecture of the *zamindar* house still exists today. There is a controversy regarding the exact date on which the house was established. However, since the beginning, exteriors have always maintained its pink color. I heard my elders mention that once, a banyan tree got uprooted during a heavy storm and fell upon the house, causing damage to a huge portion of it. During the monsoon



my great-great-grandfather was a generous man by heart. There was a *Musafir Khana* within the *Boro Basha* where he would often distribute seasonal fruits and feed the needy. The people under him were fond of my great-great-grandfather as whatever land he owned, most of it were given away free of cost. And the other interesting fact which made me respect my great-great-grandfather even more is that, instead of following the usual ritual of asking people to come to the *Musafir Khana*, he would send gifts to their houses. I look at it as a kind gesture from his part. Also, one third of the earnings from his estates were sent to a charity fund and he ensured this process throughout his lifetime. Zamindar Khan Shaheb was especially fond of helping students continue their studies.

Back in those days, my great-great-grandfather also dealt with the leather business and flourished in this arena. Even though Zamindar Khan Shaheb Haji Emdad Ali was a well-off and powerful *zamindar* in and around the Jinjira area, season, the canals around the house would fill up with water and the house would appear to be ship-like. Zamindar Khan Shaheb was scared of earthquakes. To deal with his phobia, a large and lavish teakwood house was built on the porch and he would reside on its first floor.

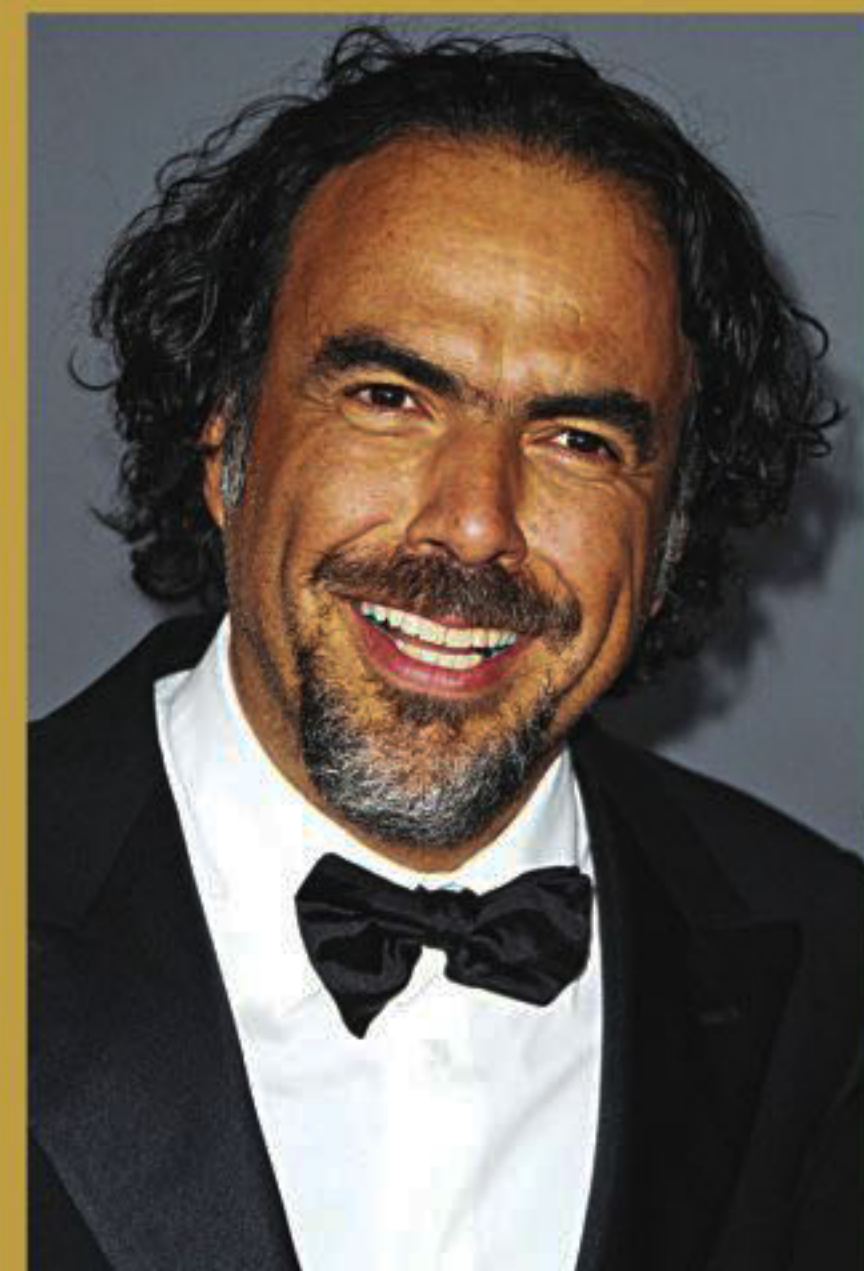
If I were asked what made my great-great-grandfather feel concerned and wish for the well-being of the people under him, then perhaps I would say, it was because, he never forgot about his own humble beginning. ■

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

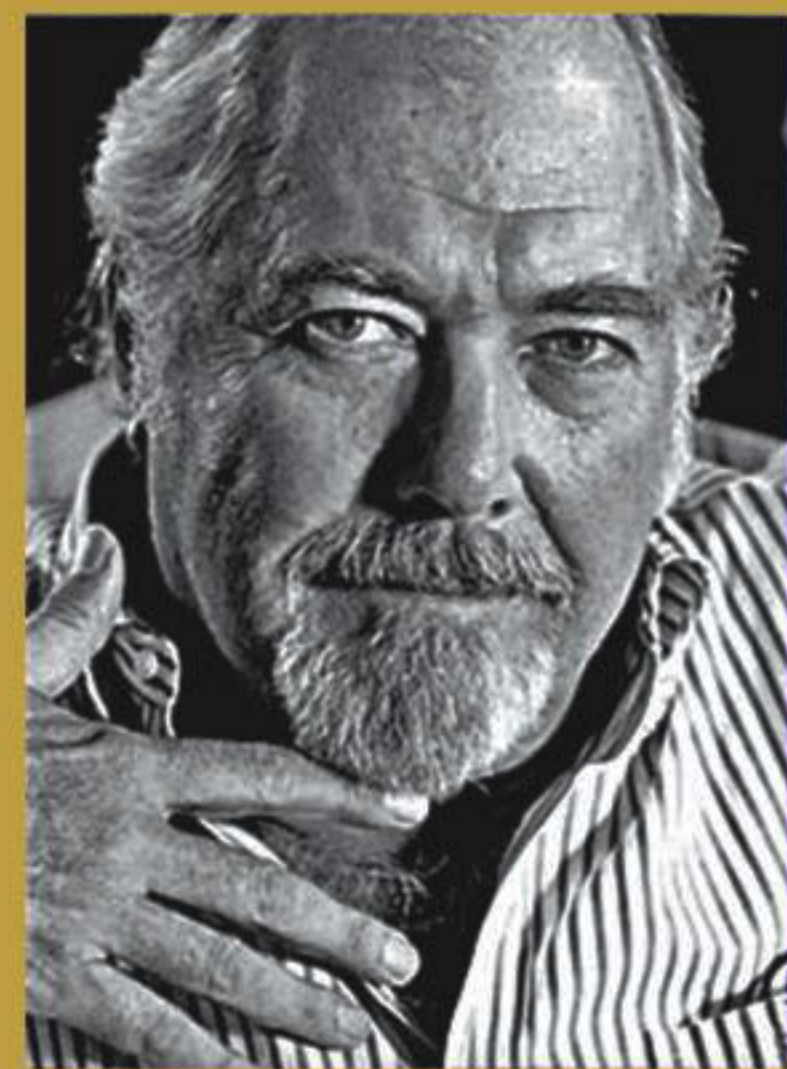


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