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# SKELETON trouble

### Medical students forced to rely on supply from grave-diggers for lack of specific law, body donation culture, change in curriculum

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

When Islam (full name withheld) signed up for MBBS studies three years ago, he faced an uphill task. For his anatomy course, he badly needed a human skeleton but he could not get one.

After months of frantic search, a few phone numbers written on the wall of his college building turned out to be the ultimate lead. One number belonged to a senior of his college who agreed to sell the skeleton he used in his early years as a medical student.

Islam, now in his third-year at Dhaka National Medical College, bought it for Tk 30,000 from the senior student, who had got it from a senior of his years ago.

"It's extremely difficult to get a human skeleton. There is no law that allows us getting skeletons for study purpose. That's why medical students often buy skeletons either from their seniors or from anatomy lab assistants who get those from underground sources," he said.

The only legal source of human skeletons is those from

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## They target graves in rural areas

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Body snatching and selling of the skeletons have everything of an illicit trade.

There are three tiers in the business. In the bottom tier of course are the people who actually steal the human remains but get the smallest share of the pie.

The tiers above are all populated by middlemen, who earn way more than those who risk getting beaten up, lynched or jailed for breaking one of the most sacred norms of society.

And like every other illicit trade, the people who belong to the intermediate tiers often remain beyond the reach of the law and the media.

This Daily Star correspondent managed to get hold of a body snatcher.

In this story, he will be referred to as "Humayun", which of course is not his name. SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

## NoBanJFK group springs up

Volunteers working round the clock at NY airport to help out Trump victims

RABIYA AHMED from New York

Lawyers and translators around the United States are still working to help immigrants and refugees coming into the country as several states including Washington, New York, and most recently California issue a stay on Donald Trump's executive order on immigration.

A few days ago, a Kurdish family traveling to Nashville was sent back to Iraq because of the current travel ban that singles out seven Muslim majority countries. On February 1, a Bangladeshi student was detained after landing at JFK. A lawyer has currently taken on his case.

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# Trump's travel ban suspended

### The move came after judge blocked the controversial ban on immigrants from 7 Muslim nations; Trump blasts court move

CNN, Washington

President Donald Trump's government moved swiftly yesterday to comply with a federal judge's order halting his immigration ban -- even as Trump denounced the judge.

The Department of Homeland Security announced it has suspended all actions to implement the immigration order and will resume standard inspections of travelers as it did prior to the signing of the travel ban.

Also, a State Department official told CNN the department has reversed the cancellation of visas that were provisionally revoked following the President's executive order last week -- so long as those visas were not stamped or marked as canceled.

The State Department has said fewer than 60,000 visas were revoked since the signing of the order. It was not immediately clear how many from that group will continue to be without their visas because their visas were physically canceled.

Following the judge's ruling -- and before the government's announcements yesterday morning (US time) -- the International Air Transportation Association, a worldwide



"The opinion of this so-called judge, which essentially takes law-enforcement away from our country, is ridiculous and will be overturned!"

TRUMP TWEETS TO BLAST A FEDERAL JUDGE'S DECISION TO HALT HIS IMMIGRATION ORDER

airline industry trade group, cited US Customs and Border Protection in telling its members to follow procedures "as if the executive order never existed."

The whirlwind turn of events set up the nation for a second straight week-end of widespread uncertainty over the controversial ban, this time with the administration on defence.

On Friday night, the White House announced the Justice Department would file an emergency motion to stop the halt, but it had yet to do so as of yesterday afternoon. But Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson told CNN's Anderson Cooper Friday night that he was prepared to take his case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Trump's order bars citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries -- Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen -- from entering the US for 90 days, all refugees for 120 days and indefinitely halts refugees from Syria.

'OUTRAGEOUS' ORDER Federal Judge James Robart, a George W Bush appointee who presides in Seattle, halted the enforcement of Trump's order on Friday night, effective nationwide.

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## SIRAJGANJ JOURNO MURDER

# Protests go on, main accused yet to be held

STAR REPORT

With newsmen across the country protesting the killing of their fellow journalist in Sirajganj, police could not yet arrest Shahzadpur municipality mayor, the main accused in a case filed over the murder.

Law enforcers during primary investigation found evidence that the bullet, which killed Abdul Hakim Shimul, was shot from the house of Mayor Halimul Haque Miru.

The local Awami League lawmaker also blamed the mayor for the killing.

Sirajganj-6 (Shahzadpur) MP Hashibur Rahman Swapon claimed that Shimul, the Shahzadpur correspondent of the daily Samakal, died after he was hit by a bullet fired by Miru during a clash on Thursday.

"I came to know about this from eyewitnesses and party men. He [the mayor] was seen firing in a video footage of the clash," he told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday. He also demanded legal actions against the mayor.



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A banner with the photo of Khokon on the second floor of Capital Super Market near Farmgate.

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# Kept in mortuary by two 'wives'

### Man died two and half years ago, denied funeral for dispute over religion

AKRAM HOSEN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

He died over two and a half years ago but his funeral has not been performed yet. His body is kept at the mortuary of Dhaka Medical College.

It's because two women -- one Hindu and the other Muslim -- have been fighting

a legal battle to establish their claim on the body. Both of them claim to be his wife and that the man was following any of the two religions.

And now, whoever wins the battle will get the body for the funeral, said police.

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