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# Probe drags on for 2 yrs

Police failed to turn in report though court set 21 dates

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Almost two years have passed since the murder of writer-blogger Avijit Roy, but police are yet to wrap up the investigation.

A Dhaka court yesterday once again ordered the investigation officer of the murder case to submit the probe report to it by March 27.

Earlier, the court had fixed 21 dates for submission of the probe report by the IO, but the police failed to complete the probe.

Suspected militants hacked to death Avijit, founder of Mukto-Mona blog, near the Teacher-Student Centre on the Dhaka University campus on February 26, 2015. His wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya was also injured in the attack.

Victim's father Ajay Roy filed the murder case against unidentified assailants with Shahbagh Police Station.

The Bangladesh-born US citizen came home with his wife only a few days ago as his two books were published during the Ekushey Book Fair that year.

Police said they arrested eight suspects in the murder case, but could not arrest the masterminds behind the attack and those who directly took part in the killing mission.

Seven of the suspects -- Shafiqul Rahman Farabi, Sadekur Rahman Mithu, Alimul Mallik, Towhidur Rahman, Julhaj

**AVIJIT MURDER**



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UN Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Yanghee Lee visits an unregistered Rohingya slum at Leda in Teknaf yesterday. Lee visited various Rohingya slums in Cox's Bazar in the last three days.

PHOTO: COLLECTED



## Indian foreign secretary arrives today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar arrives here today on a two-day visit.

He is expected to land in Dhaka around 1.45pm.

Jaishankar is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and hold a bilateral meeting with his Bangladeshi counterpart.

His visit aims at firming up deliverables ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's state visit to India likely in April.

The Indian foreign secretary will depart Dhaka tomorrow morning for New

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# 3 hurt in Ctg as shots fired over tender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people suffered bullet injuries in a clash between two groups of Chhatra League activists over distribution of tender form of ghats under Chittagong City Corporation yesterday afternoon.

The victims are Towhidul Islam, 30, a lawyer of Chittagong, Ashok Deb alias Liton, 37, a contractor of Chittagong City Corporation and Ovi Pal, 22, a pedestrian. They were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), said

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# AMNESTY REPORT ON RISE OF POPULIST LEADERS 'Demonising' policies growing risk to world

AFP, Paris

US President Donald Trump and other leaders whose policies "demonise" entire groups of people pose a growing danger for the world, Amnesty International said Wednesday in its annual report.

"The poisonous politics of demonisation" are making the world "more fragmented, more unequal (and) more unsafe", Amnesty chief Salil Shetty said while presenting the 2016 report in Paris.

The report says that "divisive fear-mongering has become a dangerous force in world affairs," adding: "More and more politicians calling themselves anti-

establishment are wielding a toxic agenda that hounds, scapegoats and dehumanises entire groups of people."

Shetty pointed to Trump, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban as leaders employing "us versus them" rhetoric.

Their brand of identity politics is causing a "global pushback" of human rights and undermining a coordinated response to mass atrocities, Amnesty said in the report, which evaluates the state of human rights in 159 countries.

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# Lady Liberty 'welcomes' refugees!

CNN ONLINE

"Refugees welcome," read a 20-foot red and white banner that hung across the Statue of Liberty on Tuesday.

National Park Service rangers quickly removed the sign, but images of it spread across social media.

An activist group calling itself Alt Lady Liberty said it hung the banner and emailed this statement: "Almost all Americans have descendants from somewhere else. Immigrants and refugees make this country great. And turning away refugees, like we did to Anne Frank, does not make us great. Refugees are welcome here, Muslims are welcome here and immigrants are welcome here."

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## We Mourn

We mourn the passing away of Captain Syed Ali Asghar Rizvi (22 April 1944 - 20 February 2017)

The late Captain Rizvi was the Chariman of Alliance Properties Ltd, Union Knitting & Dying Ltd, and Union Accessories Ltd. Earlier he was Captain of Bangladesh Biman Airlines.

The Qulkhani will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque on Friday, 24 February after Asr prayers.

All the Members of the Alliance Group of Companies

# 3 siblings killed

Brother held; motive unknown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Three siblings were strangled to death allegedly by their brother in Narsingdi Sadar upazila on Tuesday night.

The youth also hacked another brother. The dead are Yeasin, 12, Mariam, 6, and Marzia, 3, said Mohammad Salauddin, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Narsingdi Model Police Station.

Police arrested the alleged killer, Rubel, 23. But the motive behind the killings could not be known immediately.

After turning off the main electricity switch, Rubel entered the room of their house in Alukbali village in a remote char area around 10:00pm. Three of his siblings

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# 'GUNFIGHT' WITH COPS 2 'criminals' killed in Narayanganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Two suspected criminals were killed in a "gunfight" with the Detective Branch (DB) of police in Narayanganj's Fatullah area yesterday.

The dead are Moktar Hossain alias "Killer Moktar", 42, and his accomplice Manik alias "Killer Manik", 40. Moktar was accused in several cases, including one for murder, police said.

Acting on a tip-off that some criminals were hiding near Pagla's Sahibazar, a DB team raided the place around 6:30pm, said Kamaluddin, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the

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