

A murder in cold blood: SC

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"a cold-blooded murder" and "a crime against society".

"The brutality of the crime shocks the judicial conscience," it said in the full verdict which was released on Sunday clearing the way for the jail authorities to execute death-row convict Shahidul Islam.

"Now the apex court judgment will be sent to the jail authorities. After receiving the verdict, the jail authorities will inform Shahidul Islam about it and will ask him whether he will seek mercy from the president. If he seeks presidential mercy and if the president rejects his mercy petition, the jail authorities will execute his death sentence after 14 days and before 21 days from the date of receiving the verdict," Deputy Attorney General Khondker Diluruzzaman told The Daily Star.

Earlier on March 5, a three-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha dismissed the petition for reviewing its earlier judgment, which upheld the death penalty of Shahidul in the case over the rape and murder of Shazneen 18 years ago.

The two other members of the bench are Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Hasan Foez Siddique.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, a class-IX student of Scholastica, was raped and murdered at her Gulshan house on April 23, 1998. She was the daughter of Transcom Group Chairman Latifur Rahman.

On August 2 last year, the Appellate Division of the SC upheld the death penalty of Shahidul, a domestic help at Shazneen's Gulshan house.

But it acquitted four others -- Syed Sajjad Mainuddin Hasan, a contractor for renovation of Shazneen's house, his assistant Badal, and housemaids Estema Khatun Minu and Parvin.

On September 15 last year, Shahidul filed the petition with the SC seeking review of its verdict that upheld his death penalty.

SC OBSERVATIONS

In the full verdict, the apex court observed that Shazneen, an unfortunate girl of 15 years, was killed most inhumanly and brutally after rape in her bedroom which was her most secured place.

"This [Appellate] Division, upholding the findings of the tribunal and High Court Division, observed that it has been proved beyond all reasonable doubt that victim Shazneen was raped before murder," the court said.

"... there is no doubt that not only this vulture pounced upon the body of the victim but it had jeopardised the victim's parents, her other family members and conscience of the society at large. It was a cold-blooded murder and where rape was committed on an innocent and helpless girl which was a treacherous and cowardly act of the petitioner [Shahidul]."

The SC judges observed, "It is not possible to catalogue the reasons which may justify the pass of death sentence but when the murder has been committed in a brutal manner on a helpless child the same may be awarded. It is a crime against society and the brutality of the crime shocks the judicial conscience that the Court has the duty to impose the death sentence.

"It is true death for death may be, to some extent, inhuman but it is equally true that when a man becomes a beast

and menace to the society, he can be deprived of his life. The nature of the crime reveals that the petitioner is a menace to the society and sentence of imprisonment would be altogether inadequate.

"From the nature of the offence it appears to us that the petitioner is not in any way entitled to get any sympathy. We do not find any mitigating or extenuating circumstances on record for commutation of the sentence of death. Delay in the disposal of this case cannot by itself be a ground for commuting the sentence of death to one of imprisonment for life since the crime committed by the petitioner was premeditated senseless, dastardly and beyond all human reasonings."

CASE HISTORY

The Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression in Dhaka convicted and sentenced six accused to death in the case on September 2, 2003.

The six -- Hasan, Badal, Shahidul, Estema, Parvin and carpenter Shaniram Mandal -- then appealed to the High Court against the tribunal verdict.

On July 10, 2006, the HC confirmed the death penalty of Hasan, Shahid, Badal, Minu and Parvin. It, however, acquitted Shaniram.

Later, four accused -- Hasan, Badal, Minu and Parvin -- filed separate leave-to-appeal petitions, seeking permission for filing regular appeals against the HC verdict.

On April 26, 2009, the Appellate Division accepted their leave-to-appeal petitions.

Later, the four lodged appeals with the SC.

Shahidul also filed an appeal with the apex court through the jail authorities.

Tragedy tears

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Regaining consciousness last evening, the class-IV student from Comilla's Laksam was repeatedly looking for his parents at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He had not been told what happened to them.

Jashim, elder son of Mohammad Razzaq and Jharna Begum of Laksam's Gondamara, was hit by a speedy motorcycle near Laksam bypass area around 8:00am.

The accident happened when the boy was returning to his home after saying Esha prayers at a nearby mosque.

He suffered severe injuries in his head and chest, said Mohammad Zahir, a neighbour who was accompanying the boy at the DMCH.

Locals found him unconscious and took him to Comilla Medical College Hospital.

On being informed, Razzaq, Jharna, their son Razu, Jharna's mother Joynab Nesa along with another neighbour, Isahak Mia, started rushing towards the hospital in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

A Noakhali-bound long-route bus, however, ran over the auto-rickshaw near Baral area in Comilla, leaving Razzaq, Jharna, Joynab and the auto-rickshaw driver, Bacchu Mia, dead on the spot, said Zahir.

Highway police seized the vehicles after the accident. It was not known whether the bus driver was caught.

As Jashim's condition was bad, he was shifted to the DMCH yesterday morning.

His younger brother Razu, who broke his left hand, was admitted to the hospital in Comilla while Isahak Mia, the injured neighbour, was also admitted to the DMCH.

Contacted, Bachhu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost, confirmed the incident.



Jashim

9 staffers jailed

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"We tried to collect his death certificate but his family members did not cooperate with us," Jahangir said.

The court found the convicts guilty under the Inland Shipping Ordinance-1976, he said.

The verdict was pronounced for shipping casualty defined in the act as loss of life or injury to any person, or damage to any property, on board, and such casualty occurred due to the fault of the inland ship or due to the incompetence or misconduct of the owner, master or any officer or other member of the crew or contravention of the law by them.

MV Koko-4 capsized near Nazirpur launch terminal in Lalmohon with around 2,000 passengers on board on November 27, 2009.

To collect ticket money, the launch authorities stopped the vessel around 20 yards off the bank and tried to offload passengers with the help of a wooden plank. They even locked the collapsible gate and kept open only one exit. Soon, the passengers became panicked and gathered on one side of the launch, which led it to capsize.

Two days later, a seven-member

body was formed and it submitted a probe report in December that year.

In 2011, the Department of Shipping filed a case with the Marine Court against the nine staff, Jahangir said.

Now, the accused can appeal against the judgment with the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in Dhaka.

With many inland waterways and slack safety standards, the country sees launch disasters on a regular basis, with death tolls sometimes hitting hundreds. But incidents of punishing people responsible for disasters are rare.

"This is a very rare verdict. In most of the cases, people responsible for disasters go unpunished due to poor performance of prosecution lawyers," said Ashis Kumar Dey, general secretary of the National Committee to Protect Shipping, Road and Railway.

Jasim Ahmed, brother of a victim who had been going home for the first time after marriage at the time of the incident, told BBC Bangla Service, "I have heard that the accused got punishment, but the punishment is not adequate. We have lost our dear ones. We know how it feels."

US submarine docks

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in the region of Wonsan on its east coast for a live-fire drill, South Korea's military said.

North Korea has an air base in Wonsan and missiles have also been tested there.

"North Korea is conducting a large-scale firing drill in Wonsan areas this afternoon," the South's Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The South Korean military was monitoring the situation and "firmly maintaining readiness", it said.

The South's Yonhap News Agency said earlier the exercise was possibly supervised by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korea's state media was defiant in a commentary marking the 85th anniversary of the foundation of the Korean People's Army, saying its military was prepared "to bring to closure the history of US scheming and nuclear blackmail".

"There is no limit to the strike power of the People's Army armed with our style of cutting-edge military equipment including various precision and miniaturised nuclear weapons and submarine-launched ballistic missiles," the official Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in a front-page editorial.

North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threat is perhaps the most serious security challenge confronting US President Donald Trump. He has vowed to prevent North Korea from being able to hit the United States with a nuclear missile and has said all options are on the table, including a military strike.

Trump sent the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier strike group for exercises off the

Korean peninsula as a warning to North Korea and a show of solidarity with US allies.

South Korea's navy said it was conducting a live-fire exercise with US destroyers in waters west of the Korean peninsula and would soon join the carrier strike group approaching the region.

China, North Korea's sole major ally which nevertheless objects to its weapons development, has repeatedly called for calm, and its envoy for Korean affairs, Wu Dawei, was in Tokyo yesterday.

"We hope that all parties, including Japan, can work with China to promote an early peaceful resolution of the issue, and play the role, put forth the effort, and assume the responsibility that they should," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters in Beijing.

Japan's envoy on North Korea, Kenji Kanasugi, said after talks with his US and South Korean counterparts that they agreed China should take a concrete role to resolve the crisis and it could use an oil embargo as a tool to press the North.

"We believe China has a very, very important role to play," said the US envoy for North Korea policy, Joseph Yun.

South Korea's envoy, Kim Hong-kyun, said they had also discussed how to get Russia's help to press North Korea.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is expected to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin on April 27, the Kremlin said. It did not elaborate.

RARE SENATE BRIEFING

Matching the flurry of diplomatic and military activity in Asia, the State Department in Washington said on Monday US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson would chair a special ministerial meeting of the UN Security Council on North Korea on Friday.

Tillerson, along with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and Joint Chiefs chairman General Joseph Dunford, would also hold a rare briefing for the entire US Senate on North Korea today, Senate aides said.

A North Korean foreign ministry spokesman said those meetings called by US officials clearly reflected the US pressure that could "ignite a full-out war" on the Korean peninsula.

"The reality of today again proves the decision to strengthen nuclear power in quality and quantity under the banner of pursuing economic development and nuclear power was the correct one," the unidentified spokesman said in a statement issued by the North's state media.

On Monday, Trump called for tougher UN sanctions on the North, saying it was a global threat and "a problem that we have to finally solve".

"The status quo in North Korea is also unacceptable," Trump told a meeting with the 15 UN Security Council ambassadors, including China and Russia, at the White House. "The council must be prepared to impose additional and stronger sanctions on North Korean nuclear and ballistic missile programmes."

Fishing

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about 14,000 tonnes. Around 25 tonnes of fish were lost this year, as the flashflood hit the waterbody relatively early, said AKM Shafiquzzaman, fisheries officer of Moulvibazar.

To recoup the loss, around 18 lakh fish fries would be released into the haor this June, he said.

Deputy Director Mosharaf, who has been visiting the affected districts for the last few days, said, "The fishermen told us that fish died due to rotten paddies."

Quoting the fisheries office of Sunamganj, he said it was primarily estimated that around 50 tonnes of fish died in Sunamganj.

Bijoy Sen Roy, joint convener of Haor Bachao, Sunamganj Bachao, demanded compensation for the farmers and declaration of the district as a distressed area.

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১। সংস্থা : বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অধিদপ্তর।

২। দরপত্র আহবান : মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অধিদপ্তর।

৩। ক্রয় পদ্ধতি : উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।

৪। তহবিল : রাজস্ব ব্যয়।

৫। দরপত্র আহবানের নম্বর ও তারিখ : স্মারক নং ২৩.০৬.০০০০.০০৩.১৮.৬১.১৭- তারিখ ২৪ এপ্রিল ২০১৭।

৬। দরদাতার যোগ্যতা : পিপিআর ২০০৮/২০১০/২০১২ এবং তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট সরবরাহ কাজের জন্য প্রার্থী দরপত্র দলিলের বর্ণনামুযায়ী।

৭। দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয় স্থান : বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অধিদপ্তর, ৩২, ঈশা খাঁ এ্যাভিনিউ, সেক্টর-৬, উত্তরা মডেল টাউন, ঢাকা।

৮। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সময়সীমা : তারিখ ০৮ মে ২০১৭, ১৭০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

৯। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : তারিখ ০৯ মে ২০১৭ দুপুর ১৩০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১০। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান : বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অধিদপ্তর, ৩২, ঈশা খাঁ এ্যাভিনিউ, সেক্টর-৬, উত্তরা মডেল টাউন, ঢাকা।

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১৩। দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ :

ক্রমিক	দ্রব্যের বিবরণ	লট নং	মন্তব্য
১।	বিভিন্ন অর্ড্যান্স ও উপহার সামগ্রী	০১, ০২, ০৩, ০৪ ও ০৫	দ্রব্য সামগ্রীর বিস্তারিত বিবরণ সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
২।	স্টেশনারী দ্রব্যাদি	০৬	—এ—
৩।	কম্পিউটার ও যন্ত্রাংশ	০৭	—এ—
৪।	ব্যয়িতব্য দ্রব্যাদি	০৮	—এ—
৫।	বিবিধ আনুষঙ্গিক দ্রব্যাদি	০৯	—এ—
৬।	আসবাবপত্র ও খেলার সামগ্রী	১০ ও ১১	—এ—

১৪। দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্যঃ লট নং ১-৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা, লট নং ২-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা, লট নং ৩-২০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা, লট নং ৪-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা, লট নং ৫-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা, লট নং ৬-৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকা, লট নং ৭-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা, লট নং ৮-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত), লট নং ৯-৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা এবং লট নং ১০-৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা এবং লট নং ১১-১৫০/- (একশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।

১৫। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বিএনসিসি অধিদপ্তর হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

১৬। কর্তৃপক্ষ সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত যে কোন দ্রব্যের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি বা হ্রাস করতে পারবেন।

১৭। সংগ্রাহক সত্তা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাছিম করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

বিস্তারিত যদি কোন কারণবশত নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়, দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণ এবং দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হয় তবে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে যথাক্রমে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

ভারপ্রাপ্ত স্টাফ ক্যাপ্টেন (অর্ডং)
মহাপরিচালকের পক্ষে
বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অধিদপ্তর

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Leanne Goh

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board members acknowledged the appointment of editorial staff in Delhi, Phnom Penh and Bangkok under newly-appointed Managing Editor Cod Satrusayang.

Thai-born Cod was formerly senior correspondent of Reuters and DPA.

"He brings a wealth of experience in Asia reporting as we launch new services," said Pana Janviroj, ANN's executive editor.

The services will include state-of-the-art e-newsletter, website subscription and pan-Asia VDO series.

ANN members also discussed a number of initiatives, which they could exchange among members including new media strategy by Dawn and Jakarta Post, data syndication from Singapore's Straits Times, video journalism from China Daily, and dealing with fake news and freedom of the press threats from Bangladesh's The Daily Star and Philippine Daily Inquirer.

ANN members comprise The Daily Star, Bangladesh; Kuensel, Bhutan; Borneo Bulletin, Brunei; Ramei Kampuchea, Cambodia; China Daily; The Statesman, India; Jakarta Post, Indonesia; The Japan News and Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan; Vientiane Times, Laos; The Star and Sin Chew Daily, Malaysia; GoGo Mongolia; Eleven Media Group, Myanmar; Kathmandu Post, Nepal; Dawn, Pakistan; Philippine Daily Inquirer; The Straits Times, Singapore; Korea Herald; The Island, Sri Lanka; Taiwan's China Post; The Nation, Thailand; and Vietnam News.

Judiciary treated

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protection to the administration too and the bureaucracy always considered judiciary as its contender, he added.

The CJ was speaking at a reception for him hosted by Habiganj District Bar Association at the Bar library.

Sinha said administrative officials seek justice from the judiciary after being denied protection at their respective departments. The judiciary then plays a role in upholding their rights.

"Mere money is not enough to develop a country. To do that, a country must have to prevent corruption, ensure independence of judiciary and rule of law," he observed.

District and Sessions Judge Md Atabullah, among others, spoke at the programme, chaired by advocate Abdul Mosabbir.

Japan premier to visit Russia

AFP, Moscow

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Russia this week for a meeting with President Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin and Tokyo said yesterday, as the two sides look to make headway on a decades-old territorial dispute.

The Kremlin said talks, set for Thursday, would focus on "the state and prospects for development of Russo-Japanese cooperation in the political, trade and economic, and humanitarian spheres."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Police
Central Police Hospital
Rajarbag, Dhaka

Invitation for Re-Tender

Sealed re-tenders are hereby invited from the Suppliers/Local Agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka for the financial year 2016-17.

Sl No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
3	Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4	Invitation for	Purchase of Medical Equipment for Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
5	Invitation Ref No.	CPH/Tender-15(Part-03)/2016-2017/1125
6	Date	24/04/2017

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GoB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Sl No.	Item	Date	Time
9	Tender publication date	26/04/2017 & 27/04/2017	
10	Tender last selling date	10/05/2017	
11	Tender closing date and time	At 12.00 noon on 11/05/2017	
12	Tender opening date and time	12.30pm on 11/05/2017	

Sl No.	Name & address of the office(s)	
13	Selling tender document	
	1. Office of the Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka. 2. Office of the AIG (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka. 3. Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics and Procurement), DMP, Dhaka. 4. Office of the Superintendent of Police, Dhaka.	
	Receiving tender document	
	Office of the Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.	
	Opening tender document	
	Office of the Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.	
14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (bidder must present for avoiding any future hassle of ensure quality product)	
	Office of the Director, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka	
	Date	07/05/2017
	Time	11.00

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of tenderer	(1) Up-to-date trade license (2) Up-to-date income tax certificate (3) VAT registration certificate and (4) Other documents described in tender document.			
16	Brief description of goods				
	Sl No.	Name	Price of tender document	Tender security in Taka	Completion time in days.
	1	Medical Equipments (07 item).	Tk 1000.00	1,10,000.00	20 (twenty) days from the date of work order.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17	Name of official inviting tender	Dr A K M Nizam Uddin.
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintendent
19	Address of official inviting tender	Superintendent, Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
20	Contact details of official inviting the tender	Tel: 88-02-8312075, Fax: 88-02-9342297
21	Special instructions-	
	a)	No tender will be received after the deadline for submission.
	b)	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.
	c)	Bangladesh police will establish framework agreement with the successful tenderer for supply of goods.

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