

BCL INFIGHTING School student knifed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A 16-year-old boy, who was the president of Chhatra League in his school, was stabbed to death allegedly by his rivals in Ukhia of Cox's Bazar on Sunday.

Unknown assailants attacked Mujibur Rahman Jabu, a class-X student of Palongkhali High School in Faribbil area, with a knife in the school playground around 7:45pm and fled. The boy was killed on the spot, say locals and witnesses.

The incident happened when he was going home in the same area. Saiful Islam, president of Palongkhali union Chhatra League, said Mujibur was elected as the school Chhatra League president by a recently-formed committee in the school. Chhatra League is the pro-Awami League student body.

After the announcement, a rival group, however, became extremely angry.

Saiful alleged that two BCL activists from that group were behind the killing. He also accused one of them of being an identified criminal.

Contacted, Ukhia upazila unit BCL President Syed Mohammad Noman demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

Local Union Parishad Chairman M. Afur Uddin Chowdhury said details of the killing could not be known immediately. He condemned the killing and urged the people to maintain peace in the area.

Officer-in-Charge of Ukhia police Abul Khair said they visited the spot and were investigating the matter.

Meanwhile, Lutfor Rahman, brother of the deceased, filed a murder case against 10 accused with Ukhia Police Station.

Tension was prevailing in the area.

Amin, Joseph sent to jail from hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yaba baron Amin Huda and once a top criminal Tofail Ahmed Joseph have been quickly shifted to jail following newspaper reports on their staying in city hospitals for more than one and a half years on the pretext of receiving treatment.

They are now kept in normal cells, not even in the hospital inside Dhaka Central Jail.

Amin stayed in Birdem General Hospital for 18 months before being taken to the jail on Sunday morning while Joseph was in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on and off over the last 20 months. He was moved to the jail yesterday.

Following media reports, the jail authorities wrote to the hospital authorities and took them back," said a jail official who didn't want to be named.

Doctors from the jail and the hospitals had suggested that the duo needed treatment for several diseases, which was why they were there for such a long time, said Senior Jail Super Jahangir Kabir.

"We have sent letters to the hospitals every month to know the updates."

Joseph was not in the hospital for the last 20 months at a stretch, Kabir said.

"Whenever he was moved to jail, he fell sick and then again he was sent to the hospital." Joseph was in jail for nearly two months during the period.

Regarding Amin, the senior jail super said quoting doctors that he had high diabetes, hyper tension and some other complications.

"Whenever he was taken to jail, he became seriously ill" and then he was sent to the hospital as suggested by doctors.

However, hospital staff and jail guards said both the prisoners didn't seem to have major problems. They at times moved freely inside the hospitals, enjoyed food taken from outside and were visited by friends and relatives.

Yaba trader Amin stayed in a VIP cabin at Birdem at his own expense with facilities more or less similar to five-star hotel suites. The highly expensive cabin overlooks lush green Ramana Park.

For the two prisoners, 24 policemen and eight jail guards were on duty in shifts every day at the hospitals, said Senior Jail Super Kabir. The central jail faced a shortage of jail guards due to this.

Amin was sentenced to 79 years' rigorous imprisonment in July 2012 along with his partner Ahsanul Haque Hasan in connection with the biggest ever haul of yaba tablets in 2007.

Joseph was arrested in 2005 in connection with the 1996 murder of Freedom Party Leader Mostafizur Rahman Mostafa.

He was first given the capital punishment by a lower court, which was later commuted to life-term imprisonment. Joseph already served 18 years in jail.

Poet at heart

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"I borrowed books from my older brothers and rich friends," Garib recalls. "I especially liked the poetry of Kazi Nazrul Islam and Michael Madhusudan Dutta. I read the autobiographies of many poets and great men; I also like novels and songs."

"Being unable to study due to my family's poverty, I continued to read," Garib says. "Many people ridiculed me for it, as I am just a labourer," he says. "But their teasing encouraged me. One English poet says that our antagonist is our helper. That has been the experience of my life."

"Once I was sitting at a tea stall," Garib reflects, "and two gentlemen arrived in search of tea. They saw that I was dirty and addressed me as 'labourer', and left the stall without drinking tea. It really upset me. But I think that any man can flourish in life if he is sincere and honest. Any adversity can be overcome."

Indeed to practice and improve his basic writing skills, Garib took to helping local wives write letters to their husbands working overseas. Since, he has composed around 300 songs, 56 sonnets and 56 poems. He's in the habit of presenting drafts to more educated town dwellers to seek out language mistakes. Thus, over time, his writing has become more refined.

Garib names his mother Mariam Nessa as the inspiration behind his written works. "Her contribution is beyond description," he says. "Once a manuscript of my songs was stolen and I didn't feel like writing anymore. My mother revived my passion, urged me to continue."

"My ultimate dream is to publish my writings so that my mother can find solace in her encouragement," he remarks. Already Garib has locally published a pamphlet of his work.

Although at birth his name, Garib, might've seemed an accurate descrip-

tion of his life situation, this poet has proved that money is only one measure of wealth; and it's not only his mother and work colleagues who've noticed.

"Garib is not poor," says the former principal of Jhenidah's Nurun Nahar women's college Sushendu Bhaumik, "He is rich in mind. He has strong ambition to do something great and I think his sincerity must lead him to success."

A Clarion Call

A POEM BY GULZAR HOSSAIN GARIB

(Translated from Bangla by Mohammad Shafiqul Islam)

Stand up for the country, the welfare of the nation, Let us take up politics with deep love for our land Conflict gone, malice spent for every congregation Man and woman forevermore marching hand in hand Not solely for your happiness, think united stand Hardship's time, support for all, entire population Child's pride eternally, this is our motherland Invincible the garden be, with such application Wherever bliss and beauty or peace and grace is found Proper distribution please and equal rights ensure Power is but transient, be just to rich and poor Elevate new structures for your people to resound Bright they'll slowly-surely shine in history made for all May everybody take to heart, this, my clarion call!

Things get Messi

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Despite his early reluctance, Parastesh soon grew into his new role, cutting his hair like Messi and often donning the Barca jersey when he goes out.

It has paid off -- he is fully booked with media interviews and has even landed modelling contracts.

"Now people really see me as the Iranian Messi and want me to mimic everything he does. When I show up somewhere, people are really shocked," he said.

Iranians are obsessed with football, and Parastesh finds himself constantly besieged by fans looking for a selfie.

"I'm really happy that seeing me makes them happy and this happiness gives me a lot of energy," he added.

Parastesh loves football but has never played professionally, though he

is working on some tricks so he can better play the role.

He remembers very well the last game between Iran and Argentina during World Cup 2014, when Messi's 91st-minute goal robbed the Islamic republic of a place in the last 16.

Reza's dad was furious.

"After the game, my dad called me and said don't come back home tonight... why did you score a goal against Iran? I said: But that wasn't me!" Parastesh said, laughing.

His goal now is to meet his hero in Barcelona, and maybe even land a job as his understudy.

"Being the best player in footballing history, he definitely has more work than he can handle. I could be his representative when he is too busy," he said.

Big relief

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leading in the polls while the fringe anti-immigration Alternative for Germany (AfD) party is losing steam.

"After Brexit and Trump's victory, the Western world and Europe have been spared another political earthquake," said German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, adding that Europe had dodged the "nightmare" of a far-right leader in the Elysee Palace.

The New York Times said France, like the US, Britain and other major democracies, faced the challenge of "many people feeling marginalised by globalisation, economic stagnation, an unresponsive government, unemployment, faceless terrorism and a tide of immigrants".

However, the newspaper, which has been at the forefront of critical coverage of the Trump presidency, said French voters had opted for a "future in Europe rather than in resentful isolation" and delivered "a victory of hope and optimism over fear and reaction".

The Washington Post reported: The anti-EU French leader Marine Le Pen's larger-than-expected defeat on Sunday in her nation's presidential election was a crushing reality check for the far-right forces who seek to overthrow Europe: Despite the victories for Brexit and Donald Trump, they are likely to be shut out of power for years.

Given one choice after another since Trump's US presidential victory, Western European voters have delivered mainstream candidates to office despite a post-November sense that an anti-immigrant populist wave was washing over the Western world.

The Guardian judged that "the Front National has slowly been gaining ground for the last 45 years and its steady electoral increases must be seen in the long term".

Similarly, German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel warned that now Macron must be allowed to succeed because "if he fails, then Madame Le Pen will be president in five years' time".

MODERATE FORCES

Euroscptics have been on the rise on a continent badly rattled by the eurozone debt crisis and the mass refugee influx that peaked in 2015 and angered especially eastern EU members on the 'Balkans route'.

In Poland, the right-wing and anti-EU Law and Justice Party took power in 2015, while in Hungary Prime Minister Viktor Orban has openly sparred with Brussels.

Last June came the stunning Brexit vote, while in Austria a far-right candidate was only narrowly beaten for the presidency.

Europe's right-wing populists, from Le Pen to Germany's AfD, were further emboldened by Trump's victory in November.

However, the tide appears to have turned this year, starting with the defeat in March in the Netherlands of anti-Islam candidate Geert Wilders.

After Macron's win, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker's chief of staff, Martin Selmayr, tweeted: "Kick off ... Austria. Quarter-final: Stable Netherlands. Semi-final: La France en Marche!"

If the final is the German election, Merkel also has cause for optimism.

Her party scored another strong victory in state elections on Sunday, while the anti-migrant, anti-Islam and eurosceptic AfD, driven by infighting, has badly slipped in the polls.

The head of the small, liberal FDP party, Christian Lindner, said "after 2016 was the year when populists, over-simplifiers and extremists celebrated success, 2017 is the year of the moderate forces".

ECONOMICS OF ENVY

Many, however, warned it was too early to claim victory for centrist politics.

Martin Quencez of think-tank the German Marshall Fund of the United States warned that in France "the structural issues behind the populist votes are yet to be tackled".

"One third of the voters supported the nationalist, anti-EU and anti-globalisation candidacy of Marine Le Pen, and this will remain the main political opposition to the new president."

UBS bank economist Paul Donovan wrote that "the recent run of election results may tempt investors to think that anti-establishment politics is over. This would be unwise."

He warned that income inequality and other "fundamental causes of anti-establishment politics" continue to "encourage scapegoat economics -- a desire to blame an external group for economic problems".

BNP now says it won't go for bicameral system

RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP has backed out of its plan to introduce a bicameral parliamentary system if voted to power. However, it has decided to further examine the issue.

The decision was made at a meeting of the BNP standing committee at the party's Nayapaltan central office early today.

The party's highest policy-making body agreed to ensure balance of power in government by bringing necessary amendments to the constitution if voted to power, meeting sources said.

"In recent years, people have had a deep realisation that an absolute executive authority of the prime minister has given rise to an authoritarian rule. The party has decided to balance the prime minister's power so that the premier cannot act like an autocrat," BNP standing committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is scheduled to announce "Vision-2030" at a press conference in the capital tomorrow. The BNP would pledge to materialise its vision if voted to power, said party sources.

The standing committee met last night to give Vision-2030, a plan on developing the country, a final shape.

Speaking at the party's national council on March 19, Khaleda had pledged to introduce a bicameral parliamentary system, maintain the unitary nature of the country, and restore the referendum system in the constitution.

"There will be an upper house of parliament with representatives from different communities, marginal groups and knowledgeable and gifted people from different professions," said the BNP chief.

But in yesterday's meeting, BNP leaders pointed out some problems with introduction of a bicameral parliamentary system, Mahbubur said.

Most of the party policymakers observed that dividing the country into different provinces might create internal tension.

The meeting later decided that the party will further examine the issue and won't make any pledge on it.

The BNP will commit to curtailing the PM's absolute power and further empower the ministers. The party will also pledge to eliminate corruption from the country for ever.

The standing committee meeting started at 9:40pm last night and around 1:30am today it was adjourned till 10:00am.

HC deals

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on the appeals and fixed May 9 (today) for delivering the verdict. Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Of the three appeals, one was filed by Ershad seeking acquittal in the case as a lower court had sentenced him to three years' imprisonment in 1992.

The other two appeals were filed by the government for making the punishment stricter, he added.

On March 30, the bench allowed the ACC to become a party in the case as a co-appellant.

Earlier on March 27, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha assigned the HC bench to hear the three appeals.

The then Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac), which became defunct after formation of the ACC in 2004, filed the case against Ershad with Cantonment police in 1992 on charge of misappropriating Tk 1.91 crore by misusing power on different occasions when he was the president from December 11, 1983 to December 6, 1990.

Quader

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consecutive government with a 51-member cabinet.

In a reshuffle on July 14, 2015, Nurul Islam was made the expatriates welfare and overseas employment minister while Asaduzzaman Khan home minister and Yeafesh Osman science and technology minister.

Besides, Nuruzzaman Ahmed was given the duty of state minister for food while Tarana Halim state minister for post and telecommunications.

Ahmadiyyaa

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Chowdhury, national public relations secretary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Bangladesh, alleged local religious fanatics might be behind the attack.

Van helper

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friends call him Doyal, meaning kind, because he has always been the first to help his neighbours and others around him.

Before getting acquainted with Doyal, this correspondent had heard stories about his bond with the dog. Where many pet owners keep the animals in neglect, the not so well-off Doyal uses shampoo and coconut water while bathing his dog. He always had the dog with him in the rickshaw van whenever he went to work. In fact, if someone didn't approve of his dog, he instantly denied working for that person.

Before the conversation, Doyal first introduced this correspondent with his pet -- a healthy black and white dog he called Mr Johnny. Doyal believes that if we can respect human beings, then why not the animals? That's why he decided to give his pet a name -- his own identity.

Mr Johnny is a friendly dog, eagerly interacting with people Doyal meets. But if he doesn't know you and you plan to sit on his van, you would be welcomed with harmless barks.

Eight years ago, Doyal found Mr Johnny in the Korail slum, along with nine or ten other dogs. As he is an animal lover, it didn't take much time for him to befriend Mr Johnny. In the beginning, Doyal tried to leave Mr Johnny behind when he went to work but when he found that his dog enthusiastically followed him wherever he

went, he was forced to give up the plan. From that time on, Mr Johnny has been his trustworthy helper.

"I collect garbage from different buildings of Banani. Mr Johnny accompanies me every morning. He always stays on my van when I collect things from house to house," he says.

A few years ago, Doyal had an accident in Mohakhali. He had fallen in a 10 to 15 feet deep trench, which was dug for a sewerage line. It was raining and thus getting him out was quite difficult. However, Mr Johnny found a rope on Doyal's van, somehow untied it, and pulled him out. Doyal was slightly injured, but this incident made their friendship even stronger. He believes that nobody messes with him, not even corrupt policemen, because of his dog.

"People have the ability to betray you but animals don't. Mr Johnny has been a blessing in my life."

Mr Johnny has good manners as well, imparted to him by Doyal, who taught Johnny how to "give salam" and shake hands, how to respond when Doyal calls out to him, etc.

In the beginning, people laughed at Doyal for taking Mr Johnny as his own, but he didn't care. "Time to time, I give him bath, I try to give him good food, I take him with me everywhere. So, at first people thought I was some kind of a crazy man. But I didn't give him up. Because I know I can't live without him."

More to a mosque

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the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had intended mosques to be," he told The Daily Star.

Alam said he had already received calls to take this exhibition abroad and that he would like to take this exhibition to other mosques in the country as well.

In the photos, Shahidul Alam tells a complete story of the mosque in his signature style, bringing out its different elements, be it of nature or architecture. Through portraits, architectural shots, candid and documentary-style photos, Alam almost anthropomorphises the mosque as much more than a prayer space -- an establishment with its own dimensions and dynamics far more diverse.

Din Islam, imam of the mosque, Muhammad Ibrahim, professor of the department of Islamic History and Culture at Dhaka University, and Shahidul Alam spoke at the inauguration of the exhibition. Ibrahim elaborated on the historic and cultural significance of mosques and its use as a

multi-dimensional space, and cited a reference when Abyssinian (current day Ethiopia) artists came to Madinah to Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) mosque, and wanted to exhibit their artwork in the mosques, which Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) permitted.

Distinguished guests at the exhibition included Munir M Murali, resident diplomatic representative at Aga Khan Development Network in Bangladesh; Baroness Berridge, a British Conservative politician and member of the House of Lords (the upper house of the UK parliament); Tasmina Hossain, editor of Anannya Magazine and women's rights activist Shireen Haque. But what felt more significant than their presence was the excitement of a group of children from the adjacent madrasa, for whom it will probably be an event of subconsciously profound significance to have an interaction with some form of art, a space familiar to them, and being included in it.

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