

# Ankhi freed

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had granted him bail after verifying all necessary documents, said Nurunnabi Bhuiyan, jailer of Brahmanbaria district jail.

On March 13, the HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman gave him an interim bail.

On January 5, a team of Bhatara Police Station in Dhaka arrested Ankhi, also a leader of district unit Jukho League, in Bhatara. Later, he was handed over to Brahmanbaria police.

He was shown arrested in a case filed with Nasirnagar Police Station over vandalising the Gouramandir in the upazila.

On October 30 last year, religious zealots carried out attacks on the Hindus and vandalised over 100 homes, 17 temples and looted valuables from houses of the minority community people in Nasirnagar over an anti-Islamic Facebook post.

The attackers also beat up over 100 people of the community.

Ankhi allegedly arranged 14 to 15 trucks that carried attackers to Hindu villages in Nasirnagar.

# Massive

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Spanish authorities confirmed the ransomware was spreading through the EternalBlue vulnerability and advised people to patch.

"It is going to spread far and wide within the internal systems of organisations -- this is turning into the biggest cybersecurity incident I've ever seen," UK-based security architect Kevin Beaumont said.

Kaspersky Lab says although the WannaCry ransomware can infect computers even without the vulnerability, EternalBlue is "the most significant factor" in the global outbreak.

Beaumont examined a sample of the ransomware used to target NHS and confirmed it was the same used to target Telefónica. He said companies can apply the patch released in March to all systems to prevent WannaCry infections. However, it won't do any good for machines that have already been hit.

He said it's likely the ransomware will spread to US firms too. The ransomware is automatically scanning for computers it can infect whenever it loads itself onto a new machine. It can infect other computers on the same wireless network.

"It has a 'hunter' module, which seeks out PCs on internal networks," Beaumont said. "So, for example, if your laptop is infected and you went to a coffee shop, it would spread to PCs at the coffee shop. From there, to other companies."

According to Matthew Hickey, founder of the security firm Hacker House, yesterday's attack was not surprising, and it showed many organisations do not apply updates in a timely fashion.

It's not the first time hackers have used the leaked NSA tools to infect computers. Soon after the leak, hackers infected thousands of vulnerable machines with a backdoor called DOUBLEPULSAR.

# Bomb attack

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"There are many casualties as there were many people in the convoy," he said by telephone.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack from the many militant groups operating in Baluchistan.

Haideri is a member of Jamiat e Ulema Islam, a right-wing Sunni Islamist political party that is part of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's coalition government.

District health official Sher Ahmed Satazkai said the death toll had risen to 25 and 10 were in critical condition in hospital.

Security in Pakistan has improved since a crackdown on militancy began in 2014, but a fresh wave of attacks that left more than 100 people dead in February has increased pressure on Sharif's government.

Mastung police official Ghazanfar Ali Shah said the convoy appeared to have been hit by a suicide bomber, adding Haideri's driver was among those killed.

The senator, who is being treated in hospital, was on his way back to Quetta after distributing graduation certificates to students who had graduated from a madrassa, or religious academy.

Separatist militants in Baluchistan have waged a campaign against the central government for decades, demanding a greater share of the gas-rich province's resources.

Taliban and other Islamist militants also operate in the province, which shares borders with Afghanistan and Iran. A U.S. drone strike killed Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour last year in Baluchistan.

The province was rocked by a series of attacks late last year that claimed over 180 lives and raised concerns about a growing militant presence.

A judicial report released after an attack on the province's lawyers left more than 70 dead criticised security provisions in the region and called for increased clampdowns on extremists.

# 7 'JMB men' arrested

**Gunpowder, bomb-making materials seized**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested seven alleged members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in different parts of Chapainawabganj in the last three days.

They also claimed to have recovered 4.5kg of gunpowder, 52.5kg of explosive power gel and 22 jihadi books in their drives.

The arrestees are: Harun Or Rashid, 25, and Kamal Uddin alias Sarkar, 32, of Guthoil village, Nasim Reza alias Shahin, 20, of Berachoki village and Mohammad Firoz, 22, of Shrirampur village under Nachole upazila; Mohammad Babu, 22, of Shibnagar-Kaithapara village, and Azizul Haque, 38, of Raghobpur village under Shibganj upazila; and Abdul Hakim, 20, of Debingara-Fatapara village under Sadar upazila.

All the arrestees were mid-level activists of JMB, claimed TM Mojahidul Islam, superintendent of Chapainawabganj police.

He was addressing a press briefing at his conference room yesterday.

The SP said on information, a police team raided the house of Harun in

Guthoil early Wednesday and arrested him along with 22 jihadi books.

Police then detained Kamal, Nasim and Firoz from their houses.

As per their statements, the team went to Matikata village in Rajshahi's Godagari and cordoned off a "militant den". The team then handed over the den to Rajshahi police, said the Chapainawabganj police chief.

The police official said the team conducted a drive in the house of Babu in Shibnagar-Kaithapara village on Thursday and detained him.

Police also recovered a plastic drum hidden under earth and got 4.5kg of gunpowder and 52.5kg of explosive power gel inside it, the SP said.

Police also raided the house of Babu's brother Jewel, but sensing presence of the law enforcers, Jewel fled.

The law enforcers nabbed another JMB suspect Azizul from his Raghobpur house the same day.

Police yesterday caught Hakim from his Debingara-Fatapara village, but his brother Khairul Islam fled.

The SP claimed that Khairul was a grenade supplier to JMB men.

Cases were filed against the seven with their respective police stations.

# Executive magistrate-led

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2009 are ultra vires the constitution and violative of two basic structures of the constitution, namely, independence of the judiciary and separation of powers between the three organs of the state, namely, the executive, the legislature and the judiciary," the HC ruled.

The bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das, however, condoned all the convictions and sentences delivered by mobile courts, except for the ones challenged at higher courts.

"However, in order to avoid unwarranted complications, controversies and legal niceties, all orders of convictions and sentences passed by the mobile courts of Bangladesh under the Ain No 59 of 2009 are hereby condoned as being past and closed transactions excepting those which have been challenged in higher courts which will be subject to their decisions."

The HC bench also directed the authorities concerned to refund Tk 10 lakh to M Mojibur Rahman, who was fined by a mobile court in 2011, within 90 days.

"By investing the executive magistrates and the district magistrates with judicial power of the republic by Sections 5, 6(1), 6(2), 6(4), 7, 8(1), 9, 10, 11 and 13 of the Ain No 59 of 2009, the legislature has contravened the constitution and this contravention is a frontal attack on the independence of the judiciary and is violative of the theory of separation of powers."

The HC said all members of Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) Cadre, including executive magistrates and district magistrates, are administrative executives.

As administrative executives, they cannot exercise the sovereign judicial power of the republic, which has been spelt out by the Appellate Division in the judgment of Masdar Hossain's case, it pointed out.

"In facts and circumstances of the present case, we opine that the provisions of Sections 5, 6(1), 6(2), 6(4), 7, 8(1), 9, 10, 11 and 13 of the Ain No 59 of 2009 are colourable provisions and are intended to nullify the implication of the judgment of the Appellate Division in the judgment of Masdar Hossain's case."

These sections are "directly in conflict with the spirit of the judgment" in the Masdar Hossain case, it observed.

On Section-15 of the Mobile Court Act, the HC said, "It is really astounding to note that the parliament has delegated its plenary power of amendment of the schedule of the Ain No 59 of 2009 in favour of the government under Section 15."

"In this connection, it may be pointed out that the parliament may delegate the power of making subordinate or subsidiary legislations in favour of the government or any other instrumentality; but the parliament cannot delegate its plenary power of amendment of the parent statute that is to say, the Ain No 59 of 2009 in favour of the government."

"By delegating the power of amendment of the schedule of the Ain No 59 of 2009 by virtue of Section-15, the parliament has undoubtedly infringed upon the doctrine of separation of powers which is one of basic structures of the constitution," the HC noted.

"It goes without saying that the schedule of an act of parliament is its integral part. It does not stand to reason and logic as to why and how the government has been empowered to amend the schedule of the Ain No 59 of 2009 by any notification in the official gazette. The power of amendment of any statute is the plenary power of parliament."

Referring to Section-11 (4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, it said the government may require an executive magistrate to perform the functions of a judicial magistrate for a period to be determined in consultation with the HC. And during that

period, the magistrate would not perform the functions of an executive magistrate.

"This provision embodied in Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is in the nature of an exception. The essence of this provision is that an executive magistrate may be empowered to perform the functions of a judicial magistrate for a limited period to be determined in consultation with the High Court Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court," said the HC.

Talking to The Daily Star, writ petitioners' lawyer Hassan MS Azim said the mobile courts cannot be run by executive magistrates following the HC verdict.

"Law enforcement agencies can deal with law and order issues and produce offenders before courts for trial. There will not be any problem in maintaining law and order in the country just because executive magistrates cannot operate mobile courts any more," he mentioned.

Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu said the government would move an appeal before the SC, challenging the HC verdict.

Between 2011 and 2012, 19 people, including Aesthetic Properties Development Limited Chairman Kamruzzaman Khan, filed the three petitions. The HC issued separate rules questioning the legality of some provisions of the Mobile Court Act during that period.

On September 14, 2011, a mobile court sentenced Kamruzzaman to 30 days' imprisonment on charges of violating some provisions of the law on building construction. He got released from prison on bail on September 20 that year.

He filed a writ petition with the HC the following month, challenging the legality of some provisions of the Mobile Court Act.

Another writ petition was filed by Mojibur Rahman, owner of a multi-story building in the capital, in December 2011. A mobile court convicted and fined him Tk 10 lakh on September 13 that year on charges of violating the building construction law.

He lodged the petition, challenging some provisions of the act and seeking refund of the fine.

The third writ petition was filed by 17 bakery owners, including Md Saifullah in Dinajpur, in May 2012. It sought HC directives on the government to formulate guidelines for ensuring that mobile courts have food experts and necessary equipment during drives against food adulteration.

# One hacked

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machetes, axes and other sharp weapons, pounced on the chairman's men, leaving five people injured.

Of them, Ohid died of his injuries on way to Jessore Sadar Hospital around 11:00pm.

Two other injured, Jalal Hossain and Dildar Hossain, were admitted to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex while Billal Hossain took first aid there.

Ismail Hossain, a member of the union parishad, was admitted to Jessore Sadar Hospital.

However, UP Chairman Ali, also the general secretary of upazila Swechhasebok League, managed to escape unhurt.

The chairman suspected that the attack was motivated from a previous enmity with his rival group which wanted to establish supremacy in the area.

The rivals were further enraged when a goat of Ohid entered the paddy field of Hazrat Ali and Sumon Hossain, two of the alleged attackers, Thursday morning and ate some plants, he added.

Kaliganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Aminul Islam said they picked up two people from the upazila yesterday in connection with the incident.

# PM to join

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Morocco and Jordan.

The Arab-Islamic-American Summit will be among a series of talks expected to be held in Riyadh on May 20-21. The summit would cover a range of issues, including counter-terrorism and violent extremism.

Diplomatic sources in Dhaka and Riyadh said the Bangladesh PM's participation in the summit carries a special significance. The summit will be a big opportunity for the premier to meet President Trump and some leaders of Muslim-majority countries.

The PM might hold meetings with the Saudi king and other policymakers to discuss, among other issues, the upcoming meeting of defence ministers of the Saudi-led military alliance, added the sources.

The defence ministers will gather in Riyadh to agree on the alliance's structure and mission.

Quoting the Saudi Defence Minister's Adviser Major General Ahmed Asiri, a recent report of the Wall Street Journal said the coalition force could move against rebel groups and militias that pose threats to member countries. Besides, the alliance would act against international militant outfits such as Daesh and al Qaeda.

According to diplomatic sources, Dhaka has conveyed its position to Riyadh that Bangladesh will not take part in the field-level military campaign by the KSA-led alliance against militant group IS and any other country, like Iran.

Dhaka said it can only deploy manpower for research, study and sharing investigation information for the alliance.

However, Riyadh wants Dhaka's collaboration in removing mines from the Saudi territory, protection of its boundary and participation in building defence infrastructure.

The Gulf News report said the Islamic-US summit was expected to address the issue of "hatred" and President Trump would most likely use the occasion to directly reassure Muslims that his country didn't oppose Islam or Muslims.

On May 4, Trump announced that he would travel to Saudi Arabia and Israel this month, where he would work to reinvigorate traditional alliances in the region.

# Cultural

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programme in Dhaka featuring the musicians.

It said organiser of the show Elephant Communication applied to the ministry to hold the event, but the ministry didn't give permission as the organiser didn't fulfil the conditions such as having home ministry's opinion and no objection letter from the National Board of Revenue.

The foreign musicians did not collect visas as artists following proper procedure, and it was learnt that they came to Dhaka on tourist visa. The cultural affairs ministry had no link with the matter, said the ministry.

The Daily Star report mentioned that the organisers had taken permission from the ministry and other authorities, as Saimum Hasan Nahian of Raptor, one of the organisers of the event, claimed that they had the permission.

Nine artists of Brazilian death metal bands Krisiun and Nervochoas were allegedly detained at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for several hours early Tuesday after they arrived on tourist visa.

They were scheduled to perform at the "Metal Morgue" concert in the city later that day.

# Tigers' opener

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The left-handed opener was batting on an 88-ball 64 with eight fours, while Mahmudullah was looking good for his 17th half-century having reached 43 off 56 balls with four fours and a six when weather intervened.

Earlier, Bangladesh's top order suffered a mini-collapse after being asked to bat on a green pitch. Opener Soumya Sarkar was caught behind for five, and Sabbir Rahman played a terrible slog to be out for a duck. Even the usually reliable Mushfiqur Rahim was out playing away from his body, before stand-in skipper Shakib Al Hasan departed trying to hit his third consecutive boundary.

Ireland seamer Peter Chase took three wickets, but the home side's effort was an undisciplined one as they bowled 15 wides.

# Neptune look-alike

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skies and an atmosphere that's almost entirely made up of hydrogen and helium.

It is the same size as Neptune. But it is being referred to as warm, because it is much closer to its parent star.

And it might help shine a light on how solar systems first form, and how they go on to develop over time.

The planet has a primitive, watery atmosphere that suggests that it formed either near its star, or relatively late in the time of its solar system. That is vastly different from Neptune and Uranus, which were created early on in the edge of the disc of dust and gas that swirled around our own young sun.

Learning about those differences -- and how the planet was formed -- could help us understand how our own solar system came to be.

Professor David Sing from the University of Exeter, whose team carried out a detailed study of the planet together with scientists from Nasa, said: "This exciting new discovery shows that there is a lot more diversity

in the atmospheres of these exoplanets than we have previously thought.

"This 'warm Neptune' is a much smaller planet than those we have been able to characterise in depth, so this new discovery about its atmosphere feels like a big breakthrough in our pursuit to learn more about how solar systems are formed, and how it compares to our own."

The scientists analysed data from Nasa's Hubble and Spitzer space telescopes to measure light filtering through the planet's atmosphere as it passed in front of its host star.

The findings, published in the journal Science, provide enough detail to show that the planet, named HAT-P-26P, has skies relatively clear of cloud and a strong water signature.

Co-author Dr Hanna Wakeford from Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, said: "Astronomers have just begun to investigate the atmospheres of these distant Neptune-mass planets, and almost right away, we found an example that goes against the trend in our solar system."

# Trump warns Comey

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it is not possible for my surrogates to stand at podium with perfect accuracy!" he tweeted.

Trump then went on to suggest scrapping the traditional White House briefings that have existed in some form since the Woodrow Wilson administration almost a century ago.

"Maybe the best thing to do would be to cancel all future 'press briefings' and hand out written responses for the sake of accuracy???" Trump suggested.

Again, Trump brought the issue back to Russia, referencing a former head of intelligence's assertion that Trump was, to his knowledge, not colluding with Moscow.

"When James Clapper himself, and virtually everyone else with knowledge of the witch hunt, says there is no collusion, when does it end?" Trump tweeted.

Trump's bareknuckle comments immediately fueled fresh comparisons between his administration and that of disgraced president Richard Nixon, who famously recorded his conversations -- a fact that sped his downfall during the Watergate scandal.

"Presidents are supposed to have stopped routinely taping visitors without their knowledge when Nixon's taping system was revealed in 1973," tweeted the presidential historian Michael Beschloss.

The White House initially asserted that Comey's dismissal had nothing to do with the Russian investigations, which continue to be an albatross around the neck of Trump's presidency.

Instead, they said, the president fired Comey on the advice of senior members of the Justice Department, who worried about his handling of a 2016 investigation into Trump's election rival Hillary Clinton.

But Trump shattered that explanation himself on Thursday when he said he had always intended to fire Comey and that his decision was linked to the ongoing investigation into his campaign's ties with Russia.

In an interview with NBC on Thursday, Trump also revealed that he had asked Comey on three occasions whether he was personally under investigation.

"I actually asked him, yes. I said, 'If it's possible would you let me know, am I under investigation?' He said, 'You are not under investigation,'" Trump recounted, repeating an assertion made when the White House announced Comey's firing Tuesday.

"All I can tell you is, well I know what I know that I'm not under investigation. Me. Personally. I'm not talking about campaigns. I'm not talking about anything else. I'm not under investigation."

# HC for ensuring trial

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If the trial of a case is not finished on time, the tribunal judge, public prosecutor and police officer concerned have to submit separate reports to the SC and government, mentioning causes for the delay, and then the authorities concerned should take necessary steps, states the Section 31(ka) of the law.

"Therefore, the Registrar General of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is directed to constitute a Monitoring Cell headed by him or the Registrar of the High Court Division along with the Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Law and Justice Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs," the HC judges said in the full verdict.

"The Monitoring Cell shall monitor this aspect and shall submit report from time to time to the concerned authorities of the responsible persons for taking appropriate action in accordance with section 31Ka (3) of the Act, 2000 with a copy thereof to the Monitoring Committee for the Subordinate Judiciary of the Supreme Court," the verdict added.

The HC refused to grant bail to Millad Hossain as there was specific

allegation against him and asked the trial court to finish his trial in one year after receiving its judgment.

The law secretary and SC registrar general on December 5 last year submitted two reports to the HC saying that none of the lower court judges, public prosecutors and police officials concerned complied with the provision of women and children repression prevention law that asked them to assign reasons for not disposing of cases under the act in 180 days.

The law secretary and SC registrar general submitted the reports after the HC asked them to explain in 30 days whether there was any exercise of the section of the law and whether the SC and law ministry had taken any steps in this regard.

Millad Hossain's lawyer Cumar Debul Dey told The Daily Star that the case against him was filed with Rangunia Police Station in Chittagong on February 19, 2015 on charge of killing his wife.

The case was sent to the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 of Chittagong for trial.

The tribunal framed charges in the case on March 21 last year but could not finish the trial on time, the lawyer said, adding that no witness of the case appeared before the court yet.

## Expression of Interest (EOI)

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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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**01. Sylhet.**

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