

# RAJIB MURDER CASE HC releases full text of verdict

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The High Court yesterday released the full text of its judgment on blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider's murder, with observations regarding the roles of the state, imams and parents for preventing youths from getting involved in militancy.

The HC released the 163-page verdict after Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain signed it yesterday.

"Children can be prevented from heading down the wrong path only by getting them involved in good environment and also family atmosphere. [I] Children whose fathers embrace parenthood are less likely to be troubled as they approach their teens," UK based researchers said," the HC observed.

It further said, "An Oxford University study finds that [II] 'fathers who were emotionally committed and felt confident about parenthood in the first few months had better-behaved children 11 years later'. The amount of time the father spent with the child or got involved in domestic chores was not as significant as these two factors."

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Prices of essentials are already shooting up at city kitchen markets. The city corporation authorities have fixed prices of various commodities, making it mandatory for the sellers to display prices on the corporations' price charts. **Top right**, while a man is putting prices on the chart in Hatirpool kitchen market under Dhaka South City Corporation, the price column is mostly blank in the Karwan Bazar market, **bottom**, under Dhaka North City Corporation.



**ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা**  
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## Correction

The Daily Star yesterday ran a report titled "Lady Justice reinstalled" where we used a comment of Attorney General Mahbubey Alam. In his original comment, Mahbubey Alam said that the chief justice did not inform him about the reinstatement of the statue of Lady Justice. But we mistakenly printed, "the Chief Justice was also not informed about it." We regretted the error and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Ramadan essentials get pricier

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"Children don't like to eat these, but their father [a mill worker] has limited income," she said.

A customer in the capital's Hatirpool market Mohan Khadka said traders were not following the price list issued by the DSCC.

He had bought a rui fish at Tk 270 a kg around four days ago, but he had to buy the same fish at Tk 350 per kg yesterday from the market, said Mohan Khadka, a doctor by profes-

sion.

"How can the price be increased this way?" he said, adding, "When we asked them [traders] to follow the price list, they told us, 'if you accept the price [offered], buy it, otherwise you may go.'"

Another customer in the market, Rubel Islam, a cook, said, "People with small income like me will suffer."

In Mirpur's West Kazipara Masjid Market, a customer Abdul Halim bought 4.5 kg of beef for Tk 2,250 (Tk

500 per kg). On returning home he found that the meat weight was less. He went back to the shop and got locked in an altercation with the shopkeeper.

Babu Mohajon, a meat trader of the Jurain market, said traders had to purchase cattle at higher prices, which was the reason they could not sell at the DSCC fixed prices.

Almost three quarters of the butchers have stopped selling meat, he said. Asked why the prices of essentials

increased, Mohammad Jalal, a shopkeeper in Hatirpool market, said, "Prices always go up in the beginning of Ramadan."

The prices may drop in three-four days, Jalal added.

Two Dhaka mayors had assured city dwellers of strict monitoring of the kitchen markets and a price list to be followed by traders.

A nine-member team will conduct drives at 15 kitchen markets in the area under Dhaka North City Corporation

on alternate days from Tuesday to ensure safe food and fair prices, said DNCC public relations officer Monzur-E-Mowla.

In mid May, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed held a meeting with leading business associations and announced that there were adequate stocks of essential commodities -- rice, sugar, edible oil, lentil, onion, garlic and date -- and that there would be no reason for an escalation of prices at retail.

## Beads of prosperity

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She joined a three month training programme on handicrafts at ANSAR VDP Training Centre in Gazipur's Shafipur. With the knowledge acquired, she began working with beads on a small scale, gradually using her parents' house to turn it into a full-scale operation in early 2011.

She named her new venture "Ma-Babar Doa". Within two years, Sheuly employed 50 local women, mostly from low income families. Soon, she began turning in a profit.

Currently, her venture produces as many as 50 kinds of beaded items including table mats, wall mats, fruit baskets, mobile phone bags, jewellery boxes, tissue boxes, soap cases, key rings and ladies bags, she said.

She has to purchase raw materials from the local market, including beads, thread and foam, worth Tk 1.5 lakh to make around 1,000 pieces of accessories and pays monthly Tk 1.5 lakh to her employees as wages, she said.

The items are sold to buyers from different regions, including Dhaka. Prices range between Tk 60 to Tk 1,200, depending on size and quality.

"I earn Tk 3.40 lakh to Tk 3.50 lakh from the sales and make a profit of Tk 40,000 to Tk 50,000 monthly," she said, adding that she felt empowered now and tries to help out her community.

She said with the money she earned, she is able to run a two member family smoothly and send her only son, Al Hayat Rabbi, to school.

"Besides, the women working for me are earning Tk 3,000 monthly on an average and are also able to provide additional financial support to their families," she added.

Khaleda, 22, who was also abandoned by her husband, said, "I am able to maintain a three member family and support my two children's education with the earning from this work."

Asked about her vision, Sheuly said she would turn her small business into a big one where more women, especially divorcees, widows, and wives left by their husbands and those physically challenged would get priority employment so that they can all live with dignity.

Sheuly never let her circumstances get the better of her and she is determined to not let others do that. Her courage and conviction now serve as an inspiration to all those around her.

## Handcuffed to hospital bed

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A Supreme Court lawyer, who works with human rights issues, said police violated Section 330 (a) of Police Regulations, Bengal, by handcuffing a sick student.

Seeking anonymity, a JU student said Nazmul was one of the protesters who was at the forefront, and suffered minor injuries when police chased them around 5:30pm Saturday. Yet, he continued to protest and went to the vice-chancellor's residence with others. He became sick, due to dehydration, around 7:00pm and was taken to the university medical centre. Later, police forced him to get admitted to the hospital around midnight.

Zobair Tipu, an ex-president of JCA, said Nazmul was unable to eat as his hand was cuffed.

Contacted, Mohsinul Quader, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, said he was not present at the hospital but heard that an accused under treatment was handcuffed.

He said police could cuff any "criminal" if they suspect that the accused might flee.

The OC said they would take action against any policemen if found guilty of wrongdoing by a probe.

SC lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said handcuffing a sick man was a complete violation of Section 330 (a) of Police Regulations, Bengal, which prohibits using strict measures by saying the use of handcuffs or ropes is often an unnecessary indignity.

He said following a writ petition filed by him in November last year, the High Court ordered the authorities concerned to remove handcuffs from three Santals of Gaibandha while they were undergoing treatment.

It was "frustrating" that even after the HC order, police handcuffed another sick person, he said.

**42 JU STUDENTS GET BAIL**  
A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to 42 JU students, including Nazmul, who were arrested in connection with a vandalism case filed on Saturday night, OC

Mohsinul said.

Twelve of the students who got bail were females.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Mostafizur Rahman passed the order after they were produced before the court.

Law enforcers picked them up in front of the VC's house late Saturday night when they were demanding punishment for the Bangladesh Chhatra League men who earlier attacked them while they were protesting the deaths of the two students.

JU Registrar Abu Bakr Siddique filed the case with the police station accusing 30 named and more than 20 unnamed people for vandalism on campus during the agitation.

The university authorities formed a six-member probe body, led by Prof Asit Baron Paul, over the incident and asked it to submit reports within 10 days.

JU VC Prof Farzana Islam at a press conference yesterday at her residence said the university authorities would consider students' demand for withdrawal of the case and that they would take necessary

steps after consulting with the university lawyer.

**PROTEST CONTINUES**  
Over 100 JU teachers and students under the banner of "Teachers-Students Unity Platform" met the JU VC at her residence around noon. They submitted a three-point demand, including ensuring punishment of BCL attackers and withdrawal of the order asking students to vacate their dorms.

Prof Naseem Akhter Hossain, convener of the platform, criticised the syndicate body's decision of filing the case against the agitating students.

Rights body Ain O Salish Kendra yesterday in a statement expressed its concerns over detention of the JU students.

A group of former and current students under the banner of "Nipironer Biruddhe Jahangirnagar" held a protest rally in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. They made a five-point demand, including withdrawal of the case against the students.

They also called upon the authorities concerned to compensate the families of the two students killed in the road accident.

JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) alleged that at least seven teachers were injured during vandalism of the JU VC's residence. They demanded punishment of the agitating students.

Two executive members of JUTA, however, claimed that they were not aware of JUTA'S demands.

On Friday, Nazmul Hasan Rana, 24, of marketing department, and Arafat, 24, of microbiology were killed when a bus rammed a human-hauler they were travelling in on Dhaka-Aricha highway in C&B bus stand area of Savar around 5:00am.

Rana died on the spot while Arafat died of his injuries at Savar Enam Medical College Hospital. Following the incident, hundreds of students blocked the highway in front of the main entrance and Joy Bangla Gate separately around Friday noon.

The youth unemployment rate is defined as the proportion of unemployed youth to the total number of people in the youth labour force, according to the survey.

Referring to the high unemployment rate among youths, Rushidan said, "We are unable to utilise fully the demographic dividend because of the huge number of unemployed youths."

The survey found that female participation in the labour force increased to 35.6 percent in June 2015 from 33.5 in December 2013.

## Higher degree, lesser scope

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under the National University three years ago, Hasibur has been relentlessly searching for a job.

Every day he looks for job advertisements on websites and in newspapers.

He already sat a number of recruitment tests at government and private organisations in the capital, but to no avail.

"Even after trying for so many times, I haven't got a job. It is frustrating. I don't know what I would do if I fail to get a job," said Hasibur, who has to

bring money from his parents in Khulna every month to meet his living expenses in the capital.

Son of a trader, Hasibur moved to the capital at the end of 2013 in search of a job.

Talking to The Daily Star, Kabir Uddin Ahmed, director of Statistics and Information Division of the BBS, said, "One of the reasons behind the high unemployment rate is that many of those wait for comparatively formal and well-paid jobs after completing tertiary education."

Another reason is the mismatch

between their educational qualifications and the nature of jobs, he said.

Rushidan Islam Rahman, executive chairperson of the Centre for Development and Employment Research (CDER), said the quality of education in the country is not up to the mark.

She stressed the need for enhancing the quality of higher education with a special focus on skill development.

According to the University Grants Commission, around 33 lakh students are now pursuing higher education in

the country.

**UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS**  
The number of youths aged 15 to 29 is 4.16 crore and around half of them have already entered the country's labour force, says the survey.

An estimated 1.89 crore youths -- 1.27 crore men and 63 lakh women -- were employed, while 19 lakh youths were unemployed during the period between December 2013 and June 2015, it said.

And the number of unemployed male youths was higher than that of female youths.

main suspect of the investigation.

But there have been a number of as yet unexplained contacts -- during last year's presidential campaign against Democrat Hillary Clinton and afterward -- between other top Trump aides and senior Russian officials, including Flynn, US Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Manafort and others.

The investigation is being led by Robert Mueller, a respected former FBI director who was given broad powers to pursue the case as a special counsel after Trump abruptly fired Comey on May 9.

The Senate and House Intelligence committees also are investigating, but not with an eye to bringing criminal charges.

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## Defiant Trump in combat mood

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pre-inauguration proposal to the Russian ambassador to set up a secret, bug-proof link with the Kremlin.

Kushner, 36, even suggested using Russian diplomatic facilities in the United States to protect such a channel from monitoring, The Post said, quoting US officials briefed on intelligence reports.

The report, if confirmed, would raise new questions about the Trump team's relationship with the Russians, who US intelligence agencies say tried to sway the November election in Trump's favor.

News reports said the White House, reeling from the explosive developments in the long-running Russia saga, is creating a new rapid-fire communications unit to respond to the controversy, led by Kushner, senior presidential adviser Steve Bannon and White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.

Though Kushner has appeared "subdued," he does not plan to step aside as Trump's senior adviser or reduce his responsibilities, the New York Times reported, citing unnamed

people close to him.

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But the said official did not address the Kushner reports Saturday.

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"I would not be concerned about it," he added.

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He said he leaned toward "naivete" as an explanation, though he did not find it comforting.

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Michael Flynn, who was Trump's national security adviser for just 24 days before being fired amid questions about meetings he held with the Russian ambassador, was also present, the newspaper reported.

The Post said the Russian ambassador to the United States, Sergei Kislyak, was surprised by the future White House aide's idea of a secret channel and passed it on to the Kremlin.

The New York Times said the channel was never established.

Trump returned to Washington to face a cascade of other worries related to the Russia probe in the coming days, including expected testimony by fired former FBI director James Comey before a Senate committee.

In another development, The New York Times reported Friday that Oleg Deripaska, a Russian once close to Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort, has offered to cooperate with congressional bodies probing alleged Russian election meddling.

Kushner boasts an enormous portfolio of domestic and international responsibilities underscoring his importance as Trump's chief aide-de-camp, despite having no experience in politics before the 2016 White House race.

He is the only person currently in the White House known to be under investigation.

The Post and other media have been careful to note that their sources did not say Kushner was a "target" of the investigation, nor that he was accused of any wrongdoing. Labeling him a "target" would suggest Kushner was a

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## SC clears

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ACC filed the case accusing Khaleda and 15 others of causing a loss of Tk 159 crore to the state exchequer by awarding, through abuse of power, a Chinese company a contract for operating the coalmine.

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