



Jamil Sheikh, his wife Arzina and their daughter Nurat and son Alvi are seen in a family photo. PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Double murder

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sexually abused before being killed.  
Contacted, Officer-in-Charge of Badda Police Station Kazi Wazed Ali said they are yet to ascertain who might have killed the father and daughter and why.  
Police picked up Jamil's wife Arzina for interrogation.  
At 6:00am yesterday, house owner Hural Pathan went to the roof-top hearing Azzina cry. When asked how she appeared, the woman, with her four-year-old son Alvi in her lap, showed Dunali the bodies lying in the bed, said Jamil's brother Imrul Islam Ibrahim quoting the house owner.  
"She told locals that four unknown people stormed their house and killed her husband and daughter," Imrul, who lives in the same locality, Meirhatbagh.  
Imrul added that one of his acquaintances called him around 6:00am, informing him that something happened at the house of his brother. He rushed there and saw the bodies.  
Talking to this newspaper, Imrul said a youth who used to share the garret with the family had been missing since the incident.  
According to a police source, Arzina had been giving inconsistent information during interrogation and officials suspect she might have a role in the double murder.  
Earlier on Wednesday evening, unidentified persons killed a woman named Shamsun Nahar Karim and her 17-year-old son Sajjadul Islam Shaon in Kakrali.

## 'Blame lies

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in Krishnanagar Abdul Zabbar High School during the ISC tests every day.  
On Wednesday morning before the Bangla first paper exam, the school authorities hired a boat which could carry 50 to 60 students but took more than 100 on board, they alleged. The boat went down minutes after it started from Thanakandi Ghat.  
Al-Mamun, uncle of one of the deceased, Nadira, said although a teacher from the school was supposed to be with the students, no one from the educational institution accompanied the examinees.  
He said many guardians had asked the principal not to overboard the boat.  
Contacted, Nazir Hossain, the principal, said only 115 of them had boarded the boat.  
"We hired two boats for 115 students as we did not have enough money. However, some of the guardians and many other students boarded the boats despite our warnings," he said, adding that he was accompanying other students in another boat.

Brahmanbaria Additional District Magistrate Shafiqul Islam, also the chief of the three-member committee formed to investigate the incident, said they were looking into the alleged negligence of the school authorities.  
"We will take action against those responsible following investigation and submit our report within two working days," he added.

Yasoubi told AFP that the Commissioner Rashedur Rahman yesterday handed over Tk 20,000 as financial assistance to the families of Nadira and Sonia, the other deceased.  
He said he would ensure that at least a teacher goes with students when they cross the river during the ongoing exams.

Meanwhile, the education ministry has decided to take a re-examination of the 18 students who failed to appear in the exam on Wednesday, said Mohiuddin Khan, acting secretary of secondary and higher education department of the ministry.

## No one here goes to jail

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water body.  
The law also prevents people from using the water for commercial purposes without permission from the Department of Environment (DoE).  
Between 1991 and 2007, the port city lost 14,727 water bodies, yet there is no record of anyone taking permission from the DoE or anyone being sent to jail for grabbing water bodies, sources told The Daily Star citing surveys conducted by the fisheries department and the Chittagong Development Authority.  
Saiful Islam, public prosecutor of environment court, told this newspaper that no verdict had been delivered in cases filed since 2005 in connection with grabbing water bodies.

He said four such cases were now pending with the court. Two of them under trial, and the remaining two were at the investigation stage.  
Data obtained from the DoE office in Chittagong show that in the last 12 years, only three cases were lodged for occupying water bodies.  
Director of Chittagong DoE Azadur Rahman Malik told this correspondent they hardly opted for filing cases against the accused, as it takes a long time to get a judgment. When they conducted mobile courts, they just fine the accused, he said.

"Fine is the instant punishment we face is the accused. If the step does not prevent water bodies from being grabbed, we go for the next step - filing cases and issuing notices," he added.

Environment activist Sharif Chowhan backs up the DoE director of Chittagong. "There are only instances of fining the accused for filling up water bodies," he said, adding that they have not seen anyone being sent to jail for the crime. He blamed this for the fast depletion of water bodies in Chittagong city.

If a survey is conducted now, it would be found that the number of ponds and other water bodies is lower than 4,523, said Sharif, president of People's Voice, a rights and environment organisation.  
Rajapukur is in Andarkhali area of Chittagong city. "Rajak" means king and "pukur" means pond. The place has no ponds anymore. Residential buildings have been built on the pond.

Rajapukur, there are many other ponds and water bodies that have been lost to rapid unbridled urbanisation. Dewanji Pukur, Rother Pukur, Moulvi Pukur, Damma Pukur, Malaur Pukur, Poddar Pukur, Baillardighi, Kamaloddy Dighi, Hajar Dighi and Chowdhury Dighi to name a few.

## Suu Kyi

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She was joined yesterday by businessman Zaw Zaw, one of a host of military "cronies" who thrived under junta rule and are now taking prominent roles in rebuilding the battered country.  
There are fears a carve-up of contracts in Rakhine by big business will further divide the Rohingya from their land.  
Suu Kyi says the Rohingyas who have fled are now welcome back if they meet contested "verification" criteria for re-entry to Myanmar.

The Rohingyas are loathed in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, where they are denied citizenship and denigrated as illegal "Bengali" immigrants.  
Their legal status is at the crux of communal tensions, with ethnic Rakhine Buddhists adamant that Rohingyas are foreign interlopers.  
A Rohingya resident who has remained in Maungdaw town appeared to Suu Kyi to reconsider foisting a controversial national verification card (NVC) on the minority.  
The Rohingyas then limited rights of residence in Myanmar but does not recognise them as an ethnic group with citizenship.  
The Rohingyas say it is a bureaucratic attempt to erase their identity and

force a shakly legal status onto them in a region where many claim generations of ancestry.

"We cannot do anything with this NVC card, so do we want to receive it," the resident said, requesting anonymity fearing reprisals.

"We are not Bengalis from Bangladesh, we are Rohingya living here for generations".

Observers say Suu Kyi has chosen not to criticise the army in fear of a backlash from a powerful institution that controls all security matters.

The plight of the Rohingyas garners little sympathy inside Myanmar, making a mockery of the minority's political toxicity case.  
The Rohingyas have packed into makeshift camps on a poor, already overcrowded strip of border land inside Bangladesh.

Aid groups say the risk of major outbreaks of disease is high, while they struggle to deliver food and basic supplies to the unprecedented number of refugees.

Myanmar's army denies abuses in its campaign to flush out Rohingya militants whose attacks in late August sparked the latest round of a festering communal crisis.

## Plane-sized 'void'

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The Scarvamiids project, which has been exploring Khufu's pyramid since October 2015 with non-invasive technology using subatomic particle scans.  
"It's the size of a 200-seat airplane, in the heart of the pyramid," Yasoubi told AFP of the discovery, published in science journal Nature.  
Covering over the Giza complex on Cairo's outskirts alongside smaller pyramids for kings Menkaure and Khafre, the Great Sphinx, the Khufu's pyramid is the oldest and only surviving construction among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and one of the largest buildings ever erected on Earth.

The void is the first major structure found inside the Great Pyramid since the 19th century, the research team said.  
"There have been many theories about the existence of secret chambers inside the pyramid," said Yasoubi. "But none have predicted anything this big."  
The exact shape and size of the void is fuzzy -- its purpose and possible contents are mysterious.  
The void is thought to be at least 30 metres (98 feet) long, and located above the "Grand Gallery" -- a long corridor almost 50 m spaced 9 m high which links Khufu's burial chamber at the pyramid's centre to a tunnel leading outside.  
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The void, says lead co-author Kunihito Morishima from the Nagoya University in Japan, "was not known by anyone until now, from when the pyramid was built 4,500 years ago."  
"The big void is completely empty," he added, which means anything inside it would not have been "touched by anyone after the pyramid was built".  
The pharaohs of ancient Egypt built these monumental tombs for themselves, complete with sarcophagus to hold their embalmed mummies, and stocked with everything they could, including food and jewellery.

## Doctors' strike unacceptable, says health minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Observing work abstention even for a moment by leaving patients on hospital beds is unacceptable, Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasir said yesterday.

"People will be deprived of healthcare services if doctors go on strike. They will misunderstand what [doctors]," he said while exchanging views with the interns of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).  
Recently, staffers and doctors of the country's largest public hospital stopped working in protest of an attack on their colleagues by relatives of a patient who died at the hospital.

The minister told the interns that doctors have a significant contribution in making various government programmes in health sector successful. But if treatment at the hospital stops, people will get the wrong perception about doctors, said a press release of the ministry.

Those who attacked doctors were "criminals". Law enforcement agencies would identify the attackers and take action against them, he said.  
Nasim added that he told the DMCH director to take steps that doctors could get good working environment and patients could get proper healthcare services.

## Follow Paris

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Small Branches Conference of the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) 2017 at a city hotel.  
Of the over 180 branches of the CPA, forty-three are classified as "Small Branches" which are defined as jurisdictions having a population below 500,000 people.

The Speaker said climate change has changed the landscape of life here, and Bangladesh remains one of the most vulnerable countries in the world in terms of adverse impact of climate change.

She said small countries are more vulnerable to adverse impact of climate change than developed countries.  
Shrin Sharmin said global attention will be drawn on these matters to be made to deal with these challenges.

Pointing out that CPA has taken special initiatives to ensure young people's participation in parliamentary politics, the CPA chairperson said, "If young people are involved in politics they will play a key role in law formulation and policy making."

The Speaker said CPA has been also playing a role in ensuring gender equality and participation of women in politics. She said the association is working with small branches countries to ensure practice of parliamentary democracy, poverty reduction and sustainable development.

Countries classified as small branches can facilitate sharing of experiences and develop strategies to strengthen their legislatures to make them more participatory, responsive and accountable, she said, adding that parliament has a role in combating corruption and maladministration. She has been working to ensure transparency of people's power, accountability and good governance.

Earlier, CPA Small Branches chairperson Angela Fattaglia, also speaker of the parliament of Malta, said the small branches made a draft conference plan for the 36th conference of the small branches.

"The plan includes climate change, youth participation in politics, good governance and gender equality".  
"There was a colourful culture of CPA programme focusing on environmental problem before the opening of the conference."

For this reason, the new cavity may be "very exciting," said Morishima, though it is not known if it contains anything at all.

## We adore thee, Pelican

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disappeared as the fish in those wetlands declined.

Pelican is an artless fisher; not a crafty hunter. The only fishing tool it has is its enormous throat pouch. It can scoop gallons of water in its pouch and swallow the luckless fish like a trapper in it. It is rather like a fisherman trying to fish by picking bucketful of water from a well. It worked only when the water was full of fish. There was a time when our wetlands had fish aplenty and the blissful pelican proliferated. Then in this land the people became plentiful and over-harvested the fish to near extinction. The population of the neighbouring wetlands declined with the fish. Now it survives in some places in the neighbouring countries where humanity is yet to rob nature of all its wealth.

Although there are only eight species of pelicans in the world they have been around for over 20 million years. Of the world's eight species the wetlands of Bangladesh have three, namely, Great White Pelican, Spot-billed Pelican and Dalmatian Pelican. Those gregarious birds were often seen fishing in droves and nesting on large trees in colonies here centuries before. In the recent past people sometimes have seen the Great White Pelican in Bangladesh; but not the Spot-billed Pelican in a century. That is why the spying of this single pelican over Padma is a notable event. The question remains how long the Padma of today will be able to support this ingenious fisher that endeavors to catch fish by scooping mouthful of murky water!

Being a slow, conspicuous, confiding and meaty bird, the pelican was a favored game to hunters and trappers in this part of the subcontinent. Besides the paucity of fish,

## Boy, 4, tied

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Hospital said there were serious injuries on Pafia's face and neck. The boy was referred to Noakhali Sadar Hospital and since been moved to a private hospital in Noakhali for better treatment.  
Raipur Police Station Officer-in-Charge AKM Azizur Rahman Miah confirmed the incident and said they have already detained five physical youths for interrogation.

British Prime Minister Theresa May is on the 2nd position, while Melinda Gates, co-chair of the education of these refugees to her country. This includes issuing identification cards and providing childhood immunisations.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who topped the list of 100 Most Powerful Women last year, held the position after winning the election this year.

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persecution by humans contributed to its demise in Bengal. Pelicans are not, however, universally persecuted. It is not Kosher or Halal to the Jews. In much of the Christian world the pelican is revered, celebrated and pampered. A myth portrays the mother pelican feeding the chicks by drawing blood from its own body in time of food shortages. St Thomas Aquinas honored the mythical pelican in his hymn, "Humly we adore thee." Since the pelican has been a symbol of martyrdom in the western world.

The legend, hymn and symbolism partly explain why the biggest population of pelican of the world is found in the two continents America today. The other part of the explanation is the conscious efforts to conserve nature. In spite of a substantial damage by the killer chemical DDT, the pelicans have been recovering pretty well over the past three decades there. Although the oil spill continues to kill some pelicans, its population there is over a million now.  
The single pelican swimming the waters of Padma deserves our adoration too. The bird is likely to be a fledgling fresh from its breeding ground. It is a bird that usually fly far out of the parents' territory in search of new places of habitation. We hope the brave bird will like its ancestral property named Padma and make Rajshahi its winter home.

## Hasina

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It said Hasina is "prudent to bear the bulk of the cost of the education of these refugees to her country. This includes issuing identification cards and providing childhood immunisations."  
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## The details 'untangled'

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involved in Razzak Bahini in 1971.  
During the one-and-a-half-year probe, they found evidence of Mahbubur being involved in abduction, killing, arson and acts of genocide during the war, Hannan said.

On Tuesday, the growing demand for the investigation into Ranada Prasad Shah's, also known as RP Shah, abduction and killing and agency was successful to "unearth the facts".

Agency official Sanal Hug said the Pakistan army detained RP Shah and his son Bhabanjan Prasad on April 29 for interrogation and kept them confined at the Bangladesh Physical Training Centre until May 5 of 1971.

That very day, in presence of Mahbubur and his brother Mamun, the Pakistan army raided Kumdani Camp in Mirzapur to kill RP Shah, Sanal said.

Failing to find him there, they harassed and humiliated the doctors of the Kumudini Hospital and teachers and students of Bharateswar Homes, he said.

Both the organisations were founded around RP Shah's.  
Around 100 people of the said Mahbubur, along with his brother Mamun and some 20 to 25 Pakistani army men raided RP Shah's home in Khanpur of Narayanganj. They abducted him, his

son, his associate Gour Toppal Shah, and four others and took them to Adnanee Burma Eastern Oil Depot, Sanal claimed.

Later, they were killed and their bodies were dumped in the Shitalakkhya, said Sanal, adding that they had been buried in Sanal said.

RP Shah, born on November 15, 1896, had success as a businessman. He placed all his companies and businesses in a trust to use the proceeds for public welfare.

Kumudini Welfare Trust of Bengal thus came into existence, according to the trust's website.

RP Shah established a hospital in remote Mirzapur to provide free healthcare. The philanthropist founded several educational institutions, including the renowned Bharateswar Homes for girls.

OTHER WAR CRIMES  
Sanal said in presence of and with the assistance of Mahbubur, his father and brother, Pakistani army men carried out an attack on Shahapur in Mirzapur that left 33 Hindu men dead on May 7.

On May 15, 1971, Mahbubur and his father along with 15 to 20 Razakars picked 24 Hindu men from different villages in Mirzapur, Sanal said.  
Later, Mahbubur handed them over to the Pakistan army who tortured 22 of them to death, he added.

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