

# 'Man' murders wife, son, dumps bodies

FROM PAGE 12  
She also said Rubel tortured her regularly and it became unbearable, Hashi's brother quoted her as saying at the mediation.

As Hashi and Rubel kept arguing, sitting on a bench at a yard inside the slum, Hashi's family members and the mediators went back to their huts. The couple was last seen around 1:00am yesterday.



Relatives of Hashi Begum and her son Nirob Hossain weeping after their bodies were found floating on a lake near the Korail slum.

Around 8:00am, Mehedi got the call from Rubel over his mobile phone.

"Rubel came to our house on Monday afternoon. He behaved well. He even brought fruits... If we had sensed trouble, we would not have allowed him to enter our house," Mehedi lamented.

"My sister wanted to live but her husband did not let her."

Mehedi said his sister married Rubel five years ago. Things between the couple went from bad to worse two years ago.

In the first week of this month, Hashi came to her mother's house at Korail slum to save herself from Rubel's torture. A week ago, Rubel took her back to his Cumilla house. But she returned to her mother's house the next day with her son as Rubel again tortured her, according to Hashi's family members.

Nur-E-Azam Mia, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station, said they

suspect that Rubel had killed both of them.

"We are trying to arrest him."

The bodies were sent to Shaheed

Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsies.

Morgue sources said both the mother and the child were strangled.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

# Titas, RHD trade blame

FROM PAGE 12  
Lalmatia, parts of Dhanmondi, Jhigatola, Razabazar, Indira road, Pirebargh, Hajiribagh, and Eskaton suffered due to a shortage of gas.

Unable to get gas at home, those people bought food from restaurants. Some used electric cookers.

Rumana Sharmin, a housewife who lives in Lalmatia, said she woke up around 7:00am and found that they had no gas.

The woman had to buy breakfast from a nearby restaurant. She also had to buy lunch and other meals for her family from outside.

Mousumi Sumi, a resident of Mohammadpur, was in a similar situation. "I got up at 6:30am and saw that the gas pressure of my stove was extremely low. Although cooking with it was extremely tough, I managed to boil an egg and cook some rice. But it took hours," she said, adding that everybody

in the building she lives was in trouble due to the sudden gas crisis.

Surovi Rozario, a resident of Razabazar, said she had to use an electric cooker to make breakfast for their family.

Talking to this daily, Mohammed Shamim Al Mamun, RHD executive engineer (Dhaka division), said they did not know the gas line was there.

"Even Titas was initially not sure whether the gas line was there. They confirmed it around two to three hours after the incident," he said.

"They [Titas gas authority] were supposed to take permission for installing a gas line on RHD's land. But as far as I know, they did not take any such permission," he said.

"Even if they have the permission, the gas line should be installed at the right place. But it was installed right beside the main road," he added.

Shafiqul Islam Khan, the Titas

director, said the road of the RHD was constructed around 20 years back and all installations were done in government land.

He said they obtained permission from the authorities concerned during the installation of the gas pipeline. He added that the allegation that the line was installed at the wrong place was not true.

"When a project is taken, other relevant organisations send proposals to their planning divisions. If there is any issue, then a particular entity implementing the project either changes the project plan or others shift their utility lines. But in this case, they [RHD] did not submit any such proposal," he said.

Shafiqul said they would demand compensation from the RHD for the damage of their gas line connection. They will send a letter to the RHD following the assessment of the financial loss, he said.

# The telephone call that never came

FROM PAGE 12  
back and they were united. Any decision, if forced on them, would not be accepted in any way. He asked people to be vigilant against attempts of creating communal tension.

**FACE-OFF AND FIRING**

From March 23 to the morning of March 24, the Pakistan army surrounded and held the Saidpur cantonment and neighbouring Botlagari, Golahaat and Kundul villages and used excessive force, killing almost a 100 people and leaving 1,000 injured. Curfew was imposed in the city. The army along with non-Bangalees carried out arson and carnage in the houses of Bangladeshis.

In Rangpur, a curfew was imposed

following a clash between army and general people. In Chittagong, people resisted the offloading of MV Swat which was carrying 7,000 tonnes of ammunition. The army opened fire on the people and dozens were killed. In Mirpur also, tensions were rising.

Referring to these incidents, Tajuddin Ahmad said in a press statement tonight, "We would like to emphasise once again that any attempt to frustrate the efforts of arriving at a political solution would be reckless. The awakened people of Bangladesh would not allow this to be done."

Major General Farman and Major General Khadim, two planners of "Operation Searchlight", boarded two helicopters to pass the instruction

of the military action to the brigade commanders outside Dhaka.

**'WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS'**

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, talking to newsmen on his return to the hotel after a brief talk at the President's House today, said progress was being made at the talks. Replying to a question, Bhutto said a joint session of the advisers of the president, Awami League and his party would have expedited the arrangement. But at the moment it was not possible, he said.

Bhutto further added, "I am passionately devoted to one Pakistan."

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com

# Tensions

FROM PAGE 12  
Bangladesh territory, but right beside the border and the reconstruction of the centuries-old mosque was evident, said Abdul Salam, chairman of Dubag union in the upazila.

"Earlier at a flag-meeting, the matter was discussed and the then BSF Commanding Officer cleared way of the construction and it was progressing normally. But as the previous CO is transferred, new CO stopped the construction work," he said.

However, the locals of the bordering area are safe and not worried yet, the chairman said.

# Myanmar

FROM PAGE 12  
"I am sad because these violent terrorist people who died are our nationals," he said.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) activist group said at least 261 people have been killed in the brutal crackdown by security forces.

The streets of towns and cities across the country have seen chaotic scenes for weeks as security forces clash with protesters demanding the restoration of democracy and the release of Suu Kyi.

The authorities have used tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to disperse protests, prompting a senior UN rights expert to warn they may be committing "crimes against humanity".

But despite widespread international condemnation, Zaw Min Tun defended the response, saying that the security forces were dealing with "insurgents holding weapons" and five police and four soldiers had been killed.

"We have to crack down on the anarchy. Which countries in the world accept anarchy?" he said.

# Germany

FROM PAGE 12  
Easter. Only grocers will be allowed to open on Saturday April 3.

"The situation is serious. Case numbers are rising exponentially and intensive care beds are filling up again," said Merkel.

The British variant has become the dominant strain circulating in Germany, she said, noting: "We are in a new pandemic."

"Essentially, we have a new virus... it is much deadlier, much more infectious and infectious for much longer," the veteran leader said.

Vice-chancellor Olaf Scholz told public broadcaster ZDF it was "right to use the period of Easter to pull on the brakes".

But patience is running thin in Germany over a sluggish vaccine rollout, a delayed start to mass rapid testing and higher infection numbers despite months of shutdowns, with support for Merkel's Christian Democratic Union party at its lowest level for a year.

In India, a high-level government panel has concluded there is no increased risk of blood clotting so far linked to Covishield and Covaxin, the vaccines that India's drug regulator DCGI (Drugs Controller General of India) cleared earlier this year.

# No case, yet Jhumon in jail

FROM PAGE 12  
Next morning, I went to Shalla Police Station to see him but failed. That morning, they [Hefajat supporters] attacked our village, looted everything from my house and broke a hand of my daughter-in-law [Jhumon's wife]."

Demanding her son release, she said, "There is no case against him."

Jhumon was sent to jail after being produced before a Sunamganj court under section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Bangladesh.

In another development, a Sunamganj court yesterday granted remand for 30 accused of two cases filed in connection with the attack, vandalism and looting valuables from Hindu houses.

Senior Chief Judicial Magistrate Shyam Kanta Sinha granted a five-day remand for prime accused Shahidul Islam Swadhin and a two-day remand for 29 other accused, said Salim

Nawaj, court inspector of Sunamganj police.

Earlier, the investigation officer of the cases prayed for a 10-day remand for Shahidul and a five-day remand for others.

So far, 34 accused of the cases have been arrested.

Meanwhile, Gonoshasthaya Kendra Founder and Trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury visited the village yesterday.

During the visit, Dr Zafrullah said the attack was planned and demanded a judicial probe into the mayhem.

He also claimed that Awami League men with Hefajat supporters carried out the attack.

"It's a shame that the village was attacked on the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We never fought for these days and this independence," he said, demanding the probe report in seven days.

# 14 Huji men get death

FROM PAGE 1  
They killed Bangabandhu and his family members at one stage and the conspirators tried to assassinate his daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina 20 times following her return to the country in 1981, the court said.

The judge said the militants decided to kill Hasina and topple the legitimate government in July 2000.

Judge Kamruzzaman observed that it would be possible to prevent the recurrence of such atrocities by ensuring exemplary punishment to the accused.

If it is not possible to publicly execute them by the firing squad, they will be executed in accordance with the law, the verdict said.

The convicts are: Mofizur Rahman alias Mohibullah, Mahmud Azhar alias Mamunur Rashid, Rashed Uzzaman alias Shimul, Tarek Hossain alias Marfat Ali, Abdul Wadud Mollah, Sarwar Hossain Miah, Anisul Islam alias Anis, Azizul Haque alias Shahnur, Lokman, Yusuf alias Mochhab Morol, Sheikh Enamul Haque, Mosahed Hasan, Maulana Amirul Islam alias Jinnat Munshi, and Maulana Rafiqul Islam.

Of them, Azizul, Lokman, Enamul, Mosahed and Yusuf are on the run.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective the day they surrender or get arrested, the judge added.

The verdict was pronounced around 12:15pm with nine of the convicts on the dock. They were taken to the courtroom amid tight security at 12:10pm with their hands cuffed behind their backs.

A large number of police members surrounded them when they were on the dock in helmets. An archway metal detector was placed at the entrance of the block that houses the tribunal.

Special Public Prosecutor Abu Abdullah Bhuiyan expressed satisfaction over the judgement.

Three cases were filed after the 76kg bomb was recovered: one for the bomb, one for the attempted

assassination of Hasina and the other under the Explosive Substances Act.

According to the prosecutors, on July 20, 2000, Mufti Hannan, his two brothers, and 14 others in a pre-planned manner with a common intent had tried to create chaos in the country and worsen law and order.

The seditious case was filed with a Gopalganj court on September 13, 2000. On November 15, the next year, the Criminal and Investigation Department (CID) of police pressed charges in the case.

The charges were framed against 15 accused, including the prime accused Mufti Hannan on November 21, 2004.

Hannan's name was dropped after he was hanged on April 12, 2017 at Kashimpur High-Security Prison for killing three people and injuring a British high commissioner in Bangladesh and a dozen others in Sylhet.


Thirty-four prosecution witnesses out of 50 gave their depositions before the court.

On August 20, 2017, the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 of Dhaka sentenced 10 Huji members to death, one to life term imprisonment and three others to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment for attempting to assassinate Hasina by planting the bomb in Kotalipara.

On February 17 this year, the High Court observed that had the perpetrators been successful in implementing their plan in Kotalipara, an episode similar to the August 15 massacre would have taken place.

The HC said the 76kg bomb was recovered on July 21, 2000, and two days later, the 40kg bomb was recovered.

If the 76kg bomb exploded, everyone and everything in a one kilometer radius, would have completely been damaged, the HC bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Md Badruzzaman observed, citing a report from a military team that examined the bombs.



## বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড

নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প  
আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়  
বাগানবাড়ি, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়  
[www.teaboard.gov.bd](http://www.teaboard.gov.bd)

### নির্মাণ কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।
৩	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার নাম	নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প।
৪	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার অবস্থান	নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, বাগানবাড়ি, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়।
৫	আহবানকৃত দরপত্রের নাম	বাইভারী ওয়াল নির্মাণ কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি।
৬	সম্প্রদায়িক পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।
৭	দরপত্র নং	এনবিপি/নির্মাণ-৮০৩/২০১৬(উলি-০২)-৩০৫৬ তারিখঃ ২২/০৩/২০২১ইং
৮	অর্পণের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের সংশ্লিষ্ট উন্নয়ন খাত হতে।
৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	২৫/০৩/২০২১ হতে ০৮/০৪/২০২১ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। স্থানঃ ১। নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, বাগানবাড়ি, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়; ২। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং ৩। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, লিয়াজো অফিস, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
১০	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০৪/২০২১, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত, নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০৪/২০২১, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা, নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়।
১২	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	সংশ্লিষ্ট টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর পরিশোধের হালনাগাদ প্রমাণক, ভাট নিবন্ধনকরণ সনদপত্রের কপি, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, এনুয়াল টার্নওভার ও লিকুইড এসেট এর তথ্যাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৩	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	১০০০/- টাকা (আশেরতথ্যোগ্য) প্রতিটি।
১৪	কার্যের পরিচিতি	কাজের অবস্থান টেন্ডার সিডিউলিটি কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়
	বাইভারী ওয়াল নির্মাণ	নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, বাগানবাড়ি, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড় ১,৭০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ সত্তর হাজার) টাকা ৪৫ (পঁয়তাল্লিশ) দিন
১৫	টেন্ডার সিডিউলিটির অর্থ	ফেরতযোগ্য হিসাবে সরকার অনুমোদিত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প-এর অনুকূলে উক্ত টাকার ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৬	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম, পদবী ও যোগাযোগের বর্ণনা	ড. মোহাম্মদ শামীম আল মামুন, প্রকল্প পরিচালক, মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১২-১১৯৮৪০, ই-মেইলঃ <a href="mailto:kbdshameem@gmail.com">kbdshameem@gmail.com</a> ; ওয়েবসাইটঃ <a href="http://www.teaboard.panchagarh.gov.bd">www.teaboard.panchagarh.gov.bd</a> ; <a href="http://www.teaboard.gov.bd">www.teaboard.gov.bd</a>
১৭	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে। খ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বর্জন করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ড. মোহাম্মদ শামীম আল মামুন  
প্রকল্প পরিচালক

জিডি-৫৯৭

# Natural

FROM PAGE 12  
prior research in the area, which was mostly carried out in lab or hospital settings with sounds played to volunteers by headphones.

Seven of the 36 studies examined traditional health outcomes, including heart rate, blood pressure, perceived pain, skin conductance -- which is linked to emotional arousal -- levels of the stress hormone cortisol, and t-wave amplitude, a measure of heart health.

The rest measured potential precursors along the pathway to health, including metrics of perception, mood, and cognitive performance.

Overall, there was an 184 percent improvement in health and other positive affect outcomes in the groups exposed to natural sounds relative to comparison groups.

The natural sounds also led to a 28 percent decrease in stress and annoyance.

Among the natural sounds played to the volunteers, the sound of water had the highest impact, followed by birdsong, then a mix of both.

The team also examined audio recordings from 68 US national parks recorded over the past 15 years at 221 different locations.

What drives the effect? No one knows for sure, but Buxton has a hypothesis: "Evolutionarily, an acoustic environment that has lots of natural sounds is a good indicator of a safe environment -- so it allows for mental recuperation because we're not on edge."


## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Local Government Engineering Department

#### Office of the Executive Engineer

#### LGED, Madaripur

[www.lged.gov.bd](http://www.lged.gov.bd)



শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি  
গ্রাম শহরের উন্নতি।

Memo No: 46.02.5400.001.07.002.17 (Part-4)-1013 Date : 23/03/2021

**e-Tender Notice**  
**Tender No. e-Tender Notice : 2020-21/23**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works :

Location	T-ID /Method	Name of the Work	Tender Closing
MADARIPUR SADAR	560506 (LTM)	(GSIDP/MDR/SDW-118) Improvement of Algi Munshibari Jame Mosque, Union: Bahadurpur [Latitude: 23.21815, Longitude: 90.1297].	12-Apr-2021 Within 12:30 PM
	560507 (LTM)	(GSIDP/MDR/SDW-119) Improvement of Pachim Chilarchar Akhon Bari Grave Yard, Union: Chilarchar [Latitude: 23.2182, Longitude: 90.13].	
	560508 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-49) Periodic Maintenance of Bhuruapa-Ary Para Road from Ch: 00m-2685m (Road ID No: 354545124)	
KALKINI	560509 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-50) Periodic Maintenance of NHW, Gopalpur GC-Madaripur Kalkini R&H Road (Kalgionj Bazar) via Tumchar Road from Ch: 2970m-3766m (Road ID No: 354402008)	
	560510 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-51) Periodic Maintenance of DK Ideal College-Mridha Rice Mill via Paschim Dasar Jame Mosque Road from Ch: 00m-360m (Road ID No: 354405134)	
	560512 (LTM)	(MSRDP/M/20-21/BC-Maint/13) Maintenance of Udayon Club to Sayod Nurul Alam Girls School via Sayod Abul Basar House road at Ch: 00m-200m (Road ID No-354404218)	
SHIBCHAR	560511 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-52) Emergency Maintenance of UZR-12, (Utrail Munshikandi RINGPS)-Bablatola Bazar road via 8 no. Char Nurania Madrasa & Char Tajpur RINGPS Road from Ch: 900m-4100m (Road ID No: 354875071).	


This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system Portal have to be deposited on line through any e-GP registered banks Branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) and also from e-mail: [xen.madaripur@lged.gov.bd](mailto:xen.madaripur@lged.gov.bd) or call to 0661-62445.

**Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.**



(Md. Babul Akhter)  
Executive Engineer  
LGED, Madaripur  
Tel: 0661-62445/0661-62446  
e-mail: [xen.madaripur@lged.gov.bd](mailto:xen.madaripur@lged.gov.bd)  
Date : 23/03/2021

GD-598