

Another suspect

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Police claimed to have recovered a pistol and two bullets from the spot.
On May 21, another accused in the case Manik, 32, was killed in a similar incident with Rab members in Pallabi area.
The number of extrajudicial killings in the name of so-called gunfights or shootouts had dropped drastically following an uproar over the killing of Major (ret'd) Sinha Md Rashed Khan at a Teknaf checkpoint in Cox's Bazar in August last year.
At least four people were killed in such "gunfights" with detectives and Rab in Dhaka in just last six days.
After being attacked three times in last six years, receiving numerous death threats, and even after filing general diaries in this regard, Shahinuddin was attacked once again on May 16 and lost his life this time.
Former lawmaker MA Awal (Lakshampur-1) was among six persons so far arrested in connection with the murder.



A Sri Lanka Air Force member, along with police officers, controls a drone camera to monitor and apprehend quarantine regulation violators in a highly populated residential area, during a lockdown due to the increasing numbers of daily Covid-19 cases, in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday.
PHOTO: REUTERS

Govt officials

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In reply to a question of the magistrate, Farid said he is the owner of the four-storey house where he lives.
This irritated the magistrate and she thought Farid was doing well.
The magistrate ordered him to distribute 100 packets of food to the poor. Each packet would have 10kg rice, 5kg potato, 1kg pulse, 1kg onion and 1 litre edible oil.
Farid claimed that the magistrate warned him that he would have to serve three months' imprisonment in case of his failure to do so.
Helpless, Farid borrowed money and distributed the packets in presence of the magistrate on May 22.

Talking to this correspondent, Farid said he was not the sole owner of the four-storey building. Rather, he, along with his five brothers and a sister, jointly own it. He only owns a two-room flat in the building.
"I work at a hosiery factory. I had not gotten wages from my owner for around four months last year as the factory was closed due to lockdown. I'm struggling ...," he said.

His elder brother Lutfur Rahman and local tea stall owner Ayub Ali added that Farid was not the building's sole owner.
This correspondent contacted officials of Abul Garments where Farid works. Its Director Masud Rana said Farid now gets Tk 6,000 as wage per month.

Contacted, magistrate Arifa Jahura said they were investigating the incident.
Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner Mostain Billah said a three-member committee, led by an additional deputy commissioner, has been formed to investigate negligence on the part of anyone.
The probe body has been asked to submit its report within Wednesday.

Yahya's appeal for US support

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"Our plans for national reconstruction cannot materialise so long as India follows a policy of open and constant interference in our internal affairs. It was not a matter of mere coincidence that the present crisis in Indo-Pakistan relations started when Pakistan was at the threshold of ushering in a democratically elected government," Yahya continued. He emphasised on persuading Indira Gandhi to show a more helpful attitude.
As to the refugee problem, Yahya said, "It is most unfortunate that due to disturbed conditions and for other reasons, a large number of people left their homes in East Pakistan and crossed into India. Their migration has created a human problem which should be treated as such... I have, therefore, in a public statement urged the law abiding citizens of East Pakistan who were compelled to migrate, to return to their homes and resume their normal duties.

They would not only be welcome but would be afforded necessary protection and assistance by my government."
Yahya urged Nixon to take measures to solve the refugee problem and the related issues. "[It] would be an act of historical significance," concluded Yahya.
DESPITE OFFICIAL ASSERTIONS, REPORTS TELL OF FIGHTING
Despite official descriptions of normality in East Pakistan, guerrilla activity and the army crackdown continued, reported the New York Times.
The Pakistani army had been able to widen its control of vital installations and major towns and cities. But guerrilla and terrorist activity by Bangalee "insurgents" -- buttressed by Bangalee non-cooperation in general -- prevented the army from establishing an effective civil administration in most of East Pakistan, added the American daily.

It further said Bangladesh forces continued to destroy rail lines and bridges. They were also seizing barges and destroying cargoes of jute, whose export provided the biggest share of Pakistan's foreign exchange.
The Pakistan army, reported the New York Times, continued to carry out bloody reprisals against civilians wherever the "insurgents" were active. The particular targets were said to be young men, intellectuals, members of the now-banned Awami League and minority Hindus.
It further wrote that the Pakistan army had been enlisting, and in many cases arming, anti-Awami League segments of the population to try to suppress the Bangalee "insurgency". These minority segments included non-Bangalee Bihari Muslims and supporters of traditionalist, religiously oriented parties.
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Pfizer, Astra jabs highly

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effective against symptomatic disease from the B.1617.2 strain three weeks after the first dose, compared with about 50 percent against the B.1.1.7 strain.
Some 12,675 genome-sequenced cases were included in the analysis, but only 1,054 were of the variant identified in India. The study included data for all age groups from April 5 to cover the period since the strain emerged.
New data from PHE shows there have been at least 2,889 cases of the B.1617.2 strain recorded in England from February 1 this year to May 18.
Of those, 104 cases resulted in a visit to a hospital emergency department, 31 required overnight hospital admission and six resulted in a death.
Dr Mary Ramsay, head of immunisation at PHE, added: "This study provides reassurance that two doses of either vaccine offer high levels of protection against symptomatic disease from the B.1617.2 variant."
"We expect the vaccines to be even more effective at preventing hospitalisation and death, so it is vital to get both doses to gain maximum protection against all existing and

emerging variants."
DELHI TO EASE CURBS
India, the world's largest vaccine-producing nation, has fully vaccinated just over 41.6 million people, or only 3.8% of its 1.35 billion population.
New Delhi will start relaxing its strict coronavirus lockdown next week if new cases continue to drop in the city, its chief minister said.
The nation yesterday reported 240,842 new infections nationwide over 24 hours - the lowest daily new cases in more than a month - and 3,741 deaths.
For weeks, India has battled a devastating second wave of Covid-19 that has crippled its health system and led to shortages of oxygen supplies.
New Delhi, one of the worst hit cities, went into lockdown on April 20, but new cases have declined in recent weeks and test positivity rate has fallen under 2.5%, compared to 36% last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.
"If cases continue to drop for a week, then from May 31 we will start the process of unlocking," Kejriwal told a news conference yesterday.
Delhi reported around 1,600 new Covid-19 cases in the previous 24 hours, he said.

Officials blame pandemic

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Asked about the reasons behind the delay, the railways minister said something exceptional had happened regarding the project.
The project was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council before any feasibility study was carried out and designs were finalised. And this caused delay. Besides, it took a considerable amount of time to acquire land. And above all, the pandemic caused delay, the minister said.
He admitted that they have to extend the deadline.
Seeking anonymity, a BR official said that usually, the feasibility study of a project is carried out before its approval. But in this case, the study was done after the project's approval, and it took one and a half years to complete the study.
The BR is implementing 39 projects involving Tk 1,41,883.70 crore, most of which are funded by loans from various countries and agencies.
Deadlines of 24 of those will expire in June this year, show BR documents.
Only four of the projects are likely to be completed by June while one got cancelled, according to BR officials.
Scrutinising project documents, this newspaper found 19 of the 24 projects have already been revised at least once and some multiple times.
Asked why such a big number of projects have to be revised, the minister avoided a direct reply and said journalists should appreciate that they are carrying out activities during this pandemic.
Works of different mega projects are now going on, and Chinese and Indian engineers and workers are involved in different projects. Since many of them could not come to Bangladesh due to the pandemic, implementation of the projects is being hampered, he said.
The minister also claimed that the costs of projects did not increase due to deadline extension in all the cases,

rather those went up due to changes in scope of work.
Railways Secretary Salim Reza said the ministries, especially the finance ministry, have to make many decisions to keep the country's economy going, and one such decision was not to issue work orders for now.
As the government sticks to austerity amid the pandemic, it last month asked all ministries, except for the health and the agriculture, not to issue work orders for any physical work during the remainder of the current fiscal year.
"But this project [the Tk 1,202.49-crore project] has been exempted from that order... You have to consider the situation. Works of the projects are going on even during this pandemic."
Salim said they have to face various challenges while implementing the projects.
Dhirendra claimed that the cost of a railway project doesn't go up because of deadline extension, rather it increases due to changes in scope of work.
CONTRACT SIGNED
The physical work of the project will be carried out under two packages -- one for the rail track and the other for bridges.
A joint venture company of China Railway Group Ltd, also known as CREC, and Castle Construction Company Ltd of Bangladesh will implement the first package at a cost of Tk 433.78 crore.
Another joint venture firm of China Railway Construction Corporation Limited and Mir Akhter Hossain Ltd of Bangladesh will implement the second package involving Tk 448.98 crore.
Awami League lawmaker Kazi Nabil Ahmed, also vice chairman of Gemcom Group, the parent company of Castle Construction Company Ltd, and AL lawmaker from Magura-1 Saifuzzaman Shikhar, among others, spoke at the programme moderated by Project Director Ashadul Haque.

Vietnam holds parliament election amid new Covid outbreak

REUTERS, Hanoi
Mask-wearing Vietnamese went to the polls yesterday, with tens of millions expected to select a largely rubber-stamp legislature amid a rapidly spreading Covid-19 outbreak.
Fewer independent candidates than before are standing in the election for the 500-seat National Assembly, which is held every five years and usually after the ruling Communist Party holds its congress to select a new leadership.
Despite increasing openness to social change in the Southeast Asia nation and a plethora of free trade deals, the Communist Party - one of the last ruling communist parties in the world - retains tight control over Vietnam and its media, and tolerates

little dissent.
The nearly 69.2 million registered voters will also vote for members of the people's councils at provincial and district levels.
"I hope all voters, knowing their role as the owners of the country, will join the vote to select the most trusted and worthy candidates to represent their voices," National Assembly chairman Vuong Dinh Hue said ahead of the election.
Some 92% of candidates for the National Assembly are members of the Communist Party, which also essentially vets independent candidates.
The number of candidates who are not party members fell this year to 74 from the 97 in the previous elections in 2016. Local media say the number of assembly deputies who were not party members halved over the last

three elections.
Official data show that 99% of Vietnam's 67.5 million registered voters participated in the 2016 elections. The ballot is anonymous, but each voter's name, age, occupation, ethnicity and address are posted outside polling centres.
The election is taking place as Vietnam battles a new COVID-19 outbreak that is spreading rapidly, infecting 2,066 people since it emerged in late April.
In Hanoi's Long Bien district, around 30 voters were seen queuing by a voting booth waiting for their turn, all wearing masks.
Before queuing, the voters had their temperature taken at a nearby table where free masks and hand sanitiser were offered, with a loudspeaker broadcasting advice to keep a safe distance.

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Titanic replica

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The centerpiece of a theme park called Romandisea, it will have the same amenities of its namesake, including banquet halls, theaters, observation decks and a swimming pool. Guests will be able to pay to spend the night aboard the ship, which will be permanently docked in a reservoir in the Qijiang River, about 130 kilometers from the provincial capital Chengdu -- several hundred miles from the sea.
An opening date has not yet been set.
CNN first reported on the project in 2016, when construction workers had just started laying the keel. A recent photo essay by news agency AFP offers a new look at construction progress on the replica.
According to the AFP, it's taken 23,000 tonnes of steel and cost one billion yuan (\$153.5 million) to build the replica.
China's ship isn't the only proposed replica of the original Titanic.
In 2018, Australian company Blue Star Line announced work was recommencing on the Titanic II following a lengthy delay. It has been promoted as an identical copy of the infamous liner, home to 835 cabins to accommodate 2,435 passengers.
The maiden voyage was scheduled to take place in 2022, however the company's website hasn't been updated since 2018. CNN has reached out to Blue Star Line for comment on status of the ship.
The original Titanic set sail on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York on April 10, 1912. At the time, it was the largest passenger ship afloat.
On April 14, around midnight, it struck an iceberg and sunk in less than three hours. According to the US Senate report on the Titanic disaster, 1,517 people died and 706 survived out of 2,223 passengers and crew.
In 1985, scientists led by American Robert Ballard and France's Jean Jarry located the wreckage about 350 miles off the southeast coast of Newfoundland, Canada.
The following year, Ballard and his crew used a manned deep-ocean research submersible to explore the sunken ship for the very first time.

Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited

Office of the Deputy General Manager (Telecom)
Chattogram

Invitation for Tenders

(Tender No. 14.33.1528.036.02.009.21 Dated: 18/05/2021)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Post & Telecommunications.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited.
3	Procuring entity name	Chief General Manager, CTR, BTCL.
4	Invitation for	Installation of 24 core optical fiber cable (U/G) link from Juldha Union Parishod of Anwara to BNS NIRVIC Ghati, Dangarchor, Chattogram.
5	Invitation Ref No.	14.33.1528.036.02.009.21.
6	Date	18/05/2021.
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
8	Tender package name	Installation of 24 core optical fiber cable (U/G) link from Juldha Union Parishod of Anwara to BNS NIRVIC Ghati, Dangarchor, Chattogram.
9	Tender publication date	24/05/2021.
10	Tender last selling date	13.06.2021 Time: 15:30 hrs
11	Tender closing date and time	14.06.2021 Time: 11:30 hrs
12	Tender opening date and time	14.06.2021 Time: 12:00 hrs
13	Name & address of the office(s)	
14	-Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
15	-Selling tender document (others)	None.
16	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
17	-Opening tender document	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
18	Place	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
19	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Document.
20	Brief description of goods or works	Installation of 24 core optical fiber cable (U/G) link from Juldha Union Parishod of Anwara to BNS NIRVIC Ghati, Dangarchor, Chattogram.
21	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 3000 for each lot (non-refundable).
22	Lot	Identification of lot
1	Optical fiber cable laying work from Juldha Union Parishod of Anwara to BNS NIRVIC Ghati, Dangarchor, Chattogram by horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and open cut method (In case of any unusual circumstances), including supplying and carrying of necessary goods.	Tender security amount (Tk) 3 months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
23	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammad Ohidul Islam.
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
25	Address of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Telecom), Agrabad, Chattogram.
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	031-713020.
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders.	
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