

# Siam bought meat grinder to dispose of body: India CID

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A meat grinder, suspected to have been used to dispose of the body of murdered Awami League MP Anwarul Azim, was purchased by the assailants from a shop in Kolkata's New Market, West Bengal CID sources have claimed.

Investigators said Siam Hossain, one of the suspects, bought the grinder for Rs 2,200. Siam is in the custody of West Bengal CID after being brought from Nepal following his arrest in the Himalayan country.

CID sources claimed since the entire lump of flesh could not be minced with the grinder, small pieces were flushed into the septic tank of the New Town apartment where the MP was suspected to be killed.

CID recovered flesh from the septic tank. The forensic test has established that the flesh was that of a man.

CID is trying to ascertain the exact places from where the murder weapons

were procured so that they can collect corresponding CCTV footage and build a case using electronic evidence in the court.

The investigators have recovered the entire conversation between the lawmaker and Celesty Rahman, who is suspected of having lured him to the New Town flat, and found out that it was Siam who handled the MP's WhatsApp messages after his murder.

Sources said West Bengal CID has decided to request Dhaka Metropolitan Police to track down another woman who had reportedly accompanied Azim on his visit to Kolkata in either January or March this year. The questioning of this woman, who was found to be sharing messages with Celesty, may help reveal the extent of the criminal conspiracy behind the murder, claimed the sources.

Lawmaker Azim was taken to Kolkata on May 12. Nine days later, India and Bangladesh police said he was murdered at a Kolkata flat.



At the break of dawn, these workers start the process of rolling jutes manually. After a day's hard work, the labourers make Tk 700. The photo was taken in Barishal's Babuganj yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## CLIMATE ADAPTATION Loans to raise debt distress

Says CEO of Global Center on Adaptation

PORIMOL PALMA

It is an injustice when countries like Bangladesh that are not responsible for the climate crisis have to take loans for adaptation programmes, said Prof Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of Global Center on Adaptation (GCA).

"The countries like Bangladesh, Kenya and Senegal of the Global South do not cause climate crises. They don't want loans for climate adaptation as it increases their debt distress. This is a profound climate injustice in the system," he told a selected group of journalists at a city hotel on Monday during his three-day visit to Bangladesh.

He also met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban on Wednesday.

Previously, Verkooijen helped shape the climate agenda of the World Bank Group in his role as the special representative on climate change.

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Verkooijen said Bangladesh will be graduating out of LDC by 2026, which is great, but there are also risks that the development partners may decrease financial support for adaptation.

"So, what we at the GCA can do is to ensure that the developed countries provide adaptation funds despite the LDC graduation. A country does not want a loan for climate adaptation," he said.

At the moment, Bangladesh is the only country that is yearly investing \$1.2 billion of the taxpayers' money in adaptation whereas the need is \$8.5 billion.

The GCA head said as per the Paris Agreement on climate, the world committed to mobilise \$100 billion for the Global South,

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## GHOST LOANS!

Krishi Bank issues loans in name of 4 persons who died before 1971

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Zainal Howlader, a resident of Kalikapur village under Patuakhali's Bauphal upazila, died in 1969.

In 2014, 45 years after his death, an agricultural loan of Tk 50,000 was issued to his name with Bangladesh Krishi Bank. Recently, the bank's Keshabpur branch sent a notice to Zainal's family asking for repayment of that loan, leaving the family members shocked.

"I recently received a notice from Krishi Bank saying that my father had taken a loan of Tk 50,000 in 2014 from the bank. But my father died in 1969, how could he take the loan in 2014? I urge the government to conduct a fair investigation and take action over this matter," said Zainal's son Abul Bashar, 64, a retired policeman.

This is not a standalone incident. The bank's Keshabpur branch recently issued notices regarding repayment of loans taken in 2014 to 14 persons. Of them, four passed away even before independence.

According to the bank's notices, three sons of Katab Uddin Howlader of the village -- Javed Ali, Hazrat Ali and Raham Ali -- took agriculture-related loans from that branch in 2014.

Among them, two loans of Tk 25,000 and Tk 30,000 were in the name of Javed Ali, and one each of Tk 45,000 and Tk 50,000 in Hazrat Ali and Raham Ali's names respectively, according to documents.

However, Javed Ali passed away in 1960, Hazrat Ali in 1963 and Raham Ali in 1966, said family members.

"The notices from the bank were in the name of my grandfather and his brothers. But all of them died during the Pakistan period. We are shocked!" said Bajlu Howlader, grandson of Javed Ali.

Abul Mridha, 75, of the village, said, "Javed, Hazrat and Raham Ali died long before independence. I was surprised to hear about loans issued to their names in 2014. The issue should be investigated properly to find out the reasons behind this fraudulence."

Anwar Hossain, chairman of Suryamoni

union parishad, raised questions about how the deceased could have taken loans.

He demanded exemplary punishment for those involved.

According to sources at the bank, a field officer checks the borrower and reviews his documents before approving any loan as per rules.

If everything goes well, he recommends the loan to the branch manager, who then verifies and approves the loan in presence of the borrower taking his signature or fingerprint in

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Contacted, Md Taif Hossain, current manager of Keshabpur branch of the Krishi Bank, said he joined the branch on February 20 this year and came to know of the matter after some of the victims' families informed them of this.

"Upon receiving the complaints, we found that the loans were approved in 2014. The then field officer, Md Shafiqur Rahman, has been summoned in this regard," he said.

However, Noor Hossain, the then branch manager, is unavailable, he added.

Noor Hossain is currently staying abroad and could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

Mohammad Shafiqur Rahman, who retired in 2019, claimed that he did not recommend giving loans to any person using the addresses of the deceased men.

Contacted, Ashfaqur Rahman, chief regional manager of Krishi Bank, said they are looking into the matter seriously.

"Necessary action will be taken after a thorough investigation," he told this correspondent.

## TIPU MURDER

### Trial begins with deposition of complainant

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The trial of the case filed over the murder of Awami League leader Jahidul Islam Tipu and college student Samia Afran Jamal Prity began at a Dhaka court with deposition of the complainant yesterday.

Judge Muhammad Ali Hussain of the Special Judge Court-3 of Dhaka recorded the statement of Farhana Islam Dolly, wife of Tipu and also complainant of the case.

During the deposition, the complainant sought justice for her husband.

After that, defence for accused Kamruzzaman Bablu, also an AL leader, cross-examined the witness, Farhana.

As the defence could not complete cross-examining the witness, the court set July 18 for the next hearing.

The complainant narrated what she had heard

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## Upazila chairman sent to jail over domestic violence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sent an upazila chairman to jail in a case filed by his second wife over domestic violence.

It passed the order after rejecting the bail petition of Maksud Hossain, Bandar upazila chairman, said Public Prosecutor Rakibuddin Ahmed.

Maksud appeared in court as his eight-week anticipatory bail expired, he said.


On April 23, his second wife Sultana Begum filed a petition with a tribunal, alleging that her husband demanded dowry and tortured her.

After hearing the petition, the court ordered Bandar police to investigate the matter after recording the case. Later, the case was recorded with the police station.



Abdur Rashid, 45, risks his life cutting a 60 feet high tree branch without safety gear in Moddho Karpur of Barishal. He works from dawn till dusk and makes around Tk 800-1,000 daily. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

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