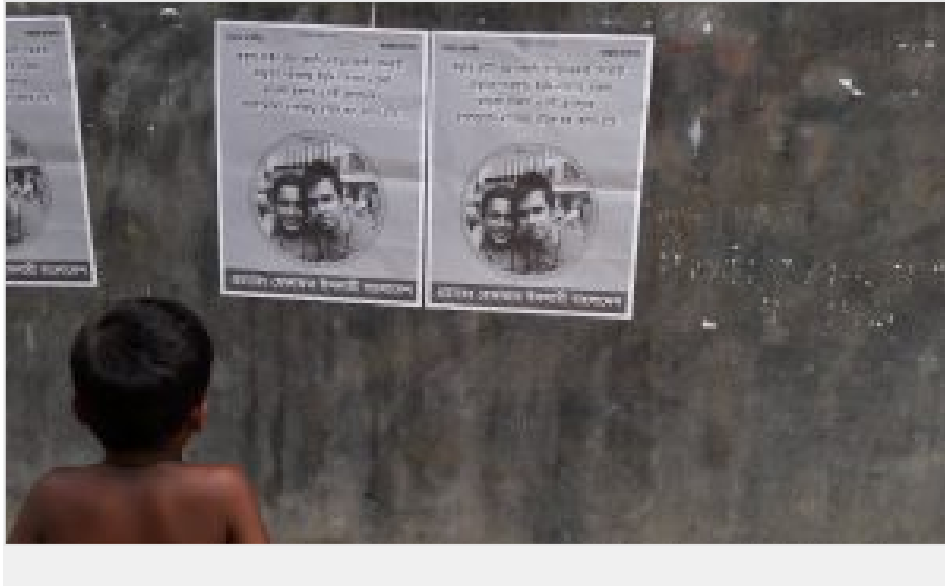


## Unrest and protest demonstrations In Kapasia over same sex marriage

In breaking news a Bangladeshi gay couple tied [the knot in London, United Kingdom this past 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2017](#). Mr Nobi Hossain and Zahirul Islam decided to get married after being together for reportedly 3 years.



However the news of Mr Zahirul's union reached his hometown of Kapasia, causing general unrest amongst its residents. Some locals acted out, venting their anger by gluing derisory posters of Mr Zahirul Islam all across Kapasia. There was also a protest demonstration organized against him, in which he was declared a 'kafir' and a 'murtad' by the Imam of Kapasia Jam-E-Mosque. During the mass demonstration the local police

station deployed extra law enforcement units on to the streets in order to maintain peace and order.

We managed to speak to some of the locals regarding the incident and nearly all of them expressed their distaste and repulsion at the incident. Some of them said that there should be tougher sanctions against such individuals. Some remarked that Islam strictly prohibits such lewdness and that the wrath of Allah will soon consume them.

It is worth mentioning that maintaining or wishing to form same sex relationships is a punishable offence here in Bangladesh, in accordance with the Bangladesh Penal code 377. It is also worth mentioning that the couple are perfectly within their rights to get married in Britain. Legislation to allow same-sex marriage in England and Wales was passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom in July 2013 and came into force on 13 March 2014.

We did managed to track down Mr Zahirul's family Kapasia. However they flatly refused to speak to our correspondent regarding the incident and instead stated that Mr Zahirul Islam has been disowned by them.

Some of the locals also informed us that this is not the first time there have been complaints made against Zahirul.