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## Jama'atul militant web spreads wide

### Cops find evidence of Islamists' covert links with Jamaat members; 1 Joypurhat suspect caught in Gaibandha

ANWAR ALI, Joypurhat

One of the suspects of Joypurhat firefights was arrested at Saghata in Gaibandha yesterday while Joypurhat police got evidence that militants of the Jama'atul Mujahidin were operating in all but seven districts.

Police also said they found the operatives' covert links with some

members of the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, a constituent of the coalition government.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Ariful Islam alias Asadullah, 20, son of Tofazzal Hossain of Nepaltali Purbopara village in Bogra with leaflets and diaries of the outlawed Islamist militant outfit early yesterday and sent him to Joypurhat. Police, however, said they could

not arrest captain Jubayer, believed to be in-charge of the outlawed group's Gaibandha region, who was staying with Ariful.

Police also showed the 12 picked up Moheshpur villagers arrested in the firefights case, taking the number of the arrestees to 38 yesterday.

Meanwhile, investigators of Joypurhat firefights said they were

stunned by the fact that the militant outfit had training stations in 57 districts.

Decoding the diaries found in the house of Montejar Rahman where the militants had congregated before the firefights on early Friday, they said the outfit was not working only in three districts in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and in Barisal. SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



Passengers pour into the Sadarghat launch terminal yesterday on hearing the news that an indefinite launch strike by private operators has been withdrawn six days after its enforcement.

## Launch strike called off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Launch owners called off their indefinite strike on its seventh day yesterday.

"We are calling off the strike from today (Monday) after a fruitful discussion with the government," Senior Vice-president of the Bangladesh Inland Waterways (passenger carriers) Association Gias Uddin Mamun announced at a press briefing yesterday noon.

The briefing followed talks with Shipping Secretary Zulfikar Haidar Chowdhury at the Sadarghat launch terminal. Zulfikar and President of the association M Kalimulla were also present at the briefing.

The strike began on Tuesday last, a day after a mobile court fined eight launches for overloading passengers and not having required papers. But the owners claimed that the fines were imposed although the vessels had necessary papers.

The shipping secretary along SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

## BB throws spanner in bank spending spree

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has put a leash on the commercial banks' high spending on cars, office furniture and branch decoration.

It said the banks should not buy cars priced over Tk 25 lakh or sports utility vans over Tk 35 lakh.

The BB in a circular yesterday said the lavish spending of the banks on expensive cars for chairmen and chief executives in a low-income country has drawn civil society criticism.

To check this trend and to uphold public interest, the notice has been served under Section 45(1) of the Bank Company Act, 1991.

Banking sources said a private

bank recently bought two BMWs each costing about Tk 70 lakh for its chairman and chief executive. A newly named problem bank having a huge amount of classified loans purchased a Mercedes Benz.

The BB observed that it is important to keep expenditures at a prudent level to win confidence of the depositors and equity holders. Savings on expenditures can also help reduce interest and other charges, creating competitive edge for banks.

The circular said any increase in the number of vehicles of the banks should be consistent with the expansion of manpower and branches.

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## Netrokona by-polls Troops patrol streets as campaign ends tonight

FROM MORSHED ALI KHAN and JAHANGIR ALAM in Netrokona

With armed forces already deployed on the streets of Kendua and Atpara yesterday, the momentum of campaigning for the August 21 by-elections to Netrokona-3 constituency is reaching its peak.

Officials in Kendua, Atpara and Netrokona claimed that "all loopholes" have been sealed to ensure a free and fair by-election to the seat which fell vacant at the death of BNP stalwart Nurul Amin Talukdar three months ago.

Officials in Kendua said hundreds of army personnel, BDR, armed battalions of police and

Ansar along with 200 magistrates and election officials are ready to be deployed in 124 polling centres of the 500 square-kilometre constituency.

Akram Hossain, the upazila nirbahi officer of Kendua, said six mobile courts would be in place to hand down punishment to offenders. "We have taken all possible measures to prevent any upward incident during the election," he said.

Meanwhile, supporters of all seven candidates including an independent candidate were out in force campaigning for their candidates throughout the electoral area

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## Notice on 2 OCs for failing to nab militants

ROVING CORRESPONDENT, Joypurhat

Two separate show cause notices were issued yesterday against the officers-in-charge of Sadar and Khedol police stations, Iqbal Shaif and SM Nurul Haque, for neglect of duty.

The two officers, who had led the raid on Moheshpur village in Joypurhat on August 14, were asked to show cause within five days as to why they failed to capture the militants and protect police forces.

In the notices issued by Superintendent of Police (SP) of

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## Gram Sarkar struggles to get people's zeal

ZAYADUL AHSAN

The government may be upbeat about Gram Sarkar, but the villagers for whom it is meant, could not care less.

Low public participation, ignorance and lack of quorum mark the formation of the Gram Sarkar, an auxiliary of the union parishad.

Because of a lack of people's spontaneous participation in the 15-member Gram Sarkar units, the

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government is literally struggling to find an adequate number of representatives.

The government formed many units without quorum and some without appropriate members, while the formation of the units has triggered feuds among rival groups in places.

The government also finds it hard to fill a minimum of three seats for women representatives, as females expressed even less interest in the Gram Sarkar. Worse, many are ignorant about the concept.

According to press reports, about 15,000 units have been formed until yesterday since August 2 and the government has to complete the task in 45 days.

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## 2 Bangladeshis shot dead by BSF in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two Bangladeshi nationals were shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on the river Padma near Charpara border in Daulatpur upazila of Kushtia on Sunday night.

According to BDR sources, the BSF personnel fired on a boat carrying about 25 passengers from Charpara to the bordering village of Sonatola at about 10pm, killing two on the spot. The other passengers of the boat jumped into the river and managed to swim ashore.

The dead were Billal Hossain, 35, son of Enayet Hossain Mondal and Saidur Mondal, son of Bishu Mondal.

The BSF took the bodies and did not return them till 8pm yesterday.

BDR sources said they are trying to arrange a flag meeting with their Indian counterparts.

## Ctg mob runs amok again, lynches 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mob lynched three notorious criminals and wounded five others critically at Chandanaish upazila in the district in the early hours yesterday, less than 15 hours after three people died in mob beating in the same upazila Sunday.

The latest incident pushed the figure of deaths in mob beating in the port city and the district in last 18 days to 11.

Police and witnesses said a team of Patiya police raided Hilchia area of Shobhondhandi, a village on the border of Patiya and Chandanaish upazila, and arrested eight suspects of a double murder at around 4:00am.

But, the armed associates of the arrestees attacked the policemen, set the suspects free and helped them escape following a firefight.

But local people in neighbouring Kanaimatari village under Chandanaish thana got hold of the

eight and beat them up brutally, leaving three dead on the spot.

The three are Aushit Chowdhury, 42, Bishnu, 32, and Nazim Uddin, 31 -- reportedly notorious criminal and involved in the killing of two brothers of Patiya, police and sources said.

A murder case was filed with Patiya Police Station for the killing of brothers Zahur Ahmad and Yeakub Nabi on Sunday.

The bodies were sent for autopsy while the injured were later turned over to Chandanaish police.

The injured persons are Kajol Chowdhury, 22, Ashish Das, 29, Dulal Dey, 30, Fufan Chowdhury, 36, and Bachchu Chowdhury, 26.

A case was filed with the Chandanaish Police Station in this regard.

Following the incident, Patiya police also nabbed eight persons.

The two brothers, Zahur and Yeakub, went missing since they

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## EC ready for by-polls, AL leaders off to constituency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) has directed all its staff assigned to election duties for the August 21 by-polls to Netrokona-3 constituency to take legal action against violators of the election code of conduct.

The EC issued the directive at a meeting yesterday where it also asked the Electoral Inquiry Committee to investigate a polls-related allegation and submit a report.

The meeting was informed that all necessary materials including

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## Bangladesh cricket manager's Urdu interview shocks tour party

HASAN MASOOD, from Karachi

Bangladesh manager MA Latif has stunned the members of the national cricket team and the travelling journalists by giving a television interview in Urdu.

On Sunday evening, most of the Pakistani television channels carried an interview of Latif where he was seen volunteering to speak in Urdu for the convenience of the interviewer who was weak in

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## BCS result out in record fast time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Results of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) preliminary test were published yesterday, only 10 days after it was held amid allegations of question leakage.

A total of 46,599 candidates out of 1,20,640 have been selected for the written examination.

The examination is being held for SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

## Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation Scholarship for meritorious and needy students



Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation has decided to award 250 (two hundred fifty) scholarships each year to meritorious and deserving (financially not sound) students studying at HSC, Bachelor and Masters level in any discipline to bury the nagging worry for funds and finances of budding scholars.

### Eligibility to apply for scholarship :

Academic level	Minimum CGPA Science Group	Minimum CGPA other than Science Group
SSC	4.8	4.7
HSC	4.7	4.6

### Amount and Duration of Scholarship :

Academic level	Scholarship Period	Monthly Stipend	Annual Grant for Reading Material	Total Amount per student per year
HSC	2 years	Tk 1,000/=	Tk 2,500/=	Tk 14,500/=
Bachelor	2/3 years	Tk 2,000/=	Tk 5,000/=	Tk 29,000/=
Bachelor (Pass)	3/4 years	Tk 2,000/=	Tk 5,000/=	Tk 29,000/=
Bachelor (Honors)	3/4 years	Tk 2,000/=	Tk 5,000/=	Tk 29,000/=
Masters	1/2 years	Tk 2,000/=	Tk 5,000/=	Tk 29,000/=

### Other criteria of the scholarship :

- The Scholarship for degree level study will be available either for Pass or Honors Course in any discipline including Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Textile Engineering, Leather technology, etc.
- The students who availed the scholarship in degree level and got at least 2nd class will be eligible for scholarship in the Masters level study in any discipline.
- The scholarship will be renewable from year to year basis for the entire duration of a particular course subject to satisfactory result/academic performance duly certified/recommended by the Principal/Institutional Head/Departmental Head/Vice Chancellor as the case may be.
- Students availing scholarship from other sources will not qualify for DBBF scholarship one has to surrender the scholarship already availed from other source.
- A DBBF scholarship holder shall not apply for other scholarship. In case of availing other scholarship he/she will have to surrender the DBBF scholarship.
- All applications for scholarship should be addressed to the Administrator, Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation, Sena Kalyan Bhaban (5th Floor), 195, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- All applications should be routed through the respective Institutional Heads/Departmental Heads with their due recommendations along with attested copies of relevant documents.

Intending students shall have to apply within two months from the date of admission.



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