

Lonely eyes get lonelier

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The eyes of 11-year-old Nahin wander restlessly over a stream of visitors to his room, but fail yet again to spot his parents among them.

"Everyone's coming except my parents," he says in a voice tinged with desperation.

Visitors came in hordes since Friday morning when a car crash killed Nahin's parents, Quazi Shahidur Rahman and Nasreen

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT

WB wants 2pc cut in supplementary duty

Procurement law, media access to Public Accounts Committee also among 11 conditions for 4th DSC tranche

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Government will have to cut the supplementary duties on imports by at least 2 percentage points, besides fulfilling 10 other conditions, to get the fourth tranche of the World Bank's Development

Support Credit (DSC).

A WB mission is due in February to set the timeframe for meeting the 11-point set of conditions for the \$100 to \$150 million DSC instalment. The government so far has received a total of \$700 million in the earlier three tranches of the credit.

The supplementary duty cut is aimed at deepening the trade liberalisation. The WB also wants the government to ensure media

access to the proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee of

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Accused in journo Belal murder case gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekhlashur Rahman alias Ekhlash, one of the six charge-sheeted accused in journalist Belal murder case, was released on bail from the Khulna district jail on Thursday evening.

A High Court division bench comprising Justice Khademul Islam and Justice Imdatul Huq Azadi granted him ad interim bail on December 15.

Police arrested Ekhlash, a cadre of Islami Chhatra Shibir, on July 10 last year from his village home at Chitalmari upazila of Bagerhat district.

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PHOTO: STAR

The seller asks Tk 5 lakh for this cow brought in from Jessore at Gabtoli cattle market in the city yesterday ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha.

2 'cattle thieves' lynched

UNB, Mymensingh

An angry mob slaughtered two people at a village in Phulpur upazila Friday midnight

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2 JMB men captured with gift bomb

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested two suspected members of the banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in the city and seized a powerful bomb from one of them.

A Rab release said the law enforcers came to learn that a member of the JMB suicide squad will carry out attack in the capital. On December 30, the elite force

became confirmed that the bomber had reached the capital.

The members of Rab-2 arrested madrasa student Hafez Ahmed Kadir Mainuddin alias Uday, 21, while he was getting into a taxicab at Moghbazar at around 2:00pm with the bomb hidden in a sweet-meat packet and a small bouquet.

Following leads from Uday, the Rab men arrested another JMB suspect, Sheikh Arif Uddin, 30, of Kachua in Bagerhat, raiding the

Eastern Plaza at Hatirpool.

"The manner of carrying the bomb suggests that the carrier might deliver the bomb to his target as a New Year gift," said a Rab official, claiming Uday a member of the JMB suicide squad.

Dismantling the bomb, Rab officials found two small bottles of diesel, 40 ball bearings and 45 barbed wires. A circuit, a switch and pencil batteries were fitted

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Process on to grant amnesty to JMB men

Alleges 14-party

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Awami League (AL) led 14-party opposition combine yesterday said the process is

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Indonesia blast kills seven

AFP, Jakarta

Seven people were killed and dozens injured when a bomb tore through a Christian market stall selling pork in Indonesia's reli-

giously divided province of Central Sulawesi early Saturday, police said.

The latest blast to rock the restive area came as security forces across the archipelago nation were

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JMB Khulna boss remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) second-in-command of Khulna district was placed on a five-day remand yesterday.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will be quizzing him to find out the origins of the explosives recovered

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Prayer Timing		
January 1		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-27	5-30
Esha	7-00	7-30

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