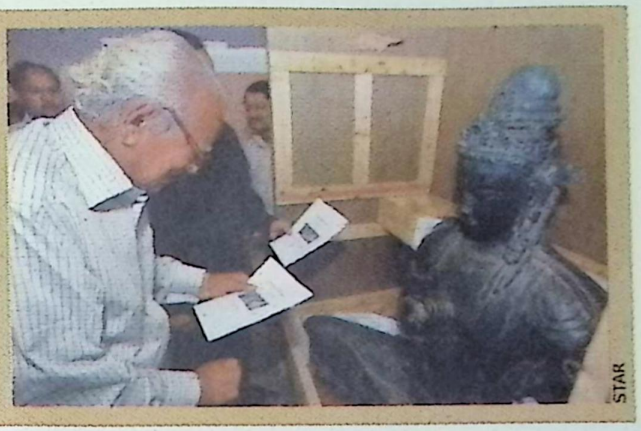
National heritage on display

The 42 artefacts brought back from France and another 143 relics that were selected to be sent for an exhibition at Guimet Museum in Paris are put on display on March 3 at the National Museum in the capital. Following the heist of two century-old Vishnu statuettes last year, the 42 priceless relics were brought back to Dhaka from Paris on February 23 and the Guimet show cancelled.


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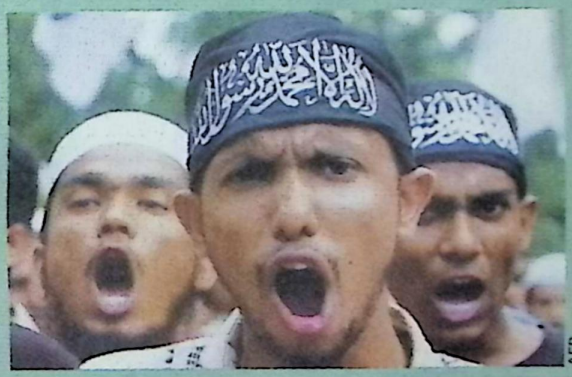
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Sector Commanders speak up

The national convention of Sector Commanders Forum is held on March 21 in the capital with a vow to put the war criminals on trial. Key points of the declaration include demand for setting up of a special war crimes tribunal by the state, involve international community and the UN in the process, boycott of war criminals and anti-Liberation War elements socially and politically, and barring political parties of anti-liberation war forces from elections.

Terrorist threat

The US state department on March 5 formally labels Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami-Bangladesh (Huji-B) as a foreign terrorist organisation (FTO) and as a specially designated global terrorist, to allow the US government to target the Islamist terrorist group's finances and operations. The designation signals to Bangladesh, the US government's "heightened concerns" about Huji-B, and bumps up the outfit's terrorist status by putting it among an elite group of 44 FTOs formally identified by that government.


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No truth commission for H&K

During an interview with renowned journalist David Frost on al-Jazeera television, Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed states that detained former prime ministers Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina will not be eligible to appear before the proposed truth commission for pardon as they are already arraigned on corruption charges and facing trial in courts. He clarifies that the caretaker government will accept whatever decision comes from the judicial process.