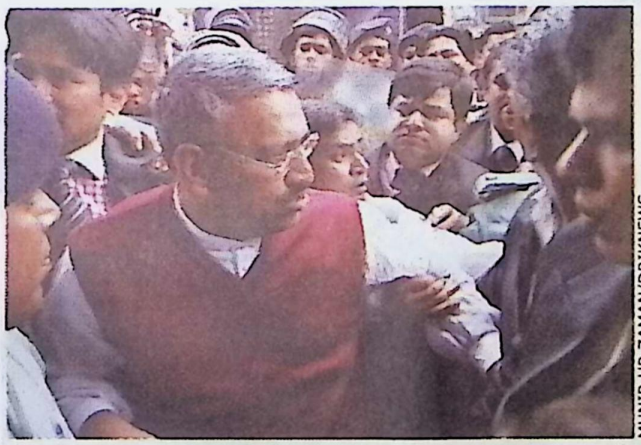


STAR

JMB again

Rab seizes 70kg of explosives November 16 following the confessional statement of an *ehsar* (full time member) of the banned JMB who was arrested the previous day in Mirpur, Dhaka. Rab also seizes 40kg of nitric acid, 150 cases of improvised grenades, a large quantity of bomb-making materials and equipment, and over 2,000 books on *jihad* raiding two houses in Mirpur and another at Shanir Akhra in the capital. Despite a number of major arrests made during crackdowns on Islamist militants in the last few years, over 250 trained operatives of JMB are still at large and many of them are reportedly trying to regroup.



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Falu's fraud

Jail authorities on November 5 request BSMMU to send back 12 high-profile prisoners for overstaying in its hospital with fake sickness, and announce punitive measures against former BNP lawmaker Mossadeq Ali Falu for cheating them and the court by submitting a fake medical certificate. Falu's division status is cancelled as a result of this fraud. Most of over 150 bigwigs, detained after 1/11 and freed on bail and parole, spent a large part of their detention at different hospitals in jail custody.



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Autumn Moon

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon comes to Bangladesh on a lightning two-day trip and in a speech says that Bangladesh's most pressing need is to ensure a peaceful transition to democracy and for the incoming elected government to consolidate the democracy and reform to stem a recurrence of confrontational politics. In his speech, the UN secretary general says that the political dialogue between the government and the political parties in the process of transition must succeed.



ICL

Bangladesh XI beats India XI

ICL Bangladesh defeat defending champions ICL India by 5 wickets on November 24 in the 3rd match of the ICL 20s World Series at the Sardar Patel stadium, Ahmedabad. Shahriar Nafees is declared man of the match after a superb unbeaten knock of 70. Making the victory even more impressive is the fact that the India XI is drawn from the best Indian players from all the ICL teams, whereas the Bangladesh XI is drawn from players only from the Dhaka Warriors who finished the ICL tournament with a creditable 4-4 record, narrowly missing out on a semi-final berth.