

# Cops dictate terms

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order in the town. Ahmadiyya leaders claimed, fundamentalists under the banner of Khatme Nabuwat Movement, which is a Jamaat-e-Islami-backed anti-Ahmadiyya movement, issued death threats on them ahead of their programme.

Several hundred Ahmadiyya people of the area felt insecure as the fanatics vowed to foil the programme. Ahmadiyyas claimed they are holding the programme in a very low-key manner due to the threats.

They said the Khatme Nabuwat people, in front of local Awami League lawmaker Lutful Hai and members of law enforcement agencies, have been staging demonstrations for the last several days chanting slogans like "take an axe, take lethal weapons, decapitate Kadianis [Ahmadiyyas]." Ahmadiyya leaders said policemen yesterday interfered their programme and stopped them using loudspeakers set up inside the mosque.

The audience on first and second floors cannot hear without the loudspeakers,

Ahmed Tabshir Chowdhury, press secretary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, told The Daily Star last night. He said sound of the internally-used loudspeakers do not even go outside the mosque.

"We feel insecure as the Jamaat-backed fundamentalists are issuing death threats relentlessly. It is unfortunate that the local administration is bowing down before them and imposed several conditions on us," he said.

Lawmaker Lutful Hai told The Daily Star from his constituency over telephone, "I am facing a peculiar situation. However, I am handling the matter tactfully so that all quarters concerned remain happy."

He said he was unaware of Khatme Nabuwat men issuing threats. Talking to The Daily Star over telephone, Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Haiyul Kaiyum said, "We have placed some conditions for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat."

"I have asked them [Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat] not to speak about anything or act in such a way that may provoke others."

# Govt shuts RanksTel

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since 5:00pm on Thursday. RanksTel subscribers have since remained offline.

RanksTel Director Aman Ullah Chowdhury in a written statement denied the allegation of their involvement in illegal international call termination through VoIP technology.

"We do not yet know why the BTRC switched off our network...if it found illegal business being conducted, it could have fined the company as it had done in cases of some mobile phone and PSTN companies," he said.

Aman urged the government to let RanksTel resume operation to relieve the sufferings of around three lakh customers including banks, insurance companies, hospitals, emergency services, Internet service providers and corporate institutions.

With 2,88,272 subscribers throughout Bangladesh, Ranks Telecom Ltd is the largest private fixed line operator.

"We have shut down all activities of RanksTel since early Friday after we found huge quantity of VoIP equipment at the company's Tejgaon office," BTRC Chairman Zia Ahmed told The Daily Star.

Sources said the BTRC and Rab officials started the raid on RanksTel head office at Eskaton at 5:00pm on Thursday. On suspicion, the team went to RanksTel's main switch room on Novo Tower at Tejgaon.

BTRC officials claimed that they verified RanksTel's call detail recording and found huge anomalies in it.

Talking to The Daily Star, Rab

intelligence wing chief Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan said they took the three detained officials to the Rab headquarters to interrogate about others involved in the illicit business.

"The arrestees would be handed over to police after the BTRC files a case," he said.

BTRC sources said the telecom regulator aggressively went about detecting illegal VoIP following a direction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

In two recent raids, the BTRC seized huge VoIP equipment from Dhaka Phone and WorldTel on March 14 and March 16. Dhaka Phone's five top officials were arrested and sent to jail.

**RANKSTEL'S STATEMENT**  
RanksTel termed shutting down of its switch room totally illegal.

"The BTRC investigation team and law enforcers did not find any VoIP equipment, yet they sealed our switch room, which is only preventing the development of the local telecom industry," said the RanksTel statement signed by Director Aman Ullah Chowdhury.

Shutting down RanksTel's network will cause sufferings to its customers and destroy its image. "We want a neutral investigation into the matter and demand that the regulator opens the switch room immediately," the statement said.

Operations of the telecom company at 22 call centres, UNDP, City Bank, American Express Bank, Standard Chartered Bank offices here also got closed.

# Shady business

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garages of Lutfur Rahman of Adarshabagh in Goran and Babu of Road No.8 in the same area.

Sub-inspector Babul Akhter said they made the recovery following up information from the joint commissioner's office. They however could not detain anyone.

Shahin Ahmed, finance secretary of Protibandhi Samaj Kalyan Sangstha at East Bhasantek, said police seized 31 of their rickshaws during last Ramadan.

The rickshaws had been bought by interest-free loans the social welfare department gave to some 300 physically or mentally challenged persons.

Shahin claimed they could not get back the three-wheelers even after producing almost all documents.

Joint Commissioner Shafiqur Rahman said the rickshaws in question do not have DCC registration.

Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Nurul Haque said it is an injustice to forfeit the seized rickshaws or send those somewhere else without giving the owners any chance to collect and produce legal documents.

Lately, the DMP authorities have resumed going after illegal rickshaws after a two-month pause.

In last 10-12 days, they hauled away around 500 rickshaws for violating traffic rules, entering roads off-limit to them and for not having necessary documents, said DMP sources.

Some owners however claimed their rickshaws have DCC licence and were seized on flimsy grounds.

# India mulls

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It was organised by the Observer Research Foundation and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute.

Responding to suggestions from India's former foreign secretary MK Rasgotra against any firing or transgression on Indo-Bangladesh border, Pillai said India understood that killings of civilians on the border in crossfire is a very sensitive issue in the neighbouring country.

He, however, refuted reports that the Indian Border Security Force had made any transgression along Bangladesh border earlier this month.

Pillai said there was a retaliatory fire from the Indian side after some Indian citizens, who had gone for fishing, came under fire.

The Indian home secretary said there are border disputes over only 6.1 km of the 4,095 km border between the two countries. But there had been no progress towards a settlement in the last 10 years.

He suggested creating a joint task force with a mandate to settle the border disputes by the end of this year or early next year.

# 1,130 trees

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trees in 2008. That year it felled 1,200 trees, which means with yesterday's toll around 2,400 trees have been cut down so far.

The second-phase felling of trees started at the enclosure of Kaline Punji, a Khasia settlement.

Manager of the tea garden Pijush Kanti Bhattacharya said a team from Moulvibazar deputy commissioner's office completed a survey on the garden's 864 acres of land on March 18.

He claimed that according to the survey report the local Khasias had been living and planting betel leaf in Nahar Tea Garden's property. However, the garden authorities had decided to spare 450 trees considering indigenous people's livelihood, he added.

# Hasina meets

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Earlier, three agreements and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) were signed between Bangladesh and China on Thursday.

During the meeting, Hasina also mentioned Bangladesh's "One-China Policy".

Regarding climate change, Hasina expressed the hope that China will present the problems and calamities being faced by Bangladesh and other countries before the international community.

Later, she had bilateral talks with Wu Bangguo, chairman of standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Earlier in the day, Hasina visited the Olympic Stadium "Bird's Nest" and National Centre for Performing Arts where she enjoyed a performance titled "Road to Recovery".

# Criminal killed

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Sohel with the police station.

According to sources, the clash broke out when a group of youth led by Sohel attacked the residence of Fazlu Miah at Pikkuni area in Fatullah over a trifle matter.

Police said, soon after the attack local criminal and Juba League activist Hitler and his cohorts counter attacked and managed to catch Sohel when he was trying to flee. Sohel was beaten to death on the spot.

Police recovered a revolver abandoned at the spot.

# Life back on

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accordance with the government payscale by April 30.

Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan was present at the four-hour-long meeting that sat around 8:15pm at Labour Minister Mosharraf Hossain's residence.

President of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport (Passenger Carriers) Owners' Association Mahub Uddin, General Secretary of Nouljan Shramik Federation Ashikul Alam Chowdhury, among others, were present at the meeting.

About 1.5 lakh water transport workers went on indefinite strike from Tuesday demanding, among others, a new pay scale that was supposed to be announced in January 2009.

The country's trade and commerce suffered a lot as loading and unloading at the outer anchorage of seaports and the shipment of goods from river ports remained suspended for three days.

Meanwhile, four government-owned steamer launches had been operating on Dhaka-Chandpur and Dhaka-Barisal routes carrying lot more passengers than their capacity.

# Accolades for students

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in A level exams, spoke on behalf of his batch-mates. ACHIEVERS TALK TO THE DAILY STAR

Students with outstanding results go abroad for higher education and do not return as the country lacks good higher education and career opportunities, observed some of the students who were awarded by The Daily Star.

Reaz Uddin Ahmad, who obtained 5 A's from Bangladesh International Tutorial in 2009 said, "I do not blame them for not returning home after completing their study abroad as they find very less scope to build a career in the country."

He also said the government has to take steps to build infrastructures, industries, etc. aiming to establish more businesses and create job opportunities.

Sadiaa Haque, who obtained 10 A's from Dhanmondi Tutorials in O level exams, said she wants to pursue higher study in Quantum Mathematics but finds no alternative to going abroad as there is no scope for good higher education here.

Magfur-e-Alam who secured A grade in ten subjects in O level exams from Bangladesh International Tutorial said, "I only received private tuition in economics as I want to develop expertise in the subject."

But it is better to study at home instead of running for private tuitions to achieve good results, he added.

Shafkat Fahmid, of Cider International School, who secured 11 A's in his O level examinations, wants to be an economist and his desired institution for higher study is Harvard University in the USA.

The students also emphasised the need for bringing changes to the country's education policy and the curricula of Bangla medium education system for minimizing the gap between the standard of Bangla and English medium education.

The curricula of Bangla medium education need to be updated. The trend of taking examinations by memorising notes on a few selected questions must be stopped, they added.

Nafis Anwari, who got 6 A's in his A level examinations from European Standard School and currently studying in civil engineering department in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, said, "I want to develop some unique designs for infrastructures or buildings in Bangladesh that can withstand earthquake".

He urged the students to dedicate all their performances to the country, adding that the real award will be won when the students will use their talents to build the nation.

Mentioning the challenges the country is facing due to high population, limited land resource, and climate change, he said the students have to learn to conserve energy, and learn new habits to protect the nature.

"As future leaders of Bangladesh, you must go green. You must acquire greater knowledge about the climate change, and greater knowledge of how to mould our society," he said.

British High Commissioner Stephen Evans said, "Here in Bangladesh, we see an ever increasing desire in young people to contribute to the future of your country."

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, deputy managing director of Brac Bank Limited, said, "To create effective leaders in our society, we believe, the education system should be based on meritocracy where the talents like you are nurtured, encouraged, and rewarded."

Conducted by Elita Karim of The Daily Star, the ceremony was also addressed by Isabel Sutcliffe, director of regulation, standards, and research of Edexcel International, UK, and Abdullah Al Mamun, a consultant of BAC.

Nandita Hore of SFX Greenherald International School, who scored 11 A's in O level exams in one take, spoke on behalf of her batch-mates.

Nafis Anwari of European Standard School, who got 6 A's

# 52 students

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January and nine A's in May-June exams last year.

Students are permitted to take O and A-level exams in multiple sittings.

In A-level exams, Ishman Ahmad from Sunshine Grammar School and College got six A's in one sitting in May-June, 2009 while Nafis Anwari from European Standard School six A's in one academic year -- one A in January and five A's in May-June, 2009. Samiul Karim from Scholastica secured six A's in one academic year -- in one January and May-June, 2009.

Twenty-two O-level students scored the highest marks worldwide in Pure Mathematics, Accounting, Bangla, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Human Biology, Bangladesh Studies, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Computing, Physics, French and Human and Social Biology under the Edexcel board.

Twenty-one A-level students under the same board obtained the highest marks worldwide in Accounting, Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Chemistry, Law, and Physics.

Nine O-level students under Cambridge International Examinations scored the highest marks worldwide in Additional Mathematics, Bangla, French, Human and Social Biology, and Mathematics.

Fourteen students each obtained the highest marks worldwide in Mathematics, Pure Mathematics and Additional Mathematics in O-level exams and in Accounting in A-level exams.

# WORLD HIGHEST MARKS ACHIEVERS

## O LEVEL

Md Mustafa Shakil (Onnesha Intl School)

Biology:

Samihia Zaker (Maple Leaf)

Nabila Nabi Nova (Maple Leaf)

Bangladesh Studies:

Zubair Ahmed (Mastermind)

Chemistry:

Navid Rahman (Anandanketan)

Computing:

Ahmed Ashfaq Hamid (Cider Intl School)

Faisal Bin-afzal-ash-shafi (Academia)

Economics:

Shirleen Manzur (Bangladesh Intl School)

French:

Farhan Nur Shabab (St Francis Xavier's School)

Human Biology:

Sanjid Md Halim (Maple Leaf)

Human and Social Biology:

Anik Islam Badhan (Oxford Intl School)

Ismail Hossain (Chittagong Grammar School)

Mathematics:

Asir Akram Sadman (Scholastica)

IKM Reaz Rahman (Maple Leaf)

Sarah Seraj (Scholastica)

Syed Mahmudul Sadat (Mastermind)

Fahim Iqbal Khan (Mastermind)

Faria Ahmed (Private)

Shirleen Manzur (Bangladesh Intl School)

Shafin Fattah in Syllabus D (St Francis Xavier's School)

Physics:

Sanjid Md Halim (Maple Leaf)

Pure Mathematics:

Syed Mahmudul Sadat (Mastermind)

Rashik Amin (Mastermind)

## A LEVEL

Accounting:

Kaniz Fatima Chowdhury (Private)

Minhaz Ahmed Ador (Maple Leaf)

Nafees Imitiaz (Sunshine Grammar School)

Nafis Anwari (European Standard School)

Nasiba Khan (Private)

Nipun Ghosh (Maple Leaf)

Sakeef Mahboob Bin Ahsan (Private)

M Injamam Alam (European Standard)

Mushfequr Rahman (Mastermind)

Mushfiq Amin Mallick (Mastermind)

Nabil Ahmed (Adroit School)

Ramisa Fariha Roya (Sunnydale)

Sadequa Zafar (Private)

Syeda Faria Sajjad (Maple Leaf)

Chemistry:

Navid Itehaj Nizam (Sylhet Intl School)

Mathematics:

Rubaiya Naushin Sharna (Mastermind)

Mushfequr Rahman (Mastermind)

Law:

Muniza Kabir (Mastermind)

Physics:

Abrar Falaz (European Standard School)

Mushfequr Rahman (Mastermind)

Pure Mathematics:

Rubaiyea Farrukee (Aga Khan School)

# Headley pleads

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Pakistan or Denmark to face related charges.

He will, however, be required to "truthfully testify in any foreign judicial proceedings held in the United States by way of deposition, video-conferencing or letters rogatory," prosecutors said.

"Today's guilty plea is a crucial step forward in our efforts to achieve justice for the more than 160 people who lost their lives in the Mumbai terrorist attacks," US Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement.

"David Headley is now providing us valuable intelligence about terrorist activities," Holders said.

"Working with our domestic and international partners, we will not rest until all those responsible for the Mumbai attacks and the terror plot in Denmark are held accountable."

In a plot that reads like a movie thriller, Headley spent two years casing out Mumbai, even taking boat tours around the city's harbour to scope out landing sites for the attackers.

India and Washington blamed the deadly rampage on Pakistan's banned militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The attacks stalled a fragile four-year peace process between the two nuclear-armed south Asian rivals.

Headley joined LeT in 2002, attending terrorist training camps five times over the next three years. He began plotting

the bloody 60-hour Mumbai siege, which began on November 26, 2008 in late 2005. Headley changed his name from Daoud Gilani in 2006 so he could portray himself in India "as an American who was neither Muslim nor Pakistani" and used the immigration service of an old friend from military school as a cover for his lengthy trips, the plea agreement said.

He was so eager to kill Danish cartoonist who sparked outrage with cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammed that he began working seriously on that plot two months before the Mumbai attack.

Headley also had Bollywood and one of India's most sacred Hindu temples in his sights as he began plotting a second India attack during a March 2009 surveillance trip.

Indian media have reported that Headley developed a reputation as a fitness fanatic while staying in an expatriate enclave in south Mumbai near the US consulate during five lengthy surveillance trips.

He reportedly lived a more devout Muslim life in Chicago with his wife and children.

Headley began working with an al-Qaeda-linked group in Pakistan called Harakat-ul-Jihad-Islami on the Danish plot after LeT became distracted with the final planning for the Mumbai attack, the plea agreement said.

# Dhaka places draft

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countries were asked to examine the drafts aimed at "an expeditious conclusion of an interim agreement on Teesta", an official statement said, adding, "This is a significant movement forward on this issue."

Indian Water Resources Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal, who held nearly four hours of talks with his Bangladesh counterpart Ramesh Chandra Sen at the Oberoi Hotel from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, told the media that the two sides exchanged the draft agreements and have mandated the water resources secretaries to "take up the issue from here".

The next JRC meeting will be held at the earliest and the two water resources secretaries will decide on that, he said.

Ramesh Chandra Sen described the exchange of draft accords as a "step forward" but neither of the two ministers revealed the per-

# Jamaat leaders

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Meanwhile, Dhaka City unit leaders of Awami League yesterday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of Jamaat-e-Islami leaders for comparing its chief Matiur Rahman Nizami with Prophet Muhammad (SM).

The minister said the government has announced that it will hold trial of war criminals, not Jamaat-Shibir activists.

People involved in war crimes during the Liberation War would be tried after evidence is collected from paper clippings, documents, photos and other sources, the minister added.

Addressing a rally in front of AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, city AL leaders said Jamaat leader Nizami and his associates worked against the country during the Liberation War and continue to do so.

Jamaat leaders Rafiqul Islam Khan and Shafiqul Islam at a discussion on Wednesday said conspiracies have been hatched against Nizami like it had been done against Prophet Muhammad (SM) while He [Prophet] was urging people to follow the path of Islam.

Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, general secretary of AL city unit, said those, who use religion in their own interest, can make such statement.

Jamaat and Shibir should be banned at any cost, he added.

# 2nd Test

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determined batting in both innings, half centuries from Tamim Iqbal and Mahmudullah Riyad impressed many.

Bangladesh are expecting a spin-friendly surface at Mirpur to push their opponents and made it clear that they will bat first if they win the toss.

The match will start from 9:30am with SuperSport5 beaming live coverage.

Bangladesh has mentioned in its draft interim agreement or how much India has suggested in its document.

He said it was a step forward because "we have decided how to go about cooperating on the issue" and both secretaries will meet in the coming days so that the matter is resolved expeditiously.

Earlier in the day, Ramesh called on Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee before holding the second round of discussions with Pawan Kumar Bansal in the evening. Officials said the political push to move forward came from the highest quarters in India.

The official statement said the Bangladesh side "appreciated India's reassurance" on Tipaimukh project.

Bangladesh agreed to India withdrawing 1.82 cusec of water from the Feni river for drinking water supply schemes, the statement said.

The JRC discussions were comprehensive in nature and included issues relating to water sharing of Teesta and other common rivers, drinking water supply and minor lift irrigation schemes on the Feni and Muhuri rivers and implementation of the 1996 Ganga Water Sharing Treaty.