

3 'militants' held in Bogra

LMG, SMG, bullets, books on militancy seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, BOGRA

Manning

says he's

REUTERS, Washington

Bradley Manning, the

to 35 years in military

prison for the biggest

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breach of classified

documents in the

nation's history,

US soldier sentenced

female

Law enforcers arrested three suspected militants in Bogra with firearms, including a light machine gun and a submachine gun.

During a drive at Thonthonia in Bogra Sadar, the Rapid Action Battalion also seized four sacks of books -- some of those are on jihad and some on how to use different types of firearms -- personal diaries and 80 bullets.

"We are leaving to embrace martyrdom. If I become a martyr, be proud, considering that you are parents of a martyr," a Rab official said to have read in one of the diaries. The arrestees are members of a militant group, said

another member of Rab. But he did not disclose the group's

Tipped off, five plainclothes Rab members raided a

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High tide and a low pressure over the Bay cause the washing away of the reportedly poor-quality embankment at Nalchira of Hatia in Noakhali yesterday. Several homes and cropland in the Nalchira union have been flooded with seawater. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACK IN SYRIA

Pressure mounting on UN for action

CNN ONLINE

The United Nations is coming under growing international pressure to act if Syrian activists' claims that the government has used chemical weapons in a horrific attack on civilians are confirmed.

Anti-regime activist groups in Syria say more than 1,300 people were killed in the attack outside Damascus Wednesday, many of them women and children. Video footage and witness reports appeared to bolster claims that chemical weapons were used.

The reports prompted international

outrage, with a UN Security Council briefing called late Wednesday to discuss the situation. However, Russia and China -consistent allies of the Syrian government -reportedly blocked a formal resolution.

Hours after the closed-door meeting, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told CNN affiliate BFMTV that "a reaction of force must be taken" if the allegations are true.

"If the UN Security Council cannot do it, decisions will be made otherwise," Fabius SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

Decision on contempt rule Sept 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Human Rights Watch had scandalised the **International Crimes** Tribunal-1 and its process by a report on the verdict of war criminal Ghulam Azam, said prosecutor Tureen Afroz yesterday.

Terming the report's allegations baseless and biased, the prosecutor said, "It has seriously damaged the dignity of the tribunal before the world."

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HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH: ABDUCTION OF PROF GIASUDDIN

Sister accuses Mueen, Ashraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

: Martyred intellectual Prof Giasuddin Ahmed's sister Farida · Banu yesterday testified that Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and · Ashrafuzzaman Khan were involved in her brother's abduc-: tion on December 14, 1971.

Quoting Mafizul, driver of a microbus used by Al-Badr · men to pick up professionals of Dhaka University that day, : Farida said Ashrafuzzaman himself had shot the intellectu-: als dead at Mirpur.

On July 15, Masuda Banu Ratna, niece of Prof Giasuddin, · also testified that she had identified Mueen Uddin and : Ashrafuzzaman when the duo had gone to her uncle's house.

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Malaysia bus plunge kills 37

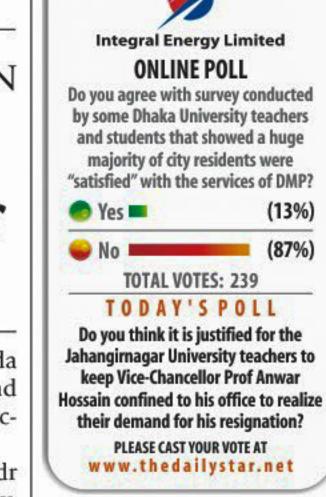
Bangladeshi born Canadian citizen among dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi-born Canadian citizen among 37 people died and four of his family members were injured when a bus travelling from Genting Highlands to Kuala Lumpur plunged into a ravine on Wednesday. The deceased

Bangladeshi was identified SEE PAGE 17 COL 1

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