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## PM asks BCL boys to study

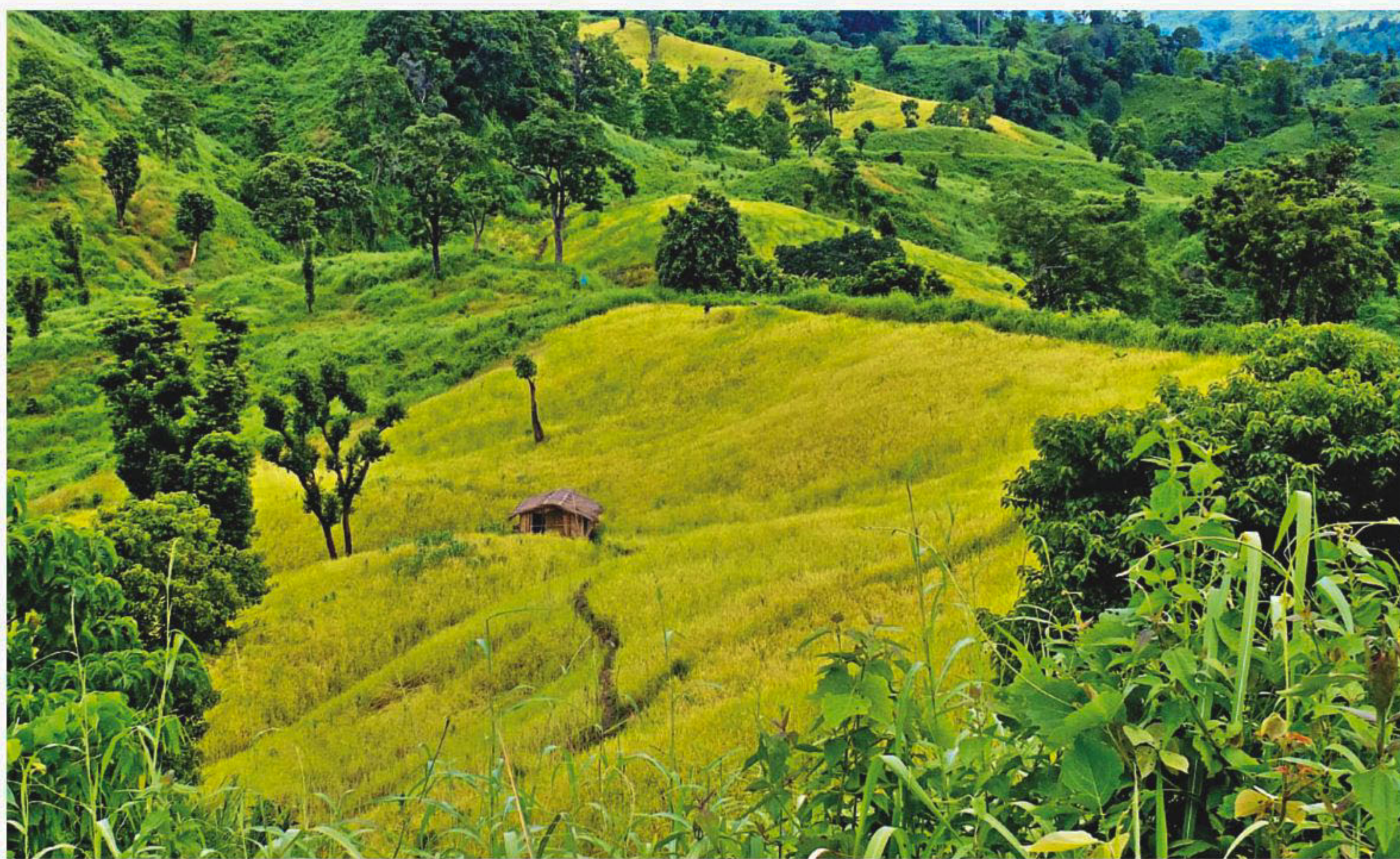
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government had amended the constitution to ensure continuation of democracy through peaceful handover of power.

In the statement, she referred to the 15th amendment to the constitution, which the Awami League-led government passed in 2011 to abolish the caretaker government system.

"Our aim is to run the state in a democratic manner," she said while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion organised by the Chhatra League, a students' body associated with the Awami League, to mark the 38th anniversary of the martyrdom of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in front of Bangabandhu Museum in the capital's Dhanmondi.

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The rolling hills of Bandarban producing rice. Adivasi farmers, top right, harvest rice at Chaingpara in Thanchi of Bandarban yesterday. The harvest in the hills this year using Jhum, a traditional method of cultivating on the hill slopes, has been extraordinarily good.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Four 'robbers' beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Angry villagers yesterday beat four alleged robbers to death at different places of Hatiya upazila in Noakhali.

Locals caught the robbers while they were trying to flee from their hideouts as police have launched a special drive against criminals in the coastal area.

The dead are Ashraf, 35, chief of the infamous "Ashraf Bahini", his accomplice Kefayet Ullah, and two others, Osman and Sarwar, police said.

On Friday, two alleged robbers were lynched in the upazila. One was beaten to death while the other was killed in a "gunfight" with police.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested 15 alleged robbers and recovered a light gun, three guns and 20 flares during the raid, said Noakhali Police Superintendent Anisur Rahman.

Ashraf, son of Asil Kerani of Mohammadpur village of the upazila, hid in the house of one of his sisters in Majchara area on Friday night to escape arrest.

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## Ansarullah led by 5

Son-in-law of JMB chief one of them

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Led by five persons, the newly emerged militant group Ansaruallah Bangla Team follows the ideals and policies of international terrorist outfits such as al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and Pakistan-based Tehrik-e-Taliban, revealed detectives.

Among the five, its spiritual leader Jasimuddin Rahmani was arrested on August 15.

During interrogation, Jasim disclosed the names of Izaz Hossain, son-in-law of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Saidur Rahman, and Major (sacked) Ziaul Haq, one of the conspirators of the foiled coup plot in 2012, a source in the Detective Branch (DB) of police told The Daily Star.

Saidur is now behind bars and Ziaul has been absconding.

The DB source, however, refused to name the two other leaders of Ansaruallah for the sake of investi-

gation. At times, the two were even more influential than Jasim.

Monirul Islam, joint commissioner DB of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, yesterday said Izaz, who controls the web activities of the militant group from Pakistan, had come to Dhaka a month ago.

"Staying for an hour at his residence in Mohammadpur, Izaz had contacted his three brothers," he added.

Izaz runs a computer business with his brothers. The DB on August 25 arrested one of his brothers Naimul Hasan, a suspected member of Ansarullah.

According to a previous DB press release, Izaz, as the ameer of Jamaat ul Muslimeen, Bangladesh, about a decade ago used to preach the doctrine of Jihad if "establishing Deen [Islamic Sharia based law] was not possible in a non-violent way."

However, the organisation became inactive when the leader of the international Jamaat ul

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## BANGLADESHIS IN UAE 6 lakh need MRP by Nov

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around six lakh Bangladeshis in the United Arab Emirates with manual passports must apply for the machine-readable version before the deadline expires on November 24, 2015.

Bangladeshi Ambassador to the UAE Muhammad Imran told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday.

Referring to the deadline set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) for its 191 member states to stop the issuance of non-machine readable passports, Imran said the Bangladeshis had to have machine-readable passports (MRP) as the country is a signatory member of the ICAO.

Around eight lakh Bangladeshis either live or work in the UAE, the envoy said.

Of them, more than two lakh had already obtained MRPs, and more than 1000 migrant Bangladeshis were thronging the embassy in Abu Dhabi every day to get the process of MRPs started, he added.

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The sisters of Shah Ali Rocky, top, in tears after the Jubo League leader was pronounced dead at the emergency section of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. Criminals hacked Rocky to death at Mirpur-7 in broad daylight, supposedly over a feud centring on trading of garment factory wastes.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Jubo League leader killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Jubo League, a pro-Awami League youth body, was stabbed to death in the capital's Pallabi area yesterday morning.

Deceased Shah Ali Rocky, 28, vice-president of a Jubo League unit under ward-92, was a jhut (garment wastage) trader.

According to primary investigation, Rocky might have been killed due to an internal feud in Jubo League over jhut trading,

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PRAYER TIMING		September 1
Azan	4:30	5:05
Fajr	4:30	5:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:45	5:00
Maghrib	6:23	6:26
Esha	7:45	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Outrage in India

Teenage accused of Delhi gangrape handed soft sentence

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian court yesterday sentenced a teenager to three years in a juvenile detention centre over the fatal gang-rape of a student in New Delhi, a crime that sparked revulsion and angry protests.

The juveniles' court found the teenager guilty over the brutal assault on the student on a moving bus last December, in the first and long-delayed verdict on the incident that shone a spotlight on India's treatment of women.

The family of the 23-year-old victim reacted with anger and dismay, calling for the teenager to be hanged and reigniting debate about whether India is too lenient on its juvenile offenders.

"It's a crime to be born a girl in India," the victim's father, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said in angry comments to NDTV outside the court.

"Girls are not safe in India," he added, stressing that the family would continue to fight for a tougher punishment.

His daughter, a physiotherapy student, died of internal injuries two weeks after being raped and assaulted with an iron bar allegedly by six men on the night of December 16.

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Do you agree with the prime minister that when BNP assumes office, they resort to corruption?

Yes (48%)

No (52%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Moudud Ahmed that the government is planning a new amendment to the constitution to prolong its stay in power?

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## Destroy Snowden material

UK asks NY Times

REUTERS, Washington

The British government has asked the New York Times to destroy copies of documents leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden related to the operations of the US spy agency and its British partner, Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), people familiar with the matter said.

The British request, made to Times executive editor Jill Abramson by a senior official at the British Embassy in Washington DC, was greeted by Abramson with silence, according to the sources. British officials indicated they intended to follow up on their request later with the Times, but never did, one of the sources said.

On Friday, in a public statement, Alan Rusbridger, editor of the Guardian, said his newspaper, which had faced threats of possible legal action from British authorities, on July 20 had destroyed copies of leaked documents which it had received from Snowden.

Rusbridger said that two days later, on July 22, the Guardian informed British authorities that materials related to GCHQ had made their way to the New York Times and the independent investigative journalism group ProPublica.

Rusbridger said in his statement that it then took British authorities "more than three weeks before anyone from the British government contacted the New York Times.

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## Perfect wife 'sculpted'

Plastic surgeon marries her after using his skills

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Ever since they first met in 2007, Dr David Matlock, a famous Beverly Hills plastic surgeon, has been using his body-sculpting skills to turn his wife Veronica into the perfect wife.

When Veronica first visited Dr Matlock to ask about a vaginoplasty procedure after giving birth to her daughter, she had no idea she would soon

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Beverly Hills plastic surgeon David Matlock, who did a "Wonder Woman Makeover" on Veronica, left, and then married her.

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