



## THE RISE OF 'DEMON-CRACY'

The demons of extrajudicial killing and abduction are destroying democracy

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# N'GANJ ABDUCTION, KILLING

## Keep Rab from investigation

HC asks govt

STAR REPORT

Amid uproar over Rab personnel's alleged involvement in the abduction and killing of seven people in Narayanganj, the High Court yesterday ordered the government to keep the elite force from probing the incidents.

It also directed the government to form a seven-member committee headed by an additional secretary of the public administration ministry to investigate the brutal murders.

Meanwhile, the Rab yesterday formed a probe team led by its Additional Director General (administration) Aftab Uddin to see if any of its members was complicit in the abduction and murder.

Besides, police are investigating the incidents and the alleged involvement of Rab members.

Asked about the HC order, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said, "We have no other option but to follow the High Court directives. We will take steps once we receive a copy of the order."

On the HC directive not to include Rab in the probe, he said it is the law enforcement agencies that have the expertise to probe such cases of murder and abduction.

They will probe the murders of the seven people, including Narayanganj panel mayor and ward councillor Nazrul Islam, and look into the allegations against Rab members, Kamal said.

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Relatives of victims break down in tears during a civil demonstration against extrajudicial killings and disappearances in front of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

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## Protect lives ensure security

Eminent citizens urge govt in human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will lose the trust of people if it fails to ensure their security, said eminent citizens at a human chain programme in the capital's Manik Mia Avenue yesterday afternoon.

Under the banner of "Basic Rights Protection Committee", they urged the government to arrest criminals responsible for abducting and killing people and bring them to justice.

Representatives of the rights bodies, including Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan) and Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development (BCHRD), legal activists, university teachers and economists, and family members of the

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## 'TK 6CR DEAL'

### A Chandpur MP's son brokered it

#### Alleges slain Nazrul's father-in-law

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and JAMIL MAHMUD

The son of a powerful Awami League lawmaker brokered the deal with some Rab men to kill Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam, Nazrul's father-in-law Shahidul Islam has claimed.

The MP's son acted on behalf of Narayanganj ward-4 Councillor Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the sensational abduction and murder case.



Shahidul Islam

Shahidul said a double agent had disclosed to him the plot to kill Nazrul for Tk 6 crore. The money was paid to the killers about a week before the abduction of Nazrul and his four aides on April 27 and their subsequent killing.

Information regarding this transaction was communicated to the government through Narayanganj AL lawmaker Shamim Osman after the abduction, he added.

The Narayanganj issue was discussed in the cabinet meeting yesterday.

However, The Daily Star could not independently verify Shahidul's claims and therefore kept from naming the MP and his son.

The agent, an ally of Nur Hossain, told Shahidul that the

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

### EFFECTS OF 2 POLLS

#### Blessing, curse of N'ganj

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Two elections held within a span of two years seem to have appeared as a blessing and a curse, in that order, for the people of Narayanganj.

The mayoral polls held on October 30, 2011 had offered them immense opportunities to express their will through the ballot in favour of clean candidates. They unequivocally took advantage of the opportunity and expressed themselves.

The outcome was a stunning victory for Selina Hayat Ivy. People rallied behind her to help her defeat the ruling Awami League backed mayoral contender Shamim Osman, feared by locals as the crime lord of Narayanganj, by over one lakh votes.

City people who had suffered heavily from an almost lawless situation in the past owing to unabated criminal activities in Narayanganj also largely rejected councillor aspirants with criminal records. The result was that more than half of the 36 councillors elected in the polls had no criminal records whatsoever.

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## SAFE MOTHER, KID

### Bangladesh betters its position

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh advanced by six spots to secure 130th position in a global survey covering 178 countries, showing the country's status in saving and improving the lives of mothers and children.

With the rise, Bangladesh has widened the gap with neighbouring India and Pakistan, but still lags behind Nepal (116th) and Sri Lanka (89th).

The Save the Children's 2014 Mother Index shows that Finland is the best place to be a mother for the second straight year and Somalia came in last.

The index is part of the agency's annual State of the World's Mothers report, now in

## Classrooms not joyful, inspiring

### Teachers' conference calls for redesigning tools of learning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The existing teaching system in the country is not joyful and does not foster creative thinking among students as teachers mostly focus on rote learning, teachers and trainers said yesterday in Cox's Bazar.

Emphasising the need for redesigning the learning tools, they said the information communication technology (ICT) should replace the age-old teaching method of delivering lectures in classrooms.

Teachers should be more innovative in preparing classroom lessons, should present the lessons more interestingly and engage students more in classroom interaction, they said at a teachers' conference held at the Cox's Bazar Cultural Centre.

Access to Information (a2i) Programme under the Prime Minister's Office, and British Council in association with the education ministry and the primary and mass education ministry hosted the three-day conference.

The conference is aimed at inspiring teachers to prepare digital contents to be presented at multimedia classrooms. More than 100 teachers who had contributed to making Teachers Web Portal, digital contents and multimedia classrooms joined the conference.

Apart from the conference, a digital fair was also held, in which teachers and different organisations displayed digital learning contents.

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## BCB releases Jurgensen

SPORTS REPORTER

Shane Jurgensen's two-and-a-half-year journey with Bangladesh officially came to an end yesterday after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) accepted his resignation following a board meeting at Mirpur.



Jurgensen, who tendered his resignation on April 28, said that it was a 'combination of reasons' that led to him taking the decision.

The Australian, who was contracted with the board till 2015, in his resignation letter had mentioned that he was unhappy about reports in the media, which quoted an anonymous BCB director saying that the board was looking for a new head coach; which turned out to be one of the main reasons behind the decision.

The only question that remained was whether the Australian would leave immediately or after the scheduled India series in June. Following an hour-long meeting with BCB president Nazmul Hassan Papon yesterday, where the Australian was asked to reconsider the decision, Jurgensen said

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