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## SACKED RAB OFFICIALS

# No effective step to arrest trio

To be detained today through army, says state minister for home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three Rab officials, forced into retirement over their alleged complicity in the Narayanganj seven-murder, have not been arrested even three days into the High Court order for their "immediate" arrest.

Officials and various law enforcement agencies have been giving out conflicting information about their arrest. As of last night, it was unclear if the government had made any effective move to arrest the controversial Rab men.

Amid an outcry from the victims' families, political parties and the media, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said the trio would be nabbed today, reports UNB.

"As per the High Court order and due process, the agency concerned has been given necessary instructions and they'll be arrested by Wednesday [today]," the news agency quoted him as saying.

Asked to explain the due process, Kamal said that following the court order, the inspector general of police was informed first and then the Narayanganj police superintendent. "The departments concerned of the army have also been informed about it, and they'll be arrested through the

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People, including school kids, cross this wobbly bamboo bridge over a river in Delduar upazila in Tangail. Locals have long been demanding a permanent bridge there and lawmakers had time and again promised them too. However, governments changed but bridge never got built. Every day, pedestrians, bicycles, motorbikes and auto-rickshaws, inset, use the bridge and often accidents happen.



## 'Missing' man in DB custody

Cops give conflicting info about his arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The alleged abduction of a man in Kushtia early yesterday and the subsequent disclosure by detectives that he was in their custody in Dhaka have raised questions because of contradictory statements from the law enforcers.

Safi Haji alias Haji Shafique, 46, a sand trader, went missing from the west side of Lalon Shah Bridge at Bheramara upazila in the district around 3:30am, according to family members, who have links with the ruling Awami League.

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## FURNITURE FACTORY FIRE

# 9 Bangladeshis killed in KSA

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB and WASIM BIN HABIB

Pretty much all Bahauddin talked about over the phone from Riyadh with his wife was his 14-month-old son. He did the same on Monday afternoon, hours before his death.

"Take good care of him. I'm dying to see Abdullah. I hope to come home as soon as I'm done here," his wife Shahnaz Akter quoted him as saying over the phone when they had their last conversation.

Bahauddin, 26, went to Saudi Arabia five years ago. He was last home in 2012, when his wife was nine months' pregnant. He never got to see his son. He was killed along with eight other Bangladeshis and two Indians in a

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## AMERICAN CITIZENS, FIRMS IN BANGLADESH

# US flexes muscles to know account info

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Bangladeshi banks have come under pressure from the United States to send account information on American citizens or foreign companies where US investors have at least 10 percent ownership.

If any local bank fails to report to the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the bank's money at Nostro accounts in the US will be withheld. Local banks maintain the accounts with American banks to facilitate settlement of foreign trade.

Bankers fear if local banks comply with the US regulation, it will directly affect deposits and investments by non-resident Bangladeshis, who are also taxpayers in the US. Moreover, the local banks have to do the task at their own cost.

The Daily Star has talked to half a dozen bankers who said the move would not only cost them money but also time for collecting data from millions of account holders. Some of them said an officer has been engaged in each branch to do the job.

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## 3 RAB OFFICIALS

# Khaleda slams govt for delay in arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the government for not arresting three Rab officials even after a High Court order, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said all the mystery behind the gruesome seven-murder in Narayanganj would be revealed if they were held.

"But the government's dilly-dallying over arresting them [Rab men] proves that it is patronising the killers," she told newsmen after visiting the homes of

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The elderly father of Shah Alam, one of the Bangladeshi workers killed in a furniture factory fire in Riyadh, wails at their village home in Kalipur of Comilla yesterday.

## MODI AS NEW INDIAN PM

# US won't look back on past visa ban

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President Barack Obama faces the prospect this week of having to offer his congratulations to a new Indian leader who was barred from the United States less than 10 years ago over massacres of Muslims in 2002.

As voting concluded in India's general election on Monday, four major exit polls showed Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi set to become prime minister, with his opposition party and its allies forecast to sweep to a parliamentary majority.

The elections results due Friday provide a chance to repair relations with the US that were strained by the arrest of an Indian diplomat in New York in December.

The Obama administration started mending fences in February, when, for the first time in Modi's decade-long tenure as the top official in Gujarat state, the US ambassador

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He goes out with dignity

BJP praises outgoing Indian PM

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They may have crossed swords on several occasions over a variety of issues, but senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley yesterday praised Manmohan Singh, saying

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