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SEVEN-MURDER

# Maj Arif makes confession

Tells court they acted on superior officer's order; Rab link not mentioned in progress report, says AG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Rab official Major Arif Hossain yesterday admitted to his involvement in the sensational seven-murder incident in Narayanganj.

In a confessional statement before a court yesterday, Arif, who was dismissed from the Bangladesh Army following the incident, also named a top Rab official, saying it was under that person's directives that the murders had been committed.

"According to Major Arif's confessional statement under Section 164, we got to know that he owned up to his role in the murder. He also admitted to the involvement of two other former Rab officials, Lt Col Tareque Sayeed and Lt Commander Masud Rana. He gave hair-raising descriptions before the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate KM Mahiuddin of how and where the seven were killed," Fazlur Rahman, additional public prosecutor, said before a Narayanganj court during a remand prayer for Lt Col Tareque.

Following the hearing, Senior Judicial Magistrate Ishtiaq Mohammad Siddiqui granted the police a further 5-day remand to interrogate the



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A low-lying area near the Bashundhara housing project being filled with dirt for a real estate project. The photo was taken from near Madani Road in Satarkul of the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## PM'S CHINA VISIT Dhaka to seek \$4b for six big projects

STAR REPORT

Dhaka will seek loans and aid from Beijing worth around \$4 billion for six major infrastructure and energy projects during the prime minister's visit to China beginning tomorrow, said the foreign minister yesterday.

Meanwhile, sources at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said Bangladesh would also seek China's major role, side by side with other countries, in building the \$14 billion Sonadia deep-sea port.

Foreign ministry officials said Hasina would leave for China with a 130-member delegation, the biggest entourage accompanying her since her taking office following the January 5 elections.

During a press briefing at the foreign ministry

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Do you agree with Dr Kamal Hossain that the NHRC should be empowered further and provided with required resources so that it could act effectively?

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No (06%)

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Do you think it was justified for the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to say that there are very few people in Bangladesh who had been in politics and did not commit any crime?

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PRAYER TIMING June 5

Azan	Jamaat
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Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-45	6-50
Esha 8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## More bunkers, more ammo

Rab recovers from Habiganj frontier forest

STAR REPORT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday found two more bunkers at Satchhari National Park in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj piled with a huge cache of arms and ammunition, including anti-tank rocket shells and a rocket launcher.

Thirty-eight rocket shells, four machine guns, 95 rocket chargers, 1,300 ammos of machine guns and over 13,000 bullets of different guns were recovered, said Habibur Rahman, director of the media and legal wing at the Rab headquarters.

No one was arrested this time either.

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## Intruders to face action

Indian minister on 'illegal migration' from Bangladesh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Terminating the issue of illegal migration from Bangladesh "a national problem", India's junior minister for home yesterday said action will be taken against those "infiltrators" staying in Indian territory.

"The issue of illegal migrants and infiltrators in the northeast, especially the issue of Bangladeshis, is a cause of concern for all of us...This is a national

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## JCD man killed in 'BCL attack'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A JCD activist at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College was beaten to death at a college hostel last night allegedly by some Chhatra League men.

The dead is Touhidul Islam, a fourth year MBBS student from Shariatpur and resident of Abu Sina Hostel.

College sources said some armed young men swooped on Touhid at the hostel around 7:00pm, beat him up and left the scene.

Critically injured Touhid was sent to the college hospital, around one kilometre off the dormitory. He succumbed to his wounds around 8:35pm.

On information, Dr Shahriar Hossain Chowdhury, former city BNP convener, visited the hospital to see the body of the victim.

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Wonder bees

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A new study suggests that bees rely on a built-in 'satellite navigation (sat nav) system' to find their way around.

Honeybees make 'mental maps' of their home ranges allowing them to

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## DOA MAHFIL

Muntarin Mujib Chowdhury (Papa) died on the last 29th April 2014 at United Hospital of the Capital City (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajعون). The doa mahfil of the deceased will be held on the next 6th June 2014 on Friday after Asar in the Parliament Members Club (MP Hostel). All relatives, friends and well wishers of the deceased are requested earnestly to attend the occasion.

Earnestly  
Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury (Nixon) M.P.  
(Husband of the deceased)  
A.K.M. Mahabubur Rahman Chowdhury  
(Father of the deceased)  
Illyin Chowdhury  
(Mother of the deceased)

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