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A traffic sergeant struggles to salvage his bike trapped in a pothole at the waterlogged Malibagh intersection yesterday. *Top right*, passengers getting off a bus stuck on the road while a youth crosses the pool of water on the back of another. The Mouchak-Malibagh flyover construction work and waterlogging due to torrential rain have made travel along the road very risky. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



FELANI KILLING BSF to speed up fresh trial

BGB calls for bringing down border killings

A fresh trial of the 2011 killing of a teenage Bangladeshi girl, Felani Khatun, by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) will be speedily concluded, India asserted at a biannual coordination meeting of the director generals of Border Guard Bangladesh and BSF.

Delivering a verdict in the murder case, a special court in the Indian state of West Bengal had acquitted the accused BSF constable of shooting Felani.

Her family rejected the trial. As BGB too opposed the investigation and the subsequent trial conducted by BSF, a fresh trial was ordered.

The 15-year-old was shot dead on January 7 that year as she was crossing the barbed-wire fence into Bangladesh from India. The incident particularly the photo of her body

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FUGITIVE WAR CRIMES CONVICTS Monitoring cell stillborn?

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

A monitoring cell to oversee procedures to bring back fugitive war crimes convicts and accused from abroad remains dysfunctional since the government formed it six months ago.

The eight-member cell could neither set its terms of references nor sit for the maiden meeting since February, frustrating the victims' families and campaigners of the long-awaited war crimes trial.

Apparently disappointed at the delay, an investigation agency -- also one of the components of the cell -- of the international crimes tribunals has recently written to the home ministry to "immediately" arrange for the first meeting.

However, chief of the cell and Additional Secretary (Political) to Home Affairs Kamal

Uddin Ahmed told The Daily Star on August 12, "We are holding meetings internally. It won't be right to disclose everything."

After conviction of three fugitive war criminals including Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan, the kingpins of the killings of intellectuals in 1971, the government on February 16 formed the cell comprising representatives from two ministries and five agencies. The duo and Abul Kalam Azad, also known as Bachchu Razakar, were tried in absentia.

The cell is comprised of joint secretaries of the foreign and the home ministries, a deputy inspector general of police, representatives of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence, the National Security Intelligence, and the prosecution and the investigation agency of the tribunals.

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US may strike IS in Syria too

Iraq urges global help in fight against jihadists

AGENCIES

The United States was said to be considering air strikes aimed at eliminating individual leaders of Islamic State (IS) after Washington branded the beheading of an American journalist a "terrorist attack".

Meanwhile, Iraq yesterday called for urgent global support for its fight against jihadists, as Shia neighbour Iran said it was helping Baghdad resist the militants but not with soldiers on the ground.

Iraq is struggling to regain ground after a lightning militant offensive led by the IS jihadist group seized second city Mosul in June and swept through the country's Sunni heartland, as security forces fled.

Militants have been bombarded since August 8 by US air strikes in northern Iraq, but have carried out attacks elsewhere, including a renewed assault on the Baiji oil refinery.

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Fakhrul hits back at PM

Terms AL a killer party

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The hands of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina are stained with the blood of several hundred innocent youths of the country, said Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday.

"Awami League is a killer party and its president Sheikh Hasina is a killer too," the BNP acting secretary general told a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan central office in the capital.

The press conference was organised to give the party's formal reaction to a recent remark by the PM that BNP chief Khaleda Zia, her son

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Polar ice shrinking rapidly

Scientists find it alarming

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

The planet's two largest ice sheets -- in Greenland and Antarctica -- are now being depleted at an astonishing rate of 120 cubic miles each year. That is the discovery made by scientists using data from CryoSat-2, the European probe that

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2 lakh yaba tablets seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Coast Guard members seized two lakh yaba tablets worth about Tk 10 crore from the Karnaphuli river in Chittagong city early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a patrol team of coast guard (east zone) chased a boat near Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Ltd (Kafco) area around 2:00am. At one stage, smugglers capsized the boat along the river bank and threw a sack of yaba tablets to the ground and fled the scene, said a press release of the coast guard.

The tablets will be handed over to the

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Militias 'seize Tripoli airport'

AFP, Tripoli

Islamist fighters in the Fajr Libya (Libyan Dawn) coalition said on Saturday they have captured Tripoli's battered international airport after many days of clashes with nationalist militiamen.

The claim followed a setback the previous night when a warplane raided Islamist positions, killing 13 fighters, a Fajr Libya spokesman said.

If independent sources confirm the airport has changed hands, it would be a major defeat for the nationalist fighters from Zintan west of Tripoli who have held the airport since the fall of long-time dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011.

A statement shown on screen on An-Nabaa television, regarded as close to the Islamists, said: "Fajr Libya announces that it totally controls Tripoli international airport."

Later a spokesman for the Islamist coalition, partly comprising men from Misrata, east of Tripoli, said its fighters "have entered the airport and are mopping up pockets of resistance".

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Law Minister Anisul Huq that prime minister's comment involving BNP chief Khaleda Zia and her son with August 21 grenade attack will not influence the ongoing trial?

Yes

No

(24%)

(76%)

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