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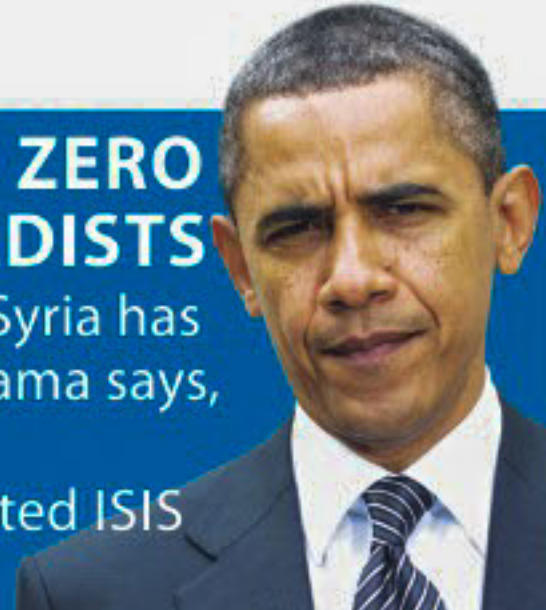
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GROUND ZERO FOR JIHADISTS

This is what Syria has become, Obama says, admits US underestimated ISIS

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Syria-linked jihadist held

Claim police; the Bangladeshi origin UK citizen remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested a UK citizen of Bangladeshi origin for recruiting jihadists for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, acting on information from two of his recruits detained four days back, say police.

Samiun Rahman alias Ibn Hamdan was picked up from Kamalapur Railway Station around 11:30pm on Sunday. On September 24 night, detectives arrested two youths -- Asif Adnan and Fazle Elahi Tanzil -- who allegedly planned to go to Syria through Turkey with Samiun's help.

Samiun entered Bangladesh to recruit jihadists to fight in the war in Syria, Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said at a press briefing yesterday.



Samiun Rahman

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Traders set up a cattle market right in front of the entrance to the emergency section of National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. They were given permission by Dhaka North City Corporation.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

4 HOSPITALS cattle-trapped

HELEMUL ALAM and PORIMOL PALMA

As the LGRD ministry remains indifferent to people's discomfiture in getting access to key city hospitals ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, the health ministry yesterday sought home's intervention in stopping the makeshift cattle market operating at Agargaon.

"Cattle overflow onto adjacent streets, ultimately causing traffic chaos in front of the hospitals in the area which can cause patients' death without treatment. So, today [yesterday] we wrote to the home ministry to stop the operation of the market," Mosharraf Hossain, joint secretary at the health ministry, told this newspaper.

The Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), like the previous years, has leased a field to a bidder to set up the cattle market. The venue is next to the

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VERDICT IN APPEAL Ashraful's ban now for 5 yrs

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraful has had his eight-year ban, which included a three-year suspended sentence, reduced to a five-year term by the BCB's disciplinary panel chief, former justice Mohammed Abdur Rashid.

The crest-fallen Bangladesh batting genius, whose reduced sanction now effective from August 13, 2013, stands a chance

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Poor show in DU admission tests

WASIM BIN HABIB and PROTIK CHAKRABORTY

While pass rates in the SSC and HSC examinations are on the rise, admission tests at Dhaka University this year saw around 83 percent aspirants fail to obtain even pass marks.

Battling for around 6,600 seats of first year honours courses, 2,61,409 candidates took the tests and only 45,278 of them came out successful.

Even the performance of top graders of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exams is upsetting.

Around 66 percent of 76,003 GPA-5 holders in the two exams failed to secure pass marks in the DU admission tests, according to university sources. The rate was 62 percent in the previous academic year.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

'Inflated' results; some questions

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Reflecting the government point of view, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid made an outburst against the Dhaka University authorities for the disastrous results in the DU admission tests by terming the long-practised admission system "faulty" and "unacceptable".

The truth is the heart-breaking results in the DU exams have shaken the core of the government claim that it has done something revolutionary in the education sector.

The Awami League-led government has been portraying the "outstanding results" in the SSC and HSC examinations

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AIR STRIKES CONTINUE IN SYRIA

ISIS reconciles with pro-Qaeda group

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

As the US-led forces continue air strikes on ISIS positions in northern and eastern Syria, the terror group moves towards a new alliance with al-Qaeda-linked Jabhat al-Nusra.

Jabhat al-Nusra, known as al-Nusra Front, which has been at odds with ISIS for much of the past year, vowed retaliation for the US-led strikes, the first wave of which a week ago killed scores of its members. Many al-Nusra units in northern Syria appeared to have reconciled with the group, with which it had fought bitterly early this year.

A senior source confirmed that al-Nusra and ISIS leaders were now holding war planning meetings. While no deal has yet been formalised, the addition of at least some al-Nusra numbers to ISIS would strengthen the

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