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## Latif traceless on return

*Seen at airport; goes to unknown destination after coming from India; PM 'surprised' at reports; Hefajat threatens hartal*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Sacked minister Abdul Latif Siddique, who had been staying in India for about one and a half months, returned to Bangladesh last night, with several arrest warrants on him.  
The former posts and telecommunication minister, who has been under fire for his anti-hajj comments in September, arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Air India flight AI 230 around 8:20pm.

He stayed at the VIP terminal for a while and talked to some airport and government agency officials, according to airport sources.  
He left the airport through the domestic terminal around 9:00pm, boarded his personal vehicle waiting outside and headed towards Uttara, the sources said.  
None could say where he went.  
Airport police officials, seeking anonymity, said Latif was not arrested there as they did not have orders from "higher authorities".



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## Fire ravaged their lives

*Victims recall fateful night of Tazreen garments disaster that killed 112 people 2 years ago*

**REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA**  
Everything happens for the best, it is often touted, but for Hena Akter, it is impossible to find a silver lining in the tragedy that unfolded on this day two years ago.  
A slight short circuit gave way to an errant fire, which went on to ravage her entire workplace -- and her life.  
"I have lost everything in that fire," said Hena, who joined the ill-fated Tazreen Fashions as a helper



in January 2010. She used to draw a salary of Tk 4,500 per month, enough to support herself and her two young sons.  
While the 35-year-old can count herself lucky to not be among the 112 that succumbed to the fire, the incident on November 24, 2012 though has left her and over 1,200 others wounded. She ended up with a broken backbone, an injury which has rendered her incapable of any

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Mashrafe Bin Mortaza showed plenty of signs of rolling back the years. Here the Narail Express is seen exulting after dismissing Zimbabwe opener Hamilton Masakadza with a venomous in-swing. His three early blows fashioned Bangladesh's facile 68-run win in the second ODI in Chittagong yesterday. Story on page 14 PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## GOLD SMUGGLING Arrestees put blame on other Biman men

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
All five arrestees, including three Biman officials, yesterday denied having links with any gold smuggling racket, and claimed before magistrates that other Biman officials might be involved with such rackets, according to court sources.  
In their confessional statements, three of them mentioned the names of two  
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## RU TEACHER KILLING

### Who are culprits?

*Rab detains ex-JCD leader of RU, 5 others 'for direct involvement'; Rajshahi police arrest 3 'who claim responsibility'*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Police and Rapid Action Battalion came up with contradictory versions of the motive behind the murder of Rajshahi University Prof AKM Shafiul Islam following arrest of nine people from different parts of the country yesterday.  
Rajshahi police, after arresting three people from



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