Bid on to save masterminds

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They gave their reactions following media reports on the Rab probe into the April 27 abduction and killing of Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam and his four associates, and Chandan and his driver.

Talking to The Daily Star on Thursday, a member of the Rab investigation body said they found Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad and Maj Arif Hossain involved in the sevenmurder from beginning till end.

"A group of Rab members led by Tareque and Arif worked for councillor Nur Hossain to abduct and kill his archrival councillor Nazrul Islam," said the official.

"But the Rab team had to abduct and kill six others as they witnessed Nazrul's abduction."

The report, yet to be officially released, will be submitted to the High Court bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore on December 10. Earlier on November 23, the four-

member Rab probe team sent the report to the Attorney General's Office for placing it to the HC. Yesterday, Sakhawat Hossain Khan also said New Delhi has recently been

handed over a list of 40 criminals who are believed to be hiding in India. But Nur Hossain, who has been arrested in West Bengal, was not on the

list. It only proved that the government doesn't want to bring him back because he might reveal names of some big shots involved in the sevenmurder, the lawyer added.

Selina Islam Beauty, widow of stage, he claimed.

Nazrul Islam, alleged that her family has been receiving threats from chargesheeted criminals.

These are the criminals who had been threatening her husband since 15 days before the killing. Still they are not being arrested through she repeatedly had brought up the issue, she added. However, Narayanganj

Superintendent of Police Khandaker Mahid Uddin assured the victims of a fair probe, saying the Rab report is not the final one. The investigation officer of the case will submit the final report, he said,

asking the families not to be frustrated. "We need some more time as it is a sensational case and we all want a transparent investigation report."

The police investigation is at its last

26 feared dead

FROM PAGE 1 "Our vessel was catching shrimps in

the fishing zone in the Bay during the accident. When the crew noticed Bashundhara-8 heading towards their vessel, they along with fishermen on trawlers around started signalling to the merchant vessel to change course, but got no response," he said.

been rescued alive, if Bashundhara-8 had not fled," he said.

cepted the Bashundhara-8 but later let it go considering its business potential, said a Navy official seeking anonymity. Chittagong port sources,

Bashundhara-8 indeed had left the port on Thursday night and passed through the accident spot. The owners and operators of the

merchant vessel could not be reached

despite repeated attempts.

Lt Commander Khaja Masum, a Navy official stationed in Chittagong, said BNS Samudro Joy was engaged in the rescue and salvage operation since 4:30am. Later BNS Atondra, a maritime patrol aircraft and a helicopter joined the search. Another ship BNS Adamya equipped with modern rescue gears was to join the rescue operations last night.

Since most of the crew were sleeping at the time of capsize, they might have got trapped inside the vessel and died, he feared.

The Marchantile Marine Department (MMD) formed a threemember committee to probe the incident, said MMD Principal Officer Shafiqul Islam.

general diaries with Patenga and Bandar police stations and submitted a November 19. complaint to the MMD.

accident, relatives of the missing crew when they heard the news, he said.

Gundecha and Pandit Ramakant

Gundecha took the stage in their

maiden performance at the festival.

Still to come on the night's schedule

were master of Carnatic percussion

Guru Karaikudi Mani and another duo

of brothers -- Pandit Rajan Mishra and

inaugurated earlier in the evening by Dr

Gowher Rizvi, Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina's adviser. Hasna Moudud,

daughter of Pallikabi Jasimuddin -- who

the festival is being dedicated to -- and

veteran music connoisseur Alimur

Rahman Khan were also present as

special guests, alongside Bengal

to the various government and admin-

istrative offices without whose support

the festival would not be possible.

Hasna Moudud recalled her father's

memories and thanked Bengal

Foundation Chairman Abul Khair.

The second day's programme was

Pandit Sajan Mishra.

gathered at AK Khan Ghat of Banglabazar in the city.

Babul Khan came from Patuakhali and was waiting with the national ID card of his elder brother Mokhles Khan, the cook of FV Bandhan.

"We still don't know if my brother is alive. But we want to get at least his body," he said in choking voice. The fate of Moktadir Billah, 43,

captain of the capsized vessel, was yet to be known. "My brother was actually the captain of another fishing vessel owned by

the same company. He became a father

only 24 days back, 13 years after his

marriage. He was on leave," Moktadir's brother Md Ibrahim Ripon said over the telephone. As the original captain of FV The Bengal Fisheries Ltd lodged two Bandhan was on leave, Moktadir was called in to steer the vessel on

His wife Kohinur Begum and 75-Meanwhile, hearing the news of the year-old mother Ayesha Begum fainted

In marvel of melodies night, audience numbers had swollen

Bangladeshi artiste, then took the stage, setting the evening in further motion.

iconic Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, who left thousands in astonishment with a breathtaking performance on santoor. Accompanied by Satyajit Talwalkar on tabla, Rahul's presentation of the sweet evening Raga Kaunshik Dhwani showed shades of his father, in deftness, swiftness and expressiveness. The presentation was met with excited, booming cheers – a rather uncommon phenomenon for classical music performances.

He was preceded by Abir Hossain, one of the brightest scholars of the India's ITC-Sangeet Research Academy, who alongside accomplished tabla artiste Ustad Akram Khan, took the audience on a memorable musical journey with an immaculate presentation of Raga Jaijawanti, and a small piece on Raga Mishra Pilu.

As of writing this report at mid- Foundation for honouring the

Pallikabi. to 35,000 as brothers Pandit Umakant

Alimur Rahman Khan spoke of the power of classical music and its essence, and praised the discerning audience for turning out and making the festival a success.

contribution to developing the country's arts scene, including the recent launching of Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay where talented artistes from Bangladesh can hone their practices under tutelage of world renowned teachers. He also paid tribute to Subir Chowdhury, the recently-deceased director of Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts and a trustee of Bengal Foundation, and commended Bengal Foundation Director General Luva Nahid Choudhury for her pivotal role in Abul Khair expressed his gratitude organising the festival.

Organised by Bengal Foundation and presented by Square Group, the festival is being held in association with Brac Bank, with The Daily Star and The Daily Prothom Alo as strategic

Don't meddle in local committees

to control the committees. They should not do it," the AL chief was quoted by a

About formation of the grassroots committees, the PM asked her party central leaders to give importance to the senior leaders who played critical

The directives came at a meeting of the party central working committee at

the Gono Bhaban last night. Hasina told the meeting that the MPs should remember that they were MPs because of the party and they had

to follow the party chain of command.

The Official Chart Company told the BBC

about digital music, the fact that these

beautiful physical artefacts are still as

popular as they are is fantastic," said

Martin Talbot, managing director of

Up To Money, he said: "It's really

remarkable. We're seeing it come back

as a significant earner for the music

was worth around £3m a year. This

year it's going to be worth £20m."

remain a niche interest.

amassed by digital formats.

'CANDLE FLICKERED'

Official Charts Company said.

album, Nothing Has Changed.

Spotify.

"Only five years ago this business

However, music industry officials

Pink Floyd's accolade as the fastest-

acknowledged that vinyl will likely

selling vinyl release this century came

thanks to just 6,000 sales - a tiny

amount in comparison to the numbers

Earlier this week, for instance, One

Direction celebrated passing one bil-

lion total streams on music service

The one million milestone for vinyl

sales was reached in the past week, the

vinyl in that period was David Bowie's

Perhaps fittingly, the best selling

The total figures are expected to rise

to around 1.2 million with Christmas

Speaking to BBC Radio 5 live's Wake

the Official Charts Company.

"In an era when we're all talking

it will soon launch a weekly vinyl chart.

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industry as well.

senior leaders will not be tolerated," a meeting source quoted the PM. The meeting comes as the AL is tenure.

holding grassroots councils across the country, with intra-party conflicts centering on the councils being reported from many districts.

the party for contesting the January 5 polls and for backing rival candidates. Hasina said if the expelled leaders

appealed for lifting their expulsion, the party would sincerely consider it.

At the beginning of the meeting,

on slashing poverty rate below 10 percent during its current five-year

"Many people come up with many theories, but there is no point in following these.... Even the theory of caretaker government system has evaporated," she said.

She added her government was following only one theory, and that was to ensure people's rights.

The premier said the just concluded Saarc summit was successful and that Saarc leaders appreciated the various progress Bangladesh was making.

sales, said Gennaro Castaldo from Group.

a few rock bands came along - The Killers, Arctic Monkeys - it's helped made vinyl cool again.'

In 1996, it was Oasis' (What's the Story) Morning Glory? providing healthy vinyl sales. Thanks to a reissue, the same album is one of the best-selling of this year also - the album is 10th in this week's chart.

'A HIPSTER THING' The market for vinyl appeared to be split into two distinct groups, noted the individuals interviewed by the

They said one generation, which grew up with vinyl, liked to keep increasing their record collection by

continuing to buy music in the format. has adopted vinyl as an antidote to the

own-nothing trend of services like iTunes and Spotify. "I think it's sort of a hipster thing," remarked one shopper at Rough Trade

East, a popular record store off Brick Lane in East London.

but fell out of fashion, are making a comeback."

One survey that seemingly backs up this train of thought was published in April this year, by the ICM It suggested 15% of physical music -

whether vinyl, CD or, less likely, tape was bought with no intention of ever listening to it. 'WARMTH'

Nigel House, co-founder of the Rough Trade retail chain, told the BBC he thought that the big record labels were pouncing on vinyl because it has become fashionable.

"The major labels, their albums are so expensive - £25! "You get someone coming in, they

could buy 10 CDs for £100, or four vinyls. Yes, they are expensive. For me, I don't think that's good at all." But he did welcome the resurgence,

even if, as he put it, it was a drop in the ocean of overall sales. "Certain styles of music, they need

that warmth. They need that feeling. Soul, reggae, hip-hop, even punk - they sound so much better on vinyl. "Some records, I like the way they

degrade. It's like a photograph fading, it's part of the whole beauty of vinyl." Castaldo from the BPI agreed. "The difference between vinyl and

other formats is that it's viewed as an art form, really - the audio quality, the sleevenotes, the cover art. "Whilst other formats are being

superseded every time technology

Dhaka team

BURDWAN BLAST PROBE

exchange info with NIA

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The seven-member team of law

enforcement and intelligence agencies of Bangladesh yesterday interacted with officials of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Kolkata. The three-day visit of the

Bangladesh delegation is aimed at probing the presence of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) link to the October 2 Burdwan blast, and also to help the Indian intelligence agencies locate the Bangladeshi JMB members believed to be hiding in India. The discussion was held for

exchange of information with the NIA on the blast in which JMB members were allegedly involved. The Bangladeshi team, led by DMI

Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam,

is likely to interrogate some of those

already arrested in Kolkata, including the alleged mastermind Sheikh Rahmatullah alias Sajid, at the NIA's camp office at Salt Lake in Kolkata. Meanwhile, Chief Judge of Kolkata City Sessions Court Mumtaz Khan yesterday extended the remand of Sajid and another JMB militant

Amjad Sheikh by five days to allow

the Bangladeshi investigators to quiz them. The court extended the remand on a plea of NIA's counsel Shyamal Ghosh who contended their custody with the agency was necessary for the Bangladesh sleuths to interrogate

The visit follows the one by the NIA's to Dhaka earlier this month. During the NIA team's visit to Dhaka, both sides exchanged lists of Indian insurgents hiding in Bangladesh and JMB members and top criminals who had taken shelter in India.

them.

The NIA team had also handed over documents to Bangladesh intelligence agencies regarding the presence of JMB members in several districts of West Bengal.

The other members of the team are, GM Azizur Rahman, additional deputy inspector general of special Branch; Col Abu Hena Mostofa, psc, director of National Security Intelligence; Lt Col Mohammed Abul Kalam Azad of Rapid Action Battalion; Mahfuzur Rahman, assistant inspector general of Police Headquarters; Md Ashraful Islam, senior superintendent of police of Criminal Investigation Department; and Maj Mohammad Atiqur Rahman of Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI).

Meanwhile, the Kolkata court also extended the remand of Myanmar national Khalid Mohammed by five days to the NIA in connection with the Burdwan blast.

Khalid, Sajid and Amjad were presented before the court yesterday on the expiry of their custody with the NIA.

War crimes

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that the relevant documents be sent to the International Crimes Tribunal

A team of Kishoreganj police arrested Shamsuddin from Chourasta Bus Stand in Nandail upazila of Mymensingh. He was waiting there for a bus to go to Chittagong.

Law enforcers later took him to Kishoreganj Model Police Station.

Shamsuddin had been accused of killing 10 people, carrying out arson attacks and looting in Karimganj upazila during the Liberation War. On May 2, 2010, a case was filed

against Shamsuddin in connection with the killing of Miah Hossain, a resident of Ayla village in Karimganj upazila of the district. Later, ICT investigating officer M

Ataur Rahman and coordinator M Sanaul Haq visited the area several times On November 25, they submitted

the final investigation report against Shamsuddin Ahmed and his brother Nasiruddin Ahmed.

Drug smuggling FROM PAGE 16 India-Bangladesh border in West

Bengal, Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram to check trans-border movement of militants. "Around 90 percent of the Tripura

borders has been fenced and floodlights put on to check crimes, infiltration and trans-border movement of militants," Sharma said. He said: "CCTV (closed-circuit

television) cameras are being installed in BOPs (border outposts) and biometric devices are being used for better management." The BSF official said the paramilitary forces have been setting up of

composite BOPs along the border to provide more facilities to guards. "Some 64 composite BOPs would be set up on the 856-km India-Bangladesh border with Tripura. At

least 22 such BOPs have already been

set up and work on the remaining is

in progress," Sharma added.

PRIMARY TERMINAL EXAMS

Govt denies claims of question leak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has dismissed allegations of question leak in the ongoing primary terminal examinations, but parents yesterday said they had sample questions reportedly leaked from mathematics paper to be held tomorrow. The parents claimed they had

started getting the "leaked" questions since Thursday night. "The questions we are getting

include two creative, eight short, five subjective and two geometry questions," a guardian from Mohammadpur told The Daily Star over phone. Asked how he had got the sample

questions, the parent who wished to remain unidentified said he had got those from a parent of another student. "You know many parents and guardians are getting such questions

nowadays," he added. How such sample questions get circulated remains a mystery. "If the samples turn out to be the real ques-

tions, it will just destroy the nation," said another guardian from Eskaton. She said she had also heard reports from other parents about getting such questions.

lamented.

Earlier, parents alleged they had got sample questions for Bangla, Bangladesh and global studies, and preliminary science and found significant similarities between those and the real ones after the exams. Even on Sunday night, a mobile

court jailed three teachers for one year each for distributing Bangla questions to the candidates at their respective coaching centres in Bogra. Most of the public examinations have recently been hit hard by the

from the primary terminal exams, there were widespread allegations that questions of a number of papers in this year's HSC and SSC examinations had been leaked.

allegations of question leak. Apart

The government even had to cancel the exam for English second paper of the HSC upon allegations of question leak.

Parents alleged sample questions went viral in some Facebook pages before each exam day.

However, the government has kept denying such allegations. On Tuesday, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman said they did not get official report on any question leak.

The primary terminal exams began "We don't know why this is happen- on November 23 with around 31 lakh ing to us and our children," she class V students of schools and madrasas participating.

ing to clean up its image following

recent corruption scandals, has already

sent out a list of permitted foods and

has ordered drinks to be limited to

come into effect early next year, is

The ban on lavish parties, due to

coffee, tea and water.

Stop holding lavish parties

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lead by example when he flew economy class to Singapore for his son's graduation, winning widespread praise online. Announcing the latest moves,

Yuddy Chrisnandi, minister for bureaucratic reform, ordered officials to "stop anything that is excessive". He said that gluttonous officials were at risk of developing high choles-

terol and high blood pressure, and that

buying local snacks would help Indonesian farmers. Chrisnandi said the rules on food would be applied in all ministries and government offices from 1 December. Those who broke them would face sanctions such as demotion or a postponement of bonus payments, he said.

The energy ministry, which is seek-

aimed at private functions held by high-ranking officials, which are often vast affairs at luxurious hotels. Chrisnandi said such events created an impression of inequality. "There are high-ranking govern-

ment officials organising weddings for

their children ... inviting thousands, causing traffic jams." The moves echo an anti-corruption crackdown launched by China's leader Xi Jinping after he came to power in late 2012, which included banning fancy fare from official banquets.

Protesters block road

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The body of the girl, Farjana Akter Liza, daughter of a car driver Faruk Hossain, was recovered from a pond in Saidnagar area on Tuesday, a day after she had gone missing, Nazrul Islam, sub-inspector of Bhatara Police Station, told The Daily Star.

Farjana was missing ever since she had gone to a stationary shop which was hardly 100 yards far from her home, said her father.

Even though police arrested a local youth named Mahbub Hasan Shauray. 19, on Thursday, the protesters were unhappy as the real mystery behind the killing was still to be unfolded, reports this correspondent.

Shaurav used to stalk many girls, including Farjana, in the area, locals said. They alleged that the victim was police were "dilly dallying in pressing charges against him. On the other hand, police were yet to

raped and killed by the youth but

confirm whether Shaurav was indeed involved in the killing, said Abu Al Bashar, sub-inspector of the police station. He was put on a three-day remand

today, said the SI yesterday.

Frustrated with the "slow" police steps taken over the matter, the locals of Bhatara under the banner of three organisations - Nagarik Manchya, Bokhate Protirodh Committee and Jela Oikva Parishad – started to gather on Pragati Sarani around 10:00am to

form a human chain there. Later, they blocked the street and besieged the police station to demand immediate arrest of all the culprits

involved in the gruesome incident.

Jobseekers to turn job

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representatives from companies, academia, governments, civil society and international organisations from 50 countries took part in the event.

The theme of the summit this year is

"Shaping Social Business - To Shape

the World of 2020". Prof Yunus, who fathered the concept of social business, in his keynote

speech said: "Social business is one way to create an enabling framework. Our community of innovative social business entrepreneurs around the world are contributing to bringing about a different approach to social problems as they see strength and opportunities where others only see problems. "We began microcredit in a small

village in Bangladesh, but the idea spread all over the world. That is the power of a new idea to change the world. Once we create a tiny social business, we develop a seed. Once we do that, we have to multiply it. Eventually, we can create a plantation," he added. Social business, said the Nobel Peace Prize winner, did not undermine

the past theories but rather added a Harmonic, a group of adolescents "new tool to the toolbox" to help from a poor community living near the improve the lives of the bottom-most people and unemployed youth. Ildefonso Guajardo, secretary of economy of Mexico, said it was a great

honour for Mexico to host the summit for the first time in the Americas. He observed that even though globalisation had brought about GDP

address the problems of globalisation,

growth, increased export and progress in the country, it had also essentially created two Mexicos: one that had benefited from the open economy and another condemned to poverty and increasing injustice. He said social business could help

as instead of taking wealth and creating more wealth, it "goes where there is no wealth and seeks to bring changes

to people's lives". Enrique Jacob Rocha, president of the Instituto Nacional del Emprendedor (INADEM), one of the partners of the global event, said: "There is no doubt of the importance of social entrepreneurs as catalysers of the economy since they are the most powerful force for transformative social change, capable of complex problems, such as poverty, health, access to technology and environmental issues."

Hans Reitz, head of GSBS and cofounder of the Grameen Creative Lab, argued that there was still a massive challenge to convincing old successful North American companies to join the social business movement.

"We need people from middlemanagement and young people to push the boundary. My message is simple: keep the pressure going, don't stop, don't get tired," he added. The welcome and keynote speeches

were followed by an inspiring orches-

tra performance from the Landfill

largest landfill in Paraguay. All the musical instruments of the group, including cellos and violins, were made of waste from the landfill. In the following session, a delegation from Bangladesh comprising

leaders of different enterprises of Grameen and Yunus Centre, shared their experiences of promoting social business in Bangladesh. M Shahjahan, acting director of

Grameen Bank; Parveen Mahmud, managing director of Grameen Telecom Trust; SM Huzzatul Islam Latifee, managing director of Grameen Trust; spoke, among others.

He blamed negligence of the Bashundhara-8 crew for the accident. "The crew of our vessel could have

Immediately after the incident, Navy ship BNS Samudro Joy inter-

According to the Navy and

But it was Rahul Sharma, son of the

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party central leader as saying.

roles in difficult times.

"Audacious behaviour of MPs with Hasina said her government focused

The meeting also discussed the fate of AL leaders who were expelled from

Vinyl record sales

"Most of us did write off vinyl," he

"Whilst the candle flickered and nearly went out ... it didn't entirely go out. "I think the start of the 2000 period,

music industry body the BPI.

told the BBC.

BBC.

Meanwhile, a younger generation

"Things that were cool decades ago,

improves, vinyl doesn't really fit into that category because it's more than that."

Gowher Rizvi hailed Abul Khair's