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**No talks with those who kill people**

Says NHRC boss  
BSS, Dhaka

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday said dialogue cannot be held with the terrorists who are killing people through arson attack and blasting bombs.

"Things that are taking place in the country right now in the name of democracy are pure terrorism. Terrorists do not know the language of democracy. There can be no dialogue with the terrorists. Sitting for dialogue with them is like bowing to terrorism," he said.

The rights campaigner came up with the views while addressing a seminar at the National Press Club in the capital.

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**ROBBED OF LIVELIHOOD**

In desperation, Ratan Mia, top, throws a fist full of sand into the burning truck at Jhoggari in Bogra yesterday. He along with law enforcers and locals, who arrived at the scene later on, made several attempts to save the vehicle Ratan himself owns. It was what put food on his table. Unable to save it, Ratan just sits on the highway and sobs, right. Allegedly blockade supporters had scattered a flammable powder on his truck and set the vehicle on fire.

PHOTO: STAR



**No dev project without consulting CHT council**

CHT Commission says locals must benefit from any development project in the region

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Before taking up big "development" projects such as establishing a medical college in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the government should discuss the matter with the CHT regional council as per the 1997 Peace Accord. It is necessary to assess public opinion on whether a project in the name of "de-

velopment" in the region would actually benefit the locals.

The CHT commission said this yesterday afternoon at a press conference in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Titled "Violence in Rangamati and the human rights situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts", the conference was organised following the January 10 and 11 attacks on indigenous peo-

ple after Hill Students Council protested the inauguration of a medical college in the district.

Difference of opinion between pro-ruling student body Chhatra League and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity's student wing Hill Students Council turned into a communal conflict between hill people

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**Green design the ultimate solution**

Experts suggest on building construction on concluding day of int'l meet on architecture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green design of a building makes it functional, aesthetically pleasing and reflects culture, said noted architects on the concluding day of the three-day international conference on architecture in the capital yesterday.

"It ensures higher standard of living, conserves the environment and resources while making people happy," said Ken

Yeang, a Malaysian architect, ecologist and author known for his signature eco-architecture and eco master plans.

Green design is a harmony of structures with nature aiming at conserving biodiversity by making use of suitable construction materials, he said.

Bengal Foundation in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)

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**BNP-Jamaat men kill AL leader's son**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

The teenage son of an Awami League leader, who was beaten up allegedly by BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men in Shibganj municipality on Thursday, died on Friday night.

The dead, Rajon Ali Roky 15, was the son of Ruhul Amin, who is the president of ward-5 of the ruling AL's Shibganj municipality unit. Ruhul is a resident of Sheikhtola in the municipality. Roky was a class-IX student of Babupur High School.

Roky's family said a joint team of police, Rab and BGB raided Rasulpur on Thursday morning to catch criminals who were allegedly carrying out subversive activities during the ongoing countryside blockade by the 20-party alliance.

The BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men beat up Roky mercilessly when he went there to know what had happened during the drive, his family alleged.

Locals took Roky to Shibganj Upazila Health Complex. As his condition deteriorated, the on-duty doctors referred him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where Roky died.

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Border Guard Bangladesh jawans stand guard on Dhaka-Chittagong highway as trucks and lorries pass by during the 20-party alliance's blockade. The photo was taken at Sitakunda where vehicles are prone to attacks.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOK

**Cold wave this week**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The north, north-east and north-west regions of the country may experience a cold-wave from the middle of this week.

"The cold-wave that may start from January 20 will remain for some three days," said an official of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD).

Apart from that, the country may see the weather get clearer from Sunday onwards and the temperature fall by 1-3 degrees Celsius, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

The clouds, fog and drizzles at places across the country were caused due to "trough of low pressure" in the Bay. Over the Bay of Bengal, the trough caused formation of clouds that moved towards land, he said.

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**Hackers announce 'World War III'**

AFP, Washington

Hackers took over Twitter accounts of the New York Post and United Press International on Friday, writing bogus messages, including about hostilities breaking out between the United States and China.

One tweet posted under the UPI account quoted Pope Francis as saying, "World War III has begun."

Another message delivered on the Post account said the USS George Washington, an aircraft carrier, was "engaged in active combat" against Chinese

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**Violent demos against Charlie Hebdo**

Churches torched as protests spread from Niger to Pakistan; Obama urges Europe to better integrate Muslims

AFP, Paris

A violent mob torched at least 8 churches in Niger's capital Niamey yesterday during fresh protests against Charlie Hebdo magazine, as France's president stressed his commitment to "freedom of expression."

Around 1,000 youths wielding iron bars, clubs and axes rampaged through the city, hurling rocks at police who responded with tear gas in a second day of violent demonstrations against the satirical magazine's publication of the Prophet Mohammad.

The French embassy in Niamey urged its citizens to stay at home, the day after a rally against Charlie Hebdo in the country's second city of Zinder left four dead and 45 injured.

"Be very cautious, avoid going out," the embassy said on its website as rioters also ransacked several French-linked businesses, including telephone kiosks run by Orange.

On Friday, the protesters set fire to the French cultural centre and three churches in Zinder.

Muslims marched in Middle East cities on Friday to protest the publica-

tion of a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed by French magazine Charlie Hebdo, as Qatar warned the image would "fuel hatred".

Large rallies were held in Jordan, Qatar, Palestine. In Africa, demonstrations were held in Somalia, Sudan and the continents Muslim-majority north.

Meanwhile, US President Barack Obama said on Friday said that Europe must do more to better integrate its Muslim communities, and not "simply respond with a hammer."

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**ONLINE POLL**  
Do you think BNP's allegation that the government has directed law enforcers to suppress people is justified?

Yes (66%)  
No (34%)

**TOTAL VOTES: 319**

**TODAY'S POLL**  
Do you agree with BNP leader Ruhul Kabir Rizvi that the government is reluctant to create a congenial and peaceful atmosphere to hold a free and fair election as it has grasped state power with the help of law enforcement agencies?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT  
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**13<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Late-Mohammed Hanif Bhuiyan**

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We remember him with deepest sorrow, love & respect on the occasion of his 13<sup>th</sup> death anniversary and pray to almighty Allah for peace & happiness of his departed soul.

Wife, Sons, Daughters of Late-Mohammed Hanif Bhuiyan and All Officer & Staffs of Abedin Group of Industries.

**PRAYER TIMING** January 18

	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	5-30	6-05
Juma	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-40	5-44
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation