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The last of the segments, titled 'BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE ECONOMY' will appear tomorrow.

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## Another expat Bangladeshi ISIS hostage

Embassy in Tripoli confirms he is among the 9 held captive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another Bangladeshi national was among the nine foreigners abducted from a Libyan oilfield on Friday, the Bangladesh embassy in Tripoli confirmed yesterday.

Initially, Anwar Hossain, whose passport number is AE3630754, was mistakenly identified as a Sudanese. Son of Yunus Mia, 38-year-old Anwar is from Goyeshpur village of Begumganj in Noakhali.

On Monday, a foreign ministry release said those kidnapped by ISIS militants from al-Ghani oilfield included one Bangladeshi national -- Helal Uddin of Jamalpur, bearing passport No B0156553.

The ministry issued another statement yesterday saying, "The Bangladesh embassy in Tripoli has confirmed that apart from Mr Helal Uddin, another Bangladeshi has been identified..."

"It has been informed that initially Mr Anwar was mistakenly identified as Sudanese national having similar name. However, Mr Anwar's identity was confirmed by a Bangladeshi working in a neighbouring oilfield."

Anwar's family urged the government to take measures for his rescue, reported our Noakhali correspondent.

"I heard today [yesterday] about the abduction. I tried to

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With braces on knees and a constant grimace on his face, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza produced quite a few inspiring moments like this against England on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS FILE

## Success 100pc A trailblazer in cancer treatment

Bangladesh's first bone marrow transplantation unit saved all its cancer patients in one year

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Bangladesh has taken a big leap in cancer treatment as the country's first Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit saved the lives of all its blood cancer patients in the last one year.

The success of the BMT Unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital raises hopes for thousands to avoid premature death at costs much less than that abroad.

It could spur expansion of the state-of-the-art medical facility in the country to cater for a large number of cancer patients in the future.

The unit started its journey in 2012 after the then health minister AFM Ruhul Haque asked Bimalangshu Ranjan Dey, a bone marrow transplant physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in the USA, to initiate a BMT programme in Bangladesh.

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MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Brain drain remains a global problem, especially for many developing countries including Bangladesh. Lured by better pay and benefits abroad, the brightest professionals take off to seek their fortune.

Only a few returns home at some stage in their career.

Bimalangshu Ranjan Dey is one of them, and thankfully enough, he returned at a time when the country badly needed his knowledge.

A bone marrow transplant physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in the US, Bimalangshu helped set up the country's first ever bone marrow transplantation (BMT) plant at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in 2012.



Bimalangshu Ranjan Dey

The initiative, a joint venture by the health ministry and the MGH, has already performed bone marrow transplants for 12 patients, saving all the lives. The treatment at the DMCH was on a par with

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MASHRAFE

## A prizefighter's odyssey

BISHWAJIT ROY from Auckland

You don't need to consult the encyclopaedia to know which living athlete is a prime example of human endeavour against adversity. A few may argue but most will agree with conviction that a braveheart Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is second to none to do that unenviable task.

With both his knees operated on seven times during a stop-start career spanning 14 years, this never-say-die cricketer, nay a pace bowler by profession, is a spectacular come-

back story that the world has hardly witnessed.

The 31-year-old is now not only the captain of a Bangladesh cricket team that has just floored mighty England on way to a dream passage to the World Cup quarterfinals down under, but has assumed

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Only a handful of people join the BNP's victory procession starting from the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to celebrate Bangladesh's win against England in World Cup Cricket.

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**TOP QUOTE**

"While Avijit and I were being ruthlessly attacked, the local police stood close by and did not act."

**RAFIDA AHMED BONYA**  
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## NEWS ANALYSIS

## What a farce, BNP!

SYED ASHFAQIL HAQUE

The last Monday and Tuesday are going to stand apart from all other days in recent memories. And Bangladeshis should remember long these days for two contrasting reasons.

Our cricketers gave us an occasion to go over the moon with their scintillating win over England on Monday while the BNP allowed us 12 hours on Tuesday to celebrate that success. The one from the cricketers is

going to be considered as a fabulous feat and the other from the BNP an absolute farce.

The first-ever qualification into the quarterfinals of World Cup flung the nation into an unprecedented euphoria. The moment fast bowler Rubel Hossain rattled the furniture of England's last batsman James Anderson with a vicious reverse-swing, Bangladeshis, be at home or away, leaped up in the air and went for an instant

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## Poor show in BNP's march

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday received a lukewarm response from its leaders and activists to celebrate the Tigers' victory in Monday's World Cup match against England.

To mark the victory, the BNP-led alliance had relaxed its ongoing hartal for 12 hours from yesterday morning till evening and asked the party men to hold processions across the country.

But the party men's presence in the streets was thin. In the capital, around 60 leaders and activists of the

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