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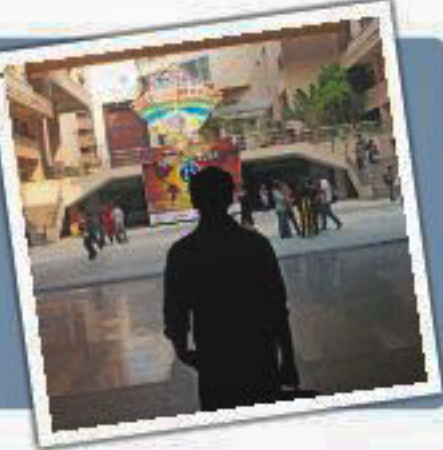
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LAW-ENFORCEMENT VS CYBER TERRORISM

Tech-wise ready, priority-wise not

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite having "very sophisticated" technologies to track down radical Islamists who use online platforms to spread jihadi propaganda and issue death threats to secular people, law enforcers cannot act against the fanatic elements proactively in the absence of clear directives.

Also, the government lacks the political will to go tough on religious bigots, fearing consequences. Exploiting the situation, fundamentalists continue with their hate campaign and even threatening to kill progressive bloggers.

The Daily Star has gathered this through talking to about a dozen independent security experts, top Rab and CID officials and online activists.

"The law enforcement agencies are working in isolation [to tackle cyber stalking]. There is no dedicated organisation with research capability and understanding of jihadi contents. Often, law enforcers cannot intervene accordingly because they fail to comprehend the extent of the threats," said security analyst Maj Gen (retd) Abdur Rashid, also executive director of the Institute of Conflict Law and Development Studies.

The cybercrime issue comes to the fore in the wake of the killing of Avijit Roy on the Dhaka University campus on the night of February 26. The writer-blogger had been receiving death threats online for about a year from



Jasimuddin, whose website still contains derogatory comments on PM

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Bonya won't remain silent

FBI given Avijit murder evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rafida Ahmed Bonya, the widow of writer-blogger Avijit Roy, has said she will continue to speak for promoting science and secularism for which her husband had dedicated his life and died.

"I will go back to being vocal and expressing what we believe in. The cause that Avijit died for, I will not be quiet," she told the BBC World Service Radio yesterday.

Now recovering from multiple stab injuries in her head and both hands, Bonya said religious fundamentalism had "taken a deep root" in Bangladesh.

She said she had few memories of the attack.

"Somehow, my memory is completely blocked about the incident itself. I don't know if it's like 30 minutes or five minutes. But I remember that Avijit and I



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Wearing a helmet, trader Abdul Latif, who does not have a hand, takes his goods from Badamtoli to his business in the back of a pickup truck. Despite the fear of arson and homemade bomb attacks, he has to go on with his business and life.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Bangladeshis to be relocated if crisis deepens

Says minister

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

The government is considering relocating the Bangladeshi workers from Libya to other North African countries if the situation there deteriorates further, says Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain.

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ISIS HOSTAGES IN LIBYA

Anxiety grips victim families

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Desperate to know his abducted father's whereabouts in Libya, Mohammad Rubel started calling him since yesterday morning.

The phone rang at 9:07am but no one picked up. He called again at 12:10pm, 3:33pm and 5:30pm from his Dakkhin Gajaria village home in Jamalpur.

"Only at 3:33pm, someone received the call and spoke perhaps in Arabic. I understood nothing," said Rubel, son of Helal Uddin, 40, one of the two Bangladeshis abducted allegedly by unknown militants from the Al-Ghani oil field, south of Sirte, on March 6.

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MRP FOR EXPATRIATES

Ministers irked by poor performance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Concerned by the failure of Malaysian company IRIS Berhad in enrolling expatriates for machine readable passports (MRP) timely, the government yesterday decided to increase capacity of its missions abroad to issue the new passports.

If IRIS failed to speed up its job immediately, its contracts would be cancelled and the job would be done through the missions and also by appointing new companies.

A high-level meeting held at the expatriates welfare and overseas

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TOP QUOTE

"This is a mystery why she [Khaleda Zia] is staying at her office leaving her home."

PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA AT PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY



A VIBRANT ECONOMY IN WAITING

The third and final part of our 3-segment 144-page

24TH ANNIVERSARY SUPPLEMENT series, titled 'BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE ECONOMY'

is out today. Make sure you get your copy of this supplement free of charge, from your hawkker. We at The Daily Star are always striving to serve our readers and patrons better.



Kumar Sangakkara never crushes records, he creates those. The magnificent Sri Lankan left-hander struck a sublime 124, his fourth consecutive century in this World Cup, against Scotland in Hobart yesterday. It's an effort that made him the only player in ODI history to achieve that feat on a day he also toppled Australia's Adam Gilchrist as the most successful wicketkeeper with 54 WC dismissals.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Can Tigers rewrite history once more?

BISHWAJIT ROY from Hamilton

Go out to the middle, enjoy your game and express yourself. This should be the mantra when a spirited Bangladesh side take on co-hosts and tournament favourites New Zealand at the Seddon Park here tomorrow in their last Pool A match of the World Cup.

But amidst all the enthusiasm and good vibe, the question whether Mashrafe Bin Mortaza should be playing against the Kiwis is seemingly dividing the Bangladesh camp. One school of thought is of the opinion that the inspirational skipper should play, so as not to disrupt the momentum going into the quarterfinal at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on March 19. The other thought is that the skipper should be rested so that he doesn't aggravate the calf muscle injury and does not run the risk of a possible match suspension in case of a second consecutive slow over-rates offence.

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Apart from the Mashrafe issue, the Bangladesh team were in a positive frame of mind as they arrived in Hamilton yesterday morning. They were looking forward to playing their best cricket against the high-flying Kiwis regardless of the fact that they have already booked their place in the knockout stages of the flagship tournament.

The general attitude is that the Tigers have nothing to lose, rather they can take many positive steps from this battle against the co-hosts. The Tigers will go into the match not only with a tremendous boost in morale for the victory against England the other day but also with an incredible 7-0 win record in the last seven matches against tomorrow's opponents. The Tigers won 4-0 in the 2010 ODI series and 3-0 in the 2013 ODI series, both at home, and haven't played against the Kiwis anywhere else in this time period. On the flipside of things, the Tigers have never managed to win

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Wait for warrant to reach police

PM on Khaleda's arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would be arrested and her Gulshan office searched the moment police received warrants to that end, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told the House yesterday.

"As soon as the arrest and search warrants reach the Gulshan Police Station, steps will be taken ...," Hasina said replying to supplementary questions from Awami League lawmakers AFM Bahauddin Nasim, MA Awal and Shafiqul Islam Shimul during the prime minister's question-answer session.

Hasina, also the leader of the House, said, "This is just a matter of time. The day is not far away."

Saying that people of the country also wanted this, the

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WE MOURN



M. Harunur Rashid (01.11.1927-11.03.2015)

the sad demise of our Director, Mr. M. Harunur Rashid, who expired on Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at United Hospital (Innah---Rajun). He was 88. Mr. Rashid had been associated with the Company since its inception and was the First Managing Director.

We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul.

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