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# Expats' kidnapper caught in Dhaka

Iran-based Bangladeshi 'responsible' for over 100 such crimes

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and Chittagong.

In blatant violation of the electoral

code of conduct, cabinet members

are holding meetings to draw up

campaign strategies to clinch vic-

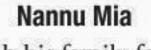
tory for the ruling party-backed

mayoral candidates in elections to

the three city corporations in Dhaka

A Bangladeshi expatriate, responsible for abducting over a hundred fellow countrymen in Iran for ransom in the last six years, has finally landed in Bangladesh jail.

Deported by the Iranian authorities, Nannu Mia, ringleader of an Iran-based kidnappers' gang, was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department on Monday night immediately after he disembarked at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.



Nannu, who is from Sylhet, had been living in Iran with his family for around 35 years. He ran a "camp" in the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas where his men

held captive Bangladeshi migrants working in the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and other Middle Eastern countries, said CID officials.

The CID had been in touch with the Iranian police and the Interpol for updates on his activities.

Iranian police arrested 50-year-old Nannu at the end of 2013, acting on CID's information about his involvement in abducting, trafficking and torturing migrant workers for ransom.

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A mobile court of the fisheries department, assisted by Rab, seized over 7.5 tonnes of jatka (Hilsa fry) at the wholesale market in the capital's Karwan Bazar yesterday, the day before the beginning of a weeklong jatka conservation campaign. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

### Root cause gill net

Jatka catching goes unabated

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A ban on jatka fishing is in place. Drives are being regularly conducted to prevent fishermen from catching the hilsa fry. And compensation packages are being provided

to affected fishermen. Yet, the government is not achieving the desired success in jatka conservation, and some government officials believe it was because the illegal use of gill nets could not be stopped.

Even yesterday, more than 7.5 tonnes of jatka was seized in the capital's Karwan Bazar wholesale market, only a day before a weeklong jatka conservation campaign begins today.

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#### CITY CORPORATION

Flout electoral code of conduct

Yesterday, some ministers and state ministers

held separate meetings with leaders of the Awami

Ministers don't care

#### ELECTIONS2015

League-led 14-party alliance in

bers and a prime minister's adviser

with the status of a minister had

another such meeting with the AL's

Dhaka city unit leaders. Sayeed

### ARREST OF CRIME ACCUSED Cops need no

permission Dhaka and Chittagong cities to EC Nawaz upholds discuss the polls scheduled for April: police's assertion

A day before, four cabinet mem-: STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz yesterday said law enforcers need not take any permission from the EC to arrest anyone. "As far as I know, there is no such provi-

Khokon, AL-blessed mayor aspirant in Dhaka South · sion in the electoral laws or code of

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BLOGGER MURDER LINKS

## What cops really know?

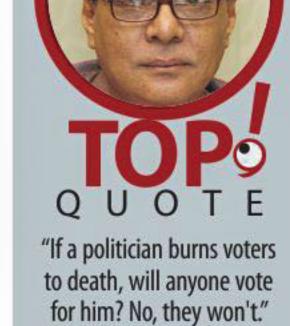
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One of the two youths, caught after the murder of Oyasiqur Rahman Babu, was a JMB activist who was arrested with a huge cache of explosives in Narsingdi a few years ago, said DMP Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam.

**Oyasigur Rahman** 

But it is yet to be known whether the attack was planned and executed by a single organisation. "It can be Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB),

Ansarullah Bangla Team or Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji)," Monirul Islam told The Daily Star.



AWAMI LEAGUE GENERAL SECRETARY

SYED ASHRAFUL ISLAM AT A RALLY IN THE CAPITAL

•Details inside



A Facebook photo of Krishna Kaberi Biswas with her two daughters. Kaberi was killed at her Mohammadpur apartment on Monday night. Inset, a relative of Kaberi wipes tears at the Dhaka Medical College morgue.

PHOTO: FACEBOOK/STAR

## Birthday party turns bloody

Wife killed, husband, daughters injured by hammer-wielding guest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BRTA official, his wife and two daughters came under a brutal hammer attack by a man in their Iqbal Road apartment in the capital on Monday night. The wife died from head injuries early yesterday.

The dead, Krishna Kaberi Biswas, 35, was a former college teacher.

Her husband Sitangshu Shekhar Biswas, deputy director of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), and younger daughter Artri, 8, were in a critical condition. The elder daughter, Smruti, 15, was out of danger. All three were admitted to Metropolitan Hospital, said police.

The attacker, Zahirul Islam Zahir, was known to Sitangshu, 48.

The attack was related to stockmarket business involving several crores of taka, suspect the victims' relatives.

Zahir, 30, went to the apartment around 8:30pm. He took with him packets of sweetmeats, a cake and a flower

bouquet to wish Sitangshu a belated happy birthday, the relatives said. SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

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