



## Expats' kidnapper caught in Dhaka

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

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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.



Nannu Mia

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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**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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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## ELECTIONS 2015

## Ministers don't care

**Flout electoral code of conduct**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In blatant violation of the electoral code of conduct, cabinet members are holding meetings to draw up campaign strategies to clinch victory for the ruling party-backed mayoral candidates in elections to the three city corporations in Dhaka and Chittagong.

Yesterday, some ministers and state ministers held separate meetings with leaders of the Awami



Khokon, AL-blessed mayor aspirant in Dhaka South

League-led 14-party alliance in Dhaka and Chittagong cities to discuss the polls scheduled for April 28.

A day before, four cabinet members 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

Khokon, AL-blessed mayor aspirant in Dhaka South

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## ARREST OF CRIME ACCUSED Cops need no permission

**EC Nawaz upholds police's assertion**

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 provision in the electoral laws or code of

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## BLOGGER MURDER LINKS

## What cops really know?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the two youths, caught after the murder of Oyasiquir 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.

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.

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Oyasiquir Rahman

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QUOTE

"If a politician burns voters to death, will anyone vote for him? No, they won't."

AWAMI LEAGUE GENERAL SECRETARY  
**SYED ASHRAFUL ISLAM**  
AT A RALLY IN THE CAPITAL



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.

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