

# US surveillance powers expire

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Barack Obama, who has pushed for reforms to address privacy concerns. **MASS COLLECTION OF TELEPHONE METADATA**  
The Patriot Act had allowed the NSA nearly unobstructed access to information about phone numbers called and the times of the calls. The government claimed they did not have access to the content of those phone calls, but some have raised suspicion over that point.

Now the programme has expired, such records will still be kept by the phone companies but will only be available to the NSA via search warrants.

**ROVING AND LONE-WOLF WIRETAPS**  
Lost to the NSA along with telephone data was the use of two wiretap techniques: roving and lone-wolf. Roving wiretaps allow investigators to track a suspected terrorist known to often switch telephones. Lone-wolf wiretaps - which the Times reports have never been used - allow the tracking of suspects not linked with a specific terror organisation.

**WHY THE DELAY?**  
Mr Paul, whose libertarian stance has gained new support for his Republican presidential claim but alienated some traditional backers, claimed the Patriot Act wasted resources that would be better spent targeting those who planned attacks.

The Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell disagreed, but was forced to concede that Mr Paul's objections meant the Patriot Act would fail to win majority approval.

Senator John McCain was among Patriot Act supporters who accused Mr Paul of raising money for his presidential campaign. "He obviously has a higher priority for his fundraising and political ambitions than for the security of the nation," he said.

**WILL IT HARM SECURITY?**  
The Freedom Act would end spy agencies' bulk collection of domestic telephone "metadata" and replace it with a more targeted system, where the NSA would have to get court approval to access specific data.  
A review panel President Obama estab-

lished in 2013 concluded that the metadata collection programme had not been essential to preventing any terrorist attack.  
As for the delay between the two acts, intelligence experts said a lapse of only a few days would have little immediate effect. The government is allowed to continue collecting information related to any foreign intelligence investigations that began before the deadline.

# China to conduct live-fire drills near Myanmar border

AFP, Beijing

The Chinese military will hold a live-fire exercise near its border with Myanmar, state media reported yesterday, as effects from an ethnic insurgency raging in the southeast Asian country spill over into China.

The official Xinhua news agency, citing unidentified military sources, said the drill would begin today in Yunnan province, but provided no other details, such as what kind of weapons would be used.

The report comes as tensions have flared in the border area as Myanmar battles an ethnic insurgency in its north-eastern Shan state. The country declared a state of emergency in the Kokang region in February.

Last month local authorities in southwest China said that five people - a Chinese national and four from Myanmar - were injured after two explosive devices hit the area.

In March, a Myanmar warplane dropped a bomb in a sugarcane field, killing five Chinese people and injuring eight others.

# Jamaat hails

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Indian government will take steps to stop the construction of the Tipaimukh dam and to end killing of Bangladeshis along the border by the Border Security Force, said the statement.

# Arrest order

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Previously, the Thai government denied reports that security officers were linked to human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

The junta launched a crackdown on human trafficking syndicates after the country was relegated by the United States to Tier 3, the lowest level, in its Trafficking in Persons report last year.

The crackdown resulted in the discovery of a mass grave in the southern border province of Songkhla in late April, while an influx of boat people on the Indian Ocean and the Andaman Sea continued.

Meanwhile, a number of boatpeople have come ashore in eastern Indonesia after they were intercepted by the Australian navy and pushed into Indonesian waters as they headed for New Zealand, police said yesterday.

The boatpeople - 65 migrants from Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka - were spotted by the Australians, said Hidayat, an Indonesian police official on Rote Island in the east of the archipelago.

"According to their testimony, they were pushed back by the Australian navy and immigration after they were interrogated," said the official. "They said they were on their way to New Zealand."

He said they were spotted by local residents Sunday near a beach after their boat sank, reports AFP.

The police official did not say where the boatpeople, who included women and children, had started their journey, although such groups in the past set off from Indonesia en route to Australia.

The would-be refugees were being held at a police station and would be processed by immigration officials today, the official said.

After Australia introduced its military-led operation two years ago, the numbers attempting the route from Indonesia to Australia declined dramatically.

**THE ARREST WARRANT**  
Maj Gen Manas, 58, was serving the army in the South as an adviser in several prominent positions, including the chief of the Chumphon military area, and the chief of 42nd Army district in Songkhla.

A provincial court approved the arrest warrant after a written request was submitted by Pol Maj General Paween Phongsirin, an area commander responsible for provinces in the upper South and the police investigation into the entire human traffick-

# Shab-e-Barat tonight

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graves of their relatives and Muslim saints and distribute sweets and homemade food among the poor, their neighbours, friends and relatives.

Various religious and socio-cultural organisations and the Islamic Foundation have drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the occasion.

Meanwhile, President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia have issued separate messages on the occasion.

Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar and private TV and radio stations will air special programmes while newspapers will run articles, highlighting the significance of the night.

According to Muslim belief, Shab-e-Barat is the night when Allah arranges the affairs of His creations for the following year by taking into account their past deeds.

Shab-e-Barat also means the night of forgiveness. On this exalted night, Muslims pray to Allah both in preparation for the holy month of Ramadan and seeking forgiveness of their sins.

# 'Breakthrough'

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2,000 people in Britain each year. **DEFENSIVE BOOST**  
Harnessing the immune system is a rapidly developing field in cancer research.

The immune system is a powerful defence against infection. However, there are many "brakes" built in to stop the system attacking our own tissues.

Cancer - which is a corrupted version of healthy tissue - can take advantage of these brakes to evade assault from the immune system.

Ipilimumab, which was approved as an advanced melanoma treatment by the UK's health service last year, and nivolumab both take the brakes off.

An international trial on 945 people showed that taking both drugs led to tumours shrinking by at least a third in 58% of patients - with the tumours stable or shrinking for an average of 11.5 months.

The figures, published simultaneously in the New England Journal of Medicine, for ipilimumab on its own were 19% and 2.5 months.

**'BIG FUTURE'**  
Dr James Larkin, a consultant at the Royal Marsden Hospital and one of the UK's lead investigators, told BBC News: "By giving these drugs together you are effectively taking two brakes off the immune system rather than one so the immune system is able to recognise tumours it wasn't previously recognising and react to that and destroy them."

"For immunotherapies, we've never seen tumour shrinkage rates over 50 percent so that's very significant to see."

"This is a treatment modality that I think is going to have a big future for the treatment of cancer."

The first analysis of the data received top billing at the cancer conference in Chicago, but the key piece of information - how long treated patients live - is still unknown.

"We hope these early responses will turn out to be durable, but at the moment we can't say," said Dr Larkin.

Side-effects such as fatigue, a rash or diarrhoea are also an issue. More than half of those tested had side effects on combination therapy compared to around a quarter on ipilimumab alone.

It is also uncertain why some people responded exceptionally well to treatment, while others had no benefit at all.

The research comes hot on the heels of another immunotherapy breakthrough which showed lung cancer could also be treated with similar drugs.

Cait Chalwin, 43, from Cornwall, started the trail after she was diagnosed with melanoma in 2013.

A growth on her face that had been classed as benign was in fact cancerous and had spread to her lungs. Doctors said she had 18-24 months to live.

She was treated at The Royal Marsden and her cancer is now stable, but has had to come off the trial due to side effects.

She said: "I am feeling absolutely amazing now."

"It took a long time to get back to normal, to feel how I felt before diagnosis, however I do firmly believe that if the treatment hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here now."

# Journo Sirajur Rahman

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He became a legend in Bangladesh for his contributions to the programmes broadcast on BBC Bangla radio during the Liberation War.

Rahman used to write for different newspapers regularly after his retirement from BBC Bangla Service in 1994. His son and a daughter had died earlier.

The veteran journalist's contributions have been recognised on several occasions. He was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 2002.

Dipankar Ghosh, a long-time colleague of Rahman, told BBC Bangla Service that he was involved in journalism since childhood. He worked on both sides of Bengal and gained popularity.

# 2 killed in landslide

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Liakat Ali, 27, son of Abdur Rahman of South Charati village in Satkania upazila. The injured is Md Halim, 20, of Satkania, said police.

Quoting witnesses, police said around eight to 10 workers were cutting a privately-owned hill at Dakkhin Para in Pukuria union around 2:00am when a chunk of earth fell on the three workers, leaving the duo dead on the spot and another injured.

Injured Halim was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Banskhali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Swapan Kumar Majumder said the hill was owned by one Abul Goni and his cousin Abdur Sobur in the area.

They were cutting the hill without permission from the department of environment, police said, adding that the owners of the hill went into hiding following the incident.

# Offices to run

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There will be a 15-minute prayer break from 1:15pm-1:30pm during Ramadan office hours, the cabinet secretary said.

# Cabinet okays

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countries to set up economic zones in Bangladesh on government-to-government (G2G) basis.

The proposed amendment has the provision of establishing Economic Zones in city corporations, municipalities and cantonment board areas for only IT and ICT related industries, Musharraf said. Earlier, there were restrictions in setting up economic zones within these areas, he added.

As countries like China, Japan and India have shown their interests to set up economic zones in Bangladesh on G2G basis following the successful visits of the prime minister to those countries, amendment to the act has been proposed, he said.

The cabinet also approved the draft of 'National Social Security Strategy of Bangladesh' for bringing the vulnerable social groups under social safety network for their whole life.

This would also give special attention to

the physically-challenged and disabled people, added Musharraf.

**LBA GETS PRANAB'S NOD**  
On the Indian side, President Pranab Mukherjee has approved the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement.

Mukherjee gave his assent to the Constitution (100th Amendment) Bill, 2015 on May 28 to ratify the 1974 Indira-Mujib agreement on the demarcation of a portion of India-Bangladesh border and transfer of territories, Parliament sources said today. A gazette notification was issued in this regard on May 29.

**TRIAL BUS SERVICE**  
The bus that left Kolkata on a trial run was received at Benapole in Jessore around 2:30pm by a government delegation. Azharul Islam, joint secretary of road transport and bridges ministry and deputy commissioner Humayun Kabir, among others, received the Indian delegation.

# Woman, 92, runs

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then, while she was undergoing cancer treatment.

Cancer has affected Thompson's life deeply. She lost her husband of 67 years to the disease in January and now struggles with painful wounds on her legs resulting from treatment for squamous cell carcinoma. It's fitting, therefore, that Thompson runs her marathons to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In the 16 years she's been running, she has raised over \$100,000 for the organization.

Thompson's son, Brenny, often runs with her, but this year she had more well-known

company. Starting up front with the elite runners gave her the opportunity to meet Meb Keflezighi, the New York and Boston marathon winner. But during the race, Thompson herself became the celebrity. "Since I'm so old, everybody wants to have their picture taken with me. Brenny says, 'Don't stop her, just take a selfie,' rather than stop and take pictures all the time, because I'd never get to the end," Thompson told Runner's World.

Thompson's new record breaks the one set by Gladys Burrill, who ran the Honolulu Marathon at 92 years, 19 days old. Thompson is nearly three months senior.

# 710 claim

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Sayedul said it depended on the completion of the verification process.

Jyotimay Dutta, joint secretary at the home ministry, said they would hand over the list to the Special Branch of police for verification.

"Once the verification process is complete, we will send the list to the foreign ministry for necessary action," he added.

Meanwhile, Malaysia-based CARAM Asia, a regional network on migrant rights, in a press release yesterday said they opened hotlines for the families of the Bangladeshi trafficking victims. The hotlines in Bangladesh are 8801984-766346, 8801984-766347 and 8801984-766348. The num-

bers in Malaysia are 60169410952 and 60143239146.

Also, relatives can email at [harun@caramasia.org](mailto:harun@caramasia.org) or [missingmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:missingmigrant@gmail.com).

The families can check more conveniently whether their dear ones have ended up in Malaysia, Indonesia or Thailand through these hotlines, said Mohammad Harun Al Rashid, regional coordinator at CARAM Asia.

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### CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum is hereby issued to the Tender Notice for renovation of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel owned by **Bangladesh Services Limited** for rebranding as InterContinental Dhaka hotel, published in the National Dailies (The Daily Star and Daily Ittefaq) and BSL's website [www.bsl.gov.bd](http://www.bsl.gov.bd) on **13th May 2015** as under:

Package No.	Name of the Works	Closing date of Submission
Package-3A	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Kitchen and Laundry equipment and Associated Works under renovation project at 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000.	The revised date of submission of tender will be <b>25/06/2015</b> instead of 11/06/2015

**(Md. Abul Monsur)**  
Secretary