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# Iftar

## delicacy of Old Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Iftar delicacies being sold at Chawkbazar in Old Dhaka yesterday. This is the biggest market in the capital where iftar items are sold throughout the month of Ramadan.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## BALLISTIC TEST REPORT

### Bullet found in victim's body was from Rony's pistol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ballistic tests confirmed that a bullet found inside the body of one of the two persons killed in a shooting in the capital recently was shot from a licensed pistol of Bakhtiar Alam Rony, police said yesterday.

Bakhtiar is the son of Pinu Khan, a lawmaker of the ruling Awami League. At a press briefing at the DMP media centre, Monirul Islam, spokesperson for the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they received the report on Wednesday.

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## Myanmar yet to return BGB man

### 37 trafficking victims sent back

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar



Nayek Abdur Razzak

Myanmar has yet to return Border Guard Bangladesh Nayek Abdur Razzak in spite of a meeting between the BGB and Myanmar officials. Maj Aminul Islam, additional director, BGB Battalion 17 in Cox's Bazar, said they had discussed the release of Nayek Razzak at the meeting with Myanmar's immigration and national registration department.

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## ATTACK ON US CHURCH

### White suspect charged with murder

REUTERS, Charleston

A 21-year-old white man has been charged with nine counts of murder for an attack on a historic black South Carolina church, local police said yesterday, with media reporting that he had hoped his actions would incite a race war in the United States.

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# They saw death closely

## Human trafficking victims narrate voyage of horror

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

They saw their fellows dying one by one from severe thirst, hunger and torture by human traffickers on the sea. Some of them looked half-dead and they never believed they would return home alive. A number of Bangladeshis among 61 trafficking victims, who returned to Dhaka on Thursday from Kuala Lumpur, shared their ordeal with The Daily Star at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

"Two brothers boarded our ship together. One of them died in the sea after the traffickers had brutally beaten him up. The other brother could not do anything out of fear for his own life," said Shamsul Alam, one of the returnees. Shamsul faced horrible ordeal on that ship for more than two months after he had left his village home in Jhenidah's Sadar upazila. "The traffickers threw a man into the sea as he became seriously ill. It was very shocking to us but very normal to them [traffickers]. They had no feel-

ings," added Shamsul. The 35-year-old also said he had reached Cox's Bazar at the end of February and was later taken to a fishing boat along with others in the first week of March. "After two weeks, we joined a group of around 800 passengers in a large ship," he said. Initially, the traffickers used to provide them with rice twice a day. Later, they served noodles and fried rice. But the food supply was stopped totally when the ship was in the middle of the sea.

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## SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
2	20		6-52
3	21	3-38	6-52
4	22	3-39	6-52



## PRAYER TIMING

JUNE 20

FAZ	ZOHR	ASR	MAGRIB	ESHA
3-38	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT	3-48	1-15	5-15	6-62
			3-39	6-45

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## US lauds progress in anti-terrorism

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has demonstrated strong political will and firm commitment to combating domestic and transnational terrorist groups, said the United States in a new report yesterday. "Bangladesh made counterterrorism progress in 2014, with the government demonstrating a commitment to counter both domestic and transnational terrorist groups," said the US Department of State in its annual Congressionally mandated Country Reports on Terrorism 2014. No major terrorist incident took place in 2014, and the government's

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## Outlaw killed in 'shootout'

### 9 hurt as robbers exchange fire with police

STAR REPORT

An outlaw was killed in a "shootout" between police and his cohorts in Mirpur upazila early yesterday. The dead, Nazmul Islam alias Sagar, 29, of Kholishakundi village in Daulatpur upazila, was a member of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz, police said. Sagar stood accused in four criminal cases, including murdering Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leader Ismail Hossain Panjer in 2014. The cases were filed with Mirpur and Bheramara police stations. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided Katlamari village where criminals were preparing to commit a robbery on vehicles on Kushtia-Meherpur highway about 3:30am, said Kazi Jalal Uddin,

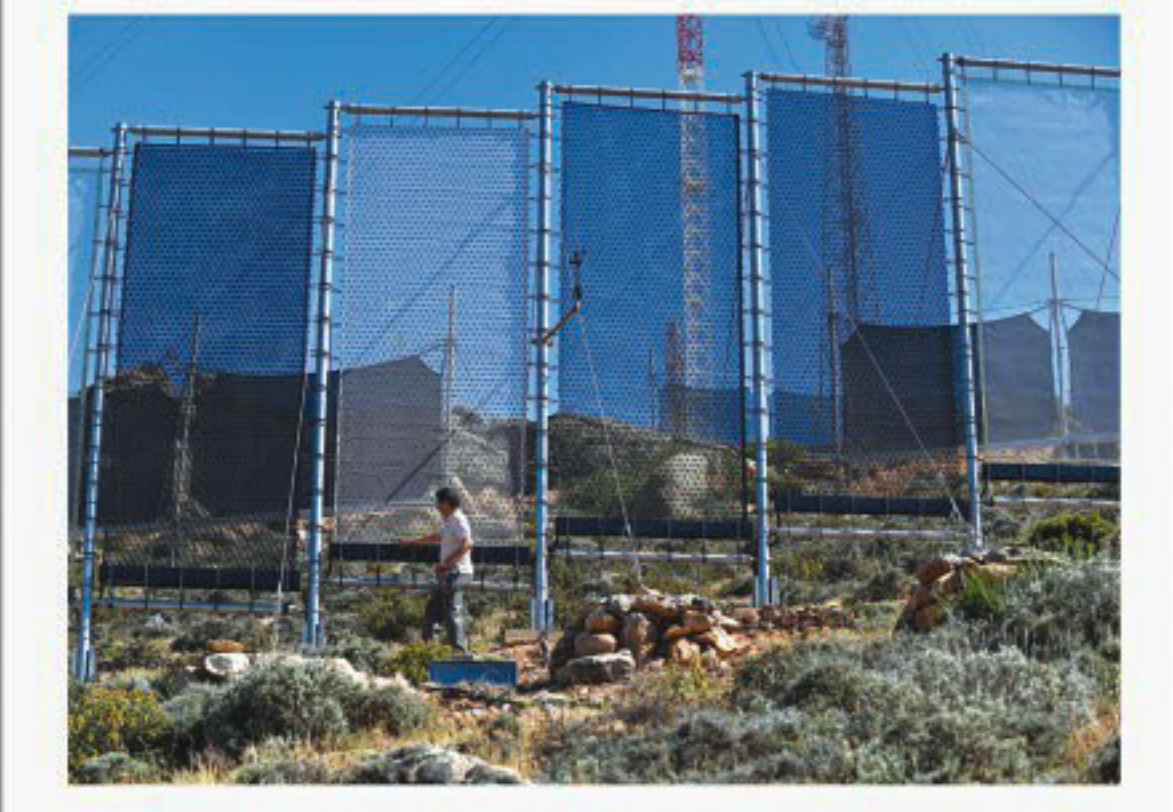
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A man driving a scooter with three minor pillion riders in a city street. He appears least bothered about the consequences in case there was an accident, especially as neither he nor the kids were wearing any helmets. PHOTO: STAR

## Harvesting fog for water

AFP, Sidi Ifni



Green technology to turn fog into fresh water straight from the tap has put an end to exhausting daily treks to distant wells by village women in southwest Morocco. Families in five highland Berber communities have begun to benefit from "fog harvesting", a technique devised in Chile two decades ago and since taken up in countries from Peru to Namibia and South Africa.

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## DU staff, three traders held

### Charged with supplying chemicals to militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives on Thursday night arrested a Dhaka University laboratory assistant and three chemical traders in connection with supplying bomb-making chemicals to militants. The arrestees admitted supplying the chemicals to Khaled alias Ifti, a detained militant operative, only for financial benefits, police said. "We are investigating whether the arrestees have any

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