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## JAMDANI elegance

ANISUR RAHMAN

Every Thursday, a few hundred weavers gather at a weekly market at Demra in the capital to sell their hand-made Jamdani saris, which many women have on their desire list ahead of Eid.

The weavers use hand-looms to make saris either at their homes on the campus of the state-run Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) or in nearby villages, said local weaver Monir.

The hard part of weaving a Jamdani is the motifs are neither embroidered nor printed but are painstakingly sewn by hand when the fabric is still on the loom. This makes the work time consuming and labour intensive. Sometimes it takes months to weave a

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## Back from traffickers' den

Returnees tell of nightmarish experience in sea, camps in Thai jungle

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

All they wanted to achieve was a better future. To bring solvency and happiness to their families, they became desperate to migrate to Malaysia even by any means.

But they had to return home empty-handed after enduring inhuman suffering in the sea and at jungle camps where they were held and tortured by

human traffickers.

A number of Bangladeshis, among the 41 trafficking victims who returned to Dhaka on Wednesday after serving different terms of jail sentence in Thai detention centres, shared their ordeals with The Daily Star at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

One of them was Sajibuzzaman Sajib, 22, a resident of Kalaroa upazila in Satkhira. He had to serve eight

months' imprisonment in a Thai detention centre.

A school dropout, Sajib was deceived by a local human trafficker who promised him and seven others of the upazila jobs and handsome salaries in Malaysia in October last year.

Abdul Latif, the alleged human trafficker, promised to send them to Malaysia by air.

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## 2 'militants' held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday claimed to have arrested the commander and a financier of the newly formed militant outfit "Bangladesh Jihadi Group" in the capital's Mohammadpur.

Asaduzzaman alias Milon alias Milu and Firoz Mohammad Tomal were picked up from a house in Mohammadi Housing area around 5:00pm on Wednesday. Detectives also seized three foreign-made pistols, 15 bullets, one kilogram of explosives and two laptops from them.

Also known as Abdullah alias Anik, Asad formed Bangladesh Jihadi Group as per instructions from Maulana Abdur Rauf, a top leader of the banned militant outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (Huji), said Monirul Islam, spokesperson of Dhaka Metropolitan

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### SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

| Ramadan | June | Sehri | Iftar |
|---------|------|-------|-------|
| 8       | 26   |       | 6-53  |
| 9       | 27   | 3-40  | 6-53  |
| 10      | 28   | 3-41  | 6-53  |

## NEW MOORING CONTAINER HANDLING Work awarded within 16 days of bidding

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday appointed Saif Powertec Limited and two other firms as operators for handling containers in two jetties of its New Mooring Container Terminal.

It came just 16 days after Saif Powertec, a joint venture, submitted the tender.

Awarding of a tender in such a short time is unprecedented.

The two other companies in the joint venture are A&J Traders and M/s MH Chowdhury Limited. They have been hired to do the job for two years. Newly elected city Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin is chairman of M/s MH Chowdhury Limited, a berth

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## Miracle survival

BBC ONLINE

A young mother and her baby have been found alive five days after their plane crashed in the jungle of western Colombia.

A Colombian Air Force chief described their survival as "a miracle".

Maria Nelly Murillo, 18, and her one-year-old son

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PHOTO: AFP/ COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE

A Red Cross member holding a baby boy on a helicopter after the baby and his mother (not in the picture) were rescued on Wednesday, five days after the light aircraft they were travelling crashed in a Colombia forest on Saturday.

**আন্তর্জাতিক গৌরবময় সম্মাননা অর্জনে আল ফাতাহ পাবলিকেশন**

বিশ্বের ১১৬টি দেশের বিভিন্ন প্রকাশনা, কোম্পানি ও সংস্থার মধ্যে সর্বোচ্চ গুণগতমান, প্রযুক্তিগত উৎকর্ষতা, উন্নত গ্রাহক সেবা, সফল নেতৃত্ব, উন্নত ব্যবস্থাপনা ও উদ্ভাবনী সক্ষমতার শ্রেষ্ঠ আদর্শের স্বীকৃতিস্বরূপ Business Initiative Directions (BID) কর্তৃক '17 International Quality Convention GENEVA 2015' অনুষ্ঠানে আল ফাতাহ পাবলিকেশন অর্জন করেছে 'সেফুরী ইন্টারন্যাশনাল কোয়ালিটি ইআরএ (ERA) অ্যাওয়ার্ড'।

## Khaleda attends Jamaat iftar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday said the government's "conspiracy to ruin the party" through executing the death sentences of its leaders convicted of war crimes would not be successful.

Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Mujibur Rahman made the comment at an iftar party

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### PRAYER TIMING

JUNE 26

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

|        |      |       |      |      |      |
|--------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| AZAN   | 3-39 | 12-30 | 5-00 | 6-53 | 8-17 |
| JAMAAT | 3-49 | 1-15  | 5-15 | 6-63 | 8-45 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

**Kazi Mahtab Uddin Ahmed**  
1946-2015

We are deeply grieved and shocked at the death of Kazi Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, Chairman & Managing Director of Moushumi Industries Ltd, Vice President, Bangladesh Handball Federation and President, Bangladesh Cosmetics Manufacturers' Association. We pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

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