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## Empowering JS affects free judiciary

Dr Kamal on SC judge impeachment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 16th constitutional amendment that re-empowered parliament to impeach Supreme Court judges has affected the independence of the judiciary, renowned jurist Dr Kamal Hossain told the High Court yesterday.

Security of judges' tenure is an element for the independence of the judiciary which is a part of the basic structure of the constitution, he said. "The judges' tenure should be

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## ARSON ATTACK CASE

Shawkat Mahmud remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed BNP chairperson's Adviser Shawkat Mahmud on a three-day remand in a case filed for killing a man in an arson attack in January.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan passed the order after Detective Branch (DB) of police produced Shawkat, also president of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, before the court with a 10-day remand plea.

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### PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 20

|        |       |      |         |      |
|--------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Fazr   | Zohr  | Asr  | Maghrib | Esha |
| 4-25   | 12-45 | 4-45 | 6-38    | 8-00 |
| JAMAAT | 5-00  | 1-15 | 5-00    | 6-41 |
|        |       |      |         | 8-30 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Cheaper way to treat pneumonia

Bangladeshi scientists develop more effective oxygen therapy for infants

PORIMOL PALMA

In a major breakthrough, scientists in Bangladesh have developed a low-cost technology for treating infants suffering from severe pneumonia and hypoxaemia.

Dr Jobayer Chisti, who led a research to develop this technology, said it is more effective than the standard oxygen therapy used in the developing countries.

Lung infections by bacteria or viruses cause pneumonia while hypoxaemia means abnormally low level of oxygen in the blood. Infants below the age of five who die from diseases constitute 13 percent of the total deaths of children in Bangladesh.

In the traditional low-flow oxygen therapy, patients receive only oxygen but the new method -- called bubble continuous positive airway pressure (Bubble CPAP) -- requires a water-filled bottle with a pipe going through a nasal hole in addition to the oxygen flow, explained Dr Chisti.

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A researcher closely observes an infant with pneumonia at the icddr,b hospital in Dhaka. The medical research organisation has developed a low cost oxygen therapy -- Bubble CPAP -- for severe pneumonia and hypoxaemia.

PHOTO: ICDDR,B

## GIRL HARASSMENT IN SIRAJGANJ Victim's mother beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A woman was beaten to death yesterday for protesting the harassment of her daughter by a neighbour in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj, police said.

The deceased, Khushi Begum, 45, is wife of Kamrul Islam of Vatara village.

ATM Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tarash Police Station, said Khushi's 18-year-old daughter was harassed by Abu Hanif a few weeks ago. As Khushi went to his house to protest the harassment around 12:30pm yesterday, an altercation broke out between her and Hanif's wife Nirala Begum.

At one stage, Hanif, Nirala and his sister Rahima Khatun started beating up Khushi. She died on the spot, the OC said.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Nirala and Rahima were arrested, but Hanif managed to flee.

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## 3 lawyers held for 'funding militants'

Rab claims the arrestees are linked with Ctg-based outfit Hamja Brigade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Rapid Action Battalion on Tuesday arrested three lawyers in the city's Dhanmondi area in connection with financing Shaheed Hamja Brigade, a Chittagong-based militant outfit.

Shakila Farzana, 39, and Hasanuzzaman Liton, 30, who reportedly practise at the Supreme Court, and Mahfuz Chowdhury Bapon, 25, who practises at the District Judge's Court, Dhaka, were arrested, said Commanding Officer of Rab-7 Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed at a press conference at its Chittagong headquarters.

Shakila hailed from Chittagong and is the daughter of former BNP MP and whip of parliament Syed Wahidul Alam. Liton hails from Kushtia, while Bapon's address could not be known immediately.

Shakila is a member of Chittagong district (north) unit BNP and joint general secretary of Nationalist Lawyers Forum, Nur Mohammed, joint convener of the district unit told The Daily Star.

A Banshkali court yesterday placed the three on four-day remand each in connection

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## Parrot 'detained for hurling abuse'

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The relationship with one's stepmother is always a fraught one, even for animals.

In the Indian town of Rajura in the state of Maharashtra, police summoned a parrot to the local station after an 85-year-old woman had accused the animal's owner - her stepson - of training

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## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MR MAYOR?

Small garbage rickshaw-vans parked on Pragati Sarani near Baridhara Natun Bazar area in the capital yesterday, obstructing traffic movement and spreading an unpleasant smell on the busy road. As of 1:45pm, when the photo was taken, no city corporation vehicle collected the waste.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Khaleda slams 'repressive acts' of govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night lambasted the government for "sending" the party's senior leader MK Anwar to jail and arresting her adviser Shawkat Mahmud.

She called upon the government to return to the path of democracy

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## Bomber part of a network

Say Thai police; shrine reopens

AFP, Bangkok

Thai authorities said yesterday the man who carried out a devastating Bangkok shrine bombing that killed 20 people was a foreigner and part of a network.

Police released a sketch of a young, bespectacled man shown on security footage walking into the crowded Hindu shrine in a popular tourist hub and placing a backpack believed to contain the bomb.

A few hours later a Bangkok court issued an

arrest warrant for the man, describing him as a foreigner but not identifying him any further.

The warrant, issued by Bangkok's Southern Criminal Court, accused an "unnamed foreigner of premeditated murder, attempted murder and bomb-making".

Before the arrest warrant was made public, national police chief General Somyot Poompanmoung told reporters a "network" had orchestrated the attack, which has no precedent in the Thai capital.

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The suspect



## WE ARE SHATTERED

Sajjad Hassan Saleh (Nintu) a highly qualified (including CIMA) and experienced Financial Risk Management Professional with multiple degrees from home and abroad, passed away at a hospital in Toronto, Canada, on 12 August 2015 at the age of only 47 years (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). He was diagnosed with metastatic renal cell carcinoma in May this year. He was the younger between two sons of Late Muhammad Saleh hailing from Village - Shahpur, Union - Ratanpur, Upazila - Nabinagar, District - Brahmanbaria. He left behind his mother (Shirajun Nahar), wife (Nafisa Sultana) two minor sons (Arshad Nafis Saleh, 10 Yrs. and Ayman Nafis Saleh, 05 Yrs.), only brother (Mahbub Hassan Saleh) and numerous relatives, friends, colleagues and well wishers to mourn his extremely premature demise. He was a great human being and a very pious Muslim, who was hugely popular among relatives, friends, colleagues and all associates.

During his 23 year-long professional career, he worked for Desh Group, Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), Duncan Brothers (Bangladesh) Ltd., and BRAC EPL in Bangladesh, and the globally renowned Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) with great reputation.

The mortal remains of Sajjad Hassan Saleh (Nintu) are being brought to Bangladesh. His Namaz e Janaza would be held after Juma Prayers on Friday, 21 August 2015 at Dhanmondi Eidgah Mashjid, and he would be buried at Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard in Mirpur.

A Doa Mahfil / Special Prayer would be held for him on Saturday, 22 August 2015 after Asr Prayers at Priyanka Community Centre, House No. 52/1, Road No. 3A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka -1209.

All his relatives, friends, colleagues and well wishers of all faiths are requested to join all his last rites and pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

May his immortal soul rest in eternal peace.

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