

Fresh fear

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a Japanese national.
Against this backdrop, police's announcement of hunting for "a so-called big brother" will mount pressure on their leaders, they said.
They fear that police will force the "big brother" to name senior BNP-Jamaat leaders as masterminds behind the two killings.
"Our field level leaders are on the run already. If any top leaders of the Dhaka city BNP is implicated in these killings, harassment of our leaders will increase further," a BNP standing committee member told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.
Two Dhaka city BNP leaders echoed his views.
Quoting intelligence agencies, various newspapers have been reporting the alleged involvement of Habib-un Nabi Khan Sohel, member secretary of Dhaka city BNP, in the killing of Kunio.
Asked, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the new theory of "big brother" would be used as a tool to intensify police crackdown on opposition men.
"Police who are supposed to identify the real culprits are making unwarranted comments. They are being used by the government to eliminate the opposition entirely," he alleged.
Mosul Alam, a member of Jamaat's central Majlish-e-Surah, alleged police were arresting their leaders across the country over the killings of the two foreign nationals.
"Now, police is cooking up a new story like big brother to arrest more opposition men," he told The Daily Star.
BNP senior leader Nazrul Islam Khan alleged, "Whatever happens, the government blames it on the BNP to destroy the party... But people understand why the government is after the BNP. They do not believe the government claims."

Suicide blast

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"detonated his explosive belt in an assembly of the rejectionist Ismaili polytheists".
In August, the same group claimed another blast in Saudi Arabia's southern region. Fifteen people died in that suicide bombing at a mosque frequented by members of a police special weapons and tactics unit in Abha city.
"Those worshippers were leaving the mosque, a person wearing a suicide belt entered and blew himself up amongst them," the ministry said of the latest attack.
It said one person was killed at the scene and a second died later of injuries. The wounded were taken to hospital, it said without giving a number.

6 killed

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50, of Shyampur village, were taken to Jamalpur General Hospital, according to the victims' families.
They were later shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.
There was no gateman at the level crossing, said Jahurul Islam, station master of Jamalpur Railway Station.
The bodies were handed over to their families, the police official said.
Meanwhile, Shabbuddin Khan, deputy commissioner of Jamalpur, visited the spot and donated Tk 40,000 to the family whose three members were killed and Tk 20,000 to each of the deceased families.

Lone website

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Kunio Hoshi and Saturday's Hossaini Dalan blast.
Katz never mentioned exactly where and how ISIS, also known as IS, made the claims. Media outlets around the world had to report the claims citing SITE Intelligence Group's postings alone.
Normally terrorist outfits claim responsibilities for any attack through their own media platforms, some jihadi sites, or by sending releases to the media.
For example, ISIS claimed responsibility for the September 2 bombings at a Yemeni mosque on its social media, CNN reported.
The group broadcast a statement on its al-Bayan radio station to claim responsibility for the May 5 Texas attack, according to the Guardian.
The 2014 beheading of American journalist James Foley was produced and distributed by Al Hayat Media Center, a media outlet of IS. It was posted on YouTube.
There are numerous such examples, but in Bangladesh's case, the "IS claims" come only through the SITE intelligence.
"NOT AUTHENTIC"
It is true that over the past few months, Bangladeshi law enforcers have arrested some people for their alleged connection with the IS and some of them are under trial.
But the government and investigators maintain that there is no IS link with the two murders and the attack on the Ashura programme.
About two hours after the Hossaini Dalan blast in the early hours of Saturday, SITE tweeted: "the 3rd operation claimed by #ISIS in #Bangladesh in less than a month." Rita Katz re-tweeted it at 5:35am.
The tweets drew questions from social media users, mostly expressing their doubts about its authenticity. One user commented, "I can't understand why IS first inform [sic] you. Why they can't give any status or media release?"
Talking to the media yesterday, Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said IS makes its claims publicly and those can be found on the web. He said investigators did not find the claims that SITE attributed to IS anywhere else.
D M P C o m m i s s i o n e r Asaduzzaman Mia said the IS claims as reported in the SITE page was not authentic.
He also claimed that they contacted Rita Katz through email, asking her the sources of those claims.
However, Katz on October 16 tweeted, "I was never asked by DB [Detective Branch of police] to provide the links to tweets of the #ISIS claims, nor did they directly reach out to me."
But this is not the first time that Katz or the SITE is under question.
On September 4, 2014, the UK-based Independent newspaper ran a report headlined: Who are the SITE Intelligence Group that distributed the Sotloff video before the jihadist?
"The publication of a video showing the murder of American journalist Steven Joel Sotloff surprised even the terrorists who supported the killing. Why? Because a little-known research group known as SITE Intelligence spotted the video (and alerted the media) before even the jihadist did," read the report.

Sourav

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while a third one through the left after Gaibandha-1 MP Manjurul Islam Liton fired shots from his pistol in the morning of October 2.
"He suffered wounds only in flesh, no major damages," said Babul Kumar Saha, who oversaw Sourav's treatment at the RMCH.
The shooting incident caused a furore across the country with different socio-political organisations bringing out protest processions in Dhaka and Gaibandha, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the lawmaker.
The MP finally landed in jail on October 15 after detectives arrested him at a relative's house in the capital's Uttara the day before.
At yesterday's press conference, Sourav and his father Sajū Mia expressed their gratitude to journalists for taking up the issue seriously, which, they thought, made the arrest of the MP possible.
Though Sourav and his family reached their Gopalcharan home around 2:00pm under police protection to the joy of their neighbours, the family looked far from recovering from the trauma caused by the incident, reports our Gaibandha correspondent.
Sajū Mia fears further attacks from Liton's followers who are still flexing their muscles in public at Bamondanga and Sundarganj.
He said he now completely depends on the security the local administration is going to provide him in the days to come.
Speaking at the press conference before leaving the hospital, Sourav said, "Please, always stay in touch with me and my family so that the MP cannot do me any harm."

Processed

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to increase its shelf-life or alter its taste - such as by smoking, curing or adding salt or preservatives.
It is these additions which could be increasing the risk of cancer.
High temperature cooking, such as on a barbeque, can also create carcinogenic chemicals.
The WHO has come to the conclusion on the advice of its International Agency for Research on Cancer, which assesses the best available scientific evidence.
It has now placed processed meat in the same category as plutonium, but also alcohol as they definitely do cause cancer.
However, that is not an indication of how much cancer they cause. It does not mean eating a bacon sandwich is as bad as smoking.
"For an individual, the risk of developing colorectal (bowel) cancer because of their consumption of processed meat remains small, but this risk increases with the amount of meat consumed," Dr Kurt Straif from the WHO said.
Estimates suggest 34,000 deaths from cancer every year could be down to diets high in processed meat.
That is in contrast to one million deaths from cancer caused by smoking and 600,000 attributed to alcohol each year.
Red meat does have nutritional value too and is a major source of iron, zinc and vitamin B12.
However, the WHO said there was limited evidence that 100g of red meat a day increased the risk of cancer by 18%.
The WHO said its findings were important for helping countries give balanced dietary advice.

8 'Al-Badr men' face trial

Tribunal frames 5 war crimes charges against them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday framed five specific charges against eight Jamalpur "Al-Badr men" for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.
The crimes include abduction, confinement, torture, arson, plundering, murder and other inhuman acts committed in between April 22, the day the Pakistan army entered the town, and December 11, 1971, according to the charges.
The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque set November 18 to start the trial with recording of the opening statement of the prosecution and testimony of their witnesses, as it found "prima facie" evidence of the accused's alleged involvement.
The accused are Ashraf Hossain, 64, Prof Sharif Ahammed, 71, Abdul Mannan, 66, Abdul Bari, 62, Harun, 58, Abul Hashem, 65, Shamsul Haque, 75, and SM Yusuf Ali, 83.
Of the eight, Shamsul Haque alias Badr Bhai and Yusuf Ali were arrested and produced before the tribunal yesterday. They however pleaded not guilty claiming themselves totally innocent.
The rest of the accused are on the run and would be tried in absentia. The tribunal has already appointed two defence counsels to defend them.
The tribunal asked the prosecution to provide all necessary documents to the defence, if not yet given, by November 18, while the defence have been instructed to submit a list of witnesses or documents, if any, before the tribunal by the same day.
ACCUSED BACKGROUND
According to an investigation agency, Jamalpur and Sherpur were the "nucleus" in forming Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army. Ashraf, along with executed war criminal Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, and Kamran, all leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami's then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha, organised Al-Badr in greater Mymensingh.
Sharif Ahmed, Mannan, Bari, Harun, and Hashem were also involved in Chhatra

Sangha and turned into Al-Badr members, the agency said.
Sharif was a director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd between 1987 and 2003 and executive and managing director of Bangladesh Publications Ltd, which owned the daily Sangram, between 1999 and 2013.
Shamsul Haque, as a Jamaat candidate, ran for provincial assembly membership in the 1970 election from Jamalpur and Yusuf Ali, also with Jamaat's ticket, vied for membership in the national assembly. But both were defeated.
Yusuf Ali became a national assembly member through a so-called by-election in 1971, the agency said, adding that the duo patronised the Al-Badr force in Jamalpur.
Police arrested Shamsul and Yusuf on March 2. Of the remaining six, Ashraf is believed to have fled to India and five others are on the run in Bangladesh, the agency told a press conference on March 24 this year.
CHARGES
In the first charge, Shamsul and Yusuf were implicated for "facilitating and contributing" to abduction, torture, murder, plundering, arson and other inhuman acts committed in the then Jamalpur sub-division in between April 22 and December 11, 1971.
According to the second charge, Ashraf, Sharif, Mannan, Bari and Harun were involved in abduction, confinement, torture of at least six men and killing three of them in between July 7 and July 22.
The third charge says Ashraf, Sharif, Mannan, Bari, Hashem, Shamsul and Yusuf were involved in abduction and murder of Nurul Amin, an Awami League leader and organiser of the Liberation War, on July 10.
In the fourth charge, Ashraf, Sharif, Mannan and Bari were indicted for confinement, torture, murder and other inhuman acts committed in a torture cell at Ashk Mahmud College's degree hostel in between April 22 and December 11.
According to the fifth charge, Ashraf, Sharif, Mannan, Bari, Hashem, Shamsul and Yusuf were involved in similar offences committed at a PTI Hostel torture camp.
will miss her."
Apart from the family from Bihar that Geeta identified from photographs, at least two other families claimed her as their own.
Swaraj said that they would "counsel" Geeta to accept her family, if the DNA test proved that they were related.
Officials said if the tests are negative, she will be cared for at the shelter home until her family is traced.
Swaraj said: "Whether or not her parents are found, Geeta is our daughter. I thank Pakistan from the core of my heart for looking after her for so long."

Geeta back home

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ascertain if the family, who met her in Delhi, is really hers.
Geeta, who has speech and hearing impairments, was about 11 when she is believed to have strayed into Pakistan.
Her plight emerged following a Bollywood film Bajrangi Bhaijaan, which told the story of a Pakistani girl who cannot speak and is trapped in India.
Geeta was visibly jubilant as she left the Edhi shelter home in Karachi, where she had spent most of her time in Pakistan.
She was driven to the Karachi Airport in an Edhi Welfare van.
Accompanied by members of the Edhi family and her friends, Geeta's bags were filled with new clothes as well as gifts for her family in India, including colourful saris, glass bangles, gold jewellery and dry fruit.
At the airport, Pakistani officials gave her more gifts as well as bouquets of flowers. Wearing a red and white scarf over her head, Geeta smiled, posed for photos and used hand gestures to thank her carers in Pakistan for their hospitality.
Her friends at Edhi shelter home said they were sad to see her go.
"She was the only friend I had here," Razia Saheer, one of her co-workers at the Edhi Home said. "I am happy that she will finally be reunited with her family but we

Child domestic
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connection with his sister's death with Mohammadpur Police Station accusing Farid Ahmed, his wife Shirin Ahmed and son Faiaz Ahmed.
Meanwhile, police arrested Faiaz at his house yesterday afternoon.
Relatives of the accused claimed that the girl committed suicide over love affairs.
Rokhsana's body was kept at Dhaka Medical College morgue after autopsy.
Jamaluddin Mir, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said they were trying to find the actual cause of death and arrest the other accused.

Polls lacked credibility

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of electoral laws in polling stations, which compromised the integrity of voting.
Around 475 upazilas went to polls in six phases from February to May last year. Besides, the April 28 elections to Dhaka north, south and Chittagong city corporations were not considered credible, according to the report.
"Despite a peaceful and mainly orderly campaign period, Election Day was marred by a significant level of electoral fraud such as ballot stuffing, intimidation, booth capture and violence which undermined the integrity of overall electoral process. Based on these observed findings, the EWC found the elections not to be credible," the report said about the three city polls.
On the government's recent move to hold local government polls in a partisan manner, the study said the move was made without discussing the issue with stakeholders.
Speaking at the programme, former election commissioner M Sakhawat Hussain said the new system will boost "nomination business" in local elections.
"The system is not illogical, but the atmosphere for introducing such a system is still absent in our country.... This can happen only when we will have a better political culture," he added.
The cabinet on October 12 approved proposals for amending the local government laws to hold the polls under party banner.
EWC's Director Abdul Alim made some recommendations to improve the country's electoral system.
The suggestions include establishing a neutral election-time government during national polls, dissolving parliament before elections, reinvigorating the Election Commission, revising some electoral laws,

reforming the election administration, ensuring the EC's authority over the election administration and allowing stationary observations at polling stations.
Top officials of the EWG and representatives of different non-government organisations were present, among others.
2 youths seen
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After examining the CCTV footage, investigators said they had seen two figures throwing the explosives but the figures could not be recognised as the area was poorly lit.
Detectives suspect there was a link between the blasts at Hossaini Dalan and the killing of ASI Ibrahim Mollah.
Talking to The Daily Star, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam said the IEDs (improvised explosive devices) found at the blast site are exactly the same as those recovered recently from Kamrangirchar area on information from Masud Rana, one of the accused in the Ibrahim Mollah killing.
"The parts, size, and even the containers of the unexploded grenades found at Hossaini Dalan are similar to those recovered from Kamrangirchar," he said.
Assistant Sub-Inspector Ibrahim Mollah was stabbed to death by a youth on October 22 at a checkpoint in Gabtoli when a police team was frisking the young man's bag.
The assailant, identified as Kamal, 24, is a former president of Bogra's Adamdighi upazila unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir, said Monirul Islam adding that he may have more of these IEDs in his possession.

চিহ্নরঞ্জন কটন মিলে চিহ্নরঞ্জন টেক্সটাইল পল্লী স্থাপনের লক্ষ্যে শিল্প প্লট বিক্রয়ের পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
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দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রতি সেট ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যে (১) উপ-সচিব, বেসরকারীকরণ/বিরুদ্ধায়করণ শাখা, বস্ত্র ও পাট মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং- ১১২৫, ভবন নং-৬ (১২ তলা), বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা (২) প্রথম হিসাব রক্ষক, বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল মিলস কর্পোরেশন, বিটিএমসি ভবন (৩য় তলা), ৭-৯, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা (৩) বিটিএমসি লিয়াজো অফিস, আমিন টেক্সটাইলস লি., বোলশহর, চট্টগ্রাম (৪) জেলা প্রশাসক, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এর দপ্তর এবং (৫) চিহ্নরঞ্জন কটন মিলস, গোদনাইল, নারায়ণগঞ্জ হতে প্রতি দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ২৩.১১.২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ত্রয় করা যাবে।
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