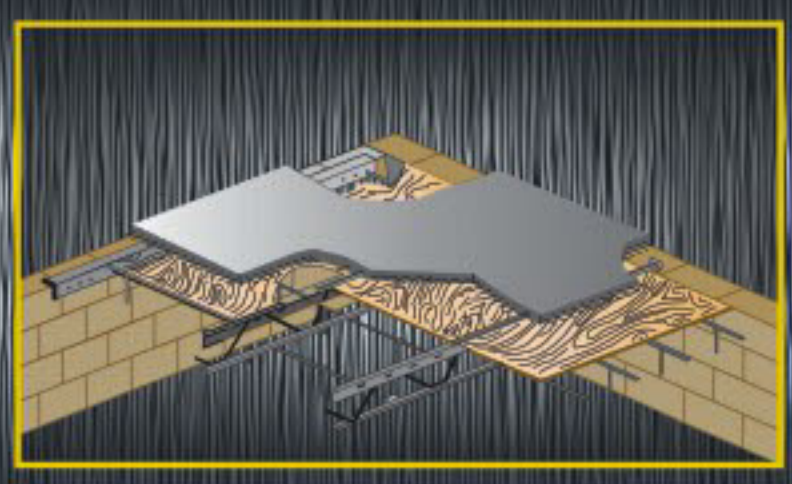


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Badal shown IFIC door

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh Bank has removed Mohammad Lutfar Rahman Badal from the board of directors of IFIC Bank, citing his negligence in duty and alleged funding of subversive activities.

Banking Regulations and Policy Department of the central bank issued a letter in this regard yesterday.

Badal was also chairman of the Executive Committee and Risk Management Committee of IFIC Bank.

"I have heard about the Bangladesh Bank letter, but I am yet to get a copy of it," IFIC Bank Chairman Salman F Rahman told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday.

Badal is now abroad, said Salman, also private sector affairs adviser to Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

The BB letter said Badal didn't attend any of the bank's 18 board meetings between December last year and September this year, which was detrimental to the interest of the bank's depositors and the board.

Badal was responsible for creating anarchy in and around Joydevpur of Gazipur, said the central bank.

He also funded subversive activities, it said, referring to a primary police probe against him.

A case was filed against him with Joydevpur Police Station, it added.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the BB letter.

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Into the magic, mystique of Hail Haor

SAKIB AHMED

The sun was still far above the horizon, casting its deep copper light over the land. We walked down a narrow, dusty earthen village road with green rice fields on both sides. A farmer with his last load of the day, or a farmer's wife carrying a late lunch to her husband, who is out working on the fields. The magnificent light making those mundane images almost magical! Soon the deep green fields, where the drongos

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SAUDI JOBS Govt to keep sending housemaids

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will continue sending female workers for domestic jobs to Saudi Arabia, although it is difficult to get available female jobseekers amid the negative perception about working conditions for women there.

Nurul Islam, expatriates welfare and overseas employment minister, told this when Saudi

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YALE LAW SCHOOL LEGAL ANALYSIS 'Genocide occurred' against Rohingyas in Myanmar

STAR REPORT

In a legal analysis of the human rights situation in Myanmar's Rakhine State, the Allard K Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic at Yale Law School has found strong evidence of genocide against the Rohingya population.

A paper released by the Clinic yesterday in Bangkok recommends that the United Nations Human Rights Council establish a Commission of Inquiry to conduct an urgent, comprehensive, and independent investigation of the human rights situation in Rakhine State.

Stricken from Burma's 135 officially recognised ethnicities in 1982, the Rohingyas have undergone decades of discrimination and disenfranchisement, albeit never to the degree they currently face.

The Myanmar government's official position is that the Rohingyas are interlopers from Bangladesh, despite many having lived in the country for generations, and it refuses to even acknowledge their collective name, preferring the loaded term "Bengali."

Following the 2012 riots, allegedly orchestrated by the military, more than 1,40,000 Rohingyas were relocated to ghetto-like camps.

WHO GLOBAL TB REPORT 2015 Situation improves, not much in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 1.5 million people died from TB in 2014, says the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2015 released yesterday.

It was a significant progress compared to that of 2000 when the figure was almost double, said the report released in Washington.

"In all, effective diagnosis and treatment saved 43 million lives between 2000 and 2015," it said.

Of the deaths from TB last year, 8,90,000 were men; 4,80,000 women; and 1,40,000 children.

The disease ranks alongside HIV as a leading killer worldwide.

Of the 1.5 million people killed by TB last year, 4,00,000 were HIV-positive. HIV's total death toll in 2014 was estimated at 1.2 million.

The TB situation, however, has not improved in Bangladesh where

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81,000 died from TB in Bangladesh last year

6,40,000 people have TB in Bangladesh

Only **53%** TB infections are detected in Bangladesh

One TB centre for **200,000** people in Bangladesh

4,400 people die from TB globally every day

Globally **3.3%** have multi-drug resistant TB

TB cases almost halved globally in 14 years

\$1.4 billion global fund shortage for TB control

SOURCE: EXPERTS/WHO GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS REPORT 2015



China ends one-child policy

AFP, Beijing

China announced the end of its hugely controversial one-child policy yesterday, with the official Xinhua news agency saying that all couples would be allowed two children.

It cited a communique issued by the ruling Communist Party after a four-day meeting in Beijing to chart the course of the world's second-largest economy over the next five years.

China is "abandoning its decades-long one-child policy", Xinhua reported.

The policy restricted most couples to only a single offspring, and for years authorities argued that it was a key contributor to China's economic boom.

But after years of strict, sometimes brutal enforcement by a dedicated government commission, China's population -- the world's largest -- is now ageing rapidly, gender imbalances are severe, and its workforce is shrinking.

The concerns led to limited reforms in 2013, including allowing a second child for some couples in urban areas, but relatively few have taken up the opportunity.

The Communist leadership met in Beijing to discuss ways to put the country's stuttering economy back on a smooth growth path as it struggles with structural inefficiencies and social policies left over from an era before it embraced market reforms.

Known as the fifth plenum, the conclave discussed the next Five-Year Plan for China -- the 13th since the People's Republic was founded in 1949.

Over four days of meetings the 205 members of the Central Committee, plus around 170 alternates, examined the specifics of the plan, which was largely worked out through a process of national consultations before the leaders even set foot in the capital.

The country's rubber-stamp legislature will officially approve the resulting document next year.

The world's most populous country has enjoyed a decades-long boom

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'JMB leader' remanded over attack on pastor

One of 3 attackers on the run, say cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A local court yesterday placed suspected JMB regional leader Rakibul Islam on five-day remand over the attempted murder of Pastor Luke Sarkar.

Judge Rejaul Karim of Pabna Cognisance Court-2 passed the order after police produced him before it seeking 10-day remand, said court sources.

Law enforcers arrested Rakibul, 22, from Mazidpur in Pabna Sadar upazila on Wednesday following a confessional statement by Rakibul Alam alias Rabbi, an alleged operative of outlawed militant group Jama'atul

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EASY NET LINK FOR ALL Google balloons to cover world

BBC ONLINE

Google believes it is on course to have enough internet-beaming balloons in the stratosphere to form a ring over part of the world next year.

It told the BBC the move would let it trial a continuous data service to people living below the balloons' path.

The declaration coincides with the announcement

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Arson charges framed against Mahmudur

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the Bangla daily Amar Desh, and eight others in an arson case filed in 2013.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ali Mashud Sheikh passed the order, rejecting discharge petitions of the accused and later set next year's February 28 for starting the trial.

Mahmudur and two other accused pleaded innocent and demanded "justice" when the magistrate read out the charges to them.

The others indicted, including BNP leader Anwaruzzaman Anwar, were on bail. Yesterday, the court also cancelled their bail and issued arrest warrants for them as they failed to appear before it.

The case was filed with Tejgaon Police Station on March 17, 2013 in

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AUGUST 17 SERIAL BLASTS Five JMB men get 10 years in jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced five members of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment in a case filed for the serial bomb blasts in Gopalganj on August 17, 2005.

The convicts are Gias Uddin, Milon Khan, Hasan Ali Mollah alias Hasan, Zillur Rahman Mollah and Ziaur Rahman. They hail from different villages of Bagerhat and Natore.

Gias is on the run.

The court also fined them TK 10,000 each. In default, they will have to stay three more months in jail.

Four accused -- Anisul, Rakib, Mamun and Anis -- were acquitted as their involvement with the incident was not proved.

After cross-examination of 28 prosecution witnesses, Judge Momtaz Begum of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 of Dhaka delivered the verdict in presence of the eight accused.

According to the prosecution, several bombs went off in front of Gopalganj

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OCTOBER 30

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

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