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## SHIA MOSQUE SHOOTING

# Finding motive all too crucial

Security experts want proper probe by capable investigators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The security and communal harmony in the country will be in jeopardy if the current spate of targeted attacks continues and if the government fails to catch the perpetrators and unearth their motive, say security experts.

The threat will multiply in case the country gets caught up in the wave of international militant and terrorist activities, they fear.

There has been a sudden resurgence of militant activities and random attacks in the country of late, but investigations into such high-profile and sensitive crimes are not being done professionally in the absence of a specialised unit in the police department, they observe.

Those who are investigating the cases have little or no experience of handling such crimes. Moreover, they cannot work independently. As a result, the real perpetrators remain at large and their motives unknown, the experts noted.

However, the government maintains that the BNP-Jamaat and banned Islamist outfit Jama'at ul Mujahideen Bangladesh are behind the recent attacks aimed at "destabilising" the country.

The government also claims there is no existence of Islamic State (IS) in the country.

The terror outfit has claimed credit for several deadly attacks in Bangladesh, including the killings of two foreigners, the attack on three

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Russell, 17, drawing a national flag sitting in a street in front of Chandpur Govt College. He lost both his arms under the wheels of a train in Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka when he was a child. *Inset*, he draws pictures in several places of Chandpur and sometimes people help him out with what little they have to spare.

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## Art for a living

ALAM PALASH with TAMANNA KHAN

Despite the heat of the mid-day autumn sun, a small crowd gathered in front of the first gate of a government college in Chandpur town's Nazirpara. People, old and young, were surrounding and intently watching a physically disabled boy, squatting on the ground.

Peering through the crowd, an amazing scene came into view. The boy, with no wrists or fingers, was bending over pieces of paper, fervently drawing flowers, flags and birds, adding patches of colours to them. He was quite unmindful of the crowd around him, as also of the small sum of money some of them left him in appreciation for his talent and effort.

His name is Russell. Aged 17, he was maimed in an accident 10 years ago. But he has chosen the path of drawing pictures for a living

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## SAFE INTERNET FOR KIDS

# Onus on parents

GP-Star - Prothom Alo roundtable highlights need for awareness campaign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The internet offers enormous benefits for users, but it also has bad sides. And children are alarmingly being exposed to it in a way that is threatening not only for their future but also the state.

Educationists, development activists, and civil society members yesterday called for proper monitoring of the contents viewed by the youth and for counselling students at home and at school.

They also stressed the need for launching social campaigns to raise awareness about what to view and what not to on the web.



Their observations came at a seminar on safe internet for children at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka yesterday. Grameenphone, the country's largest mobile carrier, the most read Bangla daily Prothom Alo, and the most read English daily The Daily Star jointly organised the programme.

"It is very unfortunate that we have to talk about safe internet. We want internet, but we see that a generation is moving towards a sort of addiction which we do not want," said Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of the Campaign for Popular Education.

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## AL going alone, allies not happy

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The ruling Awami League's decision to contest the municipality elections independently has aggrieved its partners.

Leaders of the components of the AL-led 14-party coalition fear that the AL's "go alone" strategy will eventually pit candidates of different allied parties against each other, shrinking their chance to win the battle of ballots.

Following the AL decision, the alliance members are taking preparation to contest the polls independently. Without the AL's blessings, they think it would be tough for them to come out successful, sources said.

Some of the alliance partners also think that the AL's decision is nothing but a strategy to show its popularity through the polls to be held on party lines for the first time.

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## MUNICIPALITY POLLS

# AL wants MP role, BNP needs time

Both parties sit with EC today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League, the Workers Party of Bangladesh and the BNP will formally meet the chief election commissioner to press home their respective demands on the upcoming municipality polls, leaders of the parties said.

The AL will propose allowing its lawmakers to take part in electioneering while the WPB, a key component of the AL-led 14-party alliance, and the BNP will press for deferring the polls by at least two weeks.

The AL and the BNP will meet CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad today and the WPB will meet him tomorrow to place their proposals, said party leaders.

In the country's first ever local government polls on partisan lines, elections to 236 municipalities will be held on December 30.

ABM Reazul Kabir Kawsar, leader of an AL central sub-committee, said,

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People walk across a sandy char of the Teesta in Gaibandha. Lack of water flow has rendered vast areas of this major river of the country into dry land.

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## Teesta char!

Early water withdrawal dries up the river

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

A sharp fall in the water level of the river Teesta has caused the emergence of large chars in the riverbed in and around Sundarganj upazila, disrupting waterways communication and posing threat to the livelihood of local fishermen and boatmen.

Executive Engineer Abdul Awal Mia of Bangladesh Water Development Board in Gaibandha said the water level dropped suddenly because India might have shut down the gates of their Gozaldoba Barrage a

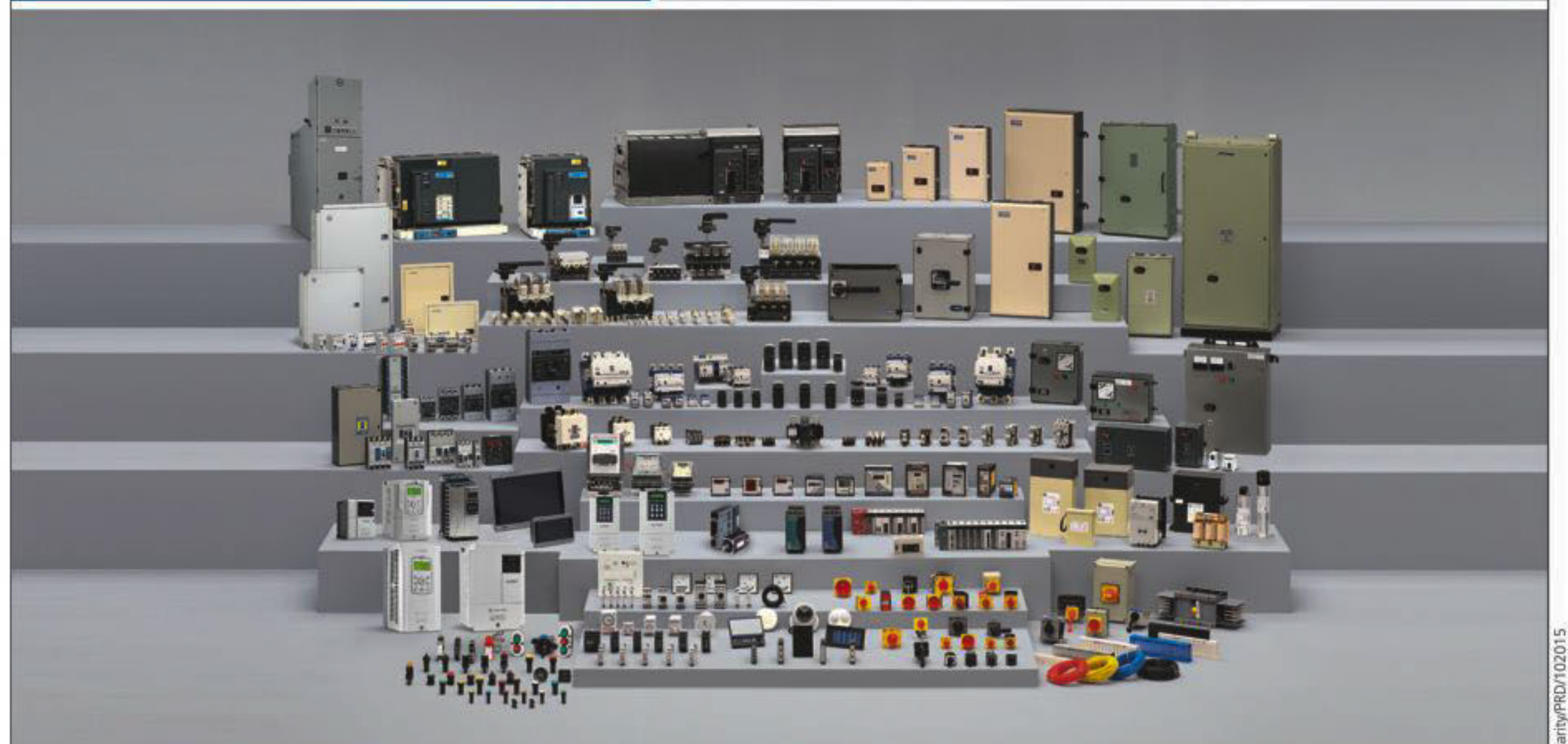
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