

ANSAR AL ISLAM State Minister Shahriar among 8 threatened with death

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Ansar Al Islam, the Bangladesh chapter of al-Qaeda in the Indian subcontinent, has issued death threats to eight eminent personalities, including State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, of the district. The threat was issued in a letter written on the pad of the militant outfit. The letter reached the office of the local newspaper the Dainik Sunshine yesterday morning, said Yunus Ali, managing editor of the daily. The seven others threatened with death are Rajshahi University Vice Chancellor Prof Mizanuddin, renowned writer and RU teacher

Hasan Azizul Haq, city Awami League President and former city mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, Rajshahi range DIG of police Iqbal Bahar, Rajshahi education board's former chairman Prof Abul Hayat, city AL General Secretary Dablu Sarker and Dainik Sunshine Managing Editor Yunus Ali. The letter was signed by Mufi Abdullah Ashraf, chief of Ansar Al Islam's Indian subcontinent chapter, and its Rajshahi region chief coordinator Habibur Rahman, also a Rajshahi College teacher. The name of Prof Abu Siddique was used as the sender of the letter. The letter read: "Alhamdulillah...we've begun our

activities in the Rajshahi sub-chapter of Bangladesh branch. As part of it, we've made a brief list of worst enemies of Allah, Rasul and Muslims in the Rajshahi region. Each of them will be killed to establish dwin [religion] of Allah and Rasul." Two general diaries were lodged with Boalia Police Station in this connection. AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and Dablu Sarker filed one of the GDs while the other was lodged by Yunus Ali, said police. Meanwhile, Habibur Rahman denied his involvement with the militant outfit, saying that a quarter was using his name to put him in trouble.

Wasfia back after scaling 7 Summits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wasfia Nazreen, the first Bangladeshi to climb all the seven highest peaks in seven continents, returned home last night. She arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 11:15pm on a flight of Malindo Air. The National Geographic adventurer scaled the summit of Carstensz Pyramid, the highest mountain of Oceania/Australasia, on November 18 to become the only Bangladeshi to have achieved the feat. With this, she completed her seven highest peak conquering campaign named "Bangladesh on Seven Summits".



In 2011, Wasfia, also a social worker and a writer, took up the challenge to climb the highest mountain in each of the seven continents in celebration of Bangladesh's 40 years of independence and women empowerment. She has successfully completed scaling Mount Elbrus in Europe, Mount Aconcagua in South America, Mount Denali in North America, Mount Vinson Massif in Antarctica, Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, and Mount Everest in Asia. Earlier, in an interview with the BBC Bangla, she said she never thought she would come back alive. She said that conquering the 4,884-metre peak in Indonesia's Papua province was tougher than scaling the Mount Everest.

Wasfia also shared one of her exceptional experiences she had while returning to the base camp after conquering Carstensz. "We were returning from the mountain and passing through a village. An elderly man died there. The superstitious villagers blamed us for the death." The villagers held them captive for four hours, she said, adding that they had to pay the villagers \$4,000 for their release.

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Metropolitan Magistrate Md Asaduzzaman Noor recorded their statements. Detectives have arrested five people -- Tamjid Ahmed alias Rubel alias Shooter Rubel, Russell Chowdhury alias Chakki Russell and Minhazul Arifin Russell alias Bhagne Russell, Shakhawat Hossain alias Sharif and MA Matin -- in the Tavella killing case. Except Matin, all gave their confessional statements. In his deposition, Kalam told the court that Rubel bought a red colour cell phone a couple of days before the murder of Tavella. He said he identified the phone seized by the detectives from Rubel, according to court sources. Tavella was killed around 6:30pm on September 28.

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courtroom, our correspondent Mintu Deshwara reports. The court acquitted Mahib Hossain Masum, publicity secretary of the district unit of Olama League, as allegation against him could not be proved. Abu Sayeed, a fourth grader at Shah Mir Govt Primary School in Sylhet, was abducted by the accused on March 11. The kidnapers had demanded Tk 500,000 in ransom from his family. Three days later, Sylhet police recovered the child's body wrapped in sacks from the attic of constable Ebadur Rahman's house at Kumarpara in the city. The shocking incident outraged locals who strongly protested against the incident and demanded punishment of the killers. Earlier, the court sentenced Al Amin, cousin of Emon, to 10 years imprisonment under the Juvenile Act for his involvement in the crime. Ninth grader Emon was the son of Nura Miah, an expatriate in Mauritius, hailing from Dhamgar union. On January 29, 2014, the convicts called Emon, who was returning home, through AL Amin and abducted him. They later demanded a ransom from his mother and threatened to kill the boy if they were not given the money, said Additional Public Prosecutor Abdur Rahim. But they killed Emon as he identified the kidnapers. They later dumped the body in a ditch in Malibhitta area. Police recovered his body on March 6. ONE TO DIE FOR KILLING SCHOOLGIRL

charges against the policeman and three others on November 17. The court had earlier recorded testimonies of 28 witnesses between November 19 and November 26. FOUR TO DIE FOR KILLING SCHOOLBOY Four people were sentenced to death for killing minor boy Rakibul Hasan Emon in Narayanganj for Tk 10 lakh ransom. Judge Miaji Mohammad Shahidul Islam of Additional District and Session Judge's Special Tribunal in Narayanganj pronounced the verdict yesterday. Two of the four accused, Sayedur Rahman and Toffazzol, were present in the court. The other two -- Sharjahan Jibon and Zaman -- were tried in absentia. Earlier, the court sentenced Al Amin, cousin of Emon, to 10 years imprisonment under the Juvenile Act for his involvement in the crime. Ninth grader Emon was the son of Nura Miah, an expatriate in Mauritius, hailing from Dhamgar union. On January 29, 2014, the convicts called Emon, who was returning home, through AL Amin and abducted him. They later demanded a ransom from his mother and threatened to kill the boy if they were not given the money, said Additional Public Prosecutor Abdur Rahim. But they killed Emon as he identified the kidnapers. They later dumped the body in a ditch in Malibhitta area. Police recovered his body on March 6. ONE TO DIE FOR KILLING SCHOOLGIRL

Rahman, Joynal Abedin and Farhad were present in the courtroom. The rest five -- Joj Mia, Al Amin, Mahbubur Rahman, Ahim Fakir and Jewel -- were tried in absentia. Jalal's father Amjad Hussain, mother Halima Khatun, only daughter Shahria Jalal Ridi, who were present at the courtroom, expressed satisfaction over the verdict. The victim's brother filed a case a day after the murder with Kapsasia police. The charge sheet in the case was submitted on January 23, 2004. HUSBAND TO DIE FOR KILLING WIFE A Kushtia court yesterday sentenced Rokon Mondol to death for killing his pregnant wife in 2011. Additional District and Sessions Judge Reza Md Alamgir pronounced the verdict. Rokon, a rickshaw puller of Daulatpur upazila in Kushtia, murdered his wife Laily, who was six-month pregnant, on the night of August 26, 2011 following an argument. He was under the influence during the incident. The husband later dumped her body in a roadside canal near their house and fled. Police recovered the body two days later. Chand Ali, father of Laily, filed a case with Daulatpur police against Rokon and the police arrested him on September 5, 2013. FOUR TO DIE FOR KILLING DRIVER A Chittagong court yesterday awarded death penalty to four people for killing a CNG-run auto rickshaw driver in Anwara upazila in 2008. The court also sentenced two persons to life term imprisonment for their involvement in the crime. The convicts are Nurul Alam of Bhola, Abul Kalam of Lalmoan, Md Kawsar of Banskhali and Rubel alias Bosti Rubel of Bakalia, while the life-term convicts are Ariful Islam Tuhin and SM Noimuddin Rubel. Chittagong District Special Sessions Judge Syeda Hosne Ara of Public Safety Tribunal pronounced the verdict after testifying 17 witnesses. Of the convicts, Kawsar and Noim are behind bars, while the rest are on the run. The court also fined the convicts Tk 50,000 each, in default of which they will have to serve six months in prison. According to the prosecution, on May 3 in 2008, with an aim to snatch the CNG-run auto rickshaw of driver Yusuf, the convicts hired it from city's Bahaddarhat area to go to Anwara. As the auto rickshaw reached Chatari area of Anwara, the convicts strangled Yusuf. Later, they left the body in a canal of Gomdandi area in Boalkhali upazila. Yusuf's cousin Hatem Tai filed a case with Boalkhali police on May 5, 2008.

PEOPLE HAIL SAYEED'S VERDICT A large number of people crowded the court compound in Sylhet since morning to hear the verdict in the gruesome murder of the schoolboy. As the prison van carrying the four accused reached the court in the afternoon, the people burst out in anger and started chanting slogans, demanding maximum punishment. Some even hurled shoes at the vehicle. As soon as the court pronounced the sentences, the people cheered and hailed the verdict. "We are glad that the verdict came quickly. We are happy," said Sayeed's father Abdur Matin. "My son's soul will rest in peace when the death sentence is carried out," said the father, who was seen crying on the court premises. Sayeed's mother Saleha Begum said, "I am happy today. But I would get justice when the killers will be hanged." Their neighbour Gofur Ali said, "The killers should be hanged immediately. They do not deserve to live even a single more day." Public Prosecutor Abdur Malek said the verdict, which came quickly, would set an example for the judiciary. Before pronouncing the verdict, the judge said he had completed the trial within nine workdays. He further said the case was the fastest one and completed even faster than the murder cases of Rajon in Sylhet and Rakib in Khulna. Defence counsel Sheikh Ashrafal Alam said they would challenge the verdict in the High Court. Police pressed charges on September 23 accusing the four, three of whom later confessed in the court to abducting and murdering the boy. The court framed murder

ONE TO DIE FOR KILLING SCHOOLGIRL Another Narayanganj court yesterday handed down death penalty on a man for killing ninth-grader Sonya Akter Sajeda after raping her. Judge KM Rasheduzzaman Raza of Narayanganj Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal delivered the verdict. The accused, Delwar Hossain, was present in the court. Delwar picked Sonya on August 29, 2008 on the way to her school and brought her to a hotel. He raped and strangled her to death, said the prosecutor. 11 GET DEATH SENTENCES FOR KILLING JUBO LEAGUE PRESIDENT Eleven people were sentenced to death for killing Jubo League leader Jalal Uddin Sarker in Kapsasia upazila of Gazipur more than a decade ago. Jalal, president of Kapsasia upazila unit Jubo League, was hacked to death in broad daylight at Balkhela Bazar on August 14, 2004. Additional District and Sessions Judge Fazl-E Elahi Bhuiyan pronounced the verdict and also fined each of the accused Tk 10,000, our Gazipur correspondent reports. All the accused belong to local BNP and its affiliated organisations. Of them, Faruk Hossain, Belayet Hossen Beltu, Abdul Alim, Ataur

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Tech school for kids

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robotics at Moar in Banani in the city. Working with circuits and programming, with guidance of their mentor Shams Jaber, the kids have started on another interesting idea of a gadget with sensors for the blind. Their "Batman Gadget" can help blind persons from bumping into objects. "This gadget is in an early stage. It's being tested as a children's game," said, Shams, a dropout from the business school of BRAC University now tinkers with different ideas with the kids exploring technologies and ideas. Shams said, the whole world is moving forward with technology. Programming is a language that should be learned from childhood like any other language. "We want to create such an environment to guide and nurture the curious young minds." So far, these tiny techies have made a Bluetooth-based toy car, a GPS tracker, games and their software and hardware. They have started a project to convert singer Anusheh Anadil's car into a solar and wind powered car. They often launch new games at her company, Jatra. "Children are naturally curious and I support Tech Academy because they allow that curiosity to be alive and be the driving force of all their innovations," said Anusheh, Creative Director of Jatra Bangladesh. She said, "I was very impressed by all the young kids from the Tech school who taught us about how to generate electricity from not just the sun and wind, but also from plants and walking shoes."

Shams along with some partners started WNES-Research and Innovation Centre in 2013 to teach children programming, robotics and engineering. They later changed the name to The Tech School. He has opened a free school for the underprivileged-family kids three months back at the Ain O Salish Kendra premises. It has been running free schools at Bandarban for the last one year and at Fatikhkhari for the last six months. Shams along with two other mentors teach 15 kids each from the free schools with a vision to develop the kids as gadget makers instead of growing up as consumers, he said. They have also planned to start two more projects for the Dalit community and madrasa girls in associations with leaping boundaries, Shams said. "The Tech Academy is our ICT training partner and we are going to launch a volunteering project for madrasa girls tentatively by January 2016," said Sadia Afrin, programme manager of Leaping Boundaries that is working for supporting madrasa students with general and technical knowledge like English, ICT, Soft Skills and Psychosocial Support. From time to time, the academy arranges for its kids to meet teachers and students of Shahjalal University of Engineering and Technology, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, Brac University and even the USA's Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), he said.



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Tejgaon road free

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He said he would not step back from his goal of creating a better liveable Dhaka. "I have been elected mayor, brick chunks may be hurled at me," he told a press briefing yesterday at a city hotel. On Sunday, several hundred transport workers went berserk and fought pitched battles with police during a DNCC eviction against illegal structures inside the terminal. The drive was to create more space inside so that trucks would not have to park on the road. The clash erupted when Annisul himself was leading the drive. In the face of the rowdy protest, the drive had to be abandoned and the mayor had to take cover at a nearby office of transport workers. He remained virtually confined there for about three hours and was later escorted out of the office by law enforcers. At least three people suffered pellet injuries, as police opened fire on the agitating workers who responded by throwing brick chunks. At yesterday's press briefing that was also attended by ward councillors and DNCC officials, Mayor Annisul said there was a rumour that city corporation officials went there to demolish the terminal. He said there were hundreds of illegal establishments inside the terminal but now the number was seven or eight. The initiative was taken three months ago after discussions with owners and transport leaders, he said. Yet a clash took place and for this he blamed a vested group who gained power by collecting illegal toll and peddling drugs. Without mentioning any names, he said some such "leaders" approached him on

Sunday and showed documents of a few shops on Railway properties. "These leaders did the politics. They hurled the bricks," he said, adding that the so-called leaders approached him since they thought the eviction drive might cut off their illegal source of income. He said the workers got used on Sunday. There was no reason for any altercation with the workers, the mayor said, explaining that if there was any reason for altercation, it was supposed to be with the owners, as the DNCC went to remove the parked vehicles from the road. Annisul said despite presence of a significant number of law enforcers including police and Rab, he did not instruct them to clear the area as he wanted to talk to the workers. "The criminals involved in the incident must be captured. We cannot accept it," he said. He further said the DNCC plans to make the terminal modern. They were looking for land outside the city. Rustam Ali Khan, general secretary of Bangladesh Truck Covered Van Owners Association, said they had several meetings over the last few months in which it was decided that the terminal would not be moved. He urged to recover the railway land that had been occupied so that it could be used to accommodate parking space for vehicles. Meanwhile, the DNCC authority alleged that during Sunday's incident 15 of their vehicles were vandalised and five staff were injured.

Khaleda gets bail

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"She has surrendered before the court and sought bail in compliance with a High Court order. So, she should be granted bail [this time as well] for the sake of justice," he said. However, ACC Chief Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol opposed the bail plea, saying Khaleda's previous bail had expired and she, along with others, caused a loss of Tk 13,777 crore to the state exchequer while she was in power. Hearing from both the sides, the court granted Khaleda bail. During the hearing, Khaleda, also the chief of the 20-party opposition combine, was allowed to sit on a chair. She left the court premises around 12:35pm, around 15 minutes after she went there. On her arrival on the court premises, Khaleda was welcomed by her party leaders and activists amid tight security. Additional members of law enforcement and security agencies,

deployed in and around the area, had been on alert since yesterday morning to avert any untoward situation. The ACC filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station in December, 2007, accusing Khaleda and several others of abusing power to award a gas exploration and extraction deal to Canadian company Niko when she was PM between 2001 and 2006. In May, 2008, the anti-graft watchdog pressed charges against Khaleda and 10 others. Two months later, the High Court stayed the proceedings of the case following a petition by Khaleda. On June 18 this year, the HC, following an ACC move, cleared the way for the trial proceedings to resume in the case. It also ordered the BNP chief to surrender before the trial court within two months after a copy of the HC order reached the lower court. Former law minister Moudud Ahmed, former state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain, former acting energy secretary

Khandaker Shahidul Islam and Kashem Sharif, vice-president (South Asia) of Niko Resources Bangladesh Ltd, are among the other accused. FAKHRUL'S BAIL The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court orders that had granted bail to BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in three cases. Fakhrul's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star that there was now no legal bar to his client's release from jail following the SC orders. A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed "no order" on three government petitions filed on November 26, seeking a stay on the HC bail orders. Following three bail petitions, the HC on November 24 had granted bail to Fakhrul for three months in the cases filed for vandalising and torching vehicles in the capital on January 4, 5 and 6.

A night

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a strong impression on them. Noted Kuchipudi exponents Guru Raja and his wife Radha Reddy, along with daughters Bhavana and Yamini Reddy, showcased the enthralling dance form backed by a live music ensemble. They presented Ganapati Vandana, Shiva Tandava and Krishna Tandava, before closing with a fascinating tarangam, balancing themselves on the rims of brass plates while dancing. Eminent music exponent and scholar Alimur Rahman Khan then spoke at the event. He thanked Bengal Foundation for debunking his fears that the love for classical music was dead in the country. Carnatic violin duo Ganesh and Kumaresh Rajagopalan then took the stage, presenting Ragam Malamawagowla and Ragam Shree Ranjani. Backed by a ghatam and pakhawaj, they showcased drama, romance, melancholy and peace in their presentation. Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma presented Raga Jogkauns, and after a meditative alap, jod and jhala, he presented a mesmerising recital on rupal and teen taal. In a build-up to Ustad Zakir Hussain, the audience also experienced tabla great Pt Yogesh Samsi, who accompanied Pt Sharma in his first appearance of this year's edition of the festival. As Pt Tejendra Narayan Majumdar took the stage after midnight to present Raga Hemant on sarod, the galleries -- full to the brim -- awaited Ustad Zakir Hussain, who would be followed by Pt Ulhas Kashalkar presenting dhrupad vocals. The five-day festival ends today, with stalwarts like Ustad Rashid Khan and Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia set to perform on the closing night.

Chittagong WASA Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1. Ministry/Division	LGRD & Co-operative, Local Government.					
2. Agency	Chittagong Water Supply & Sewerage Authority.					
3. Procuring entity name	Mohara Division.					
4. Procuring entity code	Not applicable.					
5. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.					
6. Invitation Ref No.	MohDiv/128(18/4)/2015/155					
7. Date	25/11/15					
FUNDING INFORMATION						
8. Budget and source of funds	CWASA Revenue Budget.					
9. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.					
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
10. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.					
11. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.					
12. Tender package No.	Alum: G5 & Transformer Shed: W12					
13. Tender package name	A. Supply of Alum, B. Construction of Transformer Shed.					
14. Tender publication date	27/11/15					
15. Tender last selling date	20/12/15 Up to 16:00 BST.					
16. Tender closing date and time	21/12/15 Up to 13:00 BST.					
17. Tender opening date and time	21/12/15 Up to 14:00 BST.					
18. Name and address of the office	Address: Mohara Division, Jenata Bank (CWASA Branch), Chittagong, Mohara Division, Mohara Division, Chittagong WASA.					
19. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.					
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
20. Invitation for	Tendering method	Eligibility of tenderer	Tender price	Tender security	Completion time	
A	Supply of 220MT Alum (Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ · 16H ₂ O) on quarterly (April '16-June '16) basis at Mohara Water Treatment Plant.	OTM	Bonafide Alum Manufacturer	Tk. 2000/-	Tk. 1,50,000/-	Eight (8) weeks in two consignment.
B	Construction of Transformer Shed including making steel truss & supply of Corrugated Fiberglass sheet at Mohara Water Treatment Plant, CWASA.	OTM	Contractors having experience in such type of works	Tk. 600/-	Tk. 13,000/-	1 (one) week
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
21. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Sarfaraj Akter.					
22. Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer (AC).					
23. Address of official inviting tender	Mohara Division, CWASA, Mohara, Chittagong-4208.					
24. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No-672108 Fax-610465 cwsa@globaltg.net					
25. The tender shall be valid for 120 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified.						
26. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tender.						
27. The provisions laid down in the "Public Procurement Regulations, 2008" and procurement procedure shall be in strict compliance.						
28. Due to unavoidable circumstance if it is not possible to receive the tender on the last date fixed for it, the tender will be received and opened on the following working day at the same time.						
29. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.						
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Executive Engineer Mohara Division, CWASA