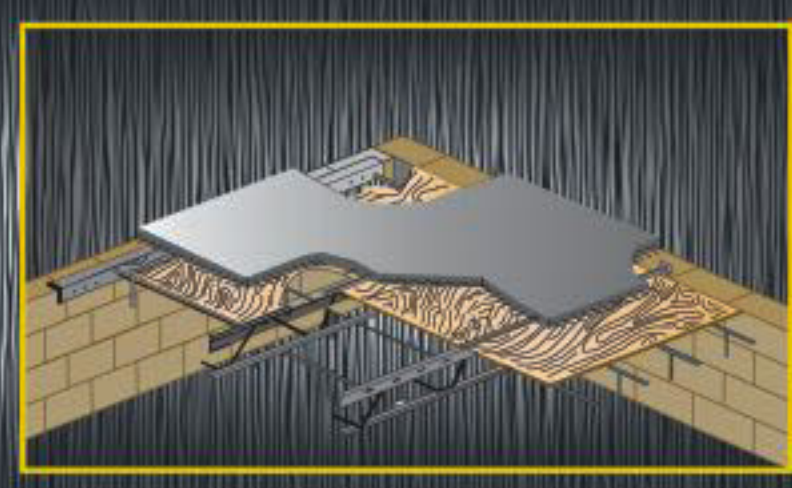


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SHOOTING OF EXPECTING WOMAN

# 17 charged in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhemidah

Police yesterday pressed charges against 17 people in a case for shooting a pregnant woman, wounding her unborn child in the womb, and killing a man in Magura during a Jubo League factional clash in July.

Investigation officer Imaul Haq, also an officer-in-charge of detective branch of police in Magura, submitted the charge sheet before the Senior Judicial Magistrate Court around 3:00pm.

The accused are: Sen Suman, Ali Akbar, Suman Ali, Farid Ali, Sagar Hossain, Bappi Hossain, Mintu Mallik Tutul, Nazrul Sheikh, Sobhan Ali, Mithu Hossain, Solaiman Hossain, Ilyas Hossain, Sohel Hossain, Liton Hossain, Munna Hossain, Ainal Hossain and Tota Hossain.

Of them, Sen Sumon is the vice-president of Magura district Chhatra League, pro-Awami League student body. Most of the accused belong to the ruling party's affiliated organisations.

On July 23, eight-month pregnant Nazma Khatun was shot in the abdomen during a clash between two rival factions of Jubo League, the youth front of the ruling Awami League, at Doarpar in Magura town.

Apart from Nazma, the incident left one Momin Bhuiyan killed and another person injured.

The baby girl, Suraiya, suffered bullet wounds in her mother's womb. A bullet pierced through the baby's right shoulder and also injured her right eye.

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Ustad Zakir Hussain of India, accompanied by Sabir Khan on the sarangi, right, captivates the Dhaka audience with his engrossing *tabla* performance on the fourth day of the Bengal Classical Music Festival 2015 at the Army Stadium.

PHOTO: STAR

## Curtain falls on Bengal Classical Music Fest

FAHMIM FERDOUS

The fourth edition of the Bengal Classical Music Festival came to an exciting close this dawn, but not before leaving indelible impressions on the tens of thousands of audience members.

Animesh Bijoy Chowdhury and his troupe Geetobitan from Sylhet was the first performer of the fifth and final evening. It presented dhamar vocals on Raga Desh and a chatuarnya on Raga Bhopali. Asit Roy supervised the presentation.

Vidushi Alarmel Valli then presented a Bharatanatyam recital on her return to the stage after a one-year hiatus. She opened with "Rati Sukha Sare", and finished with a nrityalahari on Raga Abhogi.

The closing ceremony followed, attended by Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, chairperson of Brac; Gowher Rizvi, foreign affairs adviser to the

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## Climate action 'imperative'

Says Obama as talks drill into detail amid new warning of peril

AFP, Le Bourget

US President Barack Obama yesterday said global warming posed economic and security risks that had to be tackled immediately, but insisted the climate problem could be solved.

If global warming continues, "then before long we are going to have to devote more and more of our economic and military resources not to growing opportunity for our people but to adapting to the various consequences of a changing planet," Obama said.

"Climate change is a massive problem, it's a generational problem," Obama said on the sidelines of the November 30-December 11 UN conference being held north of Paris.

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## Developed nations pledge \$248m

SUPPORT FOR MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRIES

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven developed countries yesterday pledged \$248 million for climate adaptation support to the most vulnerable countries including Bangladesh.

They made the commitment just a day after the COP21 opened in Paris.

Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA announced their contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), a climate fund hosted by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), said a release of the GEF.

The money will be spent in building resistance against climate change variability and disasters.

"Given that we're already locked into climate change trajectories for many years to come, increased investment in adaptation has to be at the core of the new climate agreement," said Naoko Ishii, CEO of GEF.

"We know that many billions are required over the next few years to fill the gap in climate finance, but the money pledged today [yesterday] is vital to help some of the most vulnerable people on the planet cope with the immediate impacts of our rapidly warming world.

"This funding for adaptation is urgently needed to help sustain the hard-earned momentum for action on the ground that some of the most vulnerable countries have achieved in recent years," added Ishii.

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## No need for separate registration

Editors tell govt about online edition of newspapers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Editors' Council yesterday urged the government not to bring the online editions of the established media outlets that are already registered under further registration, as proposed in the National Online Mass Media Policy 2015.

They instead recommended bringing under registration the online news portals that are new and not registered.

At a discussion on the draft policy at the information ministry, they also

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## Clone scientist eyes human replication

AFP, Beijing

The Chinese scientist behind the world's biggest cloning factory has technology advanced enough to replicate humans, he told AFP, and is only holding off for fear of the public reaction.

Boyalife Group and its partners are building the giant plant in the northern Chinese port of Tianjin, where it is due to go into production within the next seven months and aims for an output of one million cloned cows a year by 2020.

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## Bangladesh one notch up on ICT index

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh advanced one notch to 144 in this year's global ranking of the ICT Development Index from last year, reflecting its development in the digital space.

Overall, the country moved up four positions since 2010, according to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) that launched the ranking on Monday.

Such improvement highlights the present government's continuous efforts to digitize all the sectors by 2021 as it promised seven years ago.

The country that has scored 2.22 this year out of 10, up from 1.61 five years

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Road Transport Minister Obaidul Quader flags off the final leg of a friendship motor rally of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal in front of the Jatiya Sangshad yesterday before its departure. The rally, which ended in Kolkata, was launched following a deal aimed at starting seamless transit of passenger, cargo, and personal vehicles between the four countries.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Germany decides to join fight against IS

Approves military aid including jets, frigate, troops

AFP, Berlin

The German cabinet yesterday approved a mandate for military assistance to back the international fight against the Islamic State jihadist group in Syria following the Paris attacks.

The package, which still requires parliamentary approval, covers Tornado reconnaissance jets, a naval frigate and up to 1,200 troops in response to a French appeal.

The engagement steps up German involvement in the campaign against IS for the first time to a more direct role.

Chancellor Angela Merkel noted that the German engagement began in September 2014 with the start of a programme to train and arm peshmerga forces from Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region fighting IS.

"We are expanding this participation in the existing alliance with a fight against the

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Offenders to benefit if trial is delayed

Observes HC on Narayanganj 7-murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that delays in the Narayanganj seven-murder trials could benefit the accused.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Amir Hossain came up with the observation while hearing a revision petition that sought its order on the police to conduct a further investigation into the case.

The court said the charge sheet in the Narayanganj seven-murder case was apparently defective and asked the lawyers concerned to find the faults in the charge sheet.

The bench commented that police can submit a supplementary charge sheet of the case to the lower court concerned in the course of the trial.

It also asked the petitioner's lawyers Abdul Baset Majumder and Montu Ghosh and Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM

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## Nepal Fuel Crisis Bangladesh offers transit facilities


DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has offered transit facility to Nepal for importing petroleum products from third nations against the backdrop of acute fuel crisis in the Himalayan country resulting from a blockade of its border with India.

The government here is ready to allow Nepal to use

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আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাহত



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