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**FACEBOOK PROPAGANDA**  
**Three 'Shibir' men arrested**

*Social media site to be unblocked soon, says Palak*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion has arrested three suspected Islamist Chhatra Shibir activists from the capital allegedly for spreading anti-government propaganda through Facebook using fake accounts. "The arrested spread misleading information about the government's constructive work and instigated others for anti-state activities," Deputy Director Didarul Alam of Rab-2 said at a press briefing at its Agargaon headquarters yesterday evening. Omar Faruk, 22, Tanvir Ahmed, 18, and Tauhid Hasan, 21 -- all students of different institutions -- were held from different areas of the capital in the early hours of yesterday, said the Rab official. "Using fake Facebook IDs like 'Majhi Chara Nauka' and 'Albert Einstein', the trio used to post harmful links. Once a

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**FLOUTING ELECTORAL RULES ... Awami League lawmaker (Natore-2) Safiqul Islam Shimul (arrow-marked) accompanies party mayor hopeful Uma Chowdhury for Natore Sadar Municipality during filing of her nomination paper to the returning officer yesterday. Right, local AL lawmaker MA Malek (arrow-marked) is with Golam Kabir Mollah, AL mayor candidate for Savar Municipality, during submission of the latter's nomination paper at Dhamrai Upazila Complex.**



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**37kg gold seized at Dhaka airport**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Customs officials seized 320 gold bars weighing about 37kgs from an Emirates flight at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday. The flight landed at the airport from Dubai around 6:15am. On information, officials of preventive team of customs searched the aircraft and found the gold bars, worth around Tk 19 crore, under three passenger seats and from a toilet, said Shahiduzzaman Sarkar, assistant commissioner of customs. "We were on alert as we had information about a possible gold smuggling through the airport," he said, adding that the gold bars were wrapped in clothes and scotch tape. No one was arrested. Sarkar said the smugglers might have

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**MASS SHOOTING OF 14 IN CALIFORNIA**  
**Motive still a mystery for police, family**

REUTERS, San Bernardino  
Authorities yesterday were working to determine why a man and a woman opened fire at a holiday party of his co-workers in Southern California, killing 14 people and wounding 17 in an attack that appeared to have been planned. Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, and Tashfeen Malik, 27, who had a 6-month-old daughter together, were killed in a shootout with police after Wednesday's bloodshed at the Inland Regional Center in the city of San Bernardino, a social services agency where Farook worked as an inspector. Meredith Davis, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), said the two rifles and two handguns recovered at the scene of the shootout were bought legally in the United States. Two of the guns were purchased by someone "associated with this investigation," while the buyer of the other two was not linked to the investigation, she said. The long guns were .223-caliber and their ammunition can go through protective vests and walls, Davis said.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**Bangladesh 6th worst-hit nation: study**

AGENCIES  
Bangladesh is the sixth worst affected country in climate change, analysts said yesterday, warning of more frequent disasters if overheating of the earth cannot be tamed. Scientists point to the mounting threat from storms, floods, droughts and rising seas if mankind cannot reduce emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, especially from fossil fuels. A red flag to negotiators from 195 countries trying

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**6 militants held**  
*DB claims detainees are from new radical group preparing to kill 'pir'*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Detectives rounded up six suspected members of new militant outfit "Mujahid of Bangladesh" from the capital's Motijheel on Wednesday evening when they were making preparations to kill a local pir (religious leader). The six are Jahirul Islam alias Ansar, Khandakar Rajes Subhan alias Raju, Abu Bakkar Siddique alias Abir, Abraham Ahmed Al Tareque, Morshedul Islam alias Kingmore Khan, and Kazi Bappi Ahmed alias Sazzad. The outfit is yet to have an organisational structure, Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police told a press briefing at the DMP media centre yesterday. He said a DB team conducted a raid in Motijheel and picked up the six. The team also seized a laptop and 10 mobile phones from them. In the afternoon, the arrestees were remanded for six days each through a Dhaka court in a case filed with Motijheel Police Station, said court sources.

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**'ILLEGAL STAY'**  
**Malaysia detains 15 Bangladeshis**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Malaysia detained 15 Bangladeshis and people of seven other nationalities on Tuesday for involvement in immigration-related offences in a raid on a plywood factory in the country's Kedah state, reports Malaysian daily The Star. Identities of the Bangladeshis could not be known, as the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur was yet to be informed of the matter, said Sayedul Islam, counselor (labour wing) at the



India's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel conduct a rescue operation through a flooded road in Chennai, in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, yesterday.

**Talks crawl as deadline looms**

AFP, Le Bourget  
Negotiators charged with saving humanity from a climate catastrophe yesterday unveiled a new draft deal riddled with conflicting proposals after three days of talks in Paris, sparking deep concern among activists. The UN talks being attended by representatives of 195 nations north of Paris aim to slash greenhouse-gas emissions which trap the Sun's heat, warming Earth's surface and oceans and disrupting its delicate climate system. Taking effect from 2020, the pact would target emissions from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas -- the backbone of the world's energy supply today -- and channel hundreds of billions of dollars in climate aid to vulnerable countries.

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**Wikipedia launches edit-checking artificial intelligence**

BBC ONLINE  
Wikipedia has launched a tool designed to automatically highlight low-quality edits to articles. The Objective Revision Evaluation Service (ORES) software has been trained by Wikipedia editors to recognise the quality of an edit based on the language and context of the change. There are about half a million changes to Wikipedia articles every day. Editors and ordinary users will now be able to quickly check how likely it is a proposed alteration is "damaging". "This allows editors to triage them from the torrent of new edits and review them with increased scrutiny," the Wikimedia Foundation said in a blog. Other projects to engage artificial intelligence

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**CHENNAI FLOODS**

**Rescuers race to reach victims**  
*Death toll rises to 269*

AFP, Chennai  
Thousands of rescuers raced to evacuate residents from deadly flooding yesterday, as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi went to the southern state of Tamil Nadu to survey the devastation. More than 40,000 people have been rescued in recent days after record rains lashed the coastal state, worsening weeks of

flooding that has killed 269 people. But many more are still feared marooned, with much of the state capital Chennai -- a city of 4.6 million people -- submerged, despite a let-up in the rains overnight. "This rainfall has broken a 100-year record and has created an emergency

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**Playmates kill 11-year-old**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
An 11-year-old boy has been hacked to death allegedly by his cousin and other playmates in Anwara upazila of Chittagong. Police have detained one of the alleged killers who, they say, confessed to have murdered the boy "only for his misbehavior with them". The body of Sajal Khan alias Mia, son of Mohammad Sobur of West Borumchara village, was

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**কুলখানী**

আলহাজ্ব হাবিবউল্লাহ

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