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City

The wreckage of a car after it was rear-ended by a bus on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Sonargaon intersection in the capital late last night. One person in the car was injured and the bus had gone on to the central reservation after impact.

Suicide blasts

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told AFP, speaking on condition of N'Djamena. anonymity.

He said the explosions had killed 30

people including the three attackers, and injured more than 80 others.

N'Djamena on November 9 declared a state of emergency in the flashpoint Lake Chad region, which also straddles Nigeria, Cameroon and Niger and is frequently targeted by Nigeria's Boko Haram Islamists who this year declared allegiance to the Islamic State.

The decree granted the governor of the remote region the authority to ban the circulation of people and vehicles, to search homes and to seize arms.

In recent months, Boko Haram fighters have stepped up attacks and suicide bombings on Chadian villages in the lake region that lie close to the frontier with Nigeria.

The deadliest attack on Chad's side of the lake took place on October 10, another triple suicide, which killed 41

people at Baga Sola, according to

Chadian army has been on the front line of a regional military operation against Boko Haram, whose attacks have spread from northeast Nigeria, its traditional stronghold, to the country's three Lake Chad neighbours.

The joint operation of the four Lake Chad countries plus Benin has involved 8,700 soldiers, police and civilians. Despite being hit hard by the offen-

sive, losing territory, Boko Haram has responded with a wave of attacks and bombings. Their attacks are often carried out by young women or adolescent boys targeting markets, which are at heart of African daily life. Chadian President Idris Deby Itno

recently admitted that the regional force, which is not yet fully operational, "has without a doubt weakened" the Islamists but "it has not defeated" them.

Still, Cameroon, part of the regional offensive, on Wednesday claimed to Since the start of the year, the have dealt a major blow to Boko Haram, killing around 100 fighters and freeing 900 hostages in a three-day operation last week.

CPB chief

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The CPB in a press statement strongly condemned the incident and demanded immediate arrest of the perpetrator.

The party also called upon law enforcement agencies to take necessary security measures.

Selim filed a general diary with Shahbagh Police Station in this connection yesterday.

Contacted, Zafar Ali Biswas, inspector (investigation) of the station, said they would take necessary measures as per the CPB president's request.

Nations agree on draft of climate pact

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Su Wei, told reporters.

After the draft was adopted to loud applause, South African negotiator Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko drew on her nation's revered democracy icon in a bid to inspire others.

"In the words of Nelson Mandela, it always seems impossible until it is done," she said.

More than 50 personalities committed to fighting climate change, from US actor Sean Penn to Chinese internet tycoon Jack Ma, also gathered at the conference yesterday to help build momentum.

"Perhaps this is the most exciting time in human history," Penn told a special event at the conference.

created chaos. Now we live in a time where there are no choices. We have certainty."

Scientists warn our planet will become increasingly hostile for mankind as it warms, with rising sea levels that will consume islands and populated coastal areas, as well as catastrophic storms and severe droughts.

Small island nations most vulnerable to rising sea levels and stronger storms, which are often railroaded by the powerful in the UN talks, also expressed cautious optimism about

the draft agreement. "We would have wished to be further along than we are at this point, but the text being forwarded so far reflects our key priorities," said Thoriq Ibrahim from the Maldives and chair

of the Alliance of Small Island States. But no-one in Le Bourget is under

the illusion that a December 11 deal is temperature limit to aim for. A majorguaranteed.

There are vivid memories of the want to aim for 1.5 degrees C. spectacular failure at the 2009 climate talks in Copenhagen, the last time the world tried to create a global warming "At this point in Copenhagen we

were dealing with a 300-page text and a pervasive sense of despair. In Paris we're down to a slim 21 pages and the atmosphere remains constructive," Greenpeace climate expert Martin ing hours, negotiators on Friday said Kaiser said.

"But that doesn't guarantee a decent deal. Right now the oil-producing nations and the fossil fuel industry will be plotting how to crash these talks."

One of the keys to success in Paris is "Those illusions of having too the submission by most countries of many difficult choices have always voluntary plans to curb their emissions events that they cannot adapt to. from 2020, when the pact would come into force.

Scientists say these pledges, if fulfilled, would still fall far short of what is needed to cap warming at 2.0 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) below pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

Also crucial to the Paris accord, environment campaigners and many delegates say, will be agreement on a review every five years at which nations' commitments may be strengthened.

But there are major points of dispute on this issue, such as when the stocktakes would happen and if they should actually seek to strengthen countries' commitments or just review

There is also still no agreement on other fundamental issues such as what

ity of nations, mostly the smaller ones,

But the United States, China, India and some of the other biggest polluting nations want to enshrine 2 degrees C as the goal, which would allow them to emit more gases for longer.

Money has long been one of the biggest sticking points in the UN negotiations, and it remains so in Paris.

But in a positive after many agonizthey were edging towards a compromise on "Loss and damage", one of the most divisive issues between countries at the COP21.

"Loss and damage" is the idea that compensation should be paid to vulnerable states for climate-related

Govt sits

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enforcement specialist of Facebook in South Asia, and Deepali Liberhan, public policy manager for South Asia-will later sit with the officials of the telecom division as well, said Tarana Halim, state minister for telecom.

Tarana said she wants to demonstrate how Facebook is used in Bangladesh to harass and provoke people.

Tarana sent a letter to the Facebook authority on November 30, seeking the social networking tool's cooperation to ensure cyber security in the Bangladesh. The government imposed a ban on

use of Facebook on November 18.

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wonderful theme! The exhibition spreads the idea that we can enjoy life and have a positive attitude towards life despite obstacles and challenges."

SUST Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Md Aminul Haque Bhuyian inaugurated the exhibition. He said "We need to highlight the success stories of our people for building a better Bangladesh. Greater focus should be given on the positive image of Bangladesh. We need to encourage the youths to explore their talents." Rajon Ahmed, a third-year student

of Sylhet Agriculture University, said, "One can truly celebrate life if he or she accepts the realities of life and tries to change them without losing hope. That's the spirit of the exhibition."

A large number of college students and local residents, too, visited the exhibition and enjoyed the cultural evening.

Aktaruzzaman, an NGO worker in Sylhet, said, "This is a very good initiative because we see such exhibitions only in Dhaka. People living outside the capital must know more about what is going on around."

He said if more of such exhibitions were held the youths would learn to think about how they could get involved in such creative activi-

The band Chirkut, which has already earned a place among the youths, sang one song after another for about two hours during the cultural programme.

Syed Ashfaqul Haque, deputy executive editor of The Daily Star; Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of corporate affairs of Standard Chartered Bank and Kamruzzaman Chowdhury, the university proctor, among others, spoke on the occasion. Rafi Hossain, convener of

Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life, moderated the programme.

Malaysia arrests

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Islamic State entered neighbouring Thailand in October to attack Russian interests. Police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said

in a statement that four of those arrested were foreign nationals and one was a Malaysian. The arrests were made between Nov 17 and Dec 1. Among them was a 44-year-old

European who was employed as a temporary teacher in the state of Penang, and had links with al-Qaeda and allegedly participated in militant activities in Afghanistan and Bosnia, the police said.

Three other suspects - a 31-year-old Indonesian man, a Malaysian and a Bangladeshi - were part of a cell linked to the Islamic State (IS) group and are were tasked with recruiting volunteers to take part in militant activities overseas.

The leader of the cell was the Indonesian who is said to have vowed allegiance to IS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi through Facebook in 2014.

"He, along with the Malaysian national, is suspected of acting as facilitator to organize individuals from Malaysia and some Southeast Asian countries to join the Islamic State in Syria," said Khalid. Southeast Asia faces the threat of

Islamic State-inspired attacks designed to "glamorise terrorism", a Malaysian minister said last month, voicing fears of battle-hardened fighters returning from Syria to launch Paris-style attacks.

In September, Malaysian police thwarted a plot to detonate bombs in Kuala Lumpur's vibrant tourist area of Bukit Bintang.

Govt not only player

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said people did not fear indulging in corruption for impunity.

Referring to recent criticism of TIB by lawmakers, he said, "TIB is not an anti-government organisation. It considers government as its friend."

Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, editor-inchief of ATN Bangla, presented a concept paper which triggered questions about the media's responsibility and the role of democracy in ensuring press freedom and good governance.

Bulbul said that there was a lack of follow-up reporting in the country's media as the priority of news continuously changes.

"Media should publish not just positive news about the government but also criticise the government. Government should take the criticism positively," said Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB. Apart from receiving a crest and a

certificate, four journalists got Tk 1 lakh each while two videographers Tk 50,000 each under three separate categories. Rozina Islam, senior reporter of daily Prothom Alo, was honoured for her story

published on April 2014 on revealing how crests conferred to Friends of Liberation War did not have the right amount of gold as perspecifications.

Mizan Malik, Sajjad Parvej and Kazi Mohammad Ismail received awards for a report on fake BBA degrees, aired in Jamuna Television on April 2014.

Under Climate Finance Governance category, GM Mostafizul Alam and Jahangir Alam Ratan received the prize for publishing on corruption at the water development board in four series at Channel 24.

Beatles drum

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The ex-Beatles drummer has put several memorabilia items up for sale.

Also available is a guitar used by John Lennon, which he gave to Starr in 1968, some of the drummer's signature rings and his own copy of The Beatles' White Album, marked as number 0000001. Part of the sale proceeds will go to

Starr and his wife Barbara Bach, which funds and promotes charitable projects aimed at advancing social welfare. According to the AP news agency, the Ludwig drum kit was sold to Jim Irsay, owner of the American Football

the Lotus Foundation, founded by

The auction runs until Saturday in Beverly Hills and also online via Julien Auction's website.

team Indianapolis Colts.

IS hails killer couple pledged allegiance to IS leader Abu

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and her husband may have been inspired by Islamic State, but there was no evidence the attack was directed by the militant group or that the organization even knew who they were. The party the couple attacked was for workers in the same local government agency that employed Farook. If Wednesday's mass shooting

proves to have been the work of people inspired by Islamist militants, as investigators now suspect, it would mark the deadliest such attack in the United States since Sept 11, 2001. In its English-language radio broad-

cast yesterday, IS stopped short of explicitly claiming the attack but referred to the assailants as soldiers of the Khilafah (caliphate) who were "killed in the path of Allah." In the group's Arabic-language radio

broadcast earlier in the day, however, they referred to the attackers simply as "supporters of the Islamic State." The FBI on Friday said it was treating

the investigation into the San Bernardino rampage as an act of terrorism. Obama said in his weekly address that the Islamic State and other terrorist

groups "are actively encouraging people -- around the world and in our country -- to commit terrible acts of violence, often times as lone wolf actors." "We are Americans," he added. "We will uphold our values -- a free and open

society. We are strong. And we are resilient. And we will not be terrorized." The New York Times yesterday published an editorial on its front page

for the first time since 1920, using the

rare, prominent placement to urge gun control and lash out at politicians following the attacks. "It is a moral outrage and a national disgrace that civilians can legally purchase weapons designed specifically to

kill people with brutal speed and efficiency," it said. Hours after the attack, US-born Farook and Malik were killed in a firefight with police, leaving investigators to comb through their belongings

"We have uncovered evidence that has led us to learn of extensive planning," David Bowdich, the assistant FBI director in charge of the Los Angeles office, told reporters.

to try to determine a motive.

"There's a number of pieces of evidence that has essentially pushed us off the cliff to say we are now investigating this as an act of terrorism," he said, adding that the couple had attempted to destroy their digital fingerprints.

Bowdich said investigators were examining a Facebook posting in which Malik is believed to have

Bakr al-Baghdadi, made around the time of the attack. Relatives were unable to explain how the couple, who had an infant

daughter and seemed to be living a

normal life, could have committed

mass murder. The family's attorneys said while the couple were devout Muslims, there was no hint they had become radicalized. Attorney Mohammad Abuershaid

said few people came in contact with Malik, who wore the full-face veil and was soft-spoken and shy. "The women (in the family) com-

municated with her. Farook didn't

want anyone else to talk to her," he said, adding that the men in the family had never even seen Malik's face. Abuershaid said Farook had met Malik in 2013 through an online marriage site and had traveled to marry her in

Saudi Arabia, where she lived, last year. One of Farook's colleagues said he was convinced Malik had radicalized her husband.

A US defense official, meanwhile, confirmed that Farook's brother was a decorated Navy veteran who won medals for his service during America's "war on terror."

teased by colleagues at the county health department, where he worked as an inspector, over the beard he grew. One witness at the ill-fated party said Farook had suddenly left and returned a

Abuershaid and fellow attorney David

Chesley said Farook had apparently been

short while later, heavily-armed dressed in black military-style gear and a mask -- and accompanied by his wife. A home-made explosive that failed

to detonate was later found at the scene.

The terracotta

FROM PAGE 1 for the local Hindus, but also of a

legacy, rich with 18th century architectural design and terracotta plaques. Just over a kilometre west to the Dinajpur-Thakurgaon highway across

the Dhepa river, it has more than

15,000 terracotta plaques depicting

Ramayana and Mahabharata, thus making it a gem among Bangalee Hindu Temple Architectures, says a Unesco document. The temple of Hindu Lord Krishna is

one of the most magnificent religious edifices belonging to the 18th century and is popular with the Radha-Krishna cult (assemble of memorable love).

Built by Maharaja Prannath and his son Raja Ramnath in early 18th century, it had nine spires that were destroyed in an earthquake in 1897.

Police chief

freethinkers, publishers and foreigners. Global terror outfit Islamic State (IS) claimed to have carried out the attacks through its local offshoots, though the claims could not verified independently. "We want you to preach the real philoso-

phy of Islam. Keep giving anti-militancy sermons before Juma prayers," the police chief told some 40 Alia madrasa principals, imams and khatibs at the meeting. The IGP urged them to organise mahfils

and jalsas (Islamic gatherings) to speak against militancy. In some mosques, militancy was being spread technically, Shahidul said, adding that

would monitor and identify those who were instigating militancy from mosques. All these measures were part of the government's anti-militancy campaign launched in 2009 to effectively fight militancy and extrem-

of political will of the government. The police boss said the country and Islam would be threatened if the people were misguided into militant activities, bombings and killings.

ism. But the campaign fizzled out due to a lack

"[Due to misinterpretation and brainwash] the youths move away from the right direction and start thinking that killing would lead them to heaven," he said, adding that there was no place for killings and violence in Islam.

those killing foreigners had moved away

from the holy Quran and the Hadith. Referring to the holy Quran, Maulana Farid Uddin said Islam does not allow terrorism. "Islam is to be established through love and respect for people."

Maulana Mahbubur Rahman said that

preaching of Islam should be done in the light

of the holy Quran and the Hadith. "We have to

highlight the differences between militancy and jihad." Additional Inspector General of Police Javed Patwary said, "The country can be freed from militancy if we all -- law enforcers, Olamas and the government -- work together

against the evil force." Olamas requested the IGP to stop the members of the special branch (SB) of police telecast of Peace TV in Bangladesh, claiming that the channel was transmitting anti-Islamic information disguising them to be Islamic.

> The police boss asked them to come up with specific evidence on the programmes that instigate militancy and radicalism. They also recommended publication of books about the true teachings of Islam and

the country. The IGP claimed that the police had identified all the perpetrators behind the recent attacks, but were yet to arrest them all.

the holy Quran and distribute those across

He said 21 militants, who were sentenced to death for militant activities, were awaiting the gallows.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police At the gathering, Mufti Halim Siraj said Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia and senior police officials attended the meeting.

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