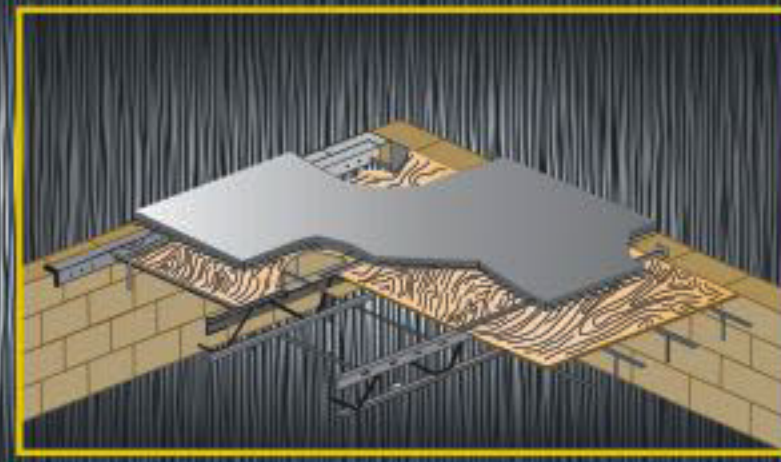


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# Probe finds DU teacher's 'militant link'

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An internal probe by Dhaka University has found the involvement of one of its teachers in "Islamist militancy".

Prof KM Saiful Islam Khan of Persian language and literature department has long been involved with radical Islamist group Bangladesh Jamiat-E-Talaba-E-Arabia, says the probe report.

"I believe many more things will come out if a thorough investigation is carried out," said acting DU proctor Prof AM Amzad who conducted the probe.

Amzad submitted the report to DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique recently.

The DU authorities launched the probe after detectives arrested Shakhawat and Omar Faruque -- both ex-presidents of Talaba, student body of Islami Oikya Andolan -- from Saiful's office room in June for their alleged links with "militant activities".

Saiful, who was chief secretary of the Talaba central committee in 1989-90, has been involved with Islami Oikya Andolan founded by alleged war criminal and first Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Moulana Abdur Rahim, said the probe report.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the report.

Faruque and other former Talaba leaders used to hold meetings with Saiful after he became DU proctor in 2009, and used his office room at the DU Arts Faculty Building for their organisational purposes.

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The turnout at the Raaspujima Mela of Kantaji temple in Dinajpur is lower than usual following Saturday's blast that left six people wounded there. Inset, a devotee putting a sandalwood tilak on another's forehead.

PHOTO: STAR

## KANTAJI BLAST Police still clueless; probe on

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

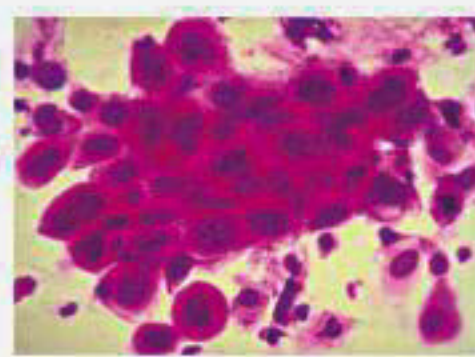
The police have not yet arrested anyone involved in Saturday's explosion next to Kantaji Mandir of Dinajpur. Neither could they make any breakthrough in the investigation.

The pieces of evidence collected from the scene in Kaharol upazila are being examined, said investigation officer Ahasanur Rahman Prodhan, adding he would not disclose anything for the sake of investigation.

He, however, confirmed that the explosive had not been thrown; it had been kept on the ground. A remote control might have been used to explode the bomb, said the sub-inspector of Kaharol police.

A bomb went off around 1:00am on Saturday when artistes were performing on stage at Volanath Opera

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*Tiny metal that kills cancer cells*

MAIL ONLINE

Scientists have created tiny metal "nanoterminators" that they hope can carry cancer drugs straight to the problem cells.

The researchers hope that the new solution can allow doctors to send treatments much more quickly to their target, potentially allowing for the treatment of cancer much more effectively.

The new development uses a liquid metal that is placed in a solution and then into the bloodstream, where it can attach itself to cancer cells

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## Climate talks move to tougher phase

Negotiators see hundreds of points of dispute

REUTERS, Paris

Global climate change talks in Paris moved into a new, tougher phase yesterday as negotiators agreed on a draft accord, albeit one that still leaves hundreds of points of dispute for ministers to resolve next week.

While a largely procedural step in the four-year quest for a binding deal to slow global warming, the fact that senior officials from almost 200 nations agreed on a draft marks an advance over the last, failed summit in Copenhagen six years ago.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius warned that much work lay ahead to reach an accord by the end of the conference on Dec. 11 that will bind both rich and poor nations to combat global warming beyond 2020.

"We are not discussing just the environment, the climate. It's life," he told delegates. "We have to succeed here."

The top delegate from China, Su Wei, said the first week of the talks "though very difficult, have produced very good results and provide a strong foundation for next week".

Even so, the new text highlights how much work remains to be done for ministers including US Secretary of State John Kerry, in finding consensus on issues that have bedevilled talks for four years.

Negotiators have left them 939 pieces of bracketed text representing varying options for resolving disagreements.

Some developing nations want to phase out fossil fuels by 2050, for instance, but China, the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, is among those preferring to promise merely to shift to a low-carbon economy this century.

An agreement at the UN summit on the outskirts of Paris is expected to represent by far the strongest global accord yet to commit both rich and developing nations to curbing the rise in the emissions responsible for



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## Man stabs 3 in London terror attack

AFP, London

A man was being held in custody yesterday after three people were stabbed at a London Underground train station in an attack police were treating as a "terrorist incident".

One witness shouted "You're no Muslim" at the suspect as he was pinned down by officers at a suburban police station, amateur video footage showed, while a pool of blood was seen in the ticket hall.

Sky News reported that witnesses had said the lone suspect spoke of Syria and had "apparently shouted 'this is for Syria'," although it did not quote anyone.

Police could not confirm the report when contacted by AFP and it is not evident from video footage circulating online.

Saturday's attack came at the end of a week in which the British parliament voted to extend air strikes on the Islamic State group (IS) from Iraq into Syria.

The stabbings also come less than a month after the November 13 jihadist rampage in Paris, claimed by IS, which killed 130 people.

Police said one man sustained serious knife injuries in the east London attack, but they were not thought to be life-threatening, while two others sustained minor injuries.

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## ASHULIA BANK HEIST

# 11 'militants' charged for robbery, killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday pressed charges against 11 "militants" for their alleged involvement in the killing of eight people during a sensational bank heist in Ashulia in April.

The accused are alleged members of banned Islamist outfits Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) and Jama'at ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), said Dipak Kumar Saha, investigation officer of the case and officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station.

Dipak submitted two charge sheets -- one for the killings and the robbery, and the other for possessing explosives -- before the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court of Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

In the broad daylight of April 21, robbers shot seven people dead and injured at least 25 others in Bangladesh Commerce Bank Ltd in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital before leaving with Tk 35 lakh.

A mob captured and beat one of the robbers to death and an injured died of his wounds later.

Dipak said during the investigation, he discovered the involvement of 13 people in the robbery and the killings.

One of the 13 was killed by the mob and the mastermind of the robbery, Abdullah Al Baki, was killed in a shootout with law enforcers in Gabtoli last month, he said.

Of the 11 accused in the charge sheets, 10 were in custody, Dipak told The Daily Star last night.

Dipak said Baki, a JMB-man-turned-ABT-leader, carried out the robbery to fund militant activities.

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## BNP doubts EC neutrality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday expressed doubt whether the Election Commission would play a neutral role in the upcoming municipal polls to ensure the contests remain free and fair.

Asked what the issues were that the party would focus on in the December 30 polls, he told reporters at the

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An aerial view from a relief helicopter shows flood-hit areas of India's Chennai on Saturday. Nearly 300 people have died in the disaster since November 9. Yesterday, the airport in the city reopened following a four-day closure as the floodwater receded there.

PHOTO: AFP

## MAYORAL RACE

# One candidate each from 7 small parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Out of 20 political parties willing to contest the municipality polls, seven have each fielded a single candidate to run for the mayoral race.

Four other parties, which had earlier expressed their interest to contest the polls, have stepped back and did not nominate any mayoral aspirant, according to statistics of the Election Commission (EC).

The seven parties are Bikolpodhara Bangladesh, Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh (RWPB), Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Tarikat Federation, Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF), Progotishil Gonotantrik Dal (PDP) and Bangladesh National Awami Party (Bangladesh-NAP)

The four parties that did not nominate a single candidate are Gono Forum, Zaker Party, Jamiate

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## NARAYANGANJ 7-MURDER

# Flaw in charge sheet could delay justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has found what appears to be a flaw in the Narayanganj seven-murder charge sheet.

It yesterday said the charge sheet has mention of some criminal conspiracies of killing, but it does not name the sections of the relevant law under which the conspiracies should be tried.

Such an absence could lead to loopholes in the overall trial process, eventually delaying justice, some lawyers, who were present at the courtroom, told The Daily Star later.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Amir Hossain came up with the observation while hearing a revision petition filed by Selina Islam on November 23.

She is the wife of former city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, one of the victims killed following their abduction in Narayanganj in April last year.

The petition sought court's order on the police to conduct a further investigation into the case.

On December 1 this year, the same bench had observed that the charge sheet had defects, and also asked the lawyers concerned to find those.

Yesterday, after concluding hearing arguments, the court fixed December 9 for passing an order on the petition.

During the hearing, citing a confessional statement of an accused in the case, the HC said Nur Hossain, the principal accused, would also have been killed had he stayed in that area a few hours after the murders.