

In mourning, in fury

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Chaudhury, said, "This year's December 14 is different because the nation saw the hanging of Al-Badr commander Mojaheed. We are hopeful that the government will try the remaining war criminals."
A diplomatic spat soon followed between Bangladesh and Pakistan over the execution of Mojaheed with Pakistan summoning the acting high commissioner of Bangladesh in Islamabad to deny the atrocities it had committed in 1971.
People from all walks of life yesterday expressed their outrage at Pakistan's denial.
When the Pakistani occupation forces were certain about their defeat, they, aided by local collaborators, particularly the Al-Badr, abducted the country's brightest minds and killed them, often after brutal torture, in an effort to cripple the emerging nation intellectually.
After the butchery, the bodies were left to rot in the killing fields.
Talking about Pakistan's outright lies, Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Saifullah Bir Uttam, chairman of Sector Commanders Forum (SCF), said, "Bangladesh should cut all ties with Pakistan until it seeks apology for its recent statement."
Later, the SCF handed over a protest letter to the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka, demanding an unconditional apology from Pakistan for the barbarity of its forces in 1971.
Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbub Alam Hanif said the relationship with Pakistan had been severed in 1971.
A huge number of students from different schools and colleges too gathered at the memorial sites.

Many children came with their parents.
A mock mass killing of intellectuals was staged afterwards. An exhibition of photographs on 1971 and paperclips attracted people's attention at the Rayerbazar graveyard.
DU CUTS ACADEMIC TIES WITH PAKISTAN
Dhaka University severed all academic ties with Pakistan from yesterday for the country's denial of the genocide committed in 1971.
The decision came yesterday at an emergency syndicate meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhavan.
"We have cut all bilateral relations with Pakistan, including exchange of teachers and students ... from today [yesterday] as Pakistan denied the genocide committed during the Liberation War of Bangladesh," said the VC at a press briefing following the meeting.
From now on, teachers, students and representatives from the DU will not be able to go to any Pakistani institutions and the university will not accept any representatives from the country for academic purposes.
"Dhaka University bears evidences of the atrocities, which are available in the archives of many foreign universities, international media, yet Pakistan keeps lying," he said.
The DUVC also demanded the trial of 195 Pakistani army officers who had committed many crimes in 1971.
President of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed said they would hold meetings with the entire public

university teachers' associations to sever academic ties with Pakistan.
Meanwhile, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said the government, if necessary, would go to the international court demanding the trial of the 195 Pakistan army persons who had committed war crimes.
At a programme at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday, he said Pakistan was bound to bring the 195 Pakistan army personnel under trial following the Shimla agreement.
MIRPUR MAUSOLEUM
President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid their tributes to the martyred intellectuals by placing wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur, reports UNB.
President Abdul Hamid placed wreaths at 8:00am followed by the prime minister. They stood there in solemn silence for some time.
A contingent of Bangladesh Armed Forces gave a state salute as the bugle played the last post.
After placing wreaths, the president talked to war-wounded freedom fighters and family members of the martyred intellectuals there and enquired about their wellbeing.
Flanked by central leaders of the party, Sheikh Hasina, also president of Bangladesh Awami League, laid another wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial as the party chief.
She too talked to the war-wounded freedom fighters and enquired about their wellbeing.
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia paid her tributes at the memorial at 10:20am.
Cabinet ministers and political leaders also paid their homage to

Bangladesh's

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unchanged compared with last year.
Bangladesh's HDI value for 2014 is 0.570, said the report titled "Work for Human Development".
The HDI is an average measure of basic human development achievements in a country. It is a summary measure for assessing long-term progress in three basic dimensions of human development -- a long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living.
Between 1980 and 2014, Bangladesh's HDI value increased from 0.338 to 0.570, an increase of 68.7 percent or an average annual increase of about 1.55 percent, it said.
It showed Bangladesh's progress in each of the HDI indicators. Between 1980 and 2014, Bangladesh's life expectancy at birth increased by 18.1 years, mean years of schooling increased by 3.1 years and expected years of schooling increased by 5.1 years.
Bangladesh's GNI (gross national income) per capita increased by about 178.0 percent between 1980 and 2014, said the report.
Sri Lanka has secured 73rd position while India climbed five notches up to the 130th rank in the report on account of rise in life expectancy and per capita income.
On the other hand, Pakistan is ranked 146th position while Nepal is holding 145th position.
Two other South Asian countries -- Bhutan and Afghanistan -- are holding 136th and 169th positions respectively.
The global launching of the 2015 Human Development Report (HDR) was launched at the United Nations Conference Centre at the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Be open, inclusive

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strengthened, the US Under Secretary for Political Affairs-designate said democracy was a "journey", not an "end point" and it could always be improved.
Sharing his country's experience, Shannon said they have to work very hard to ensure that their democratic process is "inclusive" and people feel they have a reason to participate in the democratic process.
Responding to a question on human rights situation and freedom of speech in Bangladesh, he said Bangladesh is a democracy with a strong tradition of pluralism and tolerance.
"This is very important in a modern world because it creates space through which people can debate openly and debate on political issues in a fashion that allows eventual consensus and common action," he said.
As the US engages with Bangladesh and other countries, Shannon said they have always been promoting "peaceful dialogue" and participation (of all) in different entities of democracy, including elections.
"We are looking forward to the upcoming local elections and hoping that it will be largely participated," Shannon said emphasising on the necessity of holding the municipal polls in a free, fair and transparent manner.
On the recent murders, Shannon condemned the killings of bloggers, writers, publishers, and free-thinkers and said, "Those actions are deeply troubling for us and deeply saddening also."
Referring to similar incidents in other parts of the world, he said, "Freedom of speech needs to be respected."
Shannon said in their view, means of expression, including social media platforms, should be as open as possible.
In reply to a question on Bangladesh dismissing IS' reported claims of carrying out the recent killings and attacks, he said he had a conversation with the prime minister about fighting terrorism and fighting extremism.
"We agreed that violent extremism has to be combated. Our relationship in the fight against extremism has been very good and has created some positive results as I noted earlier," he said.
The US diplomat said Bangladesh and the US need to deepen the cooperation and deepen collaboration between security services of the two countries.
"That's what we are committed to do. We feel very comfortable working with the government of Bangladesh on terrorism issue. We feel very comfortable working with the government of Bangladesh in countering violent extremism. We will continue to do so," Shannon said.
On current security situation in Bangladesh, Shannon said they were trying to look into broader counter-terrorism partnership and would try to understand the phenomena of ISIL outside of ISIL home territory in Syria and Iraq.
"What is important is that this kind of relationship allows for an open and very

frank discussion about this threat." He said the US agreed completely on the importance of countering violent extremism in terms of countering it in two phases.
Firstly, Shannon said, cooperation is needed to counter the violent extremism and terrorism in the immediate phase and secondly, recognising that it is important to address the root causes and trying to ensure that young people across the world do not find terrorism as means of life.
Shannon laid emphasis on convincing young people that they have a better life in a peaceful, stable and democratic society. "In this regard we are very thankful for the cooperation and partnership we have with Bangladesh."
Asked whether the US administration considers BNP as a terrorist organisation, he said, "No."
US Ambassador Marcia Bernicat, who was present during the interview, supplemented by saying that there was only one Bangladeshi organisation in the list of the US State Department's terrorist organisations but the BNP is not on the list.
Shannon then added by saying that designating an organisation as a terrorist organisation was a very serious thing and in order to do it, this claim had to fit into a legally defined definition and requirements.
On his first visit to Bangladesh, Shannon said in terms of US diplomacy he would characterise it as "successful".
Explaining further, he said it was successful as he had the opportunity to meet senior members of the government, including Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and members of opposition political parties.
"In a short period of time we have accomplished a lot."

Canvassing with symbols begins

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The commission also formed an enquiry committee to probe the complaint of the BNP mayor aspirant in Chatkhil of Noakhali that he was forced by some ruling AL men to affix sign to a paper for withdrawing his candidature.
Mayor elections will be held in 228 municipalities on December 30 as six AL mayor hopefuls are going to be elected uncontested in Pirojpur Sadar, Tungipara of Gopalganj, Feni Sadar, Parshuram of Feni, Chatkhil of Noakhali and Madarganj of Jamalpur municipalities.
Voters in Parshuram municipality of Feni will be totally deprived of exercising their franchise as all the 10 councillors of the pourashava are also going to be elected unopposed.
Besides, 64 general and reserved women ward councillors are likely to be elected uncontested in different municipalities, including 44 in pourashavas of Feni.
According to EC statistics, 923 mayor, around 8,500 general and 2,533 women reserved councillor aspirants will take part in the polls.
LAWMAKER 'FLOUTS' LAW
In Pabna, AL lawmaker Golam Faruk Khandaker joined the opening ceremony of Rana Shopping Complex and Evening Touch Hotel on Press Club Road in the town. AL mayoral nominee Rakib Hasan Tipu was present.
As per the electoral code of conduct, ministers and lawmakers cannot go to an electoral area other than joining state functions, EC's Deputy Secretary Shamsul Alam told The Daily Star.
Faruk, however, claimed that it was not an electoral programme.
OFFICIAL IN CAMPAIGN
Several candidates complained that Borhan Ahmed of Kailashilla Gas Field took part in the electioneering

of AL mayor nominee Zakaria Ahmed.
Returning Officer Saidur Rahman said he would take action against the official if anybody lodged a complaint with his office.
'WITHDRAW OC'
The EC yesterday asked the police authorities to withdraw the officer-in-charge of Uttar Matlab Police Station in Chandpur.
The OC was allegedly working in favour of Rafiqul Alam George, AL mayor candidate in Changerchar Municipality under Uttar Matlab Upazila.
"We made the decision after we had found evidence to support the allegation," an election commissioner told this newspaper seeking anonymity.
The commission will also look into some similar allegations against the OCs of Kulara Police Station in Moulvibazar and Habiganj Sadar Police Station in Habiganj.
CHATKHIL MUNICIPALITY
Mostafa Kamal, BNP's mayor candidate in Chatkhil Municipality of Noakhali, yesterday alleged that he was kidnapped and forced by some ruling AL men to affix sign to a paper for withdrawing his candidature.
In a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, he appealed the EC to allow him to take part in the polls.
BNP Joint Secretary General Mahbub Uddin Khokon submitted the application to the EC in favour of the party candidate. The EC later formed an enquiry committee to look into the matter.
BNP NOMINEE FINED
In Faridganj Municipality of Chandpur, the returning officer fined BNP mayor hopeful Harunur Rashid Tk 5,000 for conducting electioneering with a motorcade.

Meanwhile, the High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to allow Oliur Rahman to contest as a mayoral candidate in Moulvibazar Pourasava polls on December 30.
The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam passed the order after hearing a writ petition filed by Oliur, a BNP candidate, challenging the returning officer's decision of canceling his nomination.
The court pronounced the order as it found no anomalies in his income tax documents.
Our correspondent from Pabna and two correspondents from Chandpur and Sylhet contributed to this report.

3 held for allegedly raping madrasa girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday arrested three youths for allegedly raping a madrasa girl two days ago in the capital's Jatrabari area.
The arrestees -- aged between 18 and 20 -- are Rakib, Rabbi and Yasin Arafat. Law enforcers are conducting drives to arrest another youth named Shuvo, who was also involved in the incident, said police.
The 13-year-old girl, a student of class-IV at a local madrasa, was admitted to One Stop Service Centre at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Sub Inspector of Jatrabari Police Station Abdullah Biswas told The Daily Star.
The youths picked up the girl while she was returning home from madrasa on Saturday afternoon. They took her to an under-construction building in Sheikhdi area and raped her, said police.

Twitter warns

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It is the first time that the social media company has issued such a warning.
Twitter emailed users to say that the hackers may have sought their email or IP addresses, or phone numbers, which it recently began collecting.
The number of accounts affected by the suspected hack is unclear.
Coldhak, a Canadian non-profit organisation, said it had received a warning from Twitter.
"We believe that these actors (possibly associated with a government) may have been trying to obtain information such as email addresses, IP addresses, and/or phone numbers," the email stated.
"At this time, we have no evidence they obtained your account information, but we're actively investigating this matter. We wish we had more we could share, but we don't have any additional information we can provide at this time."
The Chinese and North Korean governments are thought to be responsible for some cyber hacking of western companies and governments.
Some IT experts say the hackers who breached Sony's computer network late last year and leaked huge amounts of confidential information were backed by the North Korean state.
Pyongyang has consistently denied involvement in the security breach.
James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, said that government-backed attackers have far greater resources at their disposal than criminal hacker gangs.
They may be able to use other measures such as human agents or communications intercepts to successfully bypass any security measures, he said.

Victorians

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While speaking to reporters yesterday, Mashrafe said that while he expects a tougher contest from the Bulls in the final, he also expects his side to give it their all as well.
The Victorians' strength has so far been their unfaltering team spirit. They may not have too many big names, but the players looked extremely determined in each of their games and managed to give their best throughout the tournament. The key player for them will be Ashar Zaidi, a key contender for the player-of-the-tournament award, having scored 199 runs at an average of 66 and taken 16 wickets with his left-arm spin.
Bull, on the other hand, have depended upon a host of match-winners. In almost each of their games, they have found some one new to rely on. Their West Indian players -- Evin Lewis, Rayad Emrit and Kevon Cooper -- have been the revelations of the tournament. Chris Gayle may have left early, but Sabbir Rahman has made up for the Jamaican's absence by hitting at the right time. His last two knocks suggest that the all-rounder is eager to end the BPL on a high.



Notification

Notice Regarding Operation of Drone/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System (UAV/UAS)/Remote Controlled Planes etc in Bangladesh Airspace

This is hereby informed that recently some enthusiastic persons and organizations are flying Drones, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems (UAV/UAS), Remote Controlled Planes/Toy planes etc. in the Bangladesh airspace without any prior permission. These types of unauthorized flying activities pose a serious risk of anytime causing midair collision or similar devastating air accidents with other authorized civil passenger planes regularly operated by several domestic and international airlines, helicopters and high speed military jet planes.

Under the circumstances, for the safety and security of life and property of the people and for the national security, henceforth any person, company or organization intending to operate any flying object like Drone, UAV/UAS or remote controlled planes/toy planes etc. is to obtain prior written permission from the Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB) in prescribed form. It may be mentioned that Civil Aviation Authority is the sole authority regulating all civil flying activities in Bangladesh airspace.

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Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh

'Moja Losss' admin gets bail

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Refayet Ahmed, admin of a popular Facebook page called "Moja Losss?", in a case filed for running campaigns against the government and the state through the page.

Judge (vacation) Jesmine Ara Begum of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Refayet's lawyer submitted a bail petition.

Refayet was yesterday produced before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Shahrar Mahmud Adnan on completion of his two days' remand.

On Friday, Refayet was placed on a two-day remand for his alleged posts against the government and the state on the Facebook page.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested him from the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area on Thursday afternoon, hours after the government unblocked Facebook in Bangladesh.

On Friday, a Rab official filed the case against Refayet under Section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act-2006 with Bhatara Police Station.

In a press release on that day, Rab claimed that Refayet had tarnished the image of the country by launching campaigns against the government as well as different personalities.

He also used abusive language in his campaign, it claimed.

With a fan base of over 5,00,000, Moja Losss? (Are You Making Fun?) is a popular Facebook-based entertainment page known for its satirical stance on different aspects of society from corruption to politics to sexual harassment.



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Invitation for Tender (Goods)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
1 Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Railways.
2 Agency	: Bangladesh Railway.
3 Procuring entity name	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.
4 Procuring entity code	: Not used at present.
5 Procuring entity district	: Chittagong
6 Invitation for	: Package No-8: Supply of 1500 Nos. Meter Gauge standard Garjon wooden sleeper for imprest stock of DEN/1/CTG.
7 Invitation Ref No.	: CE/E/Rev./10/TS/2015-2016/KA-7
8 Date	: 09-12-2015
KEY INFORMATION	
9 Procurement method	: Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and source of funds	: Revenue Budget, GOB.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11 Tender publication date	: 15-12-2015
12 Tender last selling date	: 03-01-2016
13 Tender submission date and time	: 04-01-2016 Time 10.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs.
14 Tender opening date and time	: 04-01-2016 Time 12.30 hrs.
15 Name & address of the office(s)	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong (W-7 Section).
-Selling tender document	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong (W-7 Section).
-Selling tender document (others)	: Divisional Engineer-2, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka.
-Receiving tender document	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong (W-7 Section).
-Opening tender document	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong (W-7 Section).
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
16 Eligibility of tenderer	: As stated in the tender document.
17 Price of tender document (Tk.)	: Tk. 8,000.00 (eight thousand) (non-refundable).
18 Package No.	Identification of package Location Tender security amount (Tk.) Completion time in weeks/months
8	Supply of 1500 Nos. Meter Gauge standard Garjon wooden sleeper for imprest stock of DEN/1/CTG - 1,15,000.00 (one lakh fifteen thousand) only 04 (four) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
19 Name of official inviting tender	: Md. Shahidul Islam.
20 Designation of official inviting tender	: Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong.
21 Address of official inviting tender & Telephone No.	: Office of the Chief Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong, Telephone No. 031-2863162.
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders.

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