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AL dissidents face party men's wrath

Attacked, threatened during campaign

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Some Awami League rebel mayoral aspirants came under attack from their party men in several municipalities on Monday, a day after they were suspended from the party.

The ruling party activists also allegedly alighted posters of an AL rebel candidate, tried to kidnap his son and threatened to kill a BNP mayor hopeful along with his family members.

The AL on Sunday night suspended all the rebel mayor candidates from the party for not withdrawing from the municipality polls race.

In Jessore municipality, AL dissident mayor candidate Kamruzzaman Chunnunna alleged that supporters of AL nominee Jahirul Islam Chaklader Rentu attacked his men when they were hanging posters at Chuadanga Bus Stand area around 8:00pm on Monday.

Chunnunna claimed that his two supporters, Tagar and Monayem, were injured in the incident. The attackers also set about 1,500 posters afire and tried to kidnap his son from the spot.

This newspaper could not reach Rentu over the phone for his comment. However, one of his supporters Anwar Hossain Mostan, also a local Jubo League leader, denied the allegations saying that Chunnunna was spreading false propaganda to tarnish Rentu's image.

In Barguna municipality, AL rebel mayor hopeful Shahadat Hossain



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VICTORIANS LIFT BPL TITLE

This image of Mashrafe Bin Mortaza has been the face of Bangladesh cricket's magnificent 2015. And last night he once again showed why he is called the leader of men, be it in international or domestic fronts, by lifting the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) title for Comilla Victorians after a pulsating final against Barisal Bulls at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



Jamaat man shot dead in Ctg

Family alleges he was killed in cop firing; police deny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

A Jamaat-e-Islami leader was killed, as his family said, in police firing in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (Special Branch), Chittagong, Muhammad Abdul Awal, however,

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Osman Goni

ROAD ACCIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

20 killed in a day

STAR REPORT

At least 20 people were killed and 60 others injured in a single day of relentless road crashes across the country yesterday.

The dead include two police personnel.

Nine people died when a speeding oil-carrying lorry smashed a shallow-engine driven three-wheeler on Bogra-Nagarbari highway under Shahjadpur upazila of Sirajganj at about 7:30pm.

The small-sized human-haulier packed with 17 passengers rolled down the road.

Four people died on the spot while five others died at Sirajganj Sadar Hospital, our Pabna correspondent said quoting police and hospital officials.

The rest suffered injuries.

The lorry, going to Baghabari depot from Ullapara, lost its control after puncturing a front wheel and knocked over the human-haulier traveling from Shahjadpur to Ullapara.

"The way the lorry hit the human-haulier, I thought all the passengers were killed," said Abdur Rahman, a witness.

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JMB behind these

Say police about murder of Japanese citizen, shooting of Italian pastor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Outlawed militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh was behind the recent killing of a Japanese national in Rangpur and shooting of an Italian pastor in Dinajpur, police claim.

Humayun Kabir, deputy inspector general of police (Rangpur Range), said this while talking to reporters at his office in presence of the superintendents of police of eight districts under Rangpur division yesterday afternoon.

The police have so far arrested 18 suspected JMB members in different districts of the division in connection with the attacks, said DIG Humayun Kabir.

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Prayer Timing

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DECEMBER 16					
	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-20	12-45	3-45	5-22	7-00
JAMAAT	5-55	1-15	4-00	5-25	7-30
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

BURDWAN BLAST

28 accused as fresh charge sheet filed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a second supplementary charge sheet with a Kolkata court in the Burdwan blast case against 28 accused, including arrested JMB man Nurul Hoque Mondal alias Naem.

The Indian security agency has accused them of waging war against Bangladesh.

"They [JMB men] hatched a conspiracy wherein the main purpose was to establish Sharia law in Bangladesh by toppling the democratically-elected government [of Sheikh Hasina] and to spread tentacles in India for the furtherance of their goal," said a statement of the NIA, the federal anti-terrorism agency probing the Burdwan blast, late on Monday night.

On October 2, 2014, the blast left two persons dead and four others injured in a Burdwan city house.

Naem, a resident of Bakshipur in West Bengal's Murshidabad, had

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Diners made to pay 'air cleaning fee'

BBC ONLINE

A restaurant in eastern China has been caught charging customers an "air cleaning fee" on top of their food bills.

Diners at the eatery in Zhangjiagang city, Jiangsu Province, were charged one yuan (\$0.15; 10p) each to cover the cost of purifying the air inside, the official Xinhua news agency reports.

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Bangladesh to join Saudi-led anti-terror centre

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has decided to join a Saudi Arabian initiative to set up "Counter-Terrorism Centre" along with other Muslim countries to fight terrorism and extremist ideology.

"We have preliminarily consented to join the centre and asked for details of the proposed platform. The Saudi government has agreed to send us further information on it," State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam told The

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LA schools closed for 'terror threat'

BBC ONLINE

Schools in Los Angeles of the US were closed yesterday as an unspecified threat emailed to the school district was being investigated.

The threat against the second largest school system in the US led to 640,000 pupils being told to stay away, while school buses were returned to depots.

A school district spokesman said it involved rucksacks, and they were exercising "an abundance of caution".

New York City officials said they received the same threat that closed LA schools but concluded it was a hoax.

The city's police commissioner, William Bratton, said an

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