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## Blasts at navy mosque in Ctg

ISPR says 5-6 hurt; one caught

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two cocktails exploded at a mosque inside Bangladesh Navy's Issa Khan base in Chittagong after Juma prayers yesterday, causing minor injuries to five to six people, said Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate.

The injured were released after they were given first aid.

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"Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka has become a den of conspiracy."

SHIPPING MINISTER  
**SHAJAHAN KHAN**  
AT A CITY PROGRAMME

## Migrants get little help

Expatriate workers find labour wings hardly active

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

Bangladeshi migrant workers often don't get expected services from the labour wings of the country's foreign missions despite the fact that they send home remittance of around \$14 billion a year.

In most cases, officials and staffs at the wings are unresponsive to the needs of the workers abroad, a number of migrant workers and rights activists told The Daily Star yesterday.

The government is spending crores of taka from migrant welfare funds to meet the expenses of these officials and staffs, many of whom don't perform their duties properly, they alleged.

Besides, migrant workers sometimes lose their jobs and even face deportation from different countries for lack of coordination among officials, according to them.

The expatriate workers portrayed a sorry state of migrant workers abroad, as Bangladesh like all other countries around the world observed the International Migrants Day yesterday.

"We face difficulties in getting wages regularly and medical services at our workplaces. When we inform officials [at labour wings] about it, many of them don't take these issues seriously," said Md Shahjahan, a migrant worker at a manufacturing plant in Malaysia.

Besides, the officials sometimes make delay in providing services such as issuing passports or travel permits, he told this correspondent.

Ambia Khatun, who works in Oman, said she has been requesting the labour wing officials there to help her switch her current job. But she is yet to get any help from them.

Migration experts say many officials at the labour offices abroad are not well trained or motivated to solve the problems of migrant workers.

"Our government and officials always show excuses for

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Out in the chilling cold in the early hours yesterday, a man in front of the capital's Bangladesh Film Development Corporation prepares *bhopa pitha*, a must-have winter delight, while another man relishes the freshly baked ones. People come to the shop, which remains open till the morning, at all hours in the night to have the delicious rice cake.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Cut off IS finances

UNSC unanimously passes resolution

AFP, United Nations

Finance ministers from the UN Security Council on Thursday unanimously backed a resolution aimed at ramping up sanctions against the Islamic State group and cutting off its revenue flows.

US Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew led the council's first-ever meeting of finance ministers, shoring up a major diplomatic push to end the war in Syria, where IS jihadists control a large swathe of territory and have installed their de facto capital.

Drafted by the United States and Syrian

ally Russia, the measure will update an al-Qaeda blacklist by renaming it the "ISIL (Daesh) and al-Qaeda sanctions list" to signal the UN's focus on the IS extremists.

The resolution urges countries to "move vigorously and decisively to cut the flow of funds, and other financial assets and economic resources" including oil and antiquities to IS, and to "more actively" submit names to the sanctions list.

It calls on governments to ensure they have adopted laws that make the financing of IS and of foreign fighters who join its

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## IS 'declares war on Saudi Arabia'

MIRROR ONLINE

The Islamic State terror group has declared war on Saudi Arabia, after the Middle East's wealthiest nation claimed to have formed a 34-bloc military task force aimed at destroying the cult.

A gruesome new execution video purportedly released by IS on Thursday features various jihadists accusing the Arab state of joining a coalition with "crusaders".

Over images of galloping horses interspersed with brutal killings and gunfights, soldiers repeatedly call for Saudi Arabia to come and fight them in Syria.

The end of the clip shows a man in a blue jumpsuit -- alleged to be a Saudi "collaborator" -- being shot in the face.

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## Violence, violation of polls code rising

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

With the municipal polls drawing nearer, incidents of violence and violation of electoral code of conduct by mayoral hopefuls are on the rise, raising concern among the voters.

The Daily Star yesterday learnt about at least two incidents of violence in Jessore and Bhola, and some allegations of electoral rule breaches in Laxmipur and Sylhet.

Besides, an Election Commission (EC) mobile court yesterday fined the Awami League-backed mayor aspirants in two Natore municipalities different amounts for violation of electoral code.

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015**

## Attacks on temple, Italian priest JMB man involved in both incidents

Police say citing his 'confession'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shariful Islam, who was caught red handed during the ISKCON temple attack in Dinajpur on December 10, has confessed his involvement in the mid-November shooting of Italian Pastor Piero Parolari, according to a local police official.

He made the confessional statement before the chief judicial magistrate court on Thursday, said Redwanur Rahim, officer-in-charge of detective branch of Dinajpur police.

Shariful, an operative of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), confessed that he was among the three people who carried out the gun attack on Parolari near the BRTC bus terminal in Dinajpur town early November 18, the official said yesterday.

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Shariful Islam





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