



A bunch of teenagers and preteens head for the drying haors at Yambil in Jaintiapur of Sylhet with their fishing gear in the early morning. It is almost a tradition for people of the rural areas to go fishing in groups like this in the dry season.

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Saudi moves

FROM PAGE 16 send both jets and troops, Independent quoted his as saying. "If we have such a strategy, then Turkey and Saudi Arabia may launch an operation from the land," he added. He confirmed that planes and military personnel were being sent to Incirlik, in Adana near the Syrian border, but said numbers had not been confirmed. Adel al-Jubeir, the Saudi foreign minister, on his part said Russia's intervention would not help Assad stay in power in an interview published today. "There will be no Bashar al-Assad in the future," he told a German newspaper. Co-operation with Turkey could prove problematic if Saudi Arabia follows its definition of "terrorists" to include Kurdish fighters, who have been one of the most effective forces against Isis on the ground. Cavusoglu's statement also raised the possibility of conflict between Turkey and Russia, which he accused of hitting the so-called Islamic State with only 12 per cent of its air strikes. Ash Carter, the American defence secretary, said on Friday that he expected the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates to send commandos to help recapture IS' Syrian stronghold and de-facto capital of Raqqa. Saudi Arabia and Turkey are among Assad's foreign opponents who have been supplying selected rebel groups with weapons via a Turkey-based operation centres. Some of the vetted groups, mainly part of the Free Syrian Army, have received military training overseen by the US Central Intelligence Agency. In the wake of Saudi Arabia's proposal to send in ground troops on Thursday, the Russian Prime Minister claimed the move could spark a new world war. Yesterday, Medvedev said that strains between Russia and the West over the Syria and Ukraine crises had plunged the world into a "new Cold War". "Almost every day we are accused of making new horrible threats either against Nato as a whole, against Europe or against the US or other countries," Medvedev said in Munich. Also speaking in Munich, US Secretary of State John Kerry complained that the vast majority of Russia's attacks in Syria were against "legitimate opposition groups" rather than IS jihadists. His comments come after Assad defiantly told AFP in an exclusive interview published on Friday that he would recapture the whole of Syria and keep "fighting terrorism". Assad also said he "doesn't rule out" that Turkey and Saudi Arabia would intervene militarily in Syria but said that his armed forces "will certainly confront it". Saudi Arabia had already said earlier this month that it was ready to join any ground operation against IS. But this is the first time a top Turkish official has publicly raised the prospect, long the subject of speculation, of a joint ground incursion with the kingdom. World powers on Friday announced an ambitious plan to stop fighting in Syria within a week, but doubts have emerged over its viability, especially because it did not include IS or al-Qaeda's local branch. The 17-nation International Syria Support Group, which includes Turkey and Saudi Arabia, also agreed that "sustained delivery" of humanitarian aid would begin "immediately".

Robin Ghosh

FROM PAGE 16 great contributions to Bengali and Urdu film music, was admitted to the hospital after he suffered acute respiratory complications three days back. He also suffered a cerebral stroke four months ago. He will be buried today at the Old Christian Cemetery near Baldha Garden in Wari. Robin was born in Baghdad where his father worked for the International Red Cross. His mother was of Iraqi origin while his father was a Bangali Christian. When World War II ended in 1945, six-year-old Robin along with his family moved to Dhaka. In the late 1950s, Robin was offered a job at the Dhaka Radio Station by a friend. This friend's sister, Jharna Basak (film actress Shabnam), who occasionally played roles in various Bangla films, became friends with him. The two finally got married and the couple's son, Ronnie, was born in 1966. Until his death, Robin lived with Shabnam in Bangladesh. In the early 1960s, film director Ehtesham visited the radio station, and offered Robin a contract as a composer for his films. His debut was for the Bengali film "Rajdhanir Buke" in 1961.

After the release of "Tum Mere Ho", Robin moved to Karachi in the 1980s. He composed songs for the film "Aaina", one of the greatest films ever made in the Pakistan film industry. In his lifetime, Robin composed many popular songs for many famous films, including "Pitch Dhala Poth". Legendary singers Mehdi Hassan, Noor Jehan, Ahmed Rushdi, Mala and Runa Laila rendered songs composed by Robin Ghosh. Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day

FROM PAGE 16 "Valentine's Day has no connection with our culture and it should be avoided," the president told students at a gathering held to honour one of the country's heroes of independence. Hussain urged the young people to focus on their studies instead. In Peshawar, the capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, members of the district assembly on Friday unanimously passed a resolution to ban Valentine's Day celebrations. "A particular segment of our society wants to impose Western values and culture on our youth by celebrating Valentine's Day," said the resolution, which was presented by a member of Jamaat-e-Islami, one of the largest Islamist parties in Pakistan. "There is no place in our culture and in our civilisation for such an unnecessary and rude day, which aims to spread vulgarity and indecency amongst the youth," it said. Authorities in the conservative northwestern Kohat district also instructed police to halt any celebrations of Valentine's Day. Despite the ban, an AFP reporter in Peshawar witnessed shops openly selling red balloons, toys and chocolates. A conservative Urdu language newspaper ran an industry-funded advertisement which called the day "a festival of obscenity". "Just ponder...tomorrow our children will start celebrating Diwali of Hindus, Christmas of Christians and who knows what other un-Islamic festivals so let's kick out this festival of obscenity from our lives for the sake of Allah," the last lines of the advertisement said.

Pope to visit Mexico National Palace

AFP, Mexico City Francis will be the first pope to enter Mexico's National Palace to meet the president on Saturday as he starts a cross-country tour that will highlight the country's violence and migration troubles. After hundreds of thousands of Catholics swarmed the streets to welcome him when he arrived late Friday, the pontiff will hold talks with President Enrique Pena Nieto at the ornate palace in Mexico City's Zocalo square. The choice of location has symbolic significance as none of the pope's predecessors were ever invited there, even though heads of states are usually greeted at the palace.

bKash agents shot

FROM PAGE 16 They were carrying the money they had collected from several bKash agents in Senpara area of Kafurl. Tea vendor Mohammad Jewel, a witness, told The Daily Star that the bike was crossing Police Staff College at a very slow speed. Suddenly, the victims fell on the ground as three criminals, who were standing beside the tea stall parking their bike, pushed them from behind. The bKash sales representatives started running on being chased, he said. To save themselves, Mosharrar and Al-Amin entered an alley near Housing Staff Quarter but were caught by two more muggers there. The criminals were already waiting for them as per their plan. The two attackers joined them soon after, said another witness, wishing not to be named. At first, the muggers shot Mosharrar five times in his hands as he refused to give them his bag full of money. Then they shot Al-Amin in the backside. With all the money, the muggers fled immediately on two bikes. However, AID bKash Distribution manager Zainal Abedin, quoting the victims, said the muggers used another vehicle in the crime. Contacted, AKM Moin Uddin, sub-inspector of Kafurl Police Station, said they were investigating the matter and no one was arrested yet.

In Tangail Sadar upazila, bKash agent Iqbal Hossain, 30, of Aag Dighulia village, was stabbed to death on Friday night. He was also a village doctor. ASP Mohiuddin Faruki, commander of Crime Prevention Company-3 of the Rapid Action Battalion-12, said a gang of criminals intercepted the victim's bike in Golchokkor area around 9:30pm when he was returning home. They stabbed Iqbal repeatedly with sharp weapons, snatched Tk 1 lakh from him and fled. He was declared dead after being rushed to Tangail Medical College Hospital an hour later, said Faruki. Locals caught one Babul Miah, 28, on the spot suspecting him to be one of the killers, and handed him over to the Rab, said Aminul Islam, chairman of Mahmudnagar Union Parishad. Babul was handed over to the police later. The locals also vandalised houses of three people allegedly involved in the crime, he said. Nazmul Haque Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Tangail Model Police Station, said Babul admitted to his involvement in the incident during the primary interrogation. He said they were raiding different places to arrest the other killers. A case was filed with the police station.

Plenty

FROM PAGE 16 Bangladesh's second-best scorer, behind left-handed Nazmul Hossain's 259. However, Miraz's consistency was admirable, as he scored four half-centuries and with the ball he picked up 12 wickets. The most striking thing about the stylish right-hander-- and indeed the whole team -- was the way they handled pressure. That was mainly down to Mehedi's rock-solid presence in the middle. The ever-smiling off-spinner, who never seemed to have a tinge of apprehension on his face while encountering the press, might be a good addition in the Tigers' future line-up especially for his additional exploit as an off-break bowler. And it doesn't just end there. Batsmen like Zakir Hasan and Saif Hasan have shown glimpses that suggest that these players could well represent the national side in the longer version in the near future. The resilience and patience that these two batsmen had shown can be nurtured for the better. The only weakness of this vibrant side is quality pace. Although Mohammad Saifuddin impressed with his scorching yorkers, there is still plenty of room to improve here. Given the conditions in Bangladesh where spin is the main threat, they were bound to be vulnerable in this department. A few loose strokes didn't help their cause, but it would be folly to crucify a bunch of 17-18 year-olds for being a bit compulsive. What we can do is commend them on the fact that their concentration scarcely ever waned and for carrying on with the senior side's fearless brand of cricket in one-day format. While they will be filled with regret at not making it all the way, their performances in the tournament captured the imagination of most of the visiting former cricket-greats. Although they ended up as the third best team in world's youth jamboree, their performance indicates that the future is bright for Bangladesh cricket. They have just been graduated as one of the best students, what they need now is extreme care from the establish-

Cops must not work for any political party

Says Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said policemen should not work as a team of any political party. Pointing to recent harassment of several people by cops, the jurist said the force has been suffering from "diseases" and it should get rid of them. "The police cannot be exploited for materialising anyone's personal interest. It cannot be used for the interest of any political party," Kamal told the party's extended meeting at its central office in the city's Arambagh. Meanwhile, rights activist Hameeda Hossain yesterday at a discussion said terrorism is the country's biggest problem now and people are facing the problem from the state. "For example, whenever anyone dies at the hands of Rab, they [the force] label it crossfire. But they cannot provide any rationale. Why that person was not put on trial as per law? They only claim that the person was a terrorist," she noted. Bangladesh Nagorik Samaj Foundation organised the discussion titled "Duties of the civil society in current perspective" at the National Press Club. As the people are victimised by state terrorism, there should be a united protest against it, said Hameeda, also the founding member of Ain O Salish Kendra. Citing the killing of bloggers as a

major problem, she said: "If we don't like to read them [bloggers], we won't. But which law states that they should be killed?" According to the constitution freedom of speech and thought is our right, she added. She stressed the need for working on a personal and family level to remove discrimination between boys and girls. Speaking at the Gonoforum meeting, Dr Kamal said allegations of corruption have been raised against some policemen and investigations found the allegations to be true. "But the cops involved in corruption are the sons of our country. They are not our enemy. We'll have to bring them on the right path." The police force is very much necessary for establishing rule of law in the country, the lawyer observed. "But it cannot be acceptable that cops would harass people. Some police members have been caught red handed [for harassing people]. We won't say that we don't need police. We'll have to free the police from the corruption disease." Pointing to the constitution, Kamal said people are the owners of state power and they want peace, stability and rule of law in the country. "It's totally unconstitutional for a government to act in a partisan way. There will be a partisan government, but it will have to exercise power in accordance with the constitution," he mentioned.

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