

Car bomb

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southeast of the country and warned foreign tourists not to visit the country.

A two-year ceasefire between the government and Kurdish rebels collapsed in the middle of last year and since December security forces have been waging a major campaign against the PKK in the southeast of the country.

Strict 24-hour curfews were imposed in a number of Kurdish-dominated towns and cities to allow the military and police to pursue the fight against fighters who had dug trenches and put up barricades.

The attack came hours before curfews were due to take effect in two more towns in the southeast as a prelude to fresh military operations.

Authorities said restrictions would be slapped on Yuksekova, near the Iranian border, and Nusaybin, on the frontier with Syria, to "restore order and security" following an increase in "terrorist activity".

Ankara has vowed to wipe out the PKK, classed as a terrorist organisation by Turkey and its Western allies, and has said "clean-up" operations in Yuksekova, Nusaybin and Sirmak, a third Kurdish city, are imminent.

Muggers kill

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Ismail was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Ismail, father of two daughters and a son, was living with his family in Modhubagh area. He had been working at Motaleb's shop for the last eight years.

Jewel Mia, sub-inspector of Ramna Police Station, said police were trying to arrest the killers.

Draft law

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The Speaker will then fix a date in the running or the next session of parliament for a discussion. If the Speaker thinks, the discussion will be held in secret.

To look into the complaint, the Speaker will form a three-member committee led by a former chief justice or a former judge of the Appellate Division of the SC as chairman. A former attorney general and an eminent citizen or a jurist will be the two other members.

The inquiry will be conducted in complete secrecy. The complaint will be sent to the judge in question through a messenger and registered postal service. The judges will get 10 working days to submit a written statement in his defence.

Where applicable, the Speaker can order for a reinvestigation with approval of the majority MPs.

Before considering the report of the investigation committee, the judge concerned will get an opportunity to submit a written or oral statement before the Jatiya Sangsad.

The resolution for the removal has to be approved by two-thirds majority in parliament, before being sent to the president for his consent.

However, if the accusation is found baseless and made with intent to harass, the accuser will face up to two years in jail or up to Tk 5 lakh in fine.

JU students

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Wishing anonymity, an assistant engineer of the office said, "A file has been created to contact and consult with a construction company about the repair of the dormitory but it has not started functioning yet."

The main building of Al-Biruni Hall, Fazilatunnesa Hall, bachelor teachers' quarters, teachers' club, officers' club, engineering office, old arts building, and gymnasium are also in dilapidated condition and badly in need of renovations, said an employee of the engineer's office, seeking anonymity.

Terrific Tamim takes

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actor's role at the other end, Bangladesh flourished till the last Oman over was bowled.

Tamim reached his 50 off 35 balls and with him the Tigers total reached the 100-run mark in 12.4 overs. The left-hander then celebrated his fourth fifty with a massive six over long-off.

The mercurial left-hander equalled his previous best T20 score of 88 with a couple and then pulled one for a sweetly-timed six over midwicket to take his score to 94. By the time Tamim raced to the 90s, Sabbir Rahman had left, being bowled around his legs while trying to sweep, but not before he clobbered a 26-ball 44 that contained five fours and a six. Sabbir's innings more than compensated for the slow start and an ugly 22-ball 12 by Soumya.

Tamim then took a couple and a quick single, a refreshing feature of a redefined batsman, to move on to 97. He played three dot balls in the 19th over including a full toss. He can be spared for missing out on those deliveries because he was only three runs from scripting a piece of history. He however did not make any mistake in dispatching the fourth, a trademark Tamim off-drive that beat the extra-

cover and mid-off fielders, and Bangladesh presented its first T20I centurion to the world: Tamim Iqbal 101 off 60 balls.

Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim's rival for the race to 1000 runs, batted intelligently in the final over clobbering most of those 15 runs with a four and a six. Oman's innings, disrupted by intermittent rain, never took off once their opener Zeeshan Maqsood was out for a duck in the very first over delivered by Taskin Ahmed. They kept on losing wickets before and after every rain-induced interval in a chase that kept the statisticians on their toes, updating the revised targets. Actually, Bangladesh's 180 was too big a total for the amateurs of Oman, a team comprised mostly of Indian and Pakistani expatriates. After two rain breaks, Oman on 45-4 in 8.2 overs, were finally given a revised target of 120 runs for a win in 12 over. They scored 65-9 with Shakib claiming four for 15, his best bowling figures in the format, beating his previous best of 4 for 21. It was Shakib's fourth four-wicket haul. The Bangladesh all-rounder, who also scored a nine-ball 17, can consider this performance as some sort of a tonic to his rhythm back to the big stage.

Trapped in Syria

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from the Philippines, Indonesia and other countries, which, like Nepal and Bangladesh, have large migrant labour populations, stopped working in Syria because of the dangers involved.

"Since then traffickers have been targeting Nepalis," said Kaushal Kishor Ray, head of Nepal's diplomatic mission based in Cairo.

"The numbers have gone up hugely in recent years, we estimate there must be around 500 Nepali women in Syria," Ray told AFP.

In nearby Bangladesh, Shahinor Begum lies in a Dhaka hospital bed recovering from her seven-month ordeal after being trafficked into Syria as a sex slave.

"I was sold to a Syrian man who tortured and raped me every day, sometimes along with his friends," Begum, also a single mother-of-two, said.

"I begged for mercy, but they didn't have any. Instead they used to beat me so badly that I broke my arms," she told AFP.

Accompanied by labour agents, the 28-year-old and several other women left Bangladesh on the promise of working as maids in Jordan.

But they too were taken to Syria, where fighting between the regime and rebel forces has left more than 260,000 dead and displaced more than half the population.

Begum eventually developed kidney disease, prompting traffickers to contact her ageing mother to demand money for her safe return home.

Lieutenant Colonel Golam Sarwar said his team from Bangladesh's elite Rapid Action Battalion are investigating her case and two others -- although families of 43 other women have lodged similar complaints.

"Bangladesh is apparently a soft target for the traffickers," Sarwar told AFP.

'ALWAYS AFRAID'
Criminal networks target nationals from Nepal and Bangladesh in part because their governments have little diplomatic influence in the region and no embassy in Syria.

A Nepal government ban on migrant workers travelling to Syria has failed to stop the traffickers, an International Labour Organization (ILO) official said.

"Nepal's government thinks a ban is the easiest solution, it basically allows them to wipe their hands of the issue," said Bharati Pokharel, ILO national project coordinator in Kathmandu.

"India has much more diplomatic

clout than Nepal or Bangladesh and traffickers are aware of this. They know Nepal is weak and that they will face no legal action for their activities," Pokharel told AFP.

Illiterate, trusting and desperate to dig herself out of poverty, Magar didn't hesitate when a labour broker approached her with a promise of a well-paid job in Kuwait. The 23-year-old says she didn't realise she had been duped until the plane landed in Damascus.

CORRUPT OFFICIALS
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They contacted the broker who then demanded payment from Magar's family to ensure her release. Her mother then highlighted the case to local newspapers, kicking off a social media campaign. Expat Nepalis as far afield as Finland and Hong Kong raised \$3,800 to pay off her employers.

Magar, who finally arrived in Kathmandu in August, counts herself among the lucky few to have escaped.

Rohit Kumar Neupane's aunt was trafficked to Damascus last spring. She alerted her family via Facebook a few months later, prompting Neupane to repeatedly seek help from government officials without success.

A foreign ministry official said Neupane's request had been forwarded to its overworked embassy in Cairo, which covers nine countries including Syria.

"Frankly, we are not in a position to manage these cases from Cairo... what we need is precautionary action to prevent them from coming to Syria in the first place," said diplomat Ray.

But an apparent nexus between local labour brokers involved in trafficking and corrupt Nepali officials means they operate freely, according to experts.

"Even in the rare instance that a case is filed, it will just drag on with no possibility of resolution or a guilty verdict," said Krishna Gurung, project coordinator at Kathmandu's Pourakhi emergency shelter house for female migrant workers.

In her village of Murali Bhanjyang in central Nepal, Magar has little hope of seeing the traffickers brought to justice.

"I still have nightmares about that time... I start crying in my sleep," she said.

"Sometimes it feels like none of this is real, like I am back on that balcony in Syria, dreaming of Nepal."

ACC was under

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Division secretary; Kazi Mohammad Ferdous, the then superintendent engineer of Bangladesh Bridge Authority, and Reaz Ahmed Zaber, the then executive engineer of the Roads and Highways Department.

The accused also include former local agent of SNC Lavalin Mohammad Mostofa and its ex-officials Mohammad Ismail, Ramesh Shah and Kevin Wales.

The WB had accused SNC Lavalin of conspiring to bribe ex-communications minister Syed Abul Hossain and several officials and individuals of Bangladesh to get the consultancy job of the project.

The ACC in its probe report submitted to the court in September 2014 cleared all the accused in the case of the conspiracy charges, saying none had been found guilty.

It also exonerated Abul Hossain and ex-state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury from the allegation of involvement in the corruption conspiracy.

ACC Chairman Bodiuzzaman, yesterday, also said the anti-graft body had filed the case so that the government could get the fund.

Later, the investigation proved that the allegations of corruption conspiracy were false, he added.

No central database soon

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however, were in talks with software developers.

Digitisation of data is the first step to create a database.

The joint commissioner added they may extend the deadline for collecting information. "We will see the response of citizens after the end of the March 15 deadline," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

The official also said forms filled out by tenants and house owners will be kept at the police station concerned and the officer-in-charge will be the custodian of those.

A number of police officials confirmed that they were collecting information of tenants through house owners and using beat police.

Asked about the digitisation, the officials said they will not start the task until they receive directives from the DMP headquarters.

About the collection of identification information, the officials said they have been contacting house owners and distributing the forms. A small number of tenants came to police stations and filled out forms.

Helal Uddin, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Dhanmondi Police Station, said once they complete the information collection, they will arrange the forms according to road and holding numbers to learn who live in which area.

"At present we are collecting forms filled out by tenants and house owners and storing those at the police station," he added.

Scrutinising the tenant's form, it was found that it does not ask for information about family members or the names of the spouse, mother and offspring of a tenant. Police officials said they provided only one

form to a tenant's family, to the person who rented the house or flat.

Mohammad Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shah Ali Police Station, said they were collecting information following the DMP commissioner's directive.

D M P C o m m i s s i o n e r Asaduzzaman Miah at a press briefing on February 29 asked tenants and house owners to provide their "identification information" to the police station concerned by March 15.

"It is part of an effort to create a central database of city dwellers and their service staff and the move is intended to curb crime and create a sustainable security measure", he said.

But many view the police move as unnecessary and time-consuming because basic information of people were already in the National Identity (NID) card database.

17-month-old

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Shahjahan then stabbed the girl in her abdomen, critically injuring her, said the OC, quoting the girl's mother, Beauty Begum.

Bithi was first taken to Nandail Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The knife pierced through the girl, said Moinuddin Khan, a doctor of the hospital.

The condition of Bithi is improving gradually, according to hospital sources.

Police visited the spot and were trying to arrest the attackers, the OC said.

They fled

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office yesterday afternoon.

He said Shaistaganj police rescued the three from the house around 10:00pm Saturday.

Sohanur, the fourth kid, stayed back in Sylhet and Shaistaganj police rescued him from Hazrat Shahjalal shrine area around 3:00am yesterday, he added.

Mobarak appeal

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Jamaat-e-Islami leader's death penalty on March 8.

On November 24, 2014, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 sentenced Mobarak, a former Awami League leader from Brahmanbaria, to death for abducting and killing 33 people of Tanmandayl village in his district during the Liberation War.

The tribunal also sentenced Mobarak to life imprisonment for another war crime and acquitted him of three other charges.

On December 18, 2014, Mobarak filed an appeal through his lawyers with the apex court, challenging the ICT-1 verdict.

In an 82-page appeal, Mobarak sought acquittal of the two charges, in which he was found guilty and convicted. He also annexed documents of 780 pages along with the appeal.

The former AL leader also mentioned 77 grounds, for which, according to him, the court should consider acquitting him.

A defence lawyer, Tajul Islam, told

The Daily Star on March 11 that neither the defence nor the state counsels submitted concise statements to the SC on the appeal.

A concise statement contains the points on which the counsels place arguments on an appeal before the SC.

The Appellate Division may include the appeal of Mobarak in its cause list any day and ask the counsels for submitting their concise statements to it for starting the hearing.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told this correspondent on March 11 that his office would take necessary steps after the appeal of Mobarak was placed on the cause list.

Apart from Mobarak, other appellants in war crimes cases are Jamaat Assistant Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam and Senior Nayebe Amir Maulana Abdus Subhan and former state minister Syed Mohammad Qaisar.

Two international crimes tribunals have convicted and sentenced them to death for committing crimes against humanity during the war in 1971.

Besides, the government filed an

appeal with the SC, seeking death penalty for former Jatiya Party lawmaker Abdul Jabbar, who is on the run.

The ICT-1 on February 24 last year sentenced Jabbar to imprisonment until death in absentia for crimes against humanity.

The SC has so far disposed of the appeals of seven war criminals. Four of them have been executed. They are Jamaat leaders Abdul Quader Mollah, Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

The SC on January 6 this year upheld the death penalty for Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami for his war crimes. The apex court has yet to release the full text of its judgement on Nizami.

Another war criminal and Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayeede has been behind bars as the SC commuted his death sentence to jail until death.

The ICT-1 had earlier sentenced Sayeede to death for his crimes against humanity.

Bacteria that

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sediment, soil and wastewater from a plastic bottle recycling site.

They screened the microbes living on the samples to investigate whether any of them were eating the PET and using it to grow.

They found a consortium of microbes that appeared to break down a PET film, however just one of the bacteria species, named Ideonella sakaiensis, was responsible for PET degradation.

Further tests revealed the bacteria used enzymes to break down the PET, generating an intermediate chemical. The chem-

ical was then taken up by the cell, where it was broken down even further by other enzymes providing the bacteria with carbon and energy to grow.

The research found a community of Ideonella sakaiensis could break down a thin film of PET in just six weeks if kept at a temperature of 29C.

Although previous studies have detected species of fungi able to grow on PET, this is the first time microbes able to consume the substance have ever been discovered.

The revelation has led experts to question whether Ideonella sakaiensis could be

the answer to the ever-growing amount of plastic ending up in the environment and damaging the planet.

Tracy Mincer, who studies plastics in the ocean at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, explains that although the study is impressive it is not immediately clear whether the discovery will help keep plastics out of the ocean or become an alternative to landfill.

But he said the research could make it easier to identify other microbes that may have similar PET-degrading capabilities.

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