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# JP is just unable

Controversial MP Salim faces no action yet from his party

RASHIDUL HASAN

Despite drawing widespread condemnation for publicly humiliating a schoolteacher, lawmaker Salim Osman is still getting Jatiya Party by his side because of his money and influence in Narayanganj, party insiders say.

The party as well as its chief HM Ershad has been financially benefited from Salim, a business leader and lawmaker from Narayanganj-5, they say.

The lawmaker has not even been served with a show cause notice from the JP in the wake of widespread criticism for forcing the headmaster of Piyar Sattar Latif High School to do squats holding ears in public on the fabricated allegation of demeaning Islam.

"Although Salim Osman is not a big shot in the party, no Jatiya Party leaders, not even Ershad, came up with any formal statement in public on the issue because he is one of the big sources of the party funds," a senior journalist in Narayanganj, who works for a national daily, told this newspaper.

The lawmaker doesn't hold any post in the party.

Becoming just a member of its Narayanganj unit, he



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## DANGER LURKING UNDERNEATH

The lid of a manhole right in the middle of a thoroughfare in Shantinagar in the capital is left open to drain out rainwater. The street went under ankle-deep water after yesterday's rain. Inset, a bamboo is placed into another open manhole on Nazimuddin Road to warn people of the danger. The dirt pulled out of the hole was kept nearby, making the lives of the pedestrians more difficult.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN/SHAHEEN MOLLAH



## Another 23 Biranganas recognised as FFs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-three more Biranganas (war heroines) have been recognised as freedom fighters for their contribution in the country's Liberation War in 1971.

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs issued a gazette notification in this regard on May 25.

With this, a total of 90 Biranganas received the freedom fighter status in three phases.

The liberation war affairs ministry, for the first time, recognised 41 Biranganas as freedom fighters on October 12 last year. On March 14, the ministry recognised another 26 Biranganas.

The Biranganas would now enjoy the same benefits as that of freedom fighters.

Once recognised, the Biranganas would receive a monthly allowance of Tk

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# Some relief at beach

Visitors in Cox's Bazar start to feel safe as Tourist Police goes into action

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Even a few years ago tourists did not dare to go to the beach in Cox's Bazar late at night, but the scenario has changed after Tourist Police started their operation in the district.

Rashed Haider and his wife from Savar said they visited the beach a couple of years ago but did not visit the beach at night out of fear. "But this time we knew those days are gone. We went to the beach around 8:30pm on Tuesday and found Tourist Police patrolling there which boosted our

sense of security further," Rashed told The Daily Star.

Rafiuzzaman, the first vice-president of Tours Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB), said tourists are not harassed by hawkers or mugged by criminals in Cox's Bazar anymore. Besides, nuisance by hawkers and photographers has largely diminished as the Tourist Police have been motivating them.

He added the Tourist Police are on guard round the clock in and around the beach and keep watch on tourists

in case of any possible danger.

The TOAB official suggested that the members of the Tourist Police should be trained up so that they acquire knowledge on modern tourism and behave accordingly with the tourists.

The owners of shops and markets along the longest beach in the world have also been motivated not to throw garbage here and there.

The Tourist Police came into being as a specialised unit on November 6, 2013 with a view to developing an

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## News on 'Joy-Safadi meet' BNP drama

Alleges Hanif

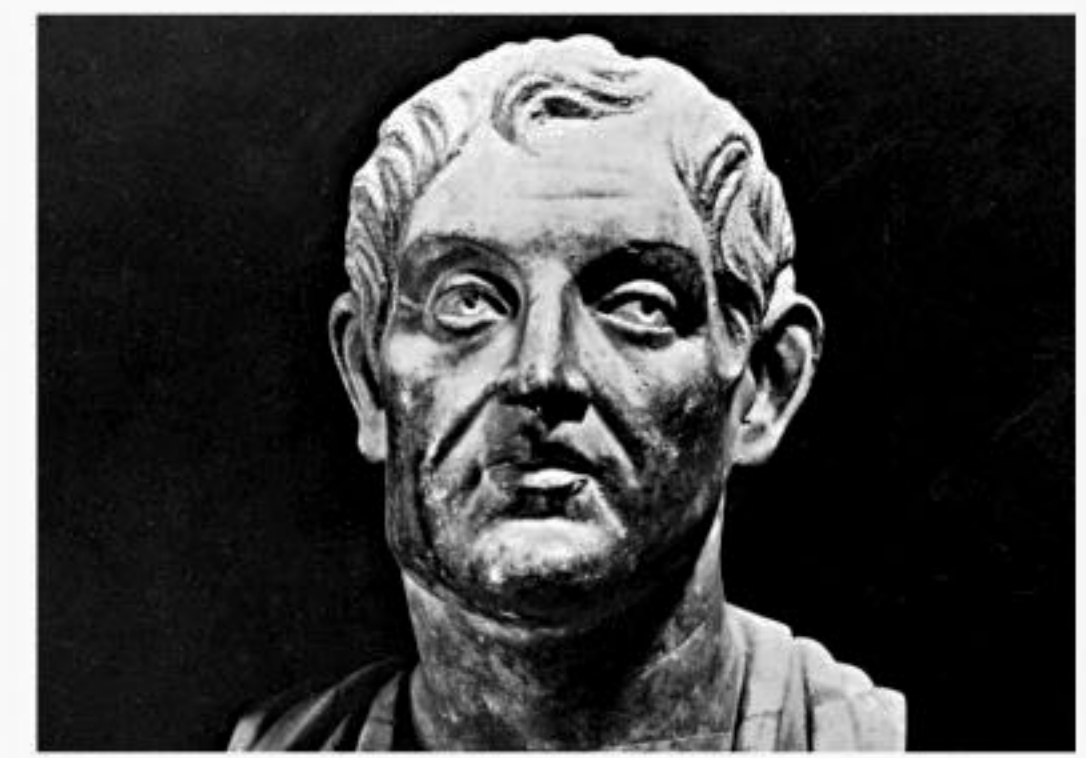
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The news on talks between prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy and Israel's Likud Party leader Mendi N Safadi is a drama staged by the BNP, Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif claimed yesterday.

He said the ruling party will issue a rejoinder to

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## 'Aristotle's tomb' discovered



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A Greek archaeologist believes he may have discovered Aristotle's tomb.

Konstantinos Sismanidis excavated the birthplace of the ancient philosopher in northern Greece in the 1990s, and now thinks that a destroyed structure he came across may have been the last resting place of the teacher of Alexander the Great.

Addressing a conference in the Greek port city of Thessaloniki -- held to mark the 2,400th anniversary of Aristotle's birth this week -- he said he had "no proof but just strong indications, as certain as one can be", to support his theory.

Sismanidis said the arched structure was unearthed in the ruins of Stageira, 40 miles east of Thessaloniki, and was once a public monument where Aristotle was honoured after his death -- but

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## FLASH FLOOD, SO WHAT?

Women wait on a boat for casting votes outside Shreenathpur Government Primary School polling centre in East Gauripur Union in Sylhet during the election yesterday. The women, who also took their children to the centre, had to go there on boats as most of their union was inundated by flood waters.

PHOTO: STAR

## 146 tonnes of rice allotted for Thanchi

Army to help distribute food in remote areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

The Relief and Rehabilitation Department in Bandarban allotted 146 tonnes of rice to the people who have been hit by a food crisis in Thanchi. But the department is struggling to carry those to the affected ones in remote areas.

Against the backdrop, Bangladesh Army has said it will use its helicopters to distribute the food among the affected people today.

Brig Gen Fakrul Hshan, Bandarban regional

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COLD WAR-ERA ABUSE

## Argentina court jails 15 ex-army officers

AFP, Buenos Aires, Argentina

An Argentine court yesterday jailed 15 South American ex-military officers for conspiring to torture and kill leftist dissidents during a US-backed crackdown by the region's dictatorships in the 1970s and '80s.

The court was the first to try atrocities committed under Operation Condor, a coordinated plan of repression launched at the height of the Cold War by the military regimes of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

It sentenced former Argentine dictator Reynaldo Bignone to 20 years and retired Uruguayan colonel Manuel Cordero -- the only non-Argentine national in the dock -- to 25 years.

Fifteen of the 18 defendants were convicted of criminal conspiracy for their role in the plan, which is blamed for 105 executions and kidnappings.

The sentences ranged from eight to 25 years.

Applause erupted when the sentence was read out in the Buenos Aires court, where former abductees and victims' relatives had gathered for the outcome of the three-year trial.

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