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# Crackdown on, so is killing

## Hindu ashram volunteer hacked to death in Pabna; cops detain around 1,600 on the first day of combing operation to hunt down militants

### STAR REPORT

Targeted killing continues. Even on the first day of a nationwide special crackdown on militancy yesterday, a volunteer of a Hindu monastery was hacked to death, the latest in a spate of such killings in the country.

The victim, Nityaranjan Pandey, 60, was a *sebak* at Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra Satsang ashram in Pabna Sadar upazila.

"Nityaranjan was murdered in a fashion similar to that of the recent killings carried out by suspected Islamist militants," Alamgir Kabir, superintendent of police in Pabna, told The Daily Star.

"We cannot say anything for sure before investigation, but the style of the attack



Nityaranjan Pandey

suggests that religious extremists might have been involved in the incident."

Over the last two years or so, suspected militants have attacked and killed university professors, writers, publishers, secular bloggers, gay rights activists, foreigners, policemen and members of religious minorities, including Shia and Sufi Muslims, Christians and Hindus.

At least eight people have become victims of such killings since May 1. They include a Christian grocer, a Hindu priest and the wife of a police superintendent hailed for successful anti-militancy drives.

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People gather near the body of Nityaranjan Pandey, the 60-year-old who was hacked to death at Hemayetpur in Pabna yesterday morning. Inset, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra Satsang ashram where Nityaranjan had been a volunteer for 38 years.

PHOTO: STAR



### THIS MONTH'S VICTIMS BEFORE NITYARANJAN



Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of SP Babul Akter, killed on Sunday in Chittagong. Police arrested an ex-Shibir man and detained two others for interrogation. The three assailants are on the run.



Christian trader Sunil Gomez of Natore, murdered on Sunday. Police arrested one on suspicion but could not trace the killers.



Hindu priest Ananda Gopal Ganguly. He was killed on Tuesday in Jhenidah. Cops have yet to arrest anyone.

### SECRET KILLINGS 14-party not happy over govt measures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the ruling Awami League-led 14-party grand alliance yesterday expressed disappointment over the "failure" of law enforcers to arrest the militants and criminals who were involved in recent secret killings.

They also urged the government to carry out the ongoing crackdown against militants properly with the help of the people as militant activities have spread from cities to rural areas.

The leaders came up with the reaction in a meeting of the combine at the AL chief's Dhanmondi office, meeting sources told The Daily Star.

After the meeting, spokesperson for the alliance Mohammad Nasim, also AL presidium member, said the alliance would

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## One year a slave

### Teen boy returns home from Malaysia in mentally unstable state after being physically, sexually abused

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

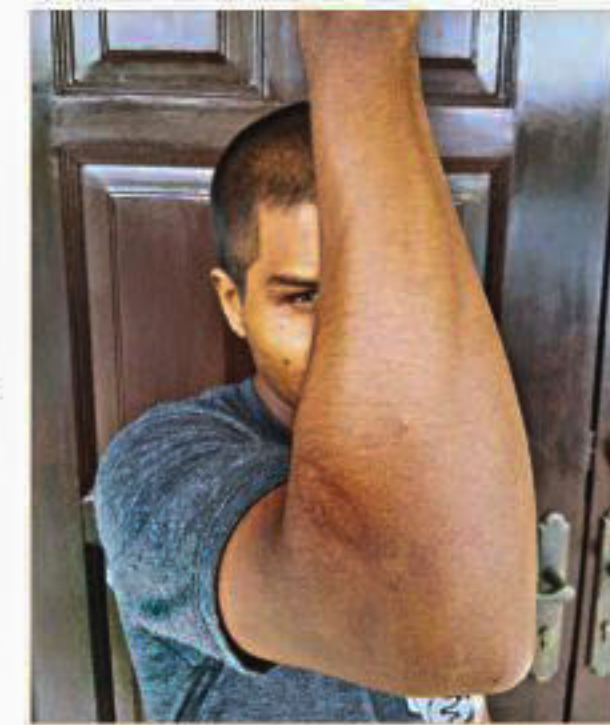
A 15-year-old who boarded a boat in 2014 at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar believing he would earn a fortune in Malaysia, returned home on June 3 after being physically, emotionally and sexually abused.

"I'll go back home. I'll meet my cousin there," said the traumatised boy at a shelter in Putrajaya, some 25km south of Kuala Lumpur, when this correspondent met him on May 28.

Asked where his home was, he said, "Brazil." Asked who his cousin was, he said, "Pele."

Such was the mental state of the now 17-year-old who

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### 'Outlaw' killed in Satkhira 'shootout'

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An alleged outlaw was killed in a "gunfight" with police in the district's Tala upazila early yesterday.

The dead Mozaffar Sana, 40, of Dohar village in the upazila, was a regional commander of banned Purba Banglar Communist Party, said police.

According to the law enforcers, Mozaffar stood accused in 18 cases, including murder and robbery, with different police

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### 34-NATION ANTI-TERROR COALITION

## Saudi wants active role of Bangladesh

REZAUL KARIM

Saudi Arabia wants Bangladesh to stand by it for backing the 34-nation Islamic military coalition and Saudi measures against Iran. The country also expects Bangladesh to send troops to the Kingdom if its sovereignty and security of the two holy mosques was threatened.

Saudi King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud pledged to boost cooperation with Bangladesh in trade, investment, manpower recruitment and assistance for economic development.

The KSA is keen to invest in Bangladesh's infrastructure, communication and power sectors through the Saudi Public Investment

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Awami League nominated candidate wins UP chairman scoring highest votes in Bangladesh. Heartiest gratitude to The honorable prime minister Sheikh Hasina From the people of Savar, Dhamsona UP (DEPZ) and its elected chairman

**Muhammad Saiful Islam**  
(MSS, Political Science)

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1 Lac 86 Thousand 861	67 Thousand 679	21 Thousand 396	46 Thousand 283

Mr. Muhammad Saiful Islam started his career dedicatedly with Awami politics and till today he is playing active role in party politics attending all party and social programs in his area and other greater arenas. He has been working to accomplish the mission of building digital Bangladesh by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He is expressing his gratefulness to the people of Dhamshona Union, Savar for electing him Chairman. He is seeking dua and cooperation from all so that he would be able to fulfill the commitment he has committed earlier.

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