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court. Quayum's brother MA Matin was also an accused. Tavella, an aid worker, was killed in the capital's Gulshan Diplomatic Zone on September 28 last year.
BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, in a statement, said the government was blaming BNP after every killing to hide the real extremists.
He also said the government was trying to connect BNP to militancy to divert people's attention from the economy's sorry state, siphoning off of millions of taka and Tk 800 crore heist from Bangladesh Bank's reserve.

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Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) and SP of Bhola respectively.
The circular also cancelled the transfer of Additional Commissioner Devdas Bhattacharya of CMP to SMP.
Of the others, SP Sarwar Morshed Shamim of Shardah Police Academy was made DC of SMP, SP Nawroz Hasan Talukder of Tourist Police, Dhaka made SP of Police Bureau of Investigation and SP Abul Khair of Industrial Police, Dhaka made SP of Shardah Police Academy.
Moreover additional SPs MA Masud of Brahmanbaria, Mokhlesur Rahman of Narayanganj, SM Mostain Hossain of Kishoreganj and Abu Hena Khandaker Ohidul Karim of Armed Police Battalion of Mymensingh were made commandant of Range Reserve Force, Chittagong; DC of CMP, DC of CMP and SP of Range DIG Office, Khulna respectively.
In addition, DC Abul Bashir Talukder of Khulna Metropolitan Police and Additional DC Maruf Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Police were made SP of Range DIG Office, Dhaka and DC of CMP respectively.

Narcotics court

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Bangladesh and Coast Guard to fight drug menace had been enhanced, he said.
Khandaker Rakibur Rahman, director general of DNC, said many low-income people including women in the bordering area took drug smuggling as a profession. "We have to bring them under a safety-net programme," he said.
At the event, DNC awarded Dhaka Ahsania Mission for its anti-narcotics role.
Mozammel Haq Khan, senior home secretary, and Tipu Munshi, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on home ministry, also spoke.

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gas from local CNG stations but the locals attacked his factory being misled. He warned of taking legal action in this regard.
Before demonstrating, the locals announced to gather at the spot through a mike of a local mosque, said police.
Md Zakaria, an additional superintendent of police in Narayanganj, said the situation was brought under control.

Govt to help

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the meeting, quoting the premier.
The government approved at the meeting a project for construction of 20 day-care centres in the country.
Currently, there are 43 government-run day-care centres across the country.
Meanwhile, Hasina the same day handed over four buses to the capital's two educational institutions where she studied in her early life, reports UNB.
Sher-e-Bangla Girls School and College in Tikatuli area and Azimpur Girls School and College received two buses each donated by Nitol-Niloy Group.
The prime minister handed over the keys of the 36-seated buses to the heads of the institutions at a function at her official residence Gono Bhaban.
She studied in Sher-e-Bangla School from class III to VI and later she completed her secondary from Azimpur School and College.
Hasina assured them of providing all supports for the development of these two institutions.
IFTAR FOR PROFESSIONALS
The prime minister yesterday also hosted an iftar party in honour of the leaders of various professional organisations at Gono Bhaban, according to the news agency.
Those who attended the iftar party included vice-chancellors and teachers of different public and private universities, editors and journalists of different newspapers, news agencies and electronic media, physicians, engineers, lawyers, businessmen, intellectuals, poets, writers, singers and sports personalities.
Before the iftar, a special munajat (prayer) was offered seeking peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.



Women displaced by violence from Islamic State militants, arrive at a military base in Ramadi, Iraq. The Pentagon on Monday welcomed the recapture of the Iraqi city of Fallujah from the Islamic State group, but warned of widespread booby traps and pockets of remaining jihadist resistance.

PHOTO: REUTERS

More poor women

Rich-poor ratio among women giving birth in health facilities	12:1 in 2004	4:1 now
Babies delivered in health facilities	8% in 2000	37% now
Antenatal coverage by skilled health service providers	33% in 2000	64% now
Requirement of doctors, nurses and midwives per 10,000 people	23 (WHO threshold)	6 (in Bangladesh)

SOURCE: SWOC 2016
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(Unicef) notes that Bangladesh has been making progress towards equity in terms of deliveries that take place in health facilities.

The ratio of poorest-to-richest women delivering in a health facility was 1 to 12 in 2004. But the disparity has now dropped to 1 to 4, according to The State of the World's Children (SWOC) report 2016, released globally yesterday.

The SWOC report says the proportion of babies delivered in health facilities increased from 8 percent to 37 percent between 2000 and 2014. And antenatal coverage (pregnancy period) by skilled health service providers also rose from 33 percent to 64 percent.

It, however, notes, "Nevertheless, large disparities remain. The wealth gap in access to skilled antenatal care declined only marginally, coverage is 36 percent for the poorest women and 90 percent for the wealthiest."

Unicef also sheds light on regional disparity, saying Sylhet and Barisal divisions are lagging behind in terms of getting benefits of skilled birth attendance.

According to the SWOC report, Bangladesh doesn't have enough health providers.

Bangladesh has now got only six doctors, nurses and midwives per 10,000 people against the minimum threshold of 23 prescribed by the World Health Organization, it says.

Out of the 195 countries under the purview of this year's SWOC analysis, 32 have lesser number of doctors, nurses and midwives than the threshold.

Unicef notes that Bangladesh has made solid progress in recent years in reducing under-five mortality rate (U5MR) and partially attributed the reduction to the expansion of community-based health interventions.

"Accelerated progress will depend on expanded and more equitable provision of antenatal care and skilled birth attendance," says the report.

In Bangladesh, U5MR was as high as 144 in 1990, which has come down to 38 now. Still, more than two-thirds of the 195 countries have better U5MR than that of Bangladesh.

U5MR is the probability of dying between birth and exactly five years of age, expressed per 1,000 live births.

With the theme "A fair chance for every child", this year's SWOC report paints a stark picture of what is in store for the world's poorest children if governments, donors, businesses and international organisations don't accelerate efforts to address their needs.

Based on current trends, 69 million children under five will die from mostly preventable causes, 167 million children will live in poverty, and 750 million women will have been married as children by 2030, the target date for the Sustainable Development Goals, unless the world focuses more on the plight of its most disadvantaged children, says the report.

Unicef Executive Director Anthony Lake said, "Denying hundreds of millions of children a fair chance in life does more than threaten their futures -- by fuelling intergenerational cycles of disadvantage, it imperils the future of their societies."

"We have a choice: Invest in these children now or allow our world to become still more unequal and divided," added Lake.
The report notes that significant progress has been made in saving children's lives, getting them into

Charges

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Three of them -- Billal Miah, Ustar Miah and Babul Miah -- are on the run, while Bachchu was killed in a "gunfight" with the Rapid Action Battalion in Chunarughat upazila of the district on February 25.

The bodies of the four children were found buried in sand, about a kilometre away from their homes in Sundrateki village, after they went missing five days back. Monir Miah, 7, was in class-I, Zakaria Shuvo, 8, in class-II, Mohammad Tajel Miah, 10, in class-IV, and Ismail Miah, 10, was a madrasa student. The first three were cousins.

Tajel's father Abdul Aziz expressed satisfaction over the submission of the charge sheet and demanded swift trial of the criminals, saying "We want death penalties for them."

The four children have been victims of rivalry between two groups over the control of local Panchayat (village arbitration council), according to the charge sheet submitted to Judge Kawsar Alam of the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate, Habiganj.

Shahidul Islam, additional superintendent of Habiganj police, told this correspondent that Tajel's father Abdul Aziz is known as a close aide to Khaleque, who has a longstanding dispute with Abdul Ali over establishing dominance in the local Panchayat and the area.

Abdul Ali wanted to teach Khaleque a lesson and had Abdul Aziz's son abducted and killed with the help of the nine accused, added Shahidul.

A murder case was filed with Bahubal police accusing 11 people.

Indian

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very happy. Finally, Sonu is getting reunited with his parents."

According to Musa, two sisters -- Rahima Begum and Aklima Begum -- tricked Sonu and brought him to Bangladesh from India in 2010. The two women have their relatives there.

Case documents show, Sonu is the son of Mehbub of Dilshan Garden area in the Indian capital.

Istanbul airport

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"Unfortunately 10 people have been killed according to a preliminary toll," Bozdogan told parliament in Ankara.

More than a dozen ambulances raced to the international terminal of Ataturk airport, CNN-Turk said.

The channel cited witnesses as saying two violent blasts shook the terminal, sparking panic among passengers.

"It was very strong, everyone panicked and started running in all directions," one witness told CNN-Turk.

Police set up a perimeter around the site, television images showed.

Turkey has been hit by a string of deadly attacks in the past year, blamed on both Kurdish rebels and the Islamic State jihadist group.

S Sudan cancels independence celebrations

AFP, Juba
The world's youngest nation, South Sudan, has cancelled its fifth independence celebrations as it struggles to end a civil war that has left thousands dead and ravaged the economy, the government said yesterday.
"We decided not to celebrate the July 9 Independence Day, because we don't want to spend that much," Minister of Information Michael Makuei told reporters. "We need to spend the little that we have on other issues."

'Heli-taxi' set for lift off

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The firm said it hopes the system could one day take on car firms. "Going down in the elevator of your hotel, you realize you are late for your meeting somewhere in Midtown Manhattan," it said.

"You get your phone out, open the Heli-Cab App and call the closest Helicopter. When your helicopter arrives, you authenticate yourself with your smartphone, get inside and get greeted by the instructor in the control centre.

"He tells you to buckle up before the helicopter can take off and confirms that you chose the 'Autonomous Flight option'."

"We scheduled our first test flight this (US) summer with more test flights later this year," says Airvinci project manager, Markus Engelhart.

"Currently, we are finishing final versions of several components like the rotors, the rotor hub and control surfaces. In about two weeks we are planning to start the final assembly of our prototype."

The design puts the pilot in a sitting rather than standing position and is powered by two aircraft-specific engines and a single-rotor rather than a single engine and two rotors.

According to Airvinci, the prototype engines for the drone put out around 28 hp (21 kW) each, and the total rotor size for the craft is about 7 ft (2.1 m).

"With our design we are convinced to have a better weight balance that will improve flight dynamics and the ease of use," says Engelhart.

The design has two separate engines making it safer and more resilient to engine failure. Intended for a range of users and uses, the team at Airvinci say their markets will include pilots search and rescue teams. It could also be used by shipping firms.

It says the Airvinci Backpack Helicopter is easy to control, mechanically simple, needs no runway and will have the capacity to lift 260lbs up to 12,000 ft high, and claims it could be available in 2017.

Iftar at shopping break

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others favour the neighbourhood as a place to hang out with friends, breaking their fast at one of the many newer restaurants.

The chargrilled delight of sheek kebabs from Nawabi Voj restaurant or the aroma of fresh French fries from the small Mama Piyaju can only add to the luxurious feel of a mouth-watering, signature Baily iftar.

Right before the adhan, last minute iftar shoppers scurry about; while others try to find a spot at any of the restaurants.

TALTOLA -- THE NEW 'KID' IN TOWN
This new addition to the food scene is already shaking Baily Road's decade long reign as the supreme iftar market. Many of the teenagers once seen ambling about and chatting on the sidewalks of Baily Road have switched allegiances to Taltola, which took food lovers of the city by storm, especially for its delectable budget offerings.

The momentum is still strong, with big names like KFC and BFC setting up shops in the vicinity, alongside the local restaurants. Add to that the month of Ramadan and it becomes one of the places in the city to visit.

The comfortable Café Cherry Drops, or the rooftop restaurant Al Fresco, or the mouth-watering sizzle of beef chaap as it fries at Petuk: make your pick and you simply cannot go wrong.

The clientele are just as varied as the food: families, friends fresh from classes or young couples. After the meal is done, they can head for the ever popular Apon's Cold Coffee to avoid succumbing to the lethargy that follows a heavy meal.

Remember these spots for a quick and accessible iftar that is easy on the pocket, especially if getting home in time seems to be difficult, given Dhaka's legendary traffic jams.

The photos accompanying this report were taken by Anisur Rahman, Amran Hossain, Rashed Shumon and Palash Khan.

Legal tangle leaves

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free flood-flow zone and protect the capital city from waterlogging.

The company had developed the housing project, filling up 550 acres of wetland identified as floodplains in the 1997 Dhaka City Master Plan.

The verdict also ruled that a family or a body could not acquire more than 100 bighas of land as per President's Orders No-98 of 1972.

In case of MMDL's failure to comply with the order, Rajuk would take up the work at the company's expense, said the apex court verdict.

The MMDL had also been directed to refund double the money it had charged customers for each plot of land, including the registration cost, in six months.

In September 2013, MMDL and plot purchasers had filed five separate petitions with the SC for a review of the verdict.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), a party in the case, had sent a notice to the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) in April 2014, asking it to restore the wetlands as per the SC directives. Bela is yet to get any reply from Rajuk.

Ahsanur Rahman, a lawyer for the plot purchasers, said the MMDL had not taken any initiative to restore the wetlands due to vagueness in the guidelines of the SC verdict.

"There was no specific guideline in the verdict about who will get the possession of the land, how the money will be refunded to the plot purchasers, and what will be the fate of the land deeds," he added.

The SC had not mentioned in its full judgment the grounds on which it delivered the verdict, the lawyer said, adding that the review petitions had been submitted to the SC, seeking its guidelines on how the directives would be implemented.

SC stays

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owners' lawyer Mehedi Hasan Chowdhury told this correspondent that his clients could not shift tanneries as the government is "yet to arrange the logistics", including a central effluent treatment plant.

HRPB's lawyer Manzill Murshid said some tanneries have already been relocated in line with the HC order. But the 154 units still have been operating in Hazaribagh in violation of HC directives.

The HC in 2001 and 2009 had directed the government to take steps for relocation of tanneries by 2010. The court later extended the deadline until 2013.