

TERROR FINANCING S'pore jails 4 Bangladeshis

STAR REPORT
A Singapore court yesterday jailed four Bangladeshi workers for two to five years for financing terrorism. They are Mizanur Rahman, 31; Rubel Miah, 26; Md Jabath Kysar Haje Norul Islam Sowdagar, 31; and Ismail Hawlader Sohel, 29, reports Singapore-based The Straits Times.
The four, detained in April under Singapore's Internal Security Act, pleaded guilty to their crimes on May 31. They were earlier charged with providing or collecting money to fund terrorist acts in Bangladesh.
Ringleader Mizanur was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, Rubel and Jabath to two and a half years each, and Sohel to two years.
All the sentences will be backdated to May 27, the day they first appeared in court.
Asking for deterrent sentences, the prosecution pointed out that the accused men have caused public disquiet and were funding ISIS, one of the most dangerous terrorist organisations in the world.
The four were part of a group of six charged under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act (TSOFA). This is the first time the Act has been used for prosecution, says the Singapore newspaper.

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HOMEGROWN MILITANTS US sees links with int'l networks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The United States believes there are links between Bangladeshi militants and international terror networks, US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal has told a private TV channel.
She said, "We have seen claims of responsibility on the July 1 attack from the ISIL, from the



Nisha Desai
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A major earthquake may cause massive destruction in the highly populated Dhaka city crammed with unplanned buildings like that seen in this picture taken at Mohammadpur Geneva Camp.

PHOTO: RAHSED SHUMON

Dhaka at risk of mega quake

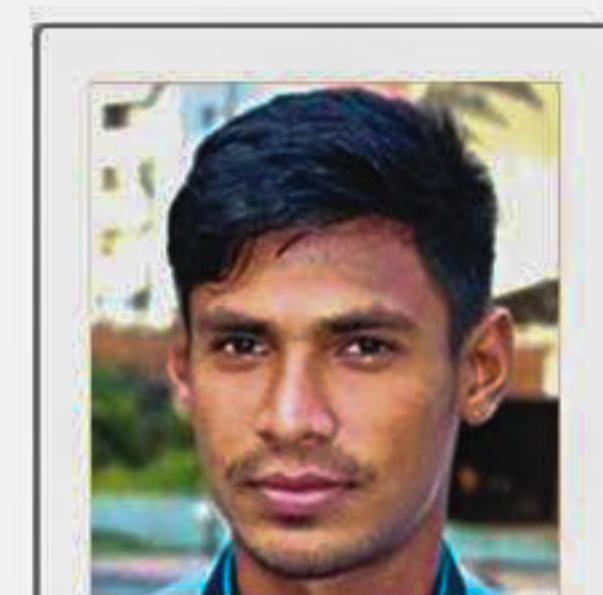
New study suggests massive fault could cause big earthquake in city

STAR REPORT
Dhaka, one of the most densely populated cities in the world, sits on top of a fault buried under thick sediments, which could trigger a massive earthquake, a new study suggests.
The magnitude of the earthquake could be 8.2 to 9 and the damage could be severe. At least 140 million people living in the region -- Bangladesh, eastern India and parts of Myanmar -- could be affected, according to the study.
The researchers, however, could not say

when the earthquake would occur -- whether it is imminent or would occur after 100 years.
The study has found evidence that the northeastern corner of the Indian subcontinent is actively colliding with Asia, potentially posing a major earthquake risk to the region.
After using ground and satellite GPS monitors to measure surface activity between 2003 and 2013, an international team of researchers has shown Bangladesh is actually sitting on a huge subduction zone.
The findings titled "Locked and loading megathrust linked to active subduction

beneath the Indo-Burman Ranges" were published in the journal *Nature Geoscience* on Monday and are making headlines in the global media.
Michael Steckler, lead researcher of the study and a geophysicist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University in New York City, said they have no estimate on when such a quake could occur.
"We don't know if it's tomorrow or if it's not going to be for another 500 years," *Live Science* quotes him as saying.

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Mustafizur unfurled

Bangladesh's pace sensation Mustafizur Rahman is all set to leave for the United Kingdom for his stint with Sussex this week. His presence in a foreign league, the Indian Premier League, earlier this year caused quite a stir in the country. He confounded some of the best batsmen in the world and went on to be named the emerging player of the competition. Prior to his departure, the youngster, SEE PAGE 10 COL 4 DETAILS ON PAGE 14

Security beefed up at all airports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Security measures have been tightened at all domestic and international airports to ensure safety of air travellers following the militant attacks at a Dhaka café and at Sholakia, Kishoreganj, said the civil aviation and tourism minister.
"I will urge passengers to

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Dozens of boats lie idle in the Buriganga near Alam Market of Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital yesterday as boatmen who ferry passengers across the river are yet to resume work after Eid.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Jailed 'militants' under watch

Suspects shifted to central jails from other prisons
SHAHEEN MOLLAH
Convicted and suspected militants from different jails have been shifted to the central jails across the country as part of an intensified security measure.
The security inside the prisons has been beefed up and over 500 militant suspects are under constant watch.
The move came in the wake of the recent militant attacks -- one on a Gulshan café killing 22 people, including 17 foreigners, and the other one near Sholakia Eidgah claiming four lives.
"The convicted and suspected militants have been kept in separate prison cells and wards. Following the attacks, the militants serving rigorous terms are not even allowed to work [inside jail] so that they can't communicate with other inmates," said a jail official.
Asked, he said the "militants" pass their time talking to each, listening to radios, and taking rest. Foods are supplied to their respective cells and wards on time.

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Keep watch on your children

PM asks parents to ensure their kids not misguided
UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged all parents to be vigilant about the movements of their children to prevent them from being radicalised.
"The people of the country are pious, but not bigots. I simply cannot understand why their children who are receiving education in reputed schools and colleges and English medium institutions are turning into bigots," she said.
The PM was videoconferencing with a cross section of people from 32 districts of Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions from the Gono Bhaban.
Hasina said it needs to be revealed how the culprits are misguiding meritorious students. "We don't want these students to lay down their valuable lives indiscriminately after getting derailed from the right path."
She requested the guardians to provide names and addresses of their missing children to the government so that appropriate steps can be taken.
The premier also asked public servants to find out the culprits who are trying to mislead the soft-hearted youths.



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