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BANGLADESH-INDIA TREATY  
**Govt to ease process of extradition**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal for amending the existing "Treaty between Bangladesh and India Relating to Extradition" to simplify extradition procedures between the two countries.  
 Under the revised deal, extradition of suspected criminals would be possible if a court in any of the countries issued arrest warrants against them.  
 The revised treaty would be signed on July 28 in New Delhi in presence of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and his Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj.  
 The current deal, which came into effect on October 23, 2013, requires the two countries to produce evidence before a suspect with a warrant against him could be extradited for trial.  
 The cabinet's approval of the amendment means handing over a suspect would require only an arrest warrant being issued.  
 Briefing reporters after the cabinet meeting at the Secretariat, Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiq Alam said the Indian government had proposed to simplify the existing treaty.  
 There are some complexities in the present extradition procedures as the authorities need to produce evidence and arrest warrant against the accused, he said. "But under a provision of the amendment, there will be no need to produce evidence."  
 Talking to reporters at his office, the home minister said if the amendment to the extradition treaty comes into effect, extradition of suspects would be easier.  
 About the extradition of BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed, he said the treaty would not be applicable to an under-trial suspect.  
 Chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the cabinet meeting approved a proposal for relaxation of a provision  
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PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

A member of Border Guard Bangladesh on patrol inside the Chittagong port yesterday. In an effort to prevent smuggling of drugs, weapons and explosives, BGB and customs detectives are searching various sheds of the port. Inset, a dog is checking barrels stored in the port. Story on page 5.

TURKEY COUP ATTEMPT  
**Confusion over general's confession'**

AGENCIES  
 There are conflicting reports about whether a former Turkish air force commander has confessed to planning Friday's attempted military coup.  
 The state-run Anadolu news agency quoted Gen Akin Ozturk as telling interrogators he had "acted with intention to stage a coup".  
 Two private broadcasters said the general had denied playing a role, writes BBC.  
 NTV quoted him as saying: "I am not someone who has planned or directed the coup attempt... I don't know who did."  
 Anadolu said he was one of 112 generals and admirals who had been detained. Fifty had been remanded in custody pending trial, it added.  
 AFP reports that Gen Akin Ozturk appeared in court yesterday, denying he was the mastermind of the plot.  
 Looking tired and haggard with his ear bandaged in images published by state  
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Gen Akin Ozturk

**3 Al-Badr men of Jamalpur to die**  
 5 get imprisonment until death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 A war crimes tribunal yesterday found guilty eight leaders and activists of anti-liberation Al-Badr force and Peace Committee in Jamalpur and handed down death penalty to three of them and jail until death to the rest.  
 "The accused persons despite being Bangalee people not only sided with the Pakistani occupation army but remained engaged in committing routine and systematic atrocious activities even by setting up a 'torture cell' occupying the Degree Hostel of Ashek Mahmud College, Jamalpur," the International Crimes Tribunal-1 said in its verdict.  
 "Accordingly, the accused persons are held criminally responsible under section 4 (1) of the Act of 1973 for the commission of crimes proved as listed in charge no 2, 3 and 4," it added.  
 Ashraf Hossain, 75, Abdul Mannan, 66, and Abdul Bari, 62, all Al-Badr leaders of Jamalpur, were given the capital punishment, while three Al-Badr men -- Prof Sharif Ahammed, 71, Harun, 58, and Abdul Hashem, 60, -- and two Peace Committee leaders -- SM Yousuf Ali, 83, and Shamsul Haque, 75, -- were given jail unto death.  
 Of the eight convicts, only Yousuf and Shamsul Haque are behind bars and were present at the courtroom as the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque with members Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md Shohrwardi delivered the 289-page judgement.  
 The rest have been on the run.  
 On execution of the three death convicts, the tribunal said they could be executed "by hanging or shooting." About the fugitives, the tribunal directed the home secretary and the inspector general of police to ensure their arrest, if need be, with the help of Interpol.  
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**NSU suspends arrested teacher**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 The authorities of North South University (NSU) yesterday suspended a professor who was arrested on charges of renting out a flat to Gulshan café attackers and withholding tenants' information from the police.  
 The NSU authorities took the action against Gias Uddin Ahsan, dean of the private university's School of Health and Life Sciences, NSU Vice-Chancellor Prof Atiqul Islam told The Daily Star.  
 On Sunday, the VC at a view-exchange meeting with government officials termed militants "cancer" and announced that his university would root it out from the campus through "operations".  
 Ahsan, the acting pro-vice chancellor of the university, his nephew and another man were arrested on Saturday for "sheltering militants".  
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**Kejriwal cleans dishes at temple to say sorry**

NDTV ONLINE  
 Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal yesterday scrubbed dishes at Amritsar's Golden Temple as an apology for what he called an "unintentional mistake" - his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s youth manifesto that uses the image of the Sikh shrine with the party symbol, the broom.  
 He was careful to avoid sweeping the floors - considered an important service for penance - lest he be accused by critics of using his party symbol at the shrine.  
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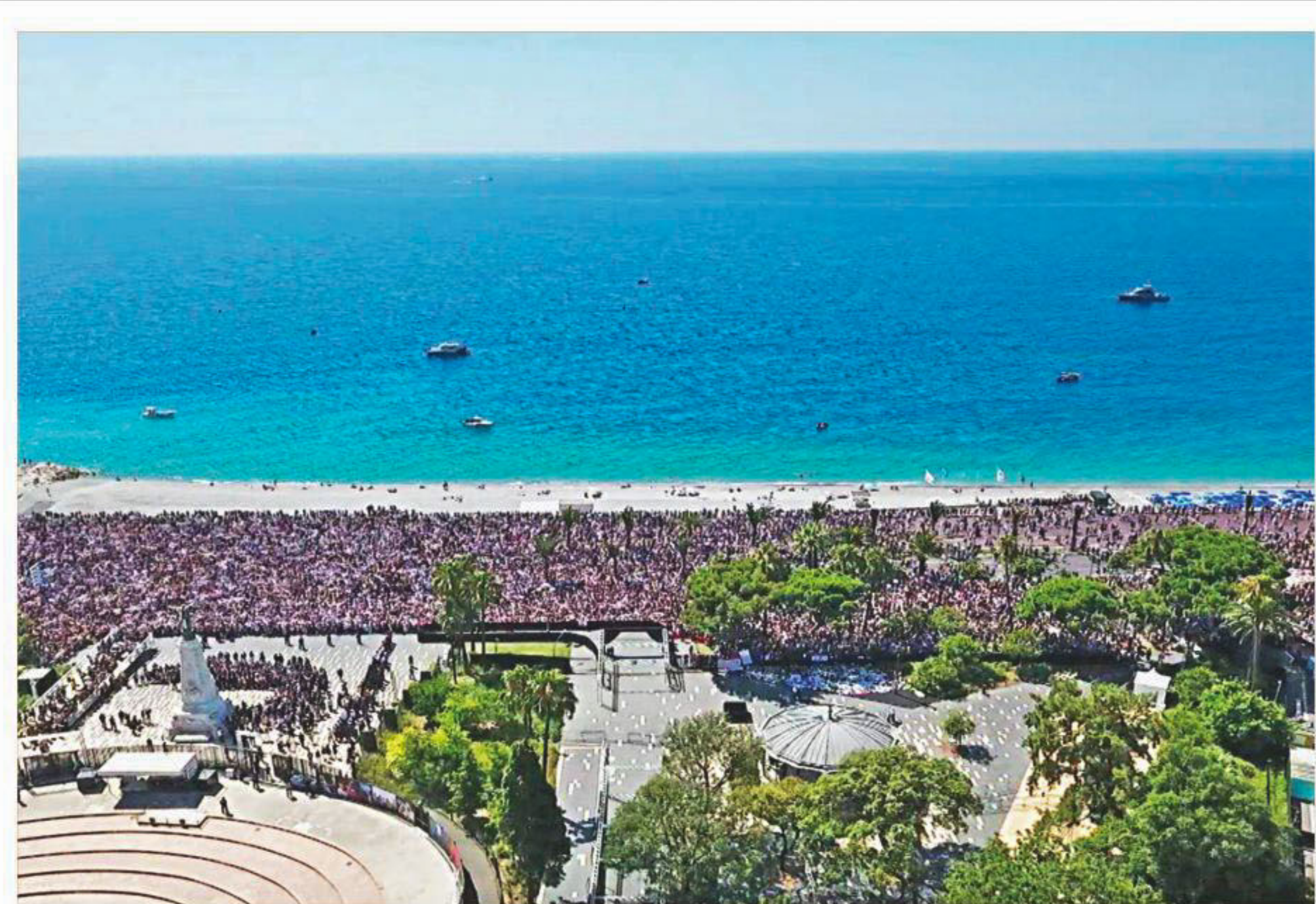
HUNT FOR MILITANTS  
**About 8,000 arrested in West Bengal**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kolkata  
 West Bengal police rounded up 7,962 people in different parts of the Indian state yesterday.  
 Inspector General Anuj Sharma of West Bengal police said law enforcers also recovered 85 weapons, 201 bullets, 65 kg explosives, 653 crude bombs and huge amount of drugs.  
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**French PM booed at Nice tribute**

AGENCIES  
 French Prime Minister Manuel Valls was booed in Nice yesterday before and after the minute of silence for the victims of the deadly Bastille Day attack.  
 Shouts of "Murderers!" and "Resign!" rang out as Valls and two ministers left the seafront where a huge crowd gathered to remember the 84 people mowed down on July 14 by truck driver Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, an AFP reporter said.  
 Emotions in France have been running high since the 31-year-old Tunisian rammed a 19-tonne truck into a crowd leaving a fireworks display, leaving a trail of crumpled bodies in his wake.  
 Opposition parties have accused the Socialist  
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This handout picture taken by a drone and released by the City of Nice yesterday shows a general view of the Jardin Albert 1er and the promenade des Anglais crowded as thousands gather to observe a minute of silence in Nice. France fell silent yesterday for the victims of the Nice truck attack, but the mourning was overshadowed by politicians tearing into each other over the massacre.  
 PHOTO: AFP

**রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ**  
 রাজউক ভবন, ঢাকা

**জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গুলশান, বনানী, বারিধারা, ধানমন্ডি, উত্তরাসহ রাজউক এর আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন পরিকল্পিত আবাসিক এলাকার প্লট, ভবন, ফ্ল্যাট ইত্যাদিতে অননুমোদিত/অবৈধভাবে গেষ্ট হাউজ, রেস্টুরেন্ট, হোটেল, বারসহ বিভিন্ন বাণিজ্যিক কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হচ্ছে। এ সকল কার্যক্রম পরিচালনাকারীদেরকে আবাসিক প্লট, ভবন, ফ্ল্যাট থেকে সকল ধরনের অবৈধ বাণিজ্যিক কার্যক্রম নিজ ব্যয়ে ও নিজ উদ্যোগে অনতিবিলম্বে অপসারণের নির্দেশ প্রদান করা হলো। ব্যর্থতায় রাজউক কর্তৃক উচ্ছেদ অভিযান/মোবাইল কোর্টের মাধ্যমে উক্ত অবৈধ স্থাপনা/ব্যবহারসমূহ বন্ধ করণসহ আইনগত কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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