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## Special team formed to probe terror attacks: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said a special investigation team, drawing members from all forces, has been formed to identify the militants, their patrons and the masterminds of the Gulshan and Sholakia terror attacks.

"I went through several video footage of the Gulshan attack today [yesterday]. It seems more people were there who acted as accomplices of the six militants [attackers]," she told parliament last night.

"I therefore have formed a special investigation team to identify all the perpetrators," she said.

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## 'Missing' youth turns suspect

Police look for 'Nibras' friend' who left home in Feb, never returned

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Since February 3, police have been looking for a 24-year-old youth who left home on that day and didn't come back.

His father filed a general diary with Dhanmondi Police Station the day he went missing, mentioning that his son left home for having lunch with his friends.

The July 1 Holey Artisan terror attack brought the missing youth, Tawsif Hossain, to police attention as his disappearance is said to be linked with that of Nibras Islam, one of the five attackers killed in the commando operation during the Gulshan café siege.

With law enforcers making efforts to track Tawsif down, startling information about him is now coming out.

Police say Tawsif is a close friend of Nibras. Both were students of Monash University in Malaysia and went missing on the same day -- February 3.

Nibras was one of the accused in the case filed with Shahbagh Police Station under the Anti-terrorism Act on February 9 for planning subversive activities. And the name of one Tawsif was mentioned in the first information report.

"We think this Tawsif is indeed the missing Tawsif as they [Nibras and Tawsif] were close friends and went missing on the same day," Noor-a-Azam Miah, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday.

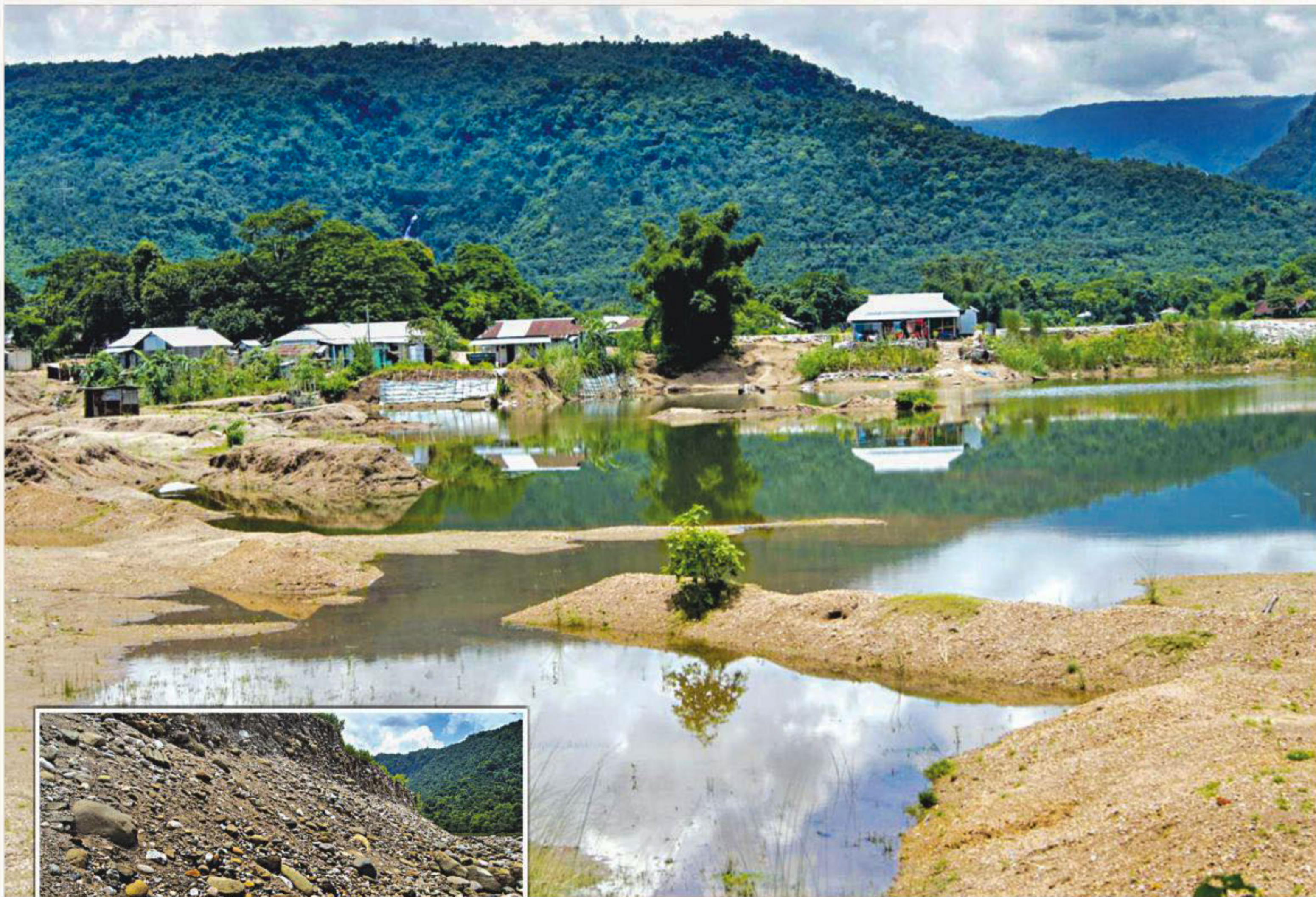
This newspaper couldn't reach any of Tawsif's family members for comments.

These correspondents went to Tawsif's house on Road-15



Tawsif

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A section of unscrupulous traders have excavated the ground at Bisnakandi of Goainghat upazila in Sylhet to dig out stone. This unlawful activity has changed the topography of the area. Inset, stones which draw the traders. The photos were taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## Natural fish resources see drastic decline

- 32 species of fish disappeared in the last 50 years
- Production of 66 species has dropped alarmingly
- 16 species protected through artificial breeding
- High-tech vessel bought to survey fish stock in the Bay of Bengal



- Hilsa production increased to 3.87 lakh tonnes, which is one-tenth of total fish production in 2014-15
- Climate change, use of chemical fertilisers, excessive fishing, siltation and blockage of migratory routes are key reasons of fish disappearance

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Back in 1967 when the country attained self-sufficiency in fish production, the haors of Sunamganj produced one lakh tonnes of fish a year.

Forty-eight years later, the country saw a drastic fall in the production of this natural resource, as only 22,692 tonnes of fish was collected from these haors in 2014-15 fiscal, said Chief Scientific Officer of Bangladesh Fish Research Institute Khalilur Rahman, quoting Fisheries Resource Survey System of 2016.

The drop in production is mainly due to climate change and man-made hazards, he said.

For the same reasons, 32 species of fish have already disappeared from the country's largest

water body -- Hakaluki haor, said the chief scientific officer in his essay titled "Impacts of Climate Change on Fish and Aquatic Resources of Bangladesh" published in the National Fish Week 2016 Compendium.

However, the good news is the government has taken various initiatives, including facilitating and promoting fish culture, to cope with the annual deficit.

Bangladesh's annual demand for fish is 37.65 lakh metric tonnes and it produced 36.84 lakh metric tonnes in 2014-15, according to the Department of Fisheries (DoF).

Amid this scenario, the country is observing the National Fish Week 2016 that began yesterday.

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## Rab publishes 261 missing youths' info

CCTV footage of 4 new Artisan suspects released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid reports about youths having left home to join militancy, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) last night published a list of 261 missing ones from 39 districts of the country.

Asking people to contact nearby Rab office if they have any information about those on the list, the elite crime buster also published photos of 50.

One of them is Ibrahim Hasan Khan, who according to Rab, has been missing since February 13, 2015 after posting something in Arabic language on a social media

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## Focus on health of adolescents

Separate medicare corners to be set up at union health centres



Total population  
**16.1 CRORE**  
Adolescent and youths (10-24 years)  
**4.5 CRORE**  
Total Fertility Rate  
**2.3%**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to open adolescent-friendly corners at every Union Health and Family Welfare Centre in the country within the next five years to provide reproductive and sexual health services, with 100 such corners already serving.

The health and family welfare ministry revealed this at a press conference yesterday. It is set to observe World Population Day tomorrow with the theme "Investing in teenage girls" to highlight health needs of adolescent girls.

State Minister for Health Zahid Malik at the conference said more than 4.5 crore or 31 percent of the country's 16.10 crore population are adolescents and youths (between 10 and 24 years).

"This is the demographic window of opportunity for Bangladesh. If we can formulate a proper development

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## 8 arrested for graft

2 suspended passport dept employees among arrestees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested eight people, including two suspended employees of the Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP), from different parts of the country for their alleged involvement in different types of corruption.

The suspended DIP officials are director Munshi Mueed Ikram and senior staff Saiful Islam.

The two were held from the capital's Segunbagicha area after a case was filed against them with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station yesterday in connection with issuing fake government official passport, confirmed ACC Public Relations Officer Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

Besides Ikram and Saiful, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

## CPA confce cancelled over security grounds

RASHIDUL HASAN

The high-profile Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Dhaka from September 1 has been cancelled on security grounds after the terror attacks in the capital and Kishoreganj within a span of six days, insiders said.

Although the CPA Secretariat in the UK has yet to make an official announcement to that end, CPA top officials in Bangladesh last night confirmed it to The Daily Star.

The 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was scheduled to be held on September 1-10.

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A covered van is parked on the footpath on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the city's Farmgate area yesterday, blocking the way for pedestrians. The vehicle would stay there for hours to unload goods at a shop, leaving pedestrians with no choice but to walk on the road and risk accidents. This is a common scene in the area.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



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## জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গুলশান, বনানী, বারিধারা, ধানমন্ডি, উত্তরাসহ রাজউক এর আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন পরিকল্পিত আবাসিক এলাকার পুট, ভবন, ফ্ল্যাট ইত্যাদিতে অননুমোদিত/অবৈধভাবে গেস্ট হাউজ, রেস্টুরেন্ট, হোটেল, বারসহ বিভিন্ন বাণিজ্যিক কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হচ্ছে। এ সকল কার্যক্রম পরিচালনাকারীদেরকে আবাসিক পুট, 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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