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# Flood affects over 3 lakh

Thousands forced to leave homes in north, north-eastern regions

STAR REPORT

Floods caused by the rising water in the Teesta, Surma, Brahmaputra and several other rivers have marooned and forced thousands of people to leave their homes in the north and northeastern regions of the country.

The simultaneous rise of the water levels of major rivers may worsen the flood situation in Kurigram, Jamalpur, Bogra, Sirajganj, Rajbari, Manikganj and Munsiganj districts in the next 48 hours, according to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre Report of the Water Development Board.

The onrush of upstream water from across the border and heavy rainfall have been identified as the reasons for flood.

Two people reportedly went missing in two incidents, as their water vessels capsized amid floodwater current in Sunamganj district where water from the Surma, Cholti, Patli and Jadukata rivers affected more than one lakh people.

Heavy rains and rising river water flooded Nabinagar village in Sunamganj sadar upazila, said Harun-ur-Rashid Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Sunamganj Police Station.

Sarbat Ali, 14, who was sailing a makeshift raft to reach the main road from his house, went missing when the raft capsized in the rough current of the floodwater, the OC said.

Fisherman Lony Das, 50, a resident of Moloyree village of Dharampasa upazila, also went missing yesterday when a boat capsized in the Dharam haor. Lony was fishing in the haor at the time, said Bayes Alam, OC of Dharampasa police.

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A road in Doarabazar in Sunamganj went under floodwater yesterday. Inset, a flood-hit family has taken shelter in the open on an embankment at Shanyashi village in Kurigram. Weather forecast says the flood situation in several northern and north-eastern districts could deteriorate if the rain and the onrush of water from hills continue. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA/ABDUL WAHED

## 'No police harassment if you quit militancy'

Says IGP referring to deranged youths

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Law enforcers will not harass youths who have been recruited to do militant activities if they want to return to their normal life, said Inspector General of Bangladesh Police AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday.

If the youths inspired and given financial assistance by any vested quarter to get involved in militancy admit their faults and return to their normal life, police will not harass them, he said as the chief guest at a views-exchange meeting on preventing terrorism and militancy with people of different professions at a hotel in Cox's Bazar.

"Talented youths are brainwashed with a misinterpretation of religion that killing people of different faiths will lead them to

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## Nepal's PM quits after allies depart

APP, Kathmandu

Nepal's K P Sharma Oli resigned as prime minister yesterday, minutes before facing a no-confidence motion in parliament he was certain to lose, plunging the impoverished nation into fresh turmoil.

His political rivals, former Maoist rebels, called for the vote against Oli after they deserted his fragile ruling coalition, accusing him of reneging on past deals and following deadly unrest over a divisive new constitution.

"I have decided to open the road to elect a new prime minister in this parliament and presented my resignation to the president," Oli told lawmakers

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## IS attack in Kabul a war crime: UN

Afghanistan mourns victims; president Ghani vows revenge against perpetrators

AGENCIES

The United Nations described a joint suicide bombing that killed 80 people in Afghanistan as a "war crime," saying those responsible for the attack on a peaceful demonstration will be held accountable.

IS claimed responsibility for the bombing in the capital Saturday. United Nations Special Representative to Afghanistan Tadamichi Yamamoto held little back following the attack.

"An attack deliberately targeting a large, concentrated group of civilians amounts to a war crime... It is an attempt to spread terror amongst civilians and stifle the freedoms that Afghans have sacrificed so much to obtain," Yamamoto said in a statement.

Kabul was plunged into mourning yesterday after the deadliest attack for 15 years left hundreds maimed, reigniting concern that the Islamic State group was seeking to expand its foothold in Afghanistan.

Tempers were frayed a day after the twin bombings that tore through crowds of Shia Hazara protesters, as many anxiously searched hospitals and morgues, looking among the mutilated bodies for missing relatives.

"I promise you that I will avenge the blood of our loved ones on the perpetrators of this crime, wherever they are," President Ashraf Ghani said, declaring yesterday a national day of mourning.

The bombings occurred as thousands of Hazara protesters had gathered to demand that a multi-million-dollar power line pass through their electricity-starved province of Bamian, one of the most deprived areas of Afghanistan.

Ghani renamed the site of the attack as "Martyr's Square". It remained littered with scorched metal, charred flesh and forlorn personal items

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## 4 female JMB suspects held

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Police yesterday arrested four women in Sirajganj town for their alleged links with banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

Acting on a tip-off, a team of detectives raided a house in Masampur area around 3:00am and caught the four while they were holding a secret meeting there, Miraz Uddin Ahmed, superintendent of police in Sirajganj, told The Daily Star over phone.

Police also claimed to have seized six crude bombs and some bomb-making materials and some books that promote extremism.

"We had information that they were taking preparation to carry out a massive attack in the district," the SP added.

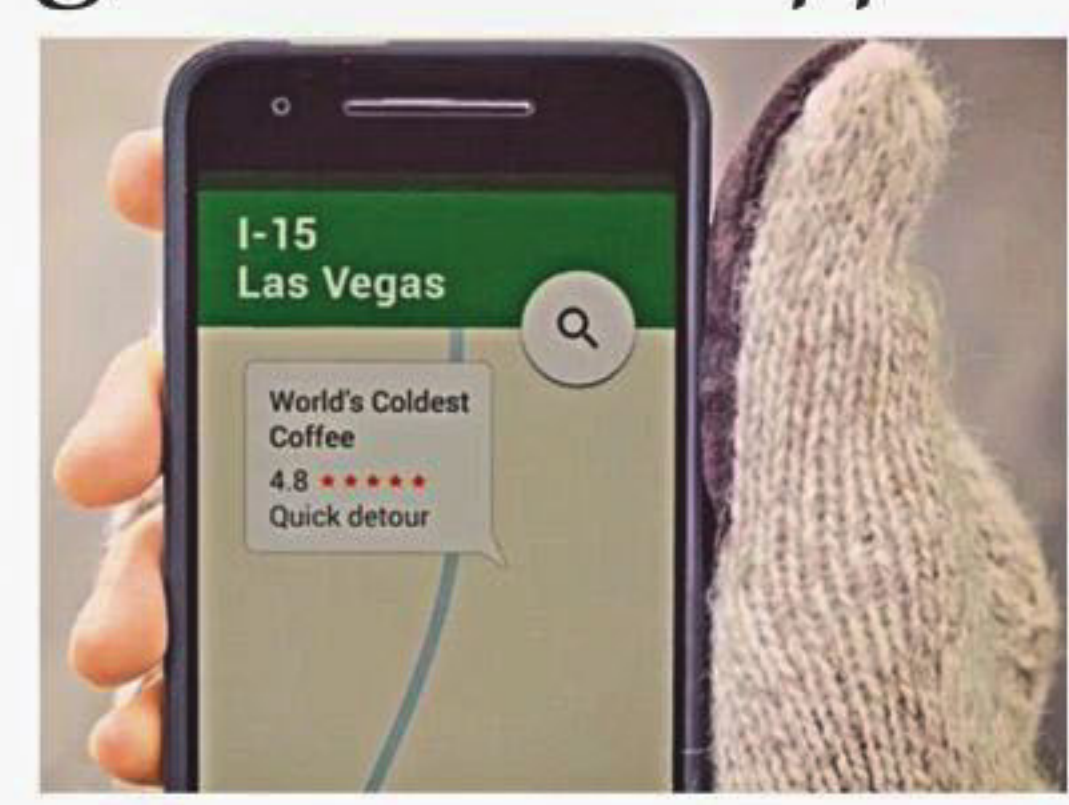
The arrestees are Nadia Tabassum Rani, 28, of Badullapur village under Solonga upazila in Sirajganj, Habiba Akter Mishu, 20, of Khudro Fullcot village, and Rumana Akter Ruma, 21, of Paranbaria village, of Shajahanpur upazila in Bogra, and Runa Begum, 20, of Bochadah village in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha.

During primary interrogation, the four admitted their involvement with the JMB, the SP claimed.

Police were interrogating the arrestees to know about their plan and other JMB

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## PROMOTING NEW MAPS APP Google offers free gas to road-trippers



MAIL ONLINE

The US has seen roasting temperatures this weekend - but Google made the heat a little more bearable by offering free gas to road-trippers between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

The giveaway - promoting the Google Maps app - also includes free burgers and iced coffee for those travelling between the two cities.

The company offered up to 10 gallons of free gas per vehicle, which was available between 12pm and 8pm on Friday and between 11am and until 7pm yesterday.

It's available to collect from the Shell gas station on Cima Road in Nipton, California.

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## 'Kelor Kirti' gets SC clearance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for releasing Indian Bangla cinema "Kelor Kirti" in Bangladesh.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court stayed a High Court order that had imposed restriction on screening of the comedy movie in the country.

A four-member bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Surendra

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## Top 'robber' killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

An alleged inter-district robber gang leader was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Kalia upazila of Narail early yesterday.

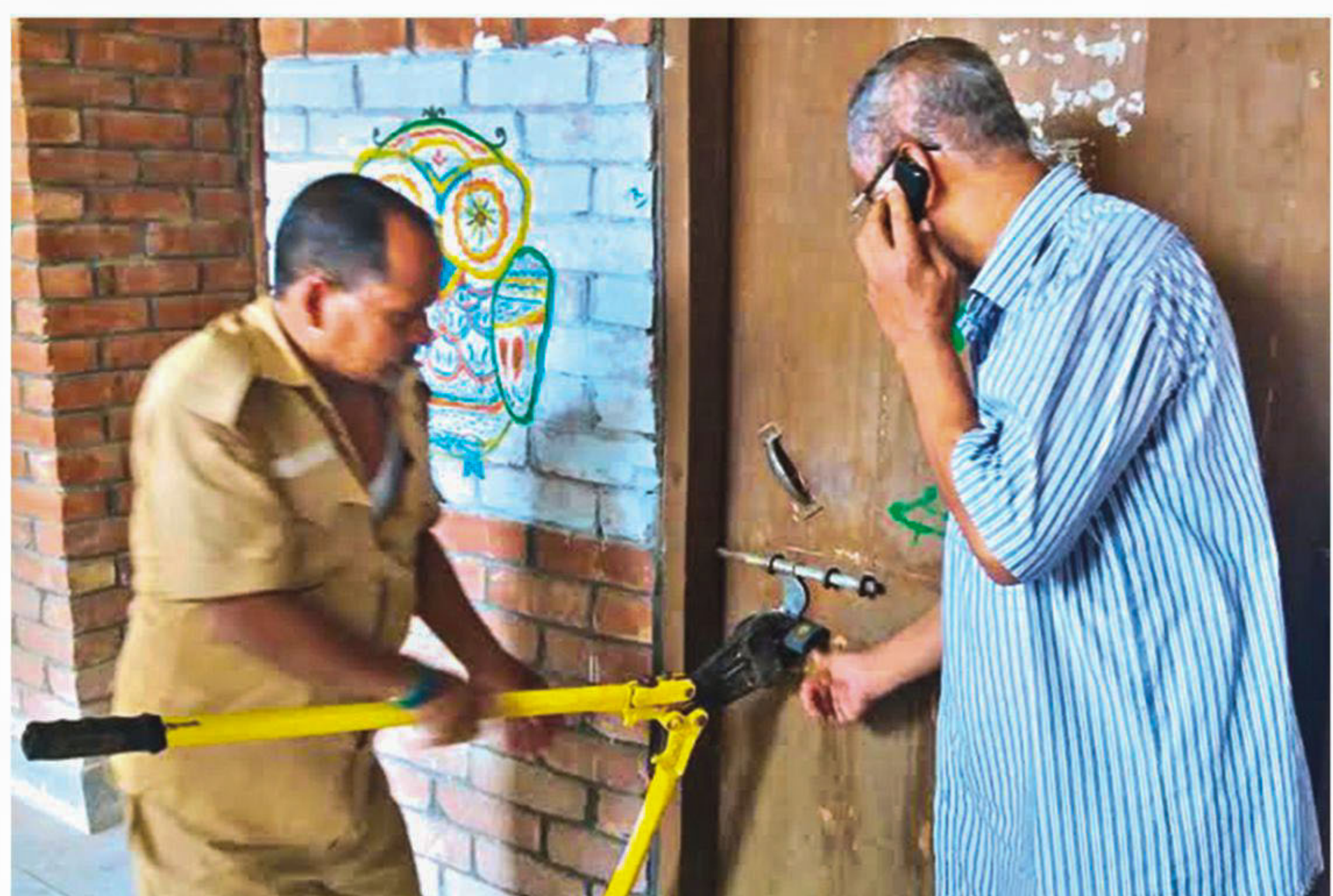
The dead is Mizan Ali alias Mizan Kazi, 38, of Bagudanga village in the upazila.

According to police, Mizan was leading the robber gang. He stood accused in at least a dozen cases, including murder, rape and robbery, with different police stations in Narail and Bagerhat.

Mahabubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Naragati Police Station in Kalia, said a team of Naragati police, led by Sub-inspector Mohiuddin, with the help of Gopalganj police arrested Mizan from his hideout in Gopalganj on Saturday evening.

As per Mizan's statement, the team with him was going to his village home in Bagudanga to recover firearms at night.

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Two men breaking a lock of a history department classroom at Jahangirnagar University yesterday. The previous night, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists jammed classroom locks of different educational institutions pouring glue into them, in protest at a High Court verdict announcing a seven-year jail term for Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case. Story on

PHOTO: STAR

## Ill-gotten money used in militancy

Says ACC chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Funds raised through corruption are used in militancy, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Iqbal Mahmood said yesterday.

"You don't give away your hard-earned money to anyone [without a good cause]. The money acquired through corruption is used for militancy," he observed adding that no one will be safe until terrorism and militancy is curbed from the society.

The anti-graft body chairman said this while addressing a views exchange meeting with journalists on Strategic Work Plan of Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) 2016-2021 organised at the ACC headquarters at Segunbagicha in the capital.

Speaking on corruption in the banking sector, the ACC chairman said the anti-graft body will take necessary measures against private banks if evidence of graft and financial irregularities are found against them. "We will leave no stone unturned to stop corruption in the banking sector."

The anti-graft watchdog will hold talks with the central bank over corruption in both private and public banks, Mahmood also said adding that the ACC has given highest priority to private banks for the eradication of corruption in the sector.

Undisclosed or black money plays a significant role in corruption, observed the ACC chief. "We'll make specific recommendations to the government in order to stop this corruption."

About corruption in the health sector, Mahmood said the commission will take legal action if government physicians abstain from attending their stations as this is one type