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Keep watch on educational institutions

Education minister asks DCs to prevent students getting involved in militancy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday called upon deputy commissioners to increase surveillance at all educational institutions across the country in order to prevent students from getting involved in militancy.

At the DC's meeting with the education ministry, Nahid said his ministry had already instructed all educational institutions to take measures for curbing militancy, and asked the executive magistrates to help implement the orders.

In reply, the DCs said they were aware of the government directives and that they would extend all-out support to curbing militancy and terrorism.

Following the closed-door meeting with the DCs on the second day of the four-day DC conference, the minister told the media what had been discussed.

Nahid told journalists that the DCs had already received directives from the prime minister and some other ministries. His ministry cautioned them against students' involvement in militancy.

Students constitute one third of the population, he said. The youths are being lured into militancy and "so we all have to be very cautious."

Emphasising the importance of the teachers' role, the minister said teachers should know their students properly and maintain communication with their parents.

"We asked the DCs to get involved in this issue."

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A man drying raw jute on the railing of a bridge on Dhaka-Mawa highway in Munshiganj's Sreenagar. Jute growers in the upazila are not upbeat about the prices being offered for the "golden fibre". The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Dhaka, Delhi to talk security cooperation

Home minister-level meeting today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh and India are expected to discuss enhancing security cooperation, particularly in counter-terror efforts, as home ministers Azaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Rajnath Singh hold talks in the Indian capital today.

Kamal arrived in New Delhi yesterday afternoon leading a high-level delegation that also includes Home Secretary Dr Md Mozammel Haque Khan and Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Huq on a four-day visit for the fourth home minister-level talks between the two countries.

"The talks are expected to further strengthen and enhance the excellent cooperation between the two countries on security and border management matters," an official statement said yesterday.

The ministerial-level talks will be held from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

According to official sources, a key aspect of the talks will be how to increase coordination between security agencies of the two countries in tackling terror, particularly in the backdrop of the recent ghastly attacks in Dhaka and Sholakia on July 1 and 7 respectively.

Ahead of today's talks, Shahidul Huq yesterday had a packed schedule visiting the headquarters of several Indian security agencies --

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TORTURING DU STUDENT OC Helal's jail term upheld

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday upheld a verdict of a lower court that had sentenced former officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station Md Helal Uddin to three years' imprisonment for torturing a former Dhaka University student.

Judge Md Zahidul Kabir of the Fifth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order dismissing an appeal filed by Helal Uddin challenging the lower court verdict.

The court ordered the then OC within 30 days to surrender before the lower court that had sentenced him to three years' imprisonment for his involvement

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IS bomb attack kills 44 in Syria

AFP, Qamishli

A massive bomb blast claimed by the Islamic State group killed at least 44 people and wounded dozens yesterday in the Kurdish-majority Syrian city of Qamishli. It was the largest and deadliest attack to hit the city since the beginning of Syria's conflict in March 2011.

Syrian state media gave a toll of 44 dead and 140 injured in the bombing, which hit a western district of the city where several local Kurdish ministries are located.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor gave a toll of 48 dead, adding that children and women were among those killed.

Kurdish officials said the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber driving an explosives-laden truck.

The blast was initially described as a double bombing, but local officials and the Observatory said the bomb had detonated a nearby fuel container, leading to reports of a second explosion.

An AFP journalist saw devastating scenes in the bomb's aftermath, with distraught civilians, some covered in blood, staggering through rubble past twisted metal and the burned-out remains of cars.

One man running along the streets was completely covered in blood, his shirt drenched red.

He was gripping the arm of a small boy whose face was grey and red with blood and dust.

They ran past a hysterical woman who was crying and screaming, her clothes torn. A girl and boy stood next to her, apparently in shock.

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49 back home from US

Deported for illegal stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-nine Bangladeshis were deported yesterday for their illegal entry into the US. They had left Bangladesh for the US without having proper knowledge about their journey to the United States of America.

Thinking the USA as a better option to earn more and bring solvency to their families, the Bangladeshis took risk of their lives and reached their destination after travelling through 10 to 12 other countries.

They used air, water and land routes in their long journey. They travelled through the UAE, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico and finally entered California in the US on different times.

Later, they were caught by the US immigration police and landed in jail. After serving different jail terms from one year to two years, they were finally deported yesterday.

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It's never too late to show love!



MAIL ONLINE

After 80 years of marriage, a couple in China have finally posed for their wedding photos.

Song Qinglin, 102, and his wife Song Lishi, 99, were too poor to have a big celebration when they married in 1936, and only had three plates of food for their wedding banquet, reports the People's Daily Online.

The loving couple from eastern China's Anhui Province dressed up in their wedding outfits while holding hands during the shoot.

The couple had the pictures taken on July 23,

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STRANDED ELEPHANT India sending rescue team

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Indian government has cleared a proposal to send a rescue team to Bangladesh to bring back an elephant stranded in that country after being washed away by strong currents of the Brahmaputra in northeastern state of Assam.

Officials of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate

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This photo taken on July 18 shows an Indian wild elephant on a Jamuna char (shoal) in Bogra's Sariaikandi upazila. The female elephant reportedly got separated from her herd in Assam and entered Bangladesh, floating with the currents of the Brahmaputra, on June 27. From then on, it was seen frantically moving from one place to another.

PHOTO: FILE

Credit Ratings of Pubali Bank Limited



Credit Rating was done by the National Credit Rating Ltd. (NCR) on the basis of Audited Financial Statements as on 31.12.2015, which shows persistent strength of the bank. The summary of the rating is presented below:

Credit Rating Report (Surveillance Rating)

	Long Term	Short Term
Rating Outstanding (Updated 30 June 2016)	AA Double A (Very Strong Capacity & High Safety)	ST-1 Strongest Capacity
Previous Rating (Assigned 30 June 2015)	AA Double A (Very Strong Capacity & High Safety)	ST-1 Strongest Capacity
Validity of outstanding Rating	Valid till 30 June 2017	

NCR has assigned AA (Pronounced Double A) rating of Pubali Bank Limited in the Long Term and ST-1 in the Short Term. This level of rating indicates very strong capacity for timely servicing of financial obligations in Long Term and strongest capacity for timely payment of financial obligations in Short Term. NCR performed the present rating assignment based on the Audited Financial Statements of 31 December 2015 and other relevant information and declared the above rating on 30 June 2016. The present rating takes into account among others, Bank's comfortable capital adequacy, improved asset quality, continued profitability, adequate liquidity and reduction in non-performing loan (NPL) levels to single digit (gross 5.32%).

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