

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla calls on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office last night.

media reports.

РНОТО: BNP

#### BSF men kill Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot death a Bangladeshi cattle trader near the Khetar Char frontier in Roumari upazila of Kurigram early yesterday.

The dead is Nurul Amin, 32, son of Moksed Ali Munshi of Khetar Char village.

The incident happened around 4:00am when a group of cattle traders, including Nurul, was going inside the Indian territory to bring cattle in, according to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police

On duty BSF men of Dipchar camp under BSF Battalion-57 in Dhubri district of Assam opened fire on the group after it reached the no-man's land, added the

Nurul was shot but he somehow managed to return home. He died there later.

"After hearing the news, we rushed to his home. Later, we sent a letter to the Dipchar BSF camp requesting it to hold a flag meeting," said Abdul Aziz, company commander of BGB Battalion-35 in Datbhanga of Jamalpur.

Mohammad Ruhani, inspector (investigation) of Roumari Police Station, said, "A police team has been sent to Nurul's home to have his body received. Later, it will be sent to Kurigram Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy."

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groups in the Northeast are getting support from neighbouring countries, and incidents of insurgency there have declined over the years, according to a report of The Hindu yesterday.

The state minister also told the Lok Sabha that if there is any such report that insurgents in the Northeast are getting external support, then it would be looked into and action would be taken.

Meanwhile, Indian Home Minister Rajnath atold the Lok Sabha that four militants of Bangladeshi-origin were arrested in the last three years in a case pertaining to recovery of sophisticated weapons from Aizawl in Mizoram. "All were released on bail by the

competent court before the investigation was taken over by the National Investigation Agency. They had skipped bail and are also escaping from arrest since then," he said, adding that the special NIA court at Aizawl has issued nonbailable warrant of arrest against the four.

On how many Bangladeshiorigin militants have been handed over to Bangladesh, Singh said, "No such militant has been handed

over." In a written reply, the home minister said there is no specific information that National Socialists Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) was acting at the behest

of neighbouring countries. "... there is intelligence that

Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) have established their camps, shelter houses and training centres across the border in neighbouring countries of Northeastern Region.

"The neighbouring countries have been urged to take stern action against the leaders of IIGs and dismantle their safe houses/hideouts in their country,"

Singh said. "In 2015, the number of insur-

gency related incidents and civilian

deaths were lowest in the last 20

years," he said in another written

reply.

# 2 sisters went to Syria

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lured both the sisters to Syria. Saiful was killed in a suspected drone strike in Syria's Raqqa in December last year, according to

He married Saima in 2004 and went to London on a scholarship that year. Saima moved to the UK a year later and with her help, Rabeya went there in 2013, family members say.

The trio came back in early 2014, according to Bilkis Akter Chaina, elder sister of Saima and Rabeya. A few days later, they left Bangladesh.

Bilkis said the last time the two sisters contacted her was in April last year. "They used to call me, but now I have no communications with them."

Before going out of trace, the sisters told Bilkis that they were in Syria. "We are really worried as they were in a country like Syria," she told this correspondent on Friday.

Bilkis, who lives with her ailing mother at a rented house in Khulna, added she had requested her sisters to come back.

The family says it owns a house on Haji Ismail Link Road in Sonadanga in Khulna metropolitan area.

However, none from the family members stayed in that house in the last one year, said some neighbours on Saturday.

Saiful and the two sisters vanreturn in 2014. They were never seen again, they added.

Assistant Commissioner Sonali Sen (Sonadanga zone) of Khulna Metropolitan Police said they were investigating the two sisters.

WHO IS SAIFUL?

Saiful was accused of laundering money from the UK to Syria via Bangladesh, according to media reports.

Police in Dhaka raided his office terror group Islamic State (IS). in Dhaka's Karwan Bazar area and Family members suspect he had nabbed five persons, including his brother-in-law Tajul Islam Shakil. According to a report published

> in the UK-based The Telegraph, Saiful became a senior militant figure when he replaced a leading IS hacker from Britain, Junaid Hussain, who was killed by an air strike. According to the newspaper,

> Saiful was an important figure in their hacking campaign and efforts to defeat surveillance and tracking by Western spy agencies. His death near the IS stronghold

> of Raqqa on December 10, 2015, came less than 18 months after he had left his home near Cardiff, where he had studied and gone on to be a well-respected director of a computer firm.

> Saiful entered the UK in 2003 and went on to study computer system engineering at the University of Glamorgan, says the report.

> He along with his brother set up a Newport-based computer firm that provided online ordering systems. He also held at least two patents for devising computer systems and was regarded as a pillar of the local Bangladeshi business community.

#### Mir Quasem

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Ahmed was home," Tahmina Akhtar, the wife of Ahmed, told The Daily Star around 1:10am today.

"My husband wanted to know their ished after a few days of their identities. But they refused. And at one stage, they asked him to go with them and later took him away by a white microbus," she said.

> Tahmina also said that while leaving, one of them said, "Don't worry. We will return him."

Contacted, Dadon Fakir, officer-incharge of Pallabi Police Station, said they have learnt about the incident from the media. He, however, could not confirm it.

# SPs asked to go

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To curb militant activities, the police high-ups asked them to step up intelligence surveillance, the SP said seeking anonymity.

The instructions came at the quarterly crime conference held at the police headquarters with Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque in the chair.

The meeting was held around a month after the deadly terror attacks at Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan on July 1 and near Sholakia Eidgah in Kishoreganj on July 7.

In the Gulshan attack, 20 hostages, including 17 foreigners, and two policemen were killed by militants. In Sholakia, two policemen, a housewife and a terrorist were killed.

Following the militant attacks, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on July 13 told a programme in the capital that there might be more attacks in the country

and urged all to remain vigilant. Yesterday, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal joined the

conference and gave his concluding speech. During the day-long meeting, the SPs were asked to ensure adequate security

for foreigners working in different development projects in their districts. "I directed the field-level police

officials to ensure such an environment where the foreigners can work

without any fear," the home boss told The Daily Star. He said all should be alert and the and help them in capacity building. law enforcers must show zero toler-

ance against militancy so that all plots

country can be thwarted.

The IGP asked the SPs to enhance security at the Key Point Installations (KPIs), particularly at power stations and important communication infrastructures.

The militancy issue dominated the meeting that continued from 10:00am till evening.

"We have been asked to increase vigilance and dismantle militant networks," said the SP of a southern district on condition of anonymity.

At the meeting, the IGP told the police officials that there was no scope to think that militancy does not exist in the country.

"Now it has become a threat to the country," an official who attended the meeting quoted the IGP as saying. The IGP told the meeting that ter-

rorism is now a big challenge for the nation, and they have to fight it together, said meeting sources. "The meeting was told that there is a

massive plan to carry out subversive activities this month as a series of state programmes are scheduled to take place," said a senior official, wishing anonymity.

The IGP told the officials that they cannot take the issue of militancy lightly and relax.

He also applauded the role of the police force in fighting militancy. Some SPs requested the authorities to

provide them with more logistic support

In response, the home minister assured them of meeting their to carry out militant attacks in the demands on a priority basis.

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## Stay alert

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stamp out militancy and said militants were causing the most severe damage to Islam and putting its image into question through killing innocent people.

Reiterating that there will be no place of militancy and terrorism in the country, she sought cooperation of all, including bankers, in eliminating the evils. The PM said the government will

be able to face the human-created problems as it tackles the natural calamities.

She said her government has already been able to create a mass awareness against militancy and terrorism. "Even grassroots people are now aware of it," she said.

About the recent flooding, the PM said her party has formed eight teams to help the flood-affected people across the country. "They're now distributing relief materials like food, medicines, cloths and other necessary items among the flood victims."

She claimed that Bangladesh's success in facing natural disasters is now an example for the rest of the world.

Hasina said the government wants

to bring more dynamism in the private sector to make the economy more vibrant through boosting investment.

She also expressed gratitude to private organisations for providing the donations.

Some 31 commercial banks, Walton Group, Bashundhara Group, Ship Breakers Association, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh and Gurdwara Management Committee donated cheques of financial assistance.

Prime Minister's Adviser HT Imam businessmen Salman F Rahman and former FBCCI president Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed were present.

### Gymnastics joy

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But they claimed silver behind Japan in the Rio Olympic Arena on Monday dumping two-time defending champions China into the bronze medal position.

"We won a medal (Olympic team for the first time in 16 years. We feel overwhelmed by emotion," said Denis Abliazin after taking his third Olympic medal after silver on the vault and bronze on floor in London

The last time the Russian men's team medalled at an Olympics was a bronze in Sydney.

"We did what we had to do. Everyone did his job on each of the apparatus," continued Abliazin as Russia had led Japan up until the fourth apparatus of six.

"We are still trying to believe that we won a medal. We really performed well as a team, all for one and one for all."

"When we performed we didn't really pay attention to the other team.

"If you have doubts it won't lead to good results. In gymnastics you are competing against yourself.

"At the last world championships China got third and we got fourth. At worlds we didn't quite make it, but now we beat them."

Teammate Nikolai Kuksenkov took his first Olympic medal at the age of 27 years.

"We were in a really difficult situation before the Games. We didn't know if we would be able to compete," he said.

"This performance by our team showed that we are really strong and that we can fight for the medals, even when others didn't want us to do that.'

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"We stayed positive and believed in fairness."

# 12 get death

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Mohitul Haque Enam Chowdhury pronounced the verdict, prosecution lawyer Litan Ranjan Das said.

According to prosecution, the killing followed a long standing rivalry over land between the families of Krishak League Kachua unit's president Oli Ullah and his cousins Abdul Hamid and Harun Mridha. Many had tried and settle these disagreements between the two families and failed. On July 29 in 2014 around

10:00pm, Oli Ullah was hacked to death on the road near west side of the residence of one Nurul Islam Gazi in Shankarpur village in Kachua. Following the day, deceased's wife

Joynab Begum lodged a case with Kachua Police Station accusing ten people in this connection. After investigation, police submit-

ted the charge sheet on March 31, 2015,

while the charge was framed on January 6, 2016. Complainant Joynab Begum talking to the media at Chittagong court building premises expressed her satisfaction over the verdict. "Now I want to

see quick execution of the verdict", she added. Abu Taher, who was acquitted in the verdict, said he had no connection with the killing.

"Police did not arrest me. The fam-

### Russia, Turkey

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Now in the wake of the failed July 15 coup attempt, there are fears in Western capitals that Nato-member Turkey could draw even closer to Moscow -- with Erdogan bluntly making it clear he feels let down by the United States and the European Union. In the latest sign of rocky relations

with the West, Turkey's justice minister yesterday warned that the United States will "sacrifice relations" unless it extradites Pennsylvania-based preacher Fethullah Gulen, blamed by Ankara for the failed coup. Putin was one of the first foreign

leaders to phone Erdogan offering support after the coup attempt and shares none of the concerns of EU leaders about the ensuing crackdown. Relations between Turkey and

Russia -- two powers vying for influence in the strategic Black Sea region and Middle East -- have long been complicated.

#### Delhi to stand

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Khaleda of recent developments in bilateral cooperation between the two countries. He said India is fully committed to partner Bangladesh in its economic development with a pragmatic and mature approach.

He highlighted the focus on development of infrastructure and improving connectivity to facilitate bilateral trade and economic ties.

The 80-minute meeting began around 8:10pm.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury were present, among others.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, BNP chairperson's adviser Sabih Uddin Ahmed said it was a courtesy call by the Indian envoy. Bilateral issues were discussed at the meeting.

A BNP leader who was present at the meeting said militancy and terrorism issues were discussed at the meeting.

The BNP chief clarified her party's stance on India and gave a message that the party wants India to build relations with the country's people instead of a particular party.

It was the first meeting between the BNP chief and the high commissioner since his posting to Dhaka on January 14.

Shringla, a career diplomat, succeeded former high commissioner Pankaj Saran.

ily of the complainant handed me over to police station after picking me up from my house. And I have been in a jail for around 11 months", Taher said. 6 TO DIE FOR KILLING GAZIPUR **SCHOOLBOY** 

A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced six people to death and three others to life term imprisonment for killing a schoolboy in 2001, reports UNB. The condemned convicts -- Rafigul

Islam, Atique Sheikh, Selim Sheikh, Anwar Hossain Sheikh and Nayan Sheikh of Ghagtia village in Kapasia upazila -- were also fined Tk 5,000 each.

The lifers are Anwara Begum, Abdul Motaleb and Samsuddin of the village. According to the prosecution,

Sanaullah Sarkar, 19, an SSC examinee and son of Jashim Uddin of the village had developed a love affair with the daughter of Anwara Begum, and both families had been at loggerheads over the issue.

As a sequel to the enmity, the convicts strangled Sanaullah on February 9, 2001. Asaduzzaman, victim's brother, filed a case against 12 people the following day.

#### Ensure equal FROM PAGE 16

gle will continue.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma urged indigenous youths to come forward spontaneously to strengthen the ongoing movement for protecting rights of their communities. "Indigenous people will have to

survive through struggle in the country. They have no alternative to it," said Larma, popularly known as Santu The government is not sympathetic towards indigenous people. "We can

see reflection of such attitude," said

Larma, also the president of Parbatya

Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) that signed Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord in 1997 with the then Awami League-led government. "We have been struggling since independence of Bangladesh to protect existence as well as social, political, economic and land rights .... Our strug-

non-communal country where indigenous people can live enjoying all fundamental rights," Larma said. At the rally, eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal said indigenous children

"We want to see Bangladesh as a

discrimination in education for the betterment of the communities. Former National Human Rights Commission chairman Mizanur

should not be subjected to any kind of

Rahman said no state can develop by snatching away rights of people. The state should protect rights of all communities for its progress, he

added. Speaking as the chief guest, Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon said Banglees and indigenous people should work together to address mili-

tancy and terrorism in the country. Bangladesh Adivasi Forum placed an 11-point demand that includes announcement of a roadmap by the government to full implementation of CHT Peace Accord.

It also demanded that International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples be observed nationally and a separate land commission be formed for resolving land disputes in the CHT.

Rights Activist Khushi Kabir, cultural personality Mamunur Rashid, veteran left politician Pankaj Bhattachariya and several academicians also spoke there.

This year, the day was observed globally with the theme "Indigenous peoples' right to education".

However, indigenous people in Bangladesh observed the day with the theme "Indigenous peoples' rights to education, land and life".

A voluntary organisation Progressive Seba Kendra held a rally and a discussion marking the day in Sarishabari of Jamalpur, according to a press release.

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