

# 17 missing in Indian trawler capsized in Bay

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Some 17 people are reported missing after an Indian fishing trawler capsized in the Bay of Bengal near Bangabandhu Char of the Sundarbans, around 75 nautical miles away from Mongla Port. "The trawler might have capsized on Monday amid rough weather. On information from our headquarters, we are now continuing our search operation to locate the vessel," said Fariduzzaman, operation officer (west zone) of Bangladesh Coast Guard. "We have come to know there were around 17 people on board. We have not found any bodies yet," he told The Daily Star around 12:15am today.

# SP Babul

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armour but I am holding in my arms two children who have lost their mother. I am not able to prevent or bear any attack," Babul continued. A high police official said the resignation letter of SP Babul Akter was with the home ministry. As far as the official was concerned, the letter has not yet been accepted. Preferring not to be named, the police officer said until his resignation was accepted, he was still in service.

SP Babul's father-in-law Mosharraf Hossain told The Daily Star Babul goes to police headquarters every day. Following the murder of Mitu, government high ups and police officials told the media that they suspect militants were involved in the killing. However, following the apprehension of a number of suspects, the police called in Babul and interrogated him for 15 hours. Police reportedly offered Babul a deal; resigning or face trial.

# World's largest

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kilometres from the world's largest mosque, the Masjid al-Haram, which attracts around five million Muslims each year as they embark on the Hajj or Umrah pilgrimages. It will be open to the public, but five floors will be reserved for the Saudi royal family as holiday accommodation. Makkah's building spree last year prompted the director of the UK-based Islamic Heritage Research Foundation to describe the city as "Makkah-hattan".

# Mezbah

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two-time Asian Tour winner dropped back to 55th position -- his initial position after the first round -- with a third round score of four-over (75). His three-day aggregate score read seven-over (220). With only one round left, the 31-year-old golfer will be hoping that his Rio journey ends on a positive note as it started with him carrying the Bangladesh flag at the opening ceremony.

# Hasnat first arrestee

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Producing Hasnat before a Dhaka court yesterday, police sought permission to show him arrested in the case and appealed for a 10-day remand. His lawyer prayed for his bail. Metropolitan Magistrate Imdadul Haque granted an eight-day remand for Hasnat and allowed police to show him arrested in the case. Another Dhaka court placed Tahmid on a six-day fresh remand against a police prayer for seven days'. In the remand prayer, Inspector Humayun Kabir of counterterrorism unit of the DMP said the former private university teacher during the first remand gave vital information about the gruesome attack and the gunmen's brutality against victims. "He needs to be interrogated to know the names, addresses and

# Four could not even be traced

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Noor is in Canada while Rashed in the USA, he said. The minister, however, refused to make any comment about the remaining four, who are the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu. On August 10, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said Moslehuddin was hiding in Germany. "We have come to know that Bangabandhu's fugitive killer Moslehuddin is now in Germany. But we don't know where he exactly is," he told state-run news agency BSS. Officials said the law, home and foreign ministries were working together to identify the countries where the other Bangabandhu killers were staying. The ministries were also maintaining diplomatic channels with the countries to have them back to the country. The Bangladesh government has already written letters to "every" country, seeking assistance in this regard. It has also made a global appeal in bilateral, regional and international forums to track down the culprits, said the officials. Talking to The Daily Star, some top officials said the government also wants to mobilise international support as it has vowed to execute the death sentences at any cost. Bangladesh wants foreign countries to consider the issue as an "exceptional case" and send back the killers by amending their laws, if necessary, they added. Of the six fugitive killers, Noor and Rashed have been located to be residing in Toronto, Canada and in Los Angeles of the United States respectively. But due to legal complexities they could not be brought back. The government has deeply engaged and continued discussion with the US government since the US Ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat in August 2015 officially informed Dhaka that Rashed was staying in the US after securing political asylum. Until that time, the US, which had long been assuring Bangladesh to consider the extradition of Rashed, apparently suppressed the information. The US has not yet agreed to extradite Rashed because of "legal complexity". A highly-placed government source told The Daily Star that the government has already asked the US government to extradite Rashed, cancelling his political asylum. Noor is now staying in Canada but

without any legal papers. The country has refused to deport him, as its policies do not approve sending back a person to other country having the provision of death sentence. Canada, however, did not accept Noor's application for political asylum, said the source. The Bangladesh government is yet to locate Rashid, Dalim, Majed and Moslehuddin as they change their position time to time. The four have Interpol arrest warrants on them. The taskforce comprising ministers and high officials of the foreign, law and home ministries, formed in 2010 to locate and bring back the six killers, also has no confirmation about their locations. It has engaged a nine-member intelligence team to spot the four through surveillance on their family members and relatives in the country. Besides, the government has already confiscated properties of the killers in Bangladesh. A home ministry report placed before a taskforce meeting on December 9, 2014, said that Rashid could possibly be in Pakistan or Libya; Dalim in Pakistan/Libya/Zimbabwe/Kenya, Mazed in Senegal and Moslehuddin in India. But New Delhi said it had not been able to locate any of them, and asked for more information. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan claimed that Bangladeshis living in Germany saw Moslehuddin there. He said they had also learnt that Noor was in Canada and Rashed in the USA but did not say the exact locations of the trio. However, security and intelligence activities have been strengthened to find out the locations, added the minister. Earlier, the government had also appointed a foreign law firm to take necessary steps for bringing the fugitive killers back from the USA and Canada but the "top assignment" has not succeeded yet. In 2011, the government had appointed a Canadian law firm help the government bring back Noor. Also, the government sent their photos and details to major airports abroad after the Interpol issued the arrest warrants. Bangladesh made a global appeal to track down the killers at the 78th annual general meeting of Interpol in Singapore in October, 2009. In August 2010, the then foreign minister Dipu Moni sent formal letters to certain countries, seeking cooperation for deporting the remaining killers as they

were believed to be hiding there. On October 5, 2011, she again wrote to the then Canadian foreign minister John Baird and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton with request to handover Noor and Rashed to Bangladesh to face justice. However, Canada declined to deport Noor, as the Canadian policy does not approve sending back a person where there is the provision of death sentence. In response, the Bangladesh government argued that the fugitives on their return could appeal to the higher court against the conviction and seek review of the verdict from the Appellate Division. Thereafter, they could also appeal to the president for clemency. So, it was not correct that they would face punishment soon as they were brought back, said the government. Akramul Qader, the then Bangladesh ambassador to the US, on March 29, 2012 made a formal request to US congressman Peter King, also chairman of the US House Committee on Homeland Security, to send back Rashed. Dipu Moni raised the issue of deporting Rashed during her bilateral meetings with Hillary Clinton in Washington DC on October 10, 2011 and again during an official meeting with the US secretary of state in Dhaka on May 5, 2012. The US government had deported another fugitive in the case, Mohiuddin Ahmed, on June 17, 2007, after a US court rejected his appeal for residency. Mohiuddin was handed later. Legal complexities have appeared to be major "roadblocks" in government's efforts to bring back Bangabandhu's fugitive killers keeping its top priority assignment fruitless for years, said officials at the ministries of foreign and home affairs. The state minister for foreign affairs Md Shahriar Alam said the government is committed to the nation and respectful of the laws of the land. In reply to a question about the delay in repatriating the killers, he said, "there are some complexities. That's where our challenge lies. We have taken the challenge and are working on that." In this regard, he said, naturally, the countries which oppose death penalty, do not hand over convicted killers. The Bangabandhu murder trial commenced in Dhaka in 1997, 22 years after some disgruntled army men mowed down him and most of his family members at Dhanmondi in the capital.

# Blazing a trail in farming soft-shell crab

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and a university degree, he went for his own business instead of looking for a job. The second among five sisters and a brother, he now lives at Anderson Road in the town. He set about farming crabs at coastal Monupara village under Khuruskul union in 2011 with his own savings and loans from friends, which amounted to Tk 40 lakh. Aung Chin began exporting crabs the same year with the help of the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock. With his produce having good quality, he started receiving more orders from several countries. So, he

increased production to meet the increasing demand. As the government acquired land for its Ashrayan Project, the crab farm was later shifted to Chowfaldandi in sadar upazila. Aung Chin said there were 50,000 boxes in his project and each box was used to rear a maximum of three crabs. He wants to expand his export to Europe, Australia and the USA. He has already started farming crabs on another three-acre land in Nhila union under Teknaf upazila. Aung Chin said he had employed 30 to 40 people in his farm to work on a regular basis, while another 80 to 100 others' livelihood was dependent on his business. Cox's Bazar district fisheries officer Amitosh Sen said Aung Chin, who had established a flourishing industry, was now a role model for many in the country. Bangladesh earned Tk 199.38 crore in foreign exchange in 2015 by exporting crabs and kuchia, Amitosh said, adding that Aung Chin was the pioneer of commercial crab production in Bangladesh. Success in crab production is more as the business involves fewer risk factors, Amitosh said. Earlier, plastic baskets were imported at Tk 130 per piece for farming crabs. Now similar baskets are manufactured in the country and are available at only Tk 30 per piece, he added.

# He was picked up much earlier

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Their father AKM Mosharraf Hossain is a security guard at the plant. After Sifat was "picked up," the family filed a general diary with Khalishpur Police Station that evening. Police refused to record it as an incident of picking up, but only as an incident of going missing, Meherun said. Amir Taimur, officer-in-charge of Khalishpur Police Station, confirmed that the family filed a GD, but denied that police refused to take the complaint as an incident of pick up. He said they later heard that Sifat was arrested by Rab in militancy connection from the capital. Rab officials claimed Sifat is a member of militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) and he was arrested along with five JMB operatives. Rab said they recovered nine improvised explosive devices, five hand grenades, 13 detonators, two pistols, some machetes and knives and bomb-making materials from the arrestees. A map detailing the location of Shah Ali Mazar in the capital's Mirpur was also found in their possession, and Rab officials suspect the Mazar was on their hitlist. "We came to know that the six militants gathered in the capital for a suicide

attack," Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab's legal and media wing director, told a press briefing at its headquarters in Uttara on August 10. Sifat had been working as an administrator of At-tamkin webpage which propagated many of the recent killings and terrorist attacks in the country, Mufti claimed. The webpage is run mainly by JMB. After carrying out attacks, they publicise those on the webpage as acts of Islamic State to draw attention, he added. Meherun said she did not believe her brother could be involved in militancy. She added that she heard her brother used to write on various platforms against the "misdeeds" of the government. Their mother Sajeda Begum said if her son was guilty he should be punished as per the law. University sources said Sifat completed his bachelor degree from there. Earlier, he did his diploma in engineering from Khulna Government Polytechnic College in 2011. The then went on to work as a sub-assistant engineer at a private company in Dhaka for a year. The family is originally from Barguna, and neighbours said Sifat was known to be a pious person in the area.

# Govt looking to stop use

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The government declared August 9 as the National Energy Security Day in 2010. On this day in 1975, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman bought five gas fields from Shell for only £4.4 million. The decision to buy the gas fields laid the foundation for energy security in the country as the fields are largely credited for meeting the energy needs over the last four decades, said Petrobangla Chairman Istiaque Ahmad in his welcome speech. Muhiht said in order to help people move to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) from natural gas the government has provided some incentives for using cylinder gas. Some companies are trying to establish a monopoly, but the government has the ability to end such monopolies instantly, he added. "In the coming days we will make import of LPG easier," he said. The minister further said the government would have to strengthen its efforts to explore gas offshore and onshore. Bangladesh now produces 2,750 million cubic feet of gas per day. About 41 percent of the gas is used for generating electricity. Captive power, the electricity that factories generate from their own gas-fired power plants to run factories, consumes 16.6 percent, industries 16.1 percent, fertiliser companies 5.8 percent, CNG-run vehicles 4.8 percent and households 4.8 percent, according to Petrobangla. State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid said the government is looking into how power plants could raise funds from the financial market and issue bonds nationally and internationally to cut the sector's reliance on the country for funds. He also put emphasis on creating qualified professionals who would be able to handle investment from debt markets.

The state minister also called for getting ready as the government is moving ahead with the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG), coal for power plants and LPG as these are new things for Bangladesh. Hamid said the government is promoting LPG for replacing natural gas at household level. The private sector has come forward enthusiastically, he noted. "We will improve the government's capacity in the sector so that people can get gas at affordable prices." Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser of the prime minister, said Bangladesh would have to explore oil and gas and renewable energy. Mahmud Reza Khan, chairman of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, said the state-run agency has been running with the same number of employees and officials since its inception although it handles five times more petroleum products now than it did four decades ago. Md Nehal Uddin, director general of Geological Survey of Bangladesh, said Bangladesh would have to think about using coal to produce more energy as there are countries that generate up to 75 percent of their power from this energy source. Bangladesh is sitting on a coal reserve of more than three billion tonnes, whose heat generation capacity is equivalent to 37 trillion cubic feet of gas, according to official statistics. Currently, about 3 percent of the total electricity comes from coal. Harun-or-Rashid Khan, director general of hydrocarbon unit of Petrobangla, said there has to be emphasis on energy efficiency, energy conservation and energy management for ensuring energy security. Nazim Uddin Chowdhury, secretary for the energy and mineral resources division, among others, spoke on the occasion.

**টেব্রটাইল স্পিনিং মেশিন বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

সম্পূর্ণ চালু/সচল অবস্থায় প্রাইম টেব্রটাইল স্পিনিং মিলের নিম্নে উল্লিখিত মেশিন সমূহ এবং স্পেয়ার পার্টস্ জরুরী বিক্রয় করা হবে।

SI #	Name of Machine	Qty.
<b>Group-A</b>		
1	Rotor Spinning Machine BD-D1K, 192 Spinning Unit/Machine, Elitex, Czech Republic, Made year-1996 and one lot spares & accessories	4 (four) nos.
2	Howa Draw Frame Machine Model-HDFH, Japan, Made year-2001 and one lot spares and accessories	1 (one) no.
3	Vouk Draw Frame Machine Tessili SPA, Gorizia, Italy, Model-SH2/D-E, Made year-1995	1 (one) no.
<b>Group-B</b>		
1	Rotor Spinning Machine BD-D 30, 224 Spinning Unit/Machine, Elitex, Czech Republic, Made year-2001 and one lot spares & accessories	6 (six) nos
2	Toyota High Speed Draw Frame Machine Model-DX 8-LT, Made year-2008, Japan and one lot spares & accessories	1 (one) no.
<b>Group-C</b>		
1	Howa Comber Machine Model-Cartory-K, Howa, Japan, Made year-1990	5 (five) nos
2	Howa Lap Former Machine Model-DY No.5, Japan, Made year-1990	1 (one) no.
<b>Group-D</b>		
1	York Shipley Boiler Model-320 VTB-25-N, Capacity-863 lbs/hr. USA, Made year-1993 and one lot spares & accessories	1 (one) no.
2	Ashida Thermo Setter Model-AV-3S, Capacity-250-300 Kg/Batch, Japan, Made year-1991 and one lot spares & accessories	1 (one) no.

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# 3 students drown in Dinajpur

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Dinajpur Municipality. The boys went missing at around 12.00am Saturday. Locals said the three teenagers left their schoolbags on the grounds of Biral News Degree College around that time and went to the river. When nearby residents realised they were missing they called the Fire Service and Civil Defence of Dinajpur for help to rescue the boys. Local residents allege the fire brigade did not respond properly. At 4.30pm locals rescued the bodies of the boys and took them to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital where on duty doctors declared all three dead. Haji Polash - a resident of the area - said divers if available to respond to the call for help might have been able to save the boys. Early this year students from different educational institutions in Dinajpur held a protest and formed a human chain in the area urged the government to post divers at Dinajpur fire

service. Abdul Wadood, in-charge of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Dinajpur, said they need to contact Rangpur Fire Service for divers as there are no fire service divers in Dinajpur. However, it takes at least three to four hours travel time to reach Dinajpur from Rangpur which beats the purpose in emergency situations like yesterday's incident, locals said. No divers were called for from Rangpur yesterday.

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**Corrigendum**

The supplement on Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited published on 12 August 2016 on the occasion of 33rd founding anniversary contained an inadvertent error mentioning foreign director, Yousif Abdullah Al Rajhi as representative of Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation of Saudi Arabia. In fact Mr. Yousif Abdullah Al Rajhi represents Al-Rajhi Company for Industry and Trade. We regret the error.