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Cristiano Ronaldo is heavily tipped to win the award for a fourth time

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Kerry says as he receives France's highest honour

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# Terror attacks kill 140 in 4 countries

- 48** Yemeni soldiers killed in IS-claimed attack in Aden
- 38** including 30 cops killed in twin blasts near Istanbul stadium
- 29** killed in suicide bomb attack at Mogadishu port
- 25** killed in bomb blast near a Cairo church during a service
- 17** hurt as 2 young girls blow themselves up at Nigeria market

AGENCIES

Terrorists attacked sites in Turkey, Egypt, Yemen, Somalia and Nigeria on Saturday and yesterday, leaving a bloody toll on two continents and prompting new concerns about the spreading influence of jihadists.

Turkey observed a day of mourning yesterday after twin bombings killed 38 people near an Istanbul football stadium in attacks authorities said were the work of Kurdish militants.

A car bomb detonated Saturday night outside the home stadium of football giants Besiktas after a match against Bursaspor, and less than a minute later a suicide attacker blew himself up near a group of police at a

nearby park.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who postponed foreign travel, declared the government would "fight terrorism to the end".

He and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim attended the funeral of five of the 30 police officers killed, while flags were ordered flown at half mast.

A Kurdish militant group yesterday claimed responsibility for twin attacks. The claim was made in a statement issued by the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK), seen as a splinter group of the better-known Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

"A revenge squad from TAK carried out simultaneous attacks outside Istanbul

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Police at the site of an explosion in central Istanbul, Turkey, and a nun at the scene of a bomb blast at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Coptic Orthodox Church in Cairo, Egypt, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS/AFP

## More than 100 killed in Nigeria church collapse

REUTERS, Uyo

At least 100 people were killed by the collapse of a church in southeastern Nigeria, a resident and photojournalist who visited the town morgue said yesterday, a day after the incident.

"At Uyo teaching hospital where I am now I could see over a hundred corpses, many are heaped on top off each other on the floor," said photojournalist Ini Samuel.

"Eye witnesses also said yesterday corpses were packed in four each bag."

Gary Ubong, a resident, said the church's roof had collapsed on worshippers while a pastor was being consecrated as bishop in the presence of government officials.

"I saw more than 100 dead bodies

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## WORKERS MIGRATION South Korea a unique example

PORIMOL PALMA

Amid abusive labour practices all around, South Korea has set a unique model of recruiting foreign workers via state mechanisms that ensure low-cost migration and better benefits and also protect migrants' rights.

The giant East Asian economy enforces a nearly foolproof scheme, Employment Permit System (EPS), in the whole cycle of migration to Korea, returning and reintegration.

The system got the UN Public Service Award in 2011 for its transparency and combating corruption.

Unlike the Gulf and other Southeast Asian labour-hiring countries, hardly anyone pursuing jobs in Korea would require selling properties or borrow at high interest rates to finance their migration.

The total cost of documentation, visa and airfare is Tk 80,000, nearly half of their one month's salary which they usually get in Korea. The country is home to some 15,000 Bangladeshis working mainly in the manufacturing

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## SAFE MIGRATION Negotiations on, long way to go

DIPLomatic CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque yesterday said the member states of the Global Forum on Migration and Development were still a long way from reaching consensus on devising a mechanism to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration.

"It is too early to make comments. There are different views from different countries. There will be long negotiations. But I am

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## Humiliated, she took her life

Village influentials 'beat her up for having a relationship'

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A teenage girl committed suicide in Satkhira's Kolaroa upazila yesterday, a day after she was allegedly beaten up and humiliated at a village arbitration for "having an objectionable relationship".

The victim, Afroza Khatun, 16, was found hanging from the ceiling of her house in Sonabaria union in the afternoon.

Her brother, Ibrahim Khalil, filed a case with Kolaroa Police Station against seven people, including the Sonabaria UP chairman.

Police arrested four people, including Chairman SM Monirul Islam, also the general secretary of Sonabaria union unit Awami League, in connection with provoking the girl to commit suicide.

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## Ctg AL leader gets shot and killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Swechchhabak League leader was shot dead during a clash over establishing supremacy at a crowded intersection in the city's Kotwali area yesterday.

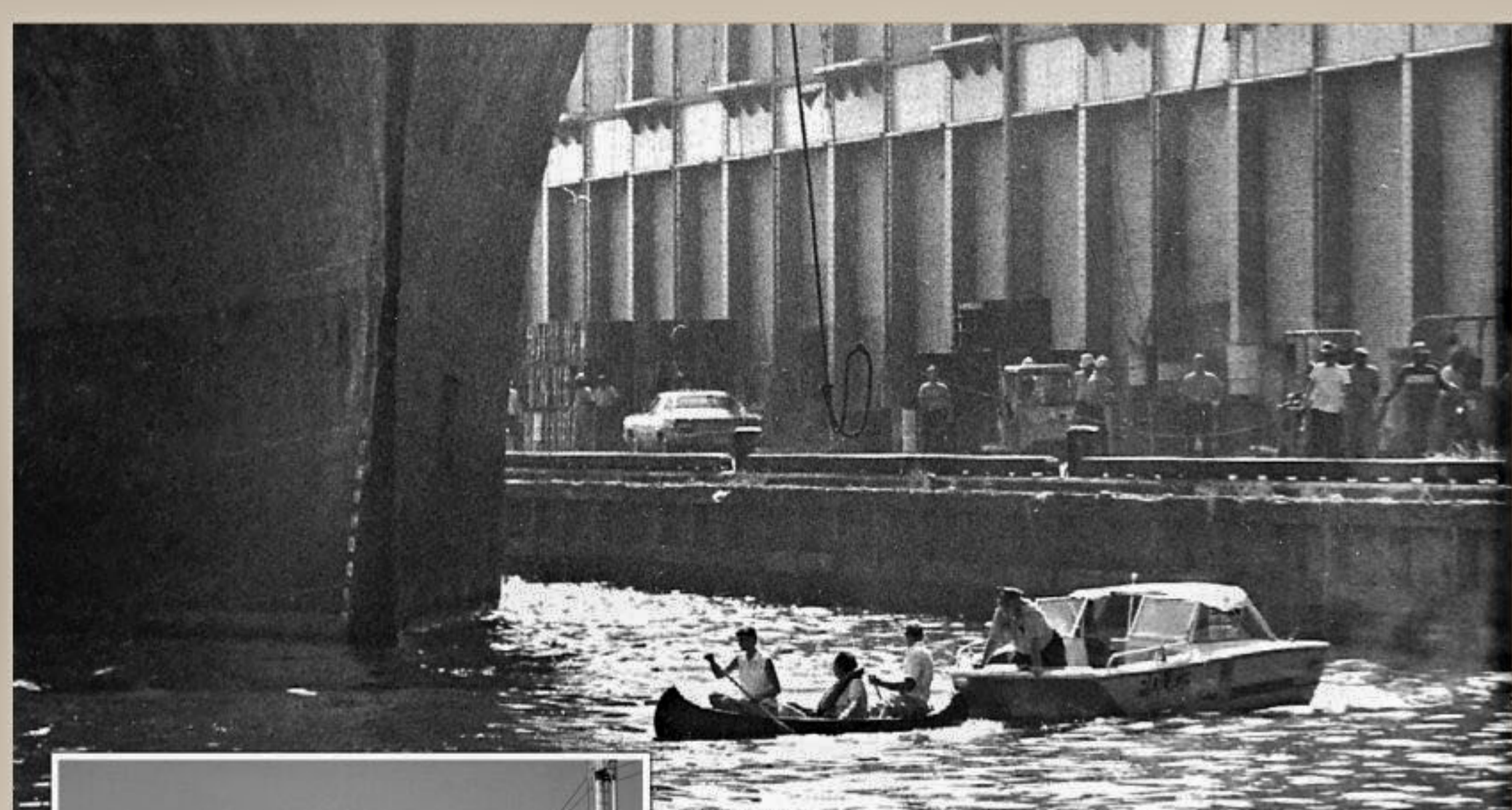
Victim Ibrahim Hossain Manik, 32, a member of Chittagong city unit Swechchhabak League, was accused in more than five cases including one for murder.

Police said he had a feud

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Ibrahim



Protesters in canoes try to block the Port of Baltimore in 1971 so that a Pakistani ship Padma, inset, cannot dock. The ship was supposed to load arms meant to be used by Pakistan against Bangladeshi people.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF ARIF YOUSUF

## ExxonMobil CEO likely to replace Kerry

APP, Washington

ExxonMobil President and CEO Rex Tillerson is President-elect Donald Trump's likely pick for secretary of state, US media reported Saturday, with some lawmakers quickly voicing concerns about his ties to Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

Tillerson, 64, has extensive experience in international negotiations, overseeing his oil company's activities in more than 50 countries.

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Tillerson

## PRISONERS UNDER TRIAL 462 languishing in jail for 5 years and more

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and RAFIUL ISLAM

Shipon, a 43-year-old man from Old Dhaka, had to languish in jail for more than 16 years in a murder case with little progress in his trial at a Dhaka court.

Arrested in 2000, he was finally released last month following a suo moto (of its own) order from the High Court.

After a private TV channel ran a story on his plight, the HC on November 8 granted him bail and the Kashimpur Central Jail authorities released him on November 15.

Shipon came out on bail but many other

under-trial accused have been kept in different jails for five to 18 years.

There are 462 such inmates in 58 prisons as their trial proceedings are yet to be completed, according to a report prepared by the prison authorities.

The office of the inspector general of prisons has submitted the report to the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (SCLAC) on December 7.

The SCLAC on November 16 sent letters to the authorities of all the 68 jails across the country, seeking names and particulars of

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### IN JAIL FOR OVER 5YRS

DIVISIONS	PRISONERS (Under trial)
Dhaka	158
Chittagong	124
Rajshahi	45
Khulna	36
Rangpur	34
Mymensingh	27
Sylhet	26
Barisal	12

## The making of 'Blockade'

Expatriate Bangladeshi reproduces a little-known episode of Liberation War history on film

WASIM BIN HABIB

July, 1971. An uneven war was on for about four months. The marauding Pakistani occupational army that launched a heinous crackdown on unarmed and innocent Bangalis on the night of March 25 was continuing to carry out atrocities in the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

But thousands of oppressed Bangalis were putting up a resistance, fighting back with all they had.

Exactly at that time, a different kind of battle was fought over 13,000 kilometres

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Arif Yousuf

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