it is up.

## T20 series

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but when they look back, they will definitely be kicking themselves for having given away golden opportunities, especially in the last two ODIs, during that series.

Truth be told, Bangladesh's chances of winning a T20I against the Black Caps are a lot slimmer. The Tigers may have enjoyed a good run in ODIs at home in the last two years, but there T20I record remains poor.

They have won 20 out of their 62 T20Is and 17 of those wins have come against non-full member

nations and Zimbabwe.

Against New Zealand, Bangladesh have played four T20Is so far and have lost all of them. The two lowest scores by Bangladesh in the format came against the Black Caps. The lowest of 70 all out came the last time these two teams met during the ICC WorldTwenty20 on March 26. While Mustafizur Rahman did take a five-wicket haul in that game, the Tigers were thrashed by 75 runs. The second-lowest score of 78 all out was in their first meeting in the format and also the only time the sides faced off in New Zealand, at Hamilton in February 2010. Bangladesh were all out for 78 before Brendon McCullum

in just 8.2 overs. So what are the positives for Bangladesh going into the T20I series? Well, for one, they do know that when they are at their best they can put the Black Caps under pressure. It's something that they did in the last two ODIs, albeit only temporarily.

powered the home side to the target

However, they need to learn to hold on to that pressure. Bangladesh is expected to field a

batting-heavy line-up with eight batsmen. Shakib Al Hasan, Mashrafe, Mustafizur Rahman and Rubel Hossain are the four specialist bowlers likely to make the 11, with Taskin Ahmed likely to be rested. If that is the case then the role of the fifth bowler could be completed with the help of Mosaddek, Soumya sarkar, Sabbir Rahman and Mahmudullah Riyad.

The ODI series may be over, but the opportunity for the Tigers to win a game in New Zealand still remains. For that to happen though, their middle order needs to be more resolute, and they need to be a lot sharper on the field.

New Zealand, on the other hand,

will be brimming with confidence. While they have lost Martin Guptill due to injury, his replacement Neil Broom has been in terrific form. They have a balanced T20I outfit with at least seven players in the team who are capable of bowling all four overs. One among the all-rounders Jimmy Neesham or Colin de Grandhomme will further strengthen their bowling attack which could see the inclusion of leg-spinner Ish Sodhi, who was not a part of the ODI team.

On the whole, the T20I series is likely to provide a sterner task for the Tigers. However, if they can ace this challenge -- at least win one game -they will grow in confidence and that will in turn set up a brilliant finale during the Tests.

## HC releases

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operation between October 16, 2002, and January 9, 2003. Around 24,023 army and 339 navy

personnel along with then paramilitary BDR, police and Ansar members were involved in the anti-crime drive. As many as 57 people died in

custody and hundreds were injured by torture during the operation, according to the writ petition. However, the then government

had put the death toll at 12 and claimed that all of them died of heart attack in hospitals after being handed over to police.

The joint force had arrested 11,245 people, including some 2,482 listed criminals, and recovered 2,028 firearms and 29,754 bullets.

## Duterte seeks strategic shift from US to China

Says Philippines' envoy to Beijing

AFP, Manila

The Philippines is tilting away from its traditional ally the United States towards China in a bid to "normalise" relations following a longstanding territorial dispute, the country's incoming ambassador to Beijing said yesterday.

Manila has been one of Washington's most loyal allies in

Asia, but Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has threatened to end the decades-long alliance after the US criticised his bloody war on drugs that has killed over 5,000 people since he took office in June.

His fiery rhetoric against the US has been followed by overtures to China as he has sought to assuage Beijing's concerns over Manila's competing claims to the South China Sea.

The new Philippine ambassador to China, Jose "Chito" Sta. Romana,

told AFP the move represented "a

strategic shift in our foreign policy".

## Headmaster beaten

City

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the president of Bamundi union ward-7 AL, said Rafigul and the local sources. However, Mamunur, 32, allegedly

did not accept the election results and repeatedly asked the headmaster to send his name, instead of Baki's, to the education board for its approval. As Rafiqul refused, the AL leader "threatened" to beat him up "merci-

less", said the victim. Several local AL leaders also asked him to send Mamunur's name to the

board, the teacher said, without mentioning their names. Rafiqul said Mamunur along with three of his accomplices swooped on

him with a hammer and sticks when he was on his way to his school around 9:30am on Sunday. After the attackers left, locals took him to Gangni Upazila Health

Kushtia Medical College Hospital. Yesterday morning, he was again brought back to the health complex in Meherpur as his family lives in the

Complex. Later, he was shifted to

Apart from breaking his left leg, Rafigul also had injuries in his chest and hands, said MK Reza, a medical officer at the health complex.

district.

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meeting.

seeking anonymity.

constituency.

Islami, she noted.

**EIGHT MORE ARRESTED** 

Sundarganj upazila AL.

men, for interrogation.

over the murder.

them to jail.

the killers.

adopted at the meeting.

Afzal Hossain, president of Gangni Upazila Teachers Association, demanded immediate arrest of the attackers.

Mamunur could not be reached

Four AL lawmakers were killed

Ahsan Ullah Master was killed in

Only two days ago, AL lawmaker

during the first tenure of the AL gov-

2004 and Kibria the following year

Liton from Gaibandha-1 constituency

was shot dead by armed assailants at his

house in Sundarganj. He was laid to rest

at his village home in Gaibandha's

who failed to wage anti-government

movement might have carried out the

killing to divert attention, the two

ministers quoted the PM as telling the

anyone or any quarter in connection

with the killing, the ministers said

The PM, however, didn't name

Hasina, the president of the AL,

advised her party lawmakers to arrange

extra security at their places and

but his image was tarnished through

propaganda over an incident in his

his constituency, which was domi-

nated by anti-liberation Jamaat-e-

Law enforcers are still unsure of the

motive and the people behind the

killing of Liton, also president of

more people, mostly Jamaat-Shibir

They couldn't glean any informa-

Fifteen of the arrestees were shown

tion from the 18 people held earlier

arrested yesterday and produced

before a Gaibandha court that sent

them on remand for interrogation.

Atiar Rahman, officer-in-charge of

Meanwhile, Khandker Golam

Faruq, deputy inspector general of

police (Rangpur Range), said their

different units and intelligence offi-

cials have been investigating the

murder, keeping in mind all possible

aspects -- involvement of Jamaat-

Shibir, intra-party feud and militancy.

Apart from the district police, Rapid

Action Battalion, Police Bureau of

Investigation and several other intelli-

gence agencies are working to find out

Rab Director (intelligence) Lt Col

Abul Kalam Azad told The Daily Star

that they were attaching maximum

priority to militancy links as

possible links such as personal conflict

Anwar Latif Khan, additional direc-

tor general (operations) of Rab, said

they have found some clues and are

He, however, declined to give

Sources said the investigators are

On July 18, Dhaka Metropolitan

trying to get information by interrogat-

ing some detained militant leaders

Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman

Mia sent text messages to the cabinet

members on their mobile phones,

alerting them that militants may carry

ters had stepped up their security,

locals yesterday barred a Santahar-

bound train from leaving

Getting the messages, many minis-

or rivalry", said Azad.

looking into those.

and their followers.

out attacks any time.

PROTESTS CONTINUE

sources said.

details for the sake of probe.

"We are also checking some other

Gaibandha is a militancy-prone area.

Police yesterday detained eight

Liton worked hard for the party in

The PM said Liton was a good man

remain alert to further attacks.

Taking the militants along, those

ernment between 1972 and 1975.

when the AL was in opposition.

Bamondanga union yesterday.

PM asks lawmakers

Bamondanga Railway Station in the

Rafiqul at Gangni Upazila Health

over phone for comment despite

Contacted, Bamundi Union AL

President Sahidul Islam, who is also the

chairman of Bamundi Union Parishad,

said he heard about the incident but

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge

(OC) of Gangni Police Station, said

Mominul Islam, younger brother of the

teacher, filed a case against the AL leader

Police were trying to arrest the

Earlier in November last year, a local

Later in that month, some Chhatra

League activists allegedly assaulted

three teachers of Rajshahi Government

College when they tried to save a

Jubo League leader and his men allegedly

tortured to death a retired primary school

teacher of Rajapur upazila in Jhalakathi.

with his police station yesterday.

declined to make further comments.

Complex yesterday.

repeated attempts.

accused, he added.

student from an attack.

morning. Around 11:00am, locals found a bomb-like object on the railway track under the train.

Police cordoned off the train and asked the passengers to get down. Later, Sundarganj OC Atiar said the

object was a toy. In the afternoon, Gaibandha Bar

Association formed a human chain in front of the court building, demanding arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers. PRESIDENT, PM PAY TRIBUTE

President Abdul Hamid and PM

Sheikh Hasina paid tribute to Liton. They placed wreaths on Liton's coffin after his namaz-e-janaza was held at South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. Placing a wreath on the coffin, the

PM stood in silence for some time as a mark of respect. Later, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury also placed a wreath on the

coffin. On Sunday afternoon, Liton's body

was flown to the capital by a helicopter after his first namaj-e-janaza was held at Rangpur Police Lines School and College ground. After his second janaza at JS Bhaban

premises, his body was flown back to his village in Bamondanga around 1:30pm. The slain AL leader was buried at his

family graveyard following his third janaza at his village home in Bamondanga after Asr prayers, reports our Gaibandha correspondent. BNP SLAMS GOVT Talking to reporters, BNP Secretary

General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said Liton's killing proved that the government has failed to ensure people's security, as it is using law enforcement agencies for the ruling party's interests. No one -- be it a lawmaker or an

ordinary citizen -- can be sure of natural death, he said.

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Sundarganj Police Station, said they would pray to the court for placing Local media posted pictures of park

rangers dressed in camouflage carrying the 47-year-old victim strapped to a stretcher, a thick bandage wrapped around her knee. Another shot showed a ranger

pointing to a pool of blood close to a sign saying in Thai and English "Danger Crocodile No Swimming". The victim was taken to hospital for

treatment and is expected to recover. Siamese crocodiles were once

ubiquitous across South East Asia but their populations have been decimated in the last century by hunting and habitat loss. They are currently listed as critically

endangered on the IUCN's red list. In Thailand there are just a hand-

ful of wild populations left in central and western national parks. Most tourists will only see them in

crocodile parks, many of which have been criticised by animal rights groups for controversial feeding practices. 'Robber' killed

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information, police arrested Rahat at

his home around 10:30pm Sunday. Based on information gleaned

from Rahat, police went to recover firearms. They took Rahat with them. When the police van reached near a bridge of Bheluarmor around 5:00am, some robbers opened fire to snatch him.

Police then returned fire, triggering the "gunfight". At one stage, Rahat was caught in the line of fire and died on the spot, said the OC.

Police also claimed to have recov-During a half-day hartal called in ered a firearm and four bullets from Sundarganj in protest at the murder,

the spot. The OC said Rahat stood accused in

10 cases, including robbery and murder.

## AL, 10 more

FROM PAGE 16 Awami League, for talks on the EC.

Welcoming the JP delegation to the presidential palace, President Hamid said political parties must reach a consensus on holding elections in a free and fair manner. He urged the parties to practice the culture of tolerance so that democratic atmosphere continues to prevail, according to a press release from the Bangabhaban.

Emerging from the hour-long meeting, Manju told reporters that merely a strong EC would not be enough for holding a free and fair election. There should be a consensus among political parties about the issue. The party suggested appointing

election commissioners in phases and picking polls officials for a particular electoral constituency from outside the constituency, he added. Manju said the president is a very

experienced politician. "All of us, including the ruling,

opposition and other political parties outside parliament, will have to accept his [president] well-thought-out decision. How would the election be held if we don't agree with his decision?" the minister questioned. Hamid so far has sat with nine

political parties, including the BNP since December 18. He is scheduled to have meetings with Bangladesh Tarikat Federation and Bangladesh Jatiya Party today. The tenure of the incumbent EC

expires next month. 11 MORE PARTIES INVITED

#### The president is scheduled to hold

dialogues with Bangladesh National Awami Party and Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal on January 4 Communist Party on January 5, Bikalpadhara Bangladesh and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rob) on January 7, Gonotantri Party and Gonoforum on January 8, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal-BSD, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Sharif Ambia) and Islami Andolon Bangladesh on January 9 and Bangladesh Awami League on January 11.

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no-objection certificate, permission and licence for distributing foreign TV channels, will be taken if any distributor violates the order, according to the circular. The maximum punishment under

the act is two years' imprisonment or a

fine of Tk 1 lakh. The order came following demonstrations by a group of cable TV channels -- Media Unity -- that had been

demanding that local advertisements on foreign TV channels be stopped. At a human chain in early December, Electronic Media Marketing Association (EMMA), an organisation of marketing executives of the country's television

multinational companies were choosing Indian TV channels because it was cheaper to air advertisements on those. However, Bangladeshi TV channels are "unofficially banned" in India, said Media Unity.

and radio stations, said local and

Anisur Rahamn Tarek, general secretary of the EMMA, earlier told The Daily Star that 20 to 25 local companies had signed deals involving Tk 30 crore with Indian TV channels for telecasting their advertisements.

# Poor visibility

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Asabur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station.

Vehicular movement over the bridge was suspended for two hours causing tailbacks on the both ends of the bridge.

While talking to journalists, several accident victims, drivers, and their assistants claimed that the lights on the bridge were off when the accident happened and nothing could be seen in the fog.

"I saw all lights of the bridge off after reaching the accident spot around 7:30am," a local journalist Sohel Talukder told The Daily Star. However, Wasim Ali, an assistant

engineer of Bangabandhu Bridge site of Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), claimed that all the sodium lights were He said the lights are turned on and

off automatically by sensors and that the lights turn on when the sun goes down in the evening and turns off when

The accident happened at 6:47am and the lights were on and they had turned off at 7:06am when the sun was up, Wasim

However, OC Asabur could not say for certain whether the lights were on or

on the bridge when visibility was so poor, Wasim said a visibility measuring device was installed on the bridge.

If the device measures visibility over 40 metres, vehicles are allowed to use the bridge. When the minimum visibility drops below that, the device triggers an alarm.

"Even 10 minutes before the accident, the visibility was around 50 metres. But it suddenly dropped to 40 metres and below. We then instantly suspended vehicular movement. But by this time many vehicles were on the bridge and some of those were involved in the

## IS claims

It accused Turkey, a majority-Muslim country, of being a servant of Christians, in a possible reference to Ankara's alliance with the international coalition fighting IS in neigh-

This is the first time IS has issued a clear and undisputed claim for an attack inside Turkey, despite being blamed for several major strikes in Istanbul and other cities over the last year.

individual assassinations of Syrian antijihadist activists in the south of Turkey. The IS statement said the attack was

in response to Turkey's military intervention against the jihadists in warravaged Syria the military presses a four-month incursion to oust jihadists from the border area.

encountered fierce opposition from the jihadists around the town of Al-Bab. The army said Turkish war planes launched new air strikes around Al Bab. DANGER CONTINUES

Arriving by taxi at the plush Reina nightclub on the shores of the Bosphorus, the gunman produced a weapon, reportedly a Kalashnikov, and shot dead a policeman and civilian at the entrance.

gunman then fired off four magazines containing a total of 120 bullets around the club, as terrified guests flung themselves into the freezing waters of the Bosphorus in panic. But after changing clothes, the

evade security forces. Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said Sunday that intense efforts were under way to find the gunman, and expressed hope

Late on Sunday, police rushed to Istanbul's Kurucesme district after a tip-off but the operation did not

columnist Abdulkadir Selvi in Hurriyet.

"So long as this terrorist is not Shameem said.

seized we do not know when and where a massacre could take place."

The Dogan news agency said antiterror police have detained eight

Hurriyet said investigators believe the gunman may be from the Central Asian states of Kyrgyzstan or Uzbekistan.

Istanbul's Ataturk airport blamed on IS Turkey also received intelligence from the United States on December

30 warning of the risk of attacks by IS in Istanbul and Ankara on New Year's night, the paper said. The pro-government daily Yeni Akit

was the "number one suspect" over the

According to Turkish press reports, the latest figures show 12 Turks were killed in the attack alongside 27 foreigners, including one Belgian-

Turkish dual national. Sixty-five

# was complaining that female domestic

workers were not being recruited in adequate numbers.

31, 2016, according to statistics of the There are some 300 recruiting

male workers will not face problems in getting visas for workers now,



#### THE FEDERATION OF BANGLADESH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (FBCCI) FEDERATION BHABAN 60, MOTIJHEEL COMMERCIAL AREA, DHAKA-1000

1.	Agency	The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
2.	Procuring Entity Name	President, FBCCI
3.	Procuring Entity Code	Not used
4.	Invitation for	Pkg-Ill: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Passenger Lift (1000 KG) & Car Lift (3500 KG) works
5.	Invitation reference no. & date	Memo no. FBCCI/ Hatkhola Bhaban/ , Date : 31 Dec, 2016
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund/GoB
8.	Tender selling date & time	03 January, 2017 to 23 January, 2017 During office hours 10:00AM to 4:00PM & Saturday 10:00AM to 2:00PM
9.	Tender closing date & time	24 January, 2017, at 12:00 noon
10.	Tender opening date & time	24 January, 2017, at 01:30 PM
11.	Name & Address of the office(s) a. Selling Tender Document	FBCCI Office, Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
	b. Receiving Tender Document	FBCCI Office, Federation Bhaban, 60, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
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claimed before The Daily Star.

off during the accident. When asked why vehicles were allowed

accident," he told The Daily Star.

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bouring Syria and Iraq.

It has in the past however claimed

In the last few weeks, the forces have

According to the Hurriyet daily, the

gunman left the nightclub in the ensuing chaos and has managed to

that he would be captured soon.

produce any arrest. "The danger continues," wrote

attack. NO CRIME MORE CYNICAL NTV television said the bodies of 25

foreigners killed in the attack were handed back to their families yesterday following identification.

people were wounded. Saudi embassy

female domestic workers there between April, 2015, and December Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training.

"So, the agents which send only

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suspects. But there was no indication of their relationship to the attacker.

The attacker may be linked to the same cell that in June carried out a triple suicide bombing and gun attack at that left 47 people dead, the paper added.

caused a furore on social media with a headline declaring the United States

Bangladesh sent some 85,000

agents who have special approval from the government to send female domestic workers, but the rest 900 send only male workers abroad.

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