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# Mothers key to preventing radicalisation

Belgian mother of a slain extremist narrates her story at Dhaka event; she now works on de-radicalisation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Belgian mother, whose son was killed in 2013 while fighting for Islamic State in Syria, has called for awareness building among mothers to counter radicalism and extremism.

"I think it is important to focus on the families and mothers. Because mothers are the first and the last persons that the children, the youths, stay in touch with," said Saliha Ben Ali, a Belgian citizen of Tunisian origin, during a programme at the Dhaka University Senate Bhaban yesterday.

The second of her four children, 19-year-old Sabri was radicalised by an extremist group in Belgium in just two months, all beyond the knowledge of the family.

Sabri fled to Syria in August 2013.

Three months later, Saliha learnt from an anonymous phone call that her son had died.

After Sabri's death, she founded a non-profit organisation, Society Against Violent Extremism (SAVE) Belgium, whose goal is to fight all forms of violent radicalisation.

As part of her worldwide awareness campaigns on de-radicalisation and counterterrorism, she is now on a four-day



Sabri

University Senate Bhaban yesterday.

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Saliha Ben Ali, a Belgian mother whose son was killed in 2013 while fighting for IS in Syria, speaks at the programme "Campaign to Counter Violent Extremism: Learning from the Society Against Violent Extremism (SAVE) Belgium" at Dhaka University yesterday. Saliha now works on building awareness among mothers in countering extremism.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## 'GUNFIGHTS' 'Neo JMB' man among 3 killed

STAR REPORT

Three alleged criminals were killed and two others injured in "gunfights" with police in Bogra, Dhaka and Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The man who was killed in Bogra was a "leader of militant group Neo JMB," and "a close aide" of Gulshan café attack mastermind Jahangir alias Rajib Gandhi, who was arrested by police in Tangail, reports our Bogra correspondent, quoting police.

"Neo JMB" is an offshoot of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

The dead, Abu Musa alias Abujar alias Abu Talha alias Samiul, 32, was the chief of Pabna, Kushtia, Natore and Sirajganj region of "Neo JMB".

Musa also stood accused in cases filed in connection with killing homeopath Mir Sanaullah in Kushtia Sadar upazila and shopkeeper Shunil Gomez at Bonpara Bazaar in Natore, police said.

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## Flynn quits over Russia contacts

Kremlin says Trump's security adviser's resignation an internal matter of US

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump's national security advisor Michael Flynn resigned after it was revealed he misled top officials over his contacts with Russia, an unprecedented departure so early into a US president's administration.

The White House late Monday said Trump had accepted Flynn's resignation amid allegations the retired three star general discussed US sanctions strategy with Russia's ambassador Sergey Kislyak before taking office.

Flynn -- who once headed US military intelligence -- insisted he was honoured to have served the American people in such a "distinguished" manner, despite the Trump presidency being less than a month old.

Flynn admitted that he "inadvertently briefed" the now Vice President Mike Pence with "incomplete information" about his calls with Kislyak.

Pence had publicly defended Flynn, saying he did not discuss sanctions, putting his own credibility into question.



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## SSC QUESTION PAPER LEAK Six held, masterminds still remain untraced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested six polytechnic and diploma students for allegedly leaking questions of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams on social media platforms.

The "leaked" questions, which matched with 30 to 40 percent questions of SSC exams, were sold between Tk 500 and Tk 25,000 through online money transaction platform bKash, said police.

Law enforcers picked up Md Raju Ahmed, Md Faisalur Rahman Akash, Md Juhair Ayaz, Mohiuddin Imon, Shadhin Al Mahmud and Rashidul Islam Rony, aged between 22 and 25 years, in different areas of the capital on Sunday.

Speaking at a press briefing at the Media Centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday, Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of the Detective Branch of police, said the masterminds of the gang still remained untraced. The masterminds included those involved in composing, printing or distribution of questions.

Prof Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka, at the briefing claimed that the gang members mainly prepared a question paper from two or three previous board questions papers which sometimes match with the real ones.

The education board was closely working with the police to trace the masterminds and claimed that they so far did not find the involvement of any board staff in leaking questions, he added.

He, however, admitted that such leakages can occur during the printing and distribution of the question papers at different institutions.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said they were looking into the question leakage and if necessary, the ministry would consider retaking the exams, but that would happen only after getting right information about the alleged question leak.

He was talking to journalists at Sylhet MAG Osmani International Airport, reports our Sylhet correspondent.

PRESS BRIEFING

Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of the DB, said the arrestees first created Facebook groups named "All Board Examinee", "AN IK", "Alex Rasel", "SSC Question 2017 Dhaka Board" and "SSC Question 2017 Barisal Board".

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## Rivalry led to the shooting

Police on Monday's firing inside AL MP's office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra League leader Mosharrif Hossain Bhuiyan was shot inside the political office of ruling Awami League lawmaker Golam Dastagir Gazi over establishing supremacy and land dispute in Narayanganj's Rugganj, police said after preliminary investigation.

"We have arrested an assistant personal secretary of the MP and collected some CCTV footage of the incident," Shiblee Noman, additional deputy commissioner (Motijheel division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star last night.

The arrestee is Kamruzzaman Hira. Yesterday, police produced him before a Dhaka court and sought 10-day remand for him. However, the court sent him to jail.

On Monday, 22-year-old Mosharrif, vice-president of BCL's Bhulta union in Rugganj, was shot in the

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## Dubai to launch hover-taxi by July



AFP, Dubai

Dubai has tested a Chinese prototype of a self-driving hover-taxi, its transport authority said on Monday, with the aim of introducing the aerial vehicle in the emirate by July.

The test of the one-man electric vehicle comes as the city state in the United Arab Emirates seeks to ensure a quarter of its means of transport are self-driving by 2030.

The EHang 184 can travel on a programmed course at 100 kilometres an hour (60 mph) at an altitude of 300 metres (1,000 feet), the authority said in a statement.

A passenger simply needs to select a destination for the autonomous taxi to take off, fly the route and touch down in the chosen spot monitored by a ground control centre, it said.

The vehicle, made by Chinese drone manufacturer EHang, can recharge in two hours and make trips of up to 30 minutes.

"The autonomous aerial vehicle exhibited at the

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## Ex-JMB boss indicted in militancy case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former chief of outlawed militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Moulana Saidur Rahman was indicted yesterday for the third militancy related case for creating subversive activities in May 2010.

Earlier, he was also indicted in two other militancy related cases which are pending with two other courts for trial.

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Saidur Rahman and two others in connection with a case filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

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A pole for a traffic sign has been left in the middle of a street in the city's Bakshi Bazar after the street near Mayor Hanif Flyover was widened. There have been frequent traffic mishaps due to the pole. Recently, an SSC examinee died after hitting his head against a roadside electric pole as he stuck his head out of a bus window in Mohakhali.

## Kim Jong-Un's half-brother 'assassinated'

AFP, Seoul

The half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un has been assassinated in Malaysia, South Korean media reported yesterday, with one TV station saying he was attacked at the main airport with poisoned needles.

Officials in Seoul could not be reached for comment on the reported death of Kim Jong-Nam.

Malaysian police said an unidentified Korean had been taken sick at Kuala Lumpur International Airport and since died.

If confirmed, Kim's case would be the highest-profile death under the Kim Jong-Un regime since the execution of the leader's uncle Jang Song-Thaek in December 2013.

Kim Jong-Un has been

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**ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন**

**গুলশান সেন্টার পয়েন্ট**

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