



## RAID ON IN BOROCHAT, MOULVIBAZAR 'Some militants, explosives inside'

### Cops find no militant in Comilla 'den'; autopsy confirms 4 of the 7 killed in Nasirpur are children

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and KHALID BIN NAZRUL

Suspected militants at Moulvibazar's Borohat den held their ground by putting up a defiant resistance throughout the day yesterday, forcing police to eventually suspend their operation as soon as dark fell.

Counterterrorism officials said there might be four to five militants, including a woman, with a huge stash of explosives at the hideout. One of them is probably an Afghan-trained expert bomb maker, who is known in terror circles as "Boro Bhai" (big brother).

Police originally cordoned off the duplex building around 1:30am on Wednesday and a SWAT team launched an assault codenamed "Operation Maximus" yesterday. Maximus is a Latin term for "greatest".

However, whenever the special force tried to close in on the hideout, the militants pushed them back by exploding bombs, said Monirul Islam, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CITC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

"There are many rooms in the house and explosives are planted here and there, making the operation complicated," said Monirul, briefing reporters

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A policeman and a firefighter assist an injured cop to safety during the raid at a militant hideout in Moulvibazar's Borohat area around 2:30pm yesterday. The cop was sent to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital. **Top right**, curiosity beats danger as residents of a nearby home look out of the window to witness the ongoing raid. **Bottom right**, a police team with an armoured personnel carrier near the militant hideout.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR, MINTU DESHWARA



## COMILLA MAYORAL POLLS AL's defeat 'caused by infighting'

RASHIDUL HASAN

Internal conflict was one of the major reasons behind the defeat of the Awami League's mayoral candidate in Thursday's Comilla City Corporation election, say local leaders of the ruling party.

Mizanur Rahman, a local AL leader, said AKM Bahauddin Bahar, AL lawmaker of Comilla-6, and his men didn't work for party candidate Anjum Sultana Sima because of his longstanding rivalry with Anjum's father and AL leader Afzal Khan.

Referring to the election results, another local AL leader said Anjum got fewer votes than expected in 47 of the 72 polling centres in Bahar's constituency.

This indicates Bahar and his men didn't work wholeheartedly to win people's support for her, said the ruling party

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## Convicted 'fugitive' in police job!

### Jailed for 17 years in 7-murder case, ASI held two months after the verdict

STAR REPORT

It sounds bizarre, but it is true.

Habibur Rahman Habib, a former Rab man, was among the 35 accused in the sensational seven-murder case in Narayanganj.

A Narayanganj court in January found all the accused guilty and jailed Habib for 17 years on charges of abduction and destroying evidence.

But Habib had continued his job at a police outpost in Barisal's Hizla upazila as an assistant sub-inspector before police arrested him yesterday.

Md Masuduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Hizla Police Station, said the ASI of Tak Naval Outpost was arrested there around 4:00pm.

Habib from Shariatpur's Naria upazila previously served Chittagong Metropolitan Police as a constable. He was transferred to the outpost and was promoted to ASI about six months ago, the OC told The Daily Star.

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### N'GANJ 7-MURDER



## Ball now in Tigers' court

### Final ODI against SL today

SAKEB SUBHAN from Colombo

Throughout Bangladesh's current tour of Sri Lanka, much has depended on the conditions at play, with the coin toss often competing with the skills of the players on the field to be the major actor in determining the outcome. In Tests it was hot and so would have been even more of an advantage to bat first. In the two day-night ODIs in Dambulla, batting first was an

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## DEATH OF MALDIVIAN STUDENT Parents don't think it is suicide

### Cops wait for autopsy report

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Parents of Raudha Athif, a Maldivian student and model who was found dead at a medical college dormitory in Rajshahi on Wednesday, suspect their daughter was murdered.

"It's not suicide. I have seen the body and it did not seem to be a suicide case. There are some suspicions," Raudha's father Mohamed Athif, who is a

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Displays have been put up in the capital's Bijoy Sarani to welcome guests of the 136th assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be hosted at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban and the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## IPU CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY Focus on ending social, political inequality

SHAKHAWAT LITON and MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

A mega conference of world parliamentarians kicks off today in Dhaka promising to focus on ways and means to end political and economic inequality for upholding democracy and human rights.

Some 687 members of 131 national parliaments of as many countries are expected to join the five-day conference organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad. Some 1,348

delegates will participate in the conference. Participants, including 45 Speakers, 37 Deputy Speakers and more than 200 women MPs, are expected to make specific proposals on a range of issues, from ending rising inequality to promoting women's access to financing, during the 136th assembly of the IPU.

"Taking decisive actions to end economic, political and social inequalities will be the focus of deliberations..." according to a news release issued by the IPU headquarters in Geneva on Monday.

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### PARTICIPANTS IN IPU ASSEMBLY

687 lawmakers

45 Speakers

37 Deputy Speakers

Over 200 women MPs

1,348 delegates



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Dhaka Bank congratulates Bangladesh Government for the visionary role to pave the way for a possible successful outcome from Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting of delegates from 132 countries in Dhaka to end economic, political and social inequality along with a decisive action on women's access to finance.



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