



COUNTERTERRORISM Police to get complete unit

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Bangladesh Police is finally going to get a fully-fledged unit with jurisdiction to combat militancy and terrorism anywhere in the country.

"We've already forwarded the proposal [for the special unit] to the finance ministry [for approval]. We hope the unit will be formed within the next couple of months," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told The Daily Star recently.

Currently, the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) is the only specialised counterterrorism unit of the police.

The unit has to step in to launch anti-militancy raids in areas even outside its jurisdiction. For that, it needs special permission from the police headquarters.

Talking to The Daily Star, CTTC officials said they face issues while investigating militancy-related crimes outside the DMP areas.

For example, they said, they have to work with local law enforcement agencies that are yet to develop the expertise to handle such crimes outside the capital.

The CTTC unit also combats cyber crimes, terror financing and mobile banking related crimes.

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From left, CEO & Managing Director of Renata Ltd Syed S Kaiser Kabir, Founder and Coordinator of CRP Valerie A Taylor, DBL Managing Director MA Jabbar, Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury, HSBC Bangladesh CEO Francois de Maricourt, Deputy CEO HSBC Bangladesh Mahubur Ur Rahman, General Manager of Ispahani Agro Ltd Fawzia Yasmeen, ACC Director General (admin) Muhammad Munir Chowdhury and Editor of Tarupallab Mokaram Hossain on stage at the 5th HSBC-The Daily Star Climate Awards ceremony at the Radisson Blu in the capital yesterday.

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SIX CHAMPIONS

Star HSBC

honour leaders in the fight against climate change

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three companies, a rehabilitation centre for the paralysed, and two individuals were honoured as climate champions jointly by HSBC Bangladesh and The Daily Star yesterday for their efforts to protect nature.

The winners were picked for their endeavours to preserve the environment and mitigate the risks of climate change through green business activities, community-based initiatives or valuable knowledge sharing practices.

Environment and Forests Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, Bangladesh Bank

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Hope in haors

Disaster-hit people wait with expectation as PM goes there today

MINTU DESHWARA and DWOHA CHOWDHURY, from Sunamganj

Farmers and public representatives have reiterated their demand for declaring Sunamganj haor belt a disaster zone prior to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to the area today. "We pressed home the demand at meetings, press conferences and rallies and now the prime minister is coming. So, we demand that this area be declared a flood-affected region," Sunamganj Zila Parishad [district council] Chairman Nurul Huda told The Daily Star yesterday.

The demand arose after early flashfloods submerged Boro crops on over two lakh hectares of land, and subsequent loss of livelihood, fish and livestock.

Once an area is declared a disaster zone, the government has to take action as per the Disaster Management Act-2012 on an emergency basis to ensure availability of resources to help tackle the disaster situation.

Moreover, the authority will have to ensure public security and law and order and take proper steps to decrease loss

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Nightingale of Narayanganj

Nurse overcomes own struggle with partial paralysis to provide healthcare

SANAD SAHA SANY, ENAMUL HUQ and ANDREW EAGLE

When Irani Baroi, a nurse from Betkadia village in Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj first contracted fever back in December 1996 it hardly seemed unusual. But despite efforts, different doctors including at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital and in India's Chennai were unable to ascertain the cause. Worse still, the mysterious illness which to this day has not been diagnosed left her paralysed, originally in both arms and legs, although with treatment she was able to regain the use of her arms. Wheelchair-bound, she thought her nursing days may be at an end.

CHANGE MAKER



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100 DAYS IN OFFICE

Trump gloats, world cringes

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Donald Trump faced the sober realities of his office yesterday as he marked the 100th day of a presidency stamped by chaos and confusion, but he will also take political succour in a campaign-style rally among core supporters.

Under a relentless spotlight since stunning the world in November with an improbable victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton, the 45th president of the United States has struggled to convert his campaign promises into tangible achievements.

His bid to repeal and replace his predecessor's landmark health care reforms have foundered in Congress, where many of his legislative priorities have been tripped up by cold political gamesmanship.

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