



A room at the house of BCL leader Jubaer Biswas in Ishwardi municipality after it was ransacked allegedly by his political rivals on Thursday afternoon. Inset, pieces of glass from windows vandalised during the attack.

### Land minister's son

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over establishing supremacy in the area.  
The attackers damaged a shop of Ishwardi Municipality Mayor Abul Kalam Azad Mintu, also the son-in-law of Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sherif, and the house of Ishwardi AL leader Shariful Islam in the same area.  
Local AL sources said there were two factions, one led by the minister and the other by his son-in-law, in the upazila units of the ruling party and its front and associate bodies. Supporters of the two groups clashed on several occasions in the last few months.  
Jubaer yesterday alleged that the attackers assaulted his mother, leaving her injured.  
Atiar Rahman, father of the BCL leader, filed a case with Ishwardi Police Station on Thursday night, accusing 32 Jubo League and AL men, including the minister's son, and 15 to 20 unidentified criminals.  
Abdul Hai, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, said police rounded up the 11 in different parts of the upazila throughout Thursday night.  
The 10 other arrestees are Md Rony, Jahangir Hossain, Mehedi Hasan, Md Mahub, Prince Islam, Shafiul Islam, Zafar Iqbal, Fahad Hossain, Masum Ali and Md Samsuddin, all aged between 30 and 35 and hailing from different areas of Ishwardi. All the arrestees were named in the case.  
Pabna Superintendent of Police Zihadul Kabir said they picked up the 11 on specific charges.  
"Police didn't come under pressure from any political quarter following the arrests. The law will take its own course," he told The Daily Star.  
The arrestees were sent to jail yesterday through a local court, said the OC.

### Trump sets off for ME

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Trump's campaign threaten to overshadow his trip.  
"We look forward to getting this whole situation behind us," the Republican president told a news conference at the White House on Thursday.  
But the avalanche of revelations in the run-up to his departure have eroded Trump's standing at home -- where the parallels with Richard Nixon's ill-fated presidency are now being openly drawn.  
They also revived questions about his ability to strike a presidential tone with his foreign counterparts.  
"Truth is, nobody knows how Donald Trump is going to act or what he's going to say in meetings of this kind because he's never done it before," summed up Stephen Sestanovich of the Council on Foreign Relations.  
White House staff cast the 70-year-old's "friendly but candid" style as an asset in his dealings with foreign leaders.  
But as the Republican takes his first steps as head of state on the world stage, his every word, action and tweet will be under the microscope.  
Known to dislike long trips, the president will be joined by his wife Melania, who has until now cut a highly discreet figure at his side. His daughter Ivanka and son-in-law Jared Kushner -- two of his closest advisors -- will also be on board Air Force One.  
What message will Trump be taking to the world?  
On foreign policy, the president has pulled back spectacularly from his most provocative campaign pledges, towards a stance in many respects similar to his predecessor Barack Obama.  
But the real estate magnate will still need to explain to foreign partners how his favorite slogan -- "America First" -- can be compatible with multilateralism.  
The White House touts a "historic" trip during which Trump -- in visits to Saudi Arabia, the Vatican and Jerusalem -- will reach out to leaders of the world's major monotheistic faiths.  
During his two days in Riyadh, he will likely seek to strike a contrast with the Democrat Obama, who was widely viewed with suspicion by the Sunni Muslim monarchies of the Gulf.  
The combination of tough talk on Shia Iran, a lower-key focus on human rights, and the likely announcement of new arms deals should in theory earn the US leader a warm welcome.  
Trump's delivery of a speech on Islam before dozens of Muslim leaders gathered in the Saudi capital could prove a far more delicate exercise, however, given the tensions sparked by his travel ban targeting several Muslim-majority nations -- now stuck in the US courts.  
"I'll speak with Muslim leaders and challenge them to fight hatred and extremism, and embrace a peaceful future for their faith," Trump promised ahead of the trip.  
In Israel, Trump has hopes -- though it is still unclear how -- of reviving the moribund peace process, meeting both his "friend" Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, and Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas

### About 60pc baby born

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sincere to address those issues and hope that the scenario will change within five to seven years."  
According to the report, the adolescent birth rate, for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 years, was 113 per 1,000 adolescent girls in Bangladesh in 2015. Globally, the rate was 44.1 per 1,000 adolescent girls.  
Prof Mahub said, "It is true that the rate of child marriage in Bangladesh is still high. If early marriage is not stopped, the situation will not improve. A positive thing is that awareness among people has increased in recent times."  
The report said that globally, approximately 830 women died every single day in 2015 due to complications during pregnancy or childbirth. "Most maternal deaths are preventable as the necessary medical interventions are well known."  
"It is therefore crucially important to increase women's access to quality care before, during and after childbirth. In 2016, millions of births globally were not assisted by a trained midwife, doctor or nurse, with only 78% of births were in the presence of a skilled birth attendant," the report said.  
The under-five mortality rate in Bangladesh in 2015 was 37.6 per 1,000 births, while the neonatal mortality rate was 23.3 per 1,000 live births, it said.  
"Newborn deaths represented half or more of all deaths among children under 5 years of age in all WHO regions in 2015 with the exception of the WHO African Region where one third of under-five deaths occurred after the first month of life."  
Prof AHM Enayet Hussain, addi-

tional director general of Directorate General of Health Services, said, "There is a misconception that a huge number of babies are born in Bangladesh by caesarean sections. But a good number of normal deliveries also takes place in rural areas. If the family welfare centres across the country run round the clock, the situation will improve."

<b>42%</b> births attended by skilled health personnel
<b>37.6</b> under-five mortality, 23.3 neonatal mortality rates in 2015 (per 1,000 live births)
<b>72.5%</b> married or in-union women of reproductive age had their need for family planning met with modern methods in 2016
<b>225</b> tuberculosis incidence in 2015 (per 100,000 population)
<b>0.8</b> malaria incidence in 2015 (per 1,000 population at risk)
<b>5.5</b> suicide mortality rate in 2015 (per 100,000 population)
<b>36.1%</b> prevalence of stunting among children under 5 in 2005-2016
<b>61%</b> population used improved sanitation, <b>87%</b> used improved drinking-water sources in 2015

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH STATISTICS 2017: MONITORING HEALTH FOR THE SDGS

Prof Rashid-E-Mahub said a large number of babies were born with the help of conventional midwives. The government was providing training for midwives to make them competent.  
According to the report, 94 percent of infants in Bangladesh received three doses of hepatitis B vaccine in 2015.  
In Bangladesh, 72 percent of women of reproductive age who were married or in-union had their family planning need met with a modern contraceptive method in 2016. Globally, the rate was 77 percent.  
The prevalence of stunting in children under five in Bangladesh was 36.1 percent in 2016. "Stunting prevalence was highest [34%] in the WHO African Region and the WHO South-East Asia Region," the report said.  
Prof Enayet said the government had taken up a number of nutrition programmes to reduce stunting among children.  
Bangladeshis lived longer than Indians, Pakistanis and Nepalese in 2015. The average life expectancy of Bangladeshis was 71.8 years. Japan, which topped the ranking for close to three decades, had an average life expectancy of 83.7 years.  
The healthy life expectancy, which refers to the number of years people live in full health, was also in the report. Bangladeshis lived in full health until 62.3 years in 2015.  
The report also found that women lived longer than men across the world in 2015. The global average for women was 73.8 years while it was 69.1 years for men.  
In Bangladesh, the average life expectancy for women was 73.1 years in 2015, while it was 70.6 years for men, it said.

### Lost in Bangladesh

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A week ago when she came to know that her daughter had been under care at Bahrapur Mental Hospital, a government mental health centre in Murshidabad in the Indian state of West Bengal, she burst into tears of joy and relief. "My daughter cannot remain missing for ever; she will surely come back to my heart one day." The 85-year-old father of the woman could not speak and merely stared into the distance, overcome by emotions.  
The missing woman is Mursheda, now 40, daughter of Nomej Uddin Nonda and Sahara Begum of Paschim Brahmanpara village under Melandah upazila of Jamalpur.  
Her parents said that 25 years ago at the age 15, Mursheda was married to Haibar Sheikh, son of late Shaha Ali, of the neighbouring village of Gujamanika under the same upazila.  
After the marriage, she had been tortured mentally and physically for 13 long years by her husband and in-laws over family affairs. By that time, she had become the mother of two daughters and a son.  
At one stage of her troubled 13-year long conjugal life, she developed bipolar disorder. One and a half years later, she was forced to return to her parents' house and was later divorced by the husband, her mother Sahara said.

During this trying period, she continued to live with her parents. After five or six months, Mursheda suddenly went missing and was not spotted elsewhere in the country for 10 whole years. "My daughter's mental state deteriorated as she was tortured at her in-laws' house for years," her mother said.  
"Soon after the divorce, my son-in-law, Haibar Sheikh, married again and he, along with my grandchildren, settled in Dhaka," she added.  
Mursheda was first found roaming in a street of Burdwan of West Bengal in early 2013. Burdwan police rescued her and got her admitted to Bahrapur Mental Hospital in Murshidabad on January 5, 2013, said Prashanta Chowdhury, superintendent of the mental hospital.  
Since then, she had been undergoing treatment under Dr Biswajit Sinha, a psychiatrist of the hospital. With proper treatment and nursing, Mursheda began showing improvements in her mental health within a short time, the superintendent told The Daily Star.  
And within two years, her mental condition developed to a satisfactory level, Prashanta quoted Biswajit Sinha as saying.  
Then, a non-government mental health organisation, Anjali, which provides additional and intensive

mental support to the in-patients of the hospital, started providing different kinds of mental therapy like music, dance, yoga, stitching and counselling to Mursheda, said Swatilekha Dhar Gupta, a music therapist of Anjali.  
"The organisation has been helping Mursheda for three years and we have already succeeded in developing her mental health to a level where she is now able to integrate with the mainstream society again," Programme Manager of Anjali, Sananda Gupta, told The Daily Star.  
"With the help of Jamalpur correspondent of The Daily Star, we have identified her parents who live in Jamalpur of Bangladesh and want to send her to her parents who are eagerly waiting for their daughter's return," she said.  
"We are not concerned with how a woman in her mental state crossed the border, but our primary concern now is how we can deal with the issue of sending her back home. For that, the higher authorities concerned of the two states should come forward to settle the issue," she added.  
Back in the hospital, Mursheda is seen frequently crying, yearning to return to her parents. The parents too await the return of their daughter waiting for the reunion that has already been a decade in the making.

### Rab acts fast

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nothing to do, and as he was known to them she also said he could sit if he wanted.  
As Sumon sat, Mitu kept her daughter in their drawing room and went to another room to bring the baby's clothes. "As she entered the room, Sumon locked the room from outside and fled with the baby," said Jahangir Hossain Matubbar, commanding officer of Rab-10, quoting the victim's family, yesterday.  
Finding the door locked, Mitu started crying. Hearing her cry, a neighbour unlocked the room. But by that time, Sumon managed to leave the place with Shin.  
Mitu then went downstairs from their sixth-floor flat hurriedly and looked for Sumon. She also informed her husband Shakhawat, a medical promotion officer of a pharmaceutical company, of the matter and he repeatedly tried to reach Sumon, but found his phone switched-off.  
Around an hour later, Sumon gave a phone call to Mitu and asked to keep Tk 2 lakh ready to get back her daughter and hand it over to him when he would ask for. He also threatened her that if she informed law enforcers, she would lose her daughter, said the Rab official.  
However, the family communicated with Rab-10. The elite force arrested Sumon in Golam Bazar area of South Keraniganj and later rescued the victim from the house of one Abdul Haque in the Bazar.  
Sumon told Abdul Haque's son Parvez that the child lost her mother and he adopted her, the Rab official added.  
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In another development, members of Rab-1 yesterday rescued two kidnap victims from an under construction building at Technagpara in Gazipur city and arrested five in this connection.  
According to a Rab-1 press release, at gunpoint, the five abducted Mirajul Islam, 25, of Natore, and Rakibul Islam, 19, of Rajshahi, around 7:00pm on Thursday from Gazipur Chourasta area.  
They then confined the victims to the first floor of the under construction building and started demanding money from their families through cell phone.  
Around 4:30am yesterday, Mirajul managed to escape jumping onto sand piled outside from the first floor and informed the Gazipur Rab camp of the matter through mobile phone. He got the Rab number from a poster attached to a wall.  
Later, Rab members raided the building and rescued Rakibul. They detained the five alleged abductors -- Rabbi Hasan Niloy, 22, Md Rakib, 20, Shakil Mollah, 21, Sohel Rana, 20, and Md Shohagh, 23 -- from the spot.  
They also recovered a foreign pistol, two bullets, three knives, six mobile phones, including two of the victims, and a credit card of one of the victims, Rab release said.

in Bethlehem.  
But the Israeli leg of his trip is already awash in controversy -- from a row over his visit to Jerusalem's Western Wall, the holiest prayer site for Jews, to Trump's alleged disclosure of Israeli intelligence to Russian officials.  
Trump's meeting with Pope Francis -- two men at odds on everything from climate change to refugee policy -- remains highly unpredictable, although the pontiff says he will give America's bullish leader an open-minded hearing.  
Finally, the president's trip will wrap up in Europe where his shifting pronouncements on Brexit, Nato and the future of the European Union have sown confusion among longstanding allies.  
Trump will meet members of the North Atlantic alliance in Brussels, before heading on to a G7 summit in Taormina, a picturesque Sicilian town overlooking the Mediterranean.  
**A man**  
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Although he used to identify himself as Nayem Ashraf, his real name is Hasan Mohammad Halim, son of Amjad Hossain, from Gandail village in Sirajganj's Kazipur upazila.  
Ashraf Ali, chairman of Gandhail Union Parishad, told The Daily Star that Halim adopted the name Nayem which is the name of his son. He received a number of girls.  
In 2004, he went to Bogra Polytechnic Institute. But he was forced to quit studies and leave the district after marrying a girl under false pretences, Ashraf added.  
He reportedly got admitted to Dhaka Polytechnic Institute in Tejgaon. He also worked at the IT section of a private TV channel.  
Nayem used to claim himself to be a DU graduate and to prove this he formed good friendship with some DU Chhatra League leaders and used to stay at different dormitories of the university, police said.  
Although he seldom visited his village home, some banners were seen in Kazipur upazila in recent months, which identified Nayem as the vice-president of Swetchhasebok League, reports our Pabna correspondent.  
The accused opened an event management firm -- Emakers Media and Entertainment -- in the capital and used it as a means to "hobnob" with female students and introduce them to sons of rich people, said police.  
Law enforcers arrested Nayem in Lohajang upazila of Munshiganj on Wednesday.  
Sheikh Nazmul Alam, deputy commissioner of the DMP's Detective Branch, told The Daily Star yesterday that Nayem during primary interrogation admitted his involvement in the rape incident.  
"We will definitely check whether he has any link with any other crime," he added.  
On Thursday, Shafat and Sakif gave confessional statements to a Dhaka court in the case. A joint team of police had arrested the two in Sylhet on May 11.  
Shafat's driver Billal and bodyguard Rahmat were picked up from the capital on Monday.

### Tigers brush Ireland

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sword as the Tigers reached 95 in 13.5 overs.  
Tamim, who started aggressively and refused to tone it down in a fiery display, finally departed with the job half-done for a 54-ball 47, a knock punctuated by six boundaries. Soumya was no slouch either, hitting 11 fours and two sixes to make Tamim's knock look docile in comparison.  
After Tamim's departure, Sabbir Rahman joined Soumya and the pair almost did the rest, but Sabbir departed just before the job was completed with the score at 171. The duo put on 76 runs for second-wicket, with Sabbir contributing 35 off 34 balls. He hit three fours, but the highlight of his knock came in the 24th over as he lofted Peter Chase straight down the ground for six.  
Mushfiqur Rahim and Soumya completed the job, getting the requisite 12 runs as Bangladesh cruised home.  
Earlier, a disciplined performance by the bowlers bundled out Ireland for a below-par total of 181 in 46.3 overs. Mustafizur was in full flow, taking four wickets for 23 runs, while debutant Sanjamul Islam and skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza picked up two wickets each.  
It took Mustafizur just three balls to draw first blood, as he induced an edge from Paul Stirling which sent the ball straight to Sabbir Rahman at slips as the hosts lost their first wicket without any runs on the board.  
William Porterfield came in at third and he got going with a four off Rubel Hossain in the fourth over, before dispatching Mashrafe for a six off the final ball of the fifth. He continued to attack, hitting two more fours off Rubel in the following over and it seemed he would be a thorn in the Tigers' side when Mosaddek Hossain dropped a simple catch at short extra cover off Mashrafe's bowling.  
However, Mosaddek made amends for

### Sweden drops

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if he left the Ecuadorean embassy in London where he has been holed up for nearly five years.  
Assange, 45, took refuge in the embassy in June 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden over the rape allegation, which he denies.  
He feared Sweden would hand him over to the United States to face prosecution over WikiLeaks' publication of thousands of classified military and diplomatic documents in one of the largest information leaks in US history.  
Swedish Chief Prosecutor Marianne Ny said the investigation had not been able to proceed because of legal obstacles.  
"We are not making a statement

States had made a request to extradite Assange until an arrest had been made.  
Assange is a cyber hero to some for exposing government abuses of power and championing free speech, but to others is a criminal who has undermined the security of the West.  
CIA Director Mike Pompeo last month called WikiLeaks a "hostile intelligence service", and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, responding to a question about Assange, said the administration was stepping up its efforts against all leaks of sensitive information.  
"Whenever a case can be made, we will seek to put some people in jail," Sessions said.