

**MARKS**  
DIABETIC MILK

Vanilla Flavour

**ROUHANI TALKS TOUGH**  
Threatens to abandon nuclear deal with West

PAGE 8

TARGET AUG 15 MOURNERS

## Terror attack plan foiled

Militant killed during counterterrorism operation at city hotel near Dhammondi 32, police say

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A suspected suicide bomber of "Neo JMB" was killed during an anti-militancy operation at a city hotel yesterday as counterterrorism officials claim he had planned to carry out an attack on the crowd paying homage to Bangabandhu on National Mourning Day at Dhammondi 32.

The hotel is around half a kilometre off Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, the historic house in Dhammondi where the Father of the Nation was brutally killed along with most of his family members on August 15, 1975.

"The militant chose the nearby hotel as part of a plan to melt into a procession and carry out a suicide attack on the gathering at Dhammondi 32," said Monirul Islam, chief

Since Holey Artisan attack last year, 69 suspected militants were killed, mostly in police shooting.

Some of them blew themselves up by detonating suicide vests during raids.

Law enforcers conducted at least 21 major anti-terrorism operations.

As many as 150 militant suspects were arrested during the operations since July 1 last year.

of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of the DMP.

The dead has been identified as Saiful Islam, son of Abul Khair of Dumuria in Dhaka.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Members of the Criminal Investigation Department examine the blast scene at Hotel 010 International in the capital's Panthapath yesterday after suspected Neo JMB militant Saiful Islam died during an anti-militancy drive there. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## BANGABANDHU KILLING

### CJ says 'big shots' were involved

'Could not be tried for weak probe'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Termining the killing of Bangabandhu and his family members "cowardly", Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said many "big shots" were involved in the conspiracy to carry out the killing, but they couldn't be tried due to weakness in investigation.

"Examining the case records, we found that many big shots were involved in the conspiracy [to kill Bangabandhu]. But we couldn't put them on trial because of weakness in the probe [of the murder case]. We have clearly said in our judgement that it was a criminal conspiracy. The killing was pre-planned. We called for putting them on trial," he said.

The chief justice was speaking at a blood donation programme, organised

SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



A grief-stricken Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with her younger sister Sheikh Rehana stands in solemn silence after placing floral wreaths at the grave of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara of Gopalganj yesterday marking the 42nd death anniversary of the Father of the Nation. PHOTO: PMO

## NATION MOURNS

### In tears, in prayers



**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Yesterday, the road that leads to the residence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Dhammondi-32 was dotted with posters and black banners epitomising an ambience of remorse.

The historic March 7 Speech of Bangabandhu and patriotic songs, played using loudspeakers, kept reverberating through the place and surrounding areas.

These created an atmosphere which literally took everyone there back to the cruellest day of August when some disgruntled army officers assassinated Bangabandhu and most of his family members in that very residence in 1975.

Gathering in front of the house, people from all walks of life stood in sombre silence and placed floral

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

## No 'careless' comments on president, PM, chief justice

**Urges law minister**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria**

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday urged everyone to be careful while making comments over constitutional posts like that of the president, the prime minister and the chief justice.

He also said they would face the 16th constitutional amendment case verdict legally.

"The posts of president, prime minister, speaker and chief justice are constitutional posts. These posts are of great importance. It won't be right to make careless comments on them," he told journalists while addressing a mourning-day rally near the Awami League office in Brahmanbaria's Alkhaura.

Passed in 2014, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution had restored parliament's powers to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

## EC, jounos sit today to talk polls reforms

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Election Commission today begins its two-day talks with editors and senior journalists for their opinions on possible electoral reforms ahead of the next parliamentary polls.

Seventy-one editors and journalists of print, electronic and online media outlets have been invited to the dialogue to be held today and tomorrow.

"On the first day, around 33 media representatives will take part in the talks, and the rest on Wednesday. The talks will start at 10:00am at the Nirbachan Bhaban," EC acting secretary Helaluddin Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said the commission would hold dialogues with the registered 40 political parties from August 24, and the talks would end by September 20.

The EC has already sent invitations to six political parties for talks to be held on August 24, 28 and 30, he said.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

১৬ আগস্ট, ২০১৭ইং

২৫তম প্রতিষ্ঠা বার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে

আমাদের সকল গ্রাহক, সরবরাহকারী, ব্যাংক, বীমা, পৃষ্ঠপোষক এবং শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের জানাই

**শুভেচ্ছা**

এম আর এস পণ্য সম্ভার


এম আর এস ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ লিঃ

হেড অফিসঃ বিন্দিক শিল্প নগরী, কুষ্টিয়া-৭০০০  
ফোনঃ ০৭১-৬২২৩৬; ফ্যাক্সঃ ০৭১-৭০৩৪১ | www.mrsbd.com

**oppo**

Camera Phone

**Selfie Expert**

F3 | Dual Selfie Camera

Diacek's Padukone Limited Edition

Nipita Jaisankar

**CONCORD**

BECAUSE my family DESERVES THE BEST

Residential

GULSHAN 2420-3575 sft. | BANANI 2280-2410 sft. | BARIDHARA 3515-4360 sft.  
DHANMONDI 2050-4275 sft. | UTTARA 1392-1554 sft. | ASHULIA (Bungalows) 1750-3300 sft.

Commercial

GULSHAN (Avenue) 1150-3440 sft. | GULSHAN (South Avenue) 2041-6376 sft.  
BANANI (Kamal Ataturk Avenue) 1700-4350 sft. | HATKHOLA 601-1243 sft.

HOTLINE: 09612-111444

**CONCORD**