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**"Apart from enforcement of law, awareness and education are needed. If we can coordinate these three, we will be able to curb accidents."**  
LAW MINISTER ANISUL HUQ AT A ROUNDTABLE IN THE CAPITAL (PAGE 3)

**"Roads are built with public money and foreign loans. On what logic is there extortion on roads? On what moral grounds? There is no answer."**  
SUPREME COURT LAWYER AND RIGHT ACTIVIST JYOTIRMOY BARUA AT A PROGRAMME IN THE CAPITAL (PAGE 3)

**"The longer this takes, the greater the risk of the UK never leaving at all."**  
UK PM MAY ON POSSIBLE CONSERVATIVE, LABOUR PARTY COMPROMISE ON BREXIT (PAGE 13)

## A big cause for health concern

**Overuse of antibiotics gives birth to killer bacteria; research says 70pc death in hospital ICUs linked to it; govt's immediate initiative sought**

**HOW TO STAY SAFE**

- Do not take antibiotics without advice from qualified healthcare professionals
- Do not use antibiotics to treat viral infections like cold and flu
- Clean your hands and maintain good hygiene
- Stay healthy when travelling abroad
- Recognise early symptoms of infection: severe diarrhoea, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, and nausea.

SOURCE: WHO

MOUDUD AHMED SUJAN

Arifun Nahar, 33, gave birth to her third child on December 16 through Cesarean section at a private hospital in the capital.

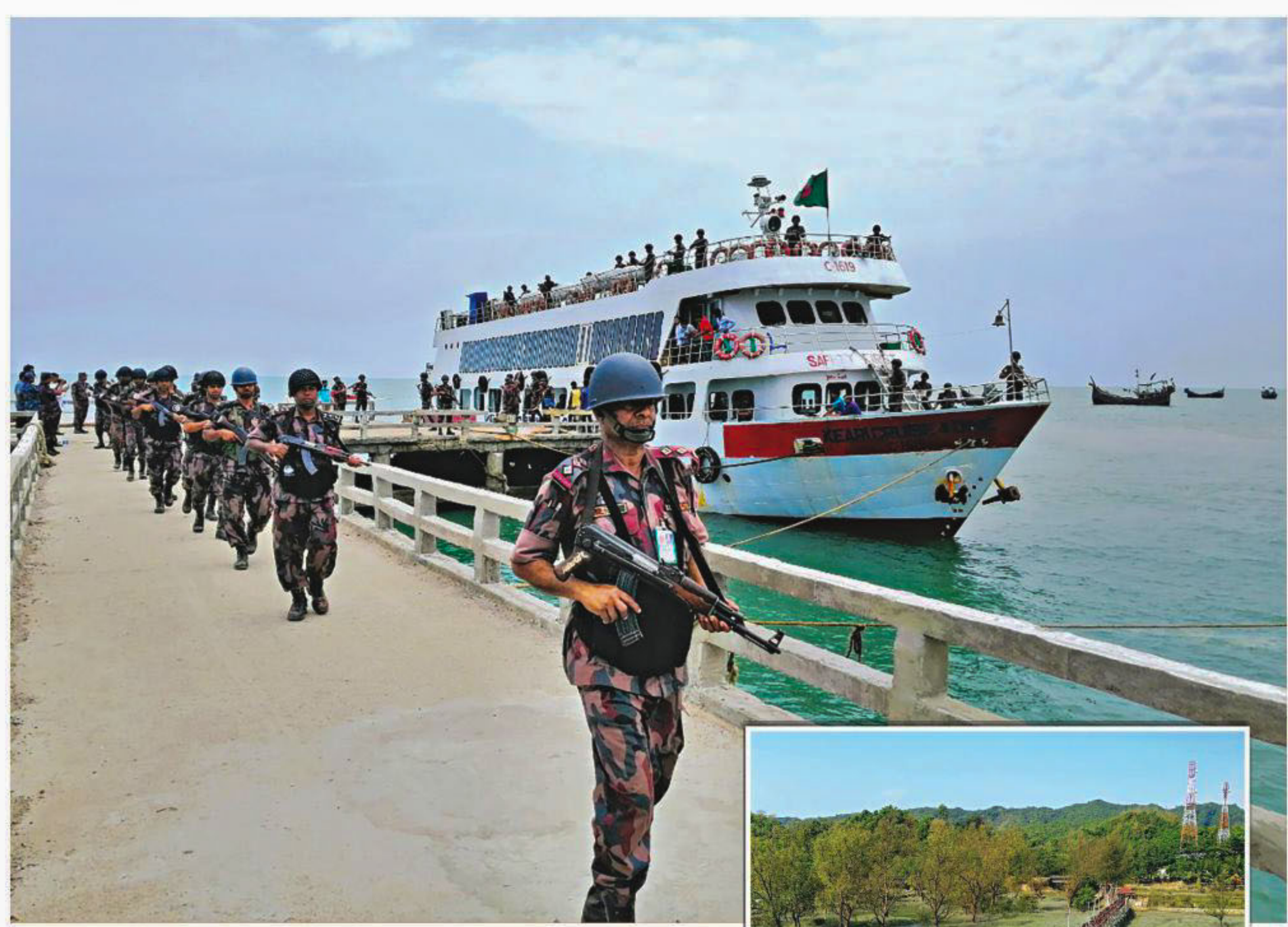
Upon health complications, doctors kept the baby in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and applied in the process almost all high antibiotics. As nothing worked, the newborn was shifted to the Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital where the baby boy eventually died 28 days after birth.

The cause of his sudden death was an otherwise harmless bacterium -- Klebsiella pneumoniae -- that turned deadly, possibly in hospital, by being resistant to 15 types of antibiotics.

"The baby developed infection of Klebsiella pneumoniae after birth; most probably from the NICU. This was one of the major causes behind his death," Prof Samir K Saha, head of microbiology department at the Shishu Hospital, told The Daily Star.

For nearly a century, bacteria-fighting drugs known as antibiotics help control and destroy many of the harmful organisms that can make us

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**Border Guard Bangladesh troops land on the St Martin's Island in Cox's Bazar yesterday. This "heavily armed" deployment comes under a government directive for ensuring overall security of the island, the BGB said. Inset, the troops boarding a vessel in Teknaf to go to the island.**

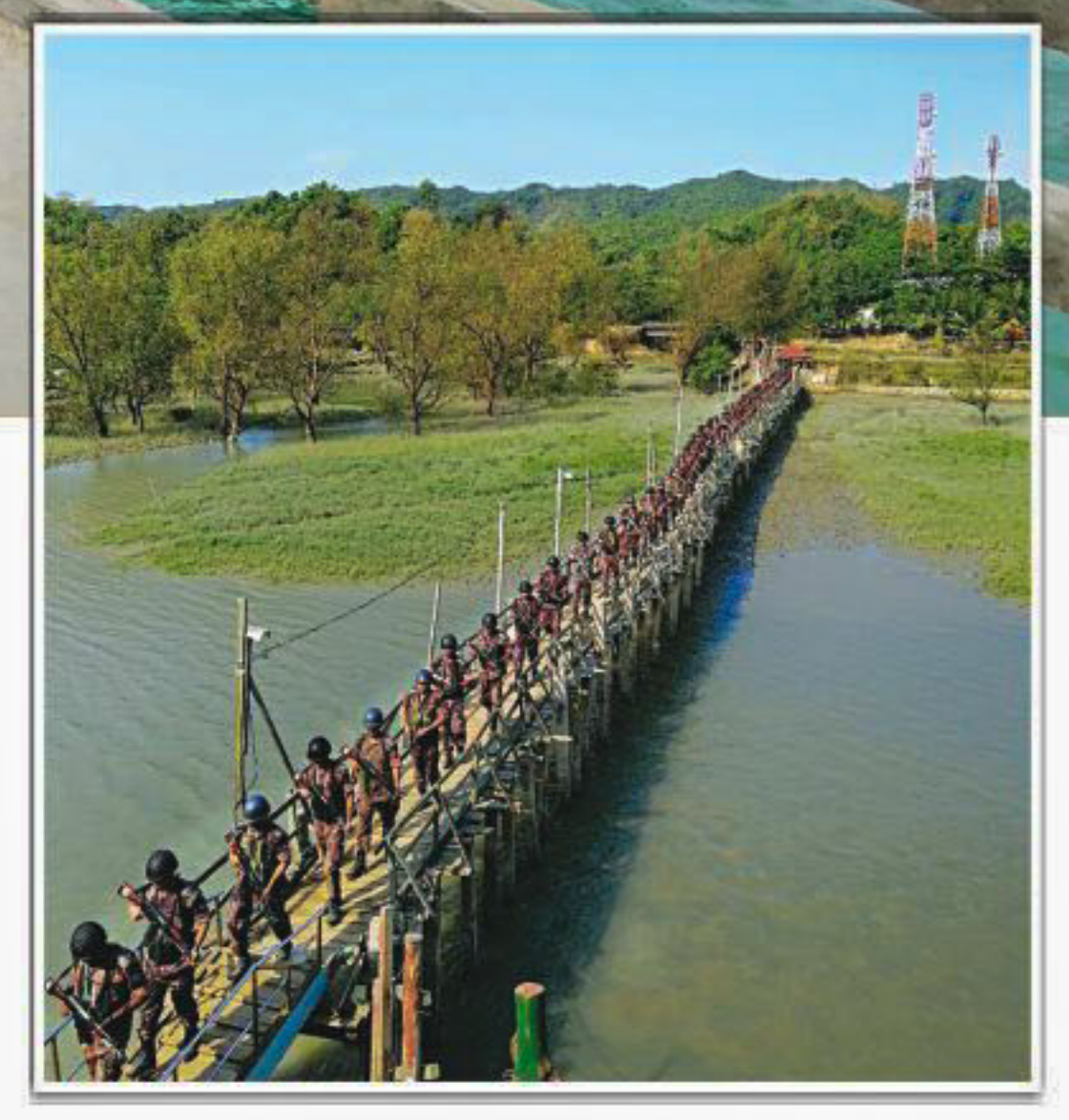


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## BGB deployed at St Martin's after 22yrs

STAR REPORT

Border Guard Bangladesh personnel were deployed with "heavy weapons" to the Saint Martin's island yesterday for checking smuggling and ensuring security of the tiny island in the Bay of Bengal.

The deployment followed a government directive, according to a press statement issued from the BGB headquarters yesterday.

It, however, didn't say what prompted the government to deploy BGB members there after about 22 years.

"As per the government directive, the BGB has been redeployed with heavy weapons to Bangladesh's Southernmost point, the Saint Martin's island, from today ... The BGB had been deployed to the island for its security till 1997," read the statement.

Contacted over the phone, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said the government redeployed the BGB to the island to guard the southernmost point of the country.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sarker Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman, acting

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## BRUTALITY AT SONAGAZI Her fight continues



STAR REPORT

The Feni madrasa student who was set afire on Saturday morning apparently lost the ability to speak while battling for life at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

"She has stopped talking since 10:00am [yesterday]. Earlier she could speak to us but her condition now seems to be really bad. Her whole face was swollen," her elder brother told The Daily Star at 9:15pm.

The DMCH authorities formed a nine-member medical board for treatment of the 18-year-old, now at the intensive care unit with 75 percent burns.

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## FR TOWER BUILDING PLAN Rajuk violated own rules to approve it

**Says a member of public works ministry probe body**

TAWFIQUE ALI

Violating the then building rules, Rajuk in December 1996 approved an 18-storey high-rise in Banani, where the FR Tower stands today.

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), the city development regulator, approved the building under the 1984 rules that had already been replaced by the new rules of 1996, said a member of the eight-member probe committee, which was formed by the public works ministry, wishing anonymity.

SMHI Faruque, the owner of plot no-32 where FR Tower stands, applied for a building approval in January 1996 with a building plan prepared in accordance with the building rules of 1984.

The Building Construction (BC) committee, which approves a building plan, required corrections to the plan submitted.

Meanwhile, by the time the corrections were made and approved, new building rules came into effect in July 1996.

The rules required 2.5 metres open space on two sides and in the rear and safety preconditions of a building, he said.

The corrected plan was, however, approved in December 1996, as per the old rules which lacked preconditions for open space and some safety

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## Relax security checks for MPs, VIPs at airports

**JS body asks govt**  
RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended "relaxed security checks" for MPs and other VIPs at airports of the country and separate queues for their security checks.

The parliamentary standing committee on the civil aviation ministry came up with the recommendations at a meeting in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with ruling Awami League lawmaker RAM Obaidul Moktadir Chowdhury in the chair.

Civil aviation secretary Mohibul Haque, who was present at the meeting, told the committee that his ministry had no authority to relax the security checks

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## Mamata losing political ground

**Says Modi; West Bengal CM hits back; Rahul takes a swipe at PM over Rafale jet deal**

HINDUSTAN TIMES, THE INDIAN EXPRESS

A war of words erupted between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Mamata Banerjee during campaigning in north Bengal yesterday before the first phase of Lok Sabha polls in Bengal on April 11.

At back-to-back high-voltage rallies in Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar districts in the afternoon, the two rivals traded charges over a range of issues.

"Mamata Banerjee has made alliance with people who want two prime ministers, one for Delhi and one for Jammu and Kashmir," Modi said at his first election rally in Cooch Behar district.

"Bengal's Didi is losing political ground. The invective being showered on me, her anger with EC expose her fear," he said. Referring to the Saradha scam, Nararda sting videos and Rose Valley chit fund scam, Modi said, "You all know who benefitted from these scams. I promise to expose all of that."

An hour later, Mamata returned the compliment at her rally at Moynaguri in Jalpaiguri district.

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**Star BUSINESS**

**STATE OF RETAIL BANKING IN BANGLADESH**

Star Business is bringing out a supplement today on the state of retail banking in Bangladesh. The segment is going through massive transformation thanks to fast-changing technology. Today, how banks interact with their retail customers is different from what it was 10 years ago. For many services one no longer needs to pay a visit to a bank branch; it can be done from one's handheld devices. The supplement sheds light on the lenders' plans to make banking more convenient, more personalised, more express -- all with the help of technology.



Stacks of new ledgers at a bookbinding shop in Anderkilla of Chattogram city yesterday. Every year on Pahela Baishakh (April 14), traders clear out all dues and arrears and start the new Bangla year with a fresh ledger, also known as halkhata. Despite the advent and popularity of accounting software, demand for new ledgers soar during this time of the year.

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