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# Bangladeshis' deposits rise to Tk 5,341cr

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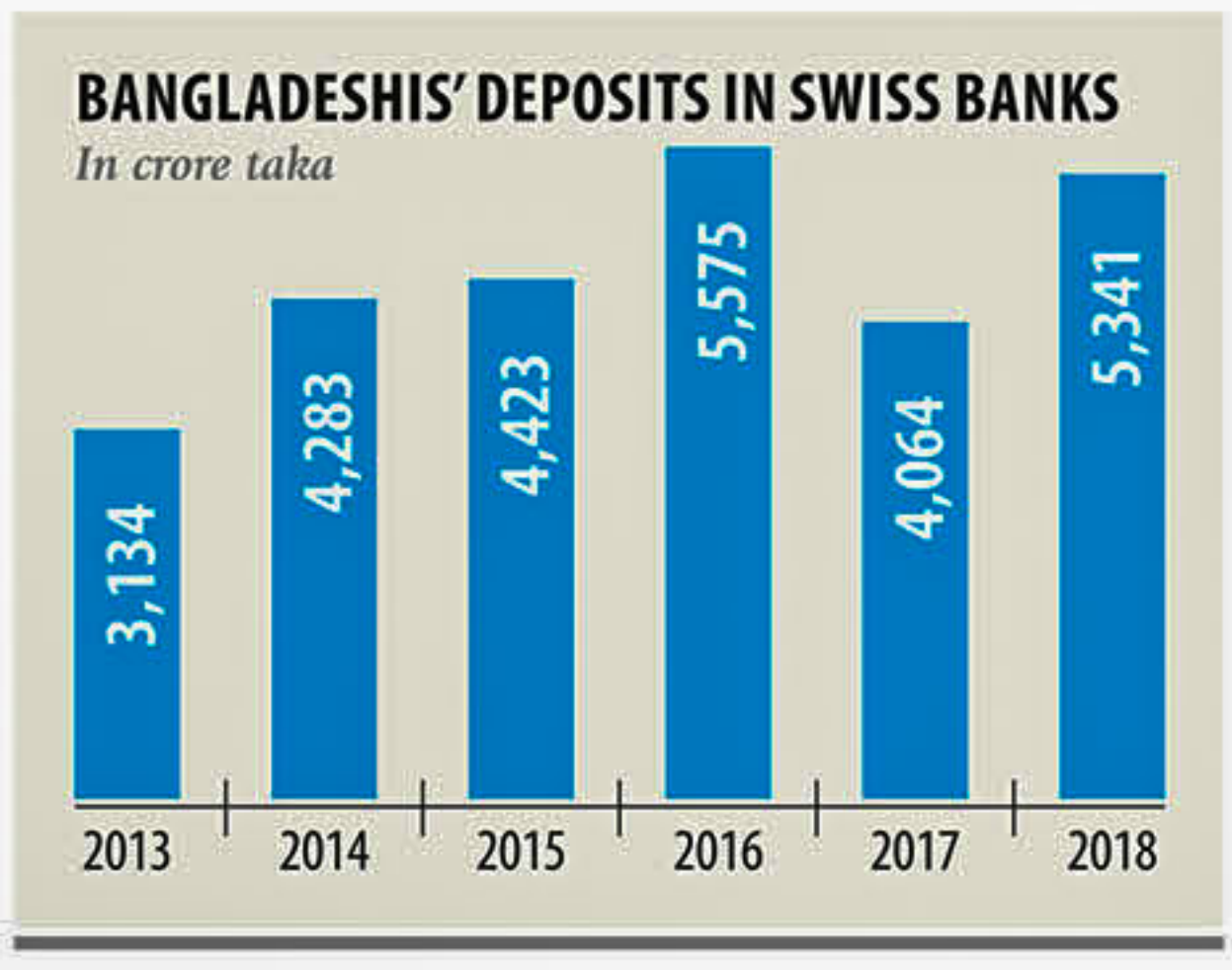
Bangladeshis' deposits in Swiss banks increased by 28.33 percent year-on-year in 2018 to 617.72 million Swiss francs or Tk 5,341 crore, according to the Swiss National Bank (SNB).

Experts said the deposit rate increased amid uncertainties over the general election held in December last year.

The SNB revealed the data in its annual report, titled "Banks in Switzerland 2018", published yesterday. The report, however, did not shed any light on the alleged black money held by Bangladeshis.

Bangladeshi nationals' deposits in the banks had dropped 27 percent year-on-year in 2017 to 481.32 million Swiss francs or Tk 4,064 crore. The amount was Tk 5,575

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**NATURE QUEST**

**Pheasant-tailed jacanas are jolly visitors to the lotus-dotted Andasuria Beel in Naogaon's Manda upazila. The photos were taken recently.**

PHOTO: ALI ASHRAF BHUIYAN

# Nusrat murder trial starts

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

The trial of the Nusrat Jahan Rafi murder began yesterday with recording the testimony of the victim's brother Mahmudul Hasan Noman.

Recording of the testimony started around 11:15am at the district's Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal.

After his testimony, lawyers of nine out of 16 accused cross-examined him before the court adjourned the case proceedings until Sunday, sources said.

Noman told the court that Sonagazi Senior Fazil Madrasa Principal Siraj Ud Doula through his personal assistant Nurul Amin called Nusrat to his office room on March 27.

He sexually harassed Nusrat, an Alim examinee of the madrasa, and promised to give her questions papers of the Alim exams in advance. After the incident, the victim's mother filed a case against Siraj, who was later arrested and sent to jail.

Since his arrest, Siraj's cohorts Nur Uddin, Shadat Hossain Shamim, Zabeed Hossain, Saifur Rahman Jubayer and councillor Maksud Alam were threatening the victim's family to withdraw the case. But the family did not do so.

On April 6, Nusrat came to the madrasa to sit for her examinations. Noman accompanied her to the madrasa gate. After entering the examination hall, a

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# Oli launches new platform

2 parties join, others in talks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Oli Ahmed, president of the Liberal Democratic Party -- a component of the BNP-led 20-party alliance -- yesterday unveiled a new platform "Jatiya Muktimancha" to realise their 18-point demand, including the release of Khaleda Zia.

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party and Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish have already joined the new platform.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital's Paltan area, the former BNP leader said that while he will move forward with the new platform, the 20-party alliance will remain intact.

Replying to a query on whether the LDP will be with the alliance, he said Jatiya Muktimancha is not an alliance.

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# Mother, son murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A retired army official and his mother were stabbed to death following a dispute over land in Sirajganj early Thursday, police and family members said.

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