

Another stunning ammo haul in Bogra, this time from BNP workers' houses

27,000 bullets, 48kg explosives recovered



Police and BDR personnel recovered 27,000 bullets and 48kg explosives, left, in raids in Kahalu upazila in Bogra yesterday; and a joint drive by police and BDR men, right, is going on in an area, believed to be a den of smugglers.

ANWAR ALI, Bogra

Another 27,000 bullets and 48kg explosives were recovered yesterday from BNP workers' houses and nearby ditches at Jogarpura and Sardarpura areas of Kahalu upazila in Bogra during a joint drive by police and the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR).

The recovered ammunition and explosives are similar to those recovered on Friday night from an unclaimed truck and Awami League (AL) leader Sayed Akhlaqur Rahman Pintu's house. The sites of latest recovery were close to the brick-kiln of one Yasin Ali where the truck was being unloaded.

Tipped off, Duppachia police and the BDR jointly launched the search in and around the brick-kiln in the morning and recovered 2,500 bullets from a ditch in front of the house of Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist Ratan at Sardarpura. Seven thousand bullets were recovered.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Following the big haul of ammunition and explosives in Bogra, the BDR arrested two Indian nationals yesterday and recovered two firearms and a wireless set from their possession from the Satchhari Forest Range in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj district.

The commanding officer of the BDR battalion at Srimangal, Lt Col. Enamul Huda led the raid on Satchhari forest and arrested Chittaranjan Dev Barman, 29, an Indian national and a cousin of Ashish Dev Barman, the absconding owner of the truck seized in Bogra.

Based on the statement given by Chittaranjan, the BDR also recovered a rifle, a gun, a wireless set and a compass from the house. Chittaranjan's father Jogesh Dev Barman was also arrested.

Two separate cases under the

Arms Act and the Special Powers Act were filed with the Chunarughat Police Station.

Earlier on Sunday, the Chunarughat and Madhabpur police arrested Altu Miah, 22, driver of the truck and helpers Swapan Kumar Dev Barman and Kishore Barman. They were sent to Dhaka for interrogation, sources said.

Meanwhile, three people arrested in connection with the Bogra ammunition and explosives haul were interrogated by the Task Force Intelligence (TFI), a coalition of different agencies.

Jogesh Dev Barman and his son Chittaranjan Dev Barman, arrested from Habiganj, were brought to the city and interrogated by the TFI. Jalal was arrested by the Detective Branch of Police from the Airport Railway Station on Monday night, and was turned over to the TFI for interrogation.

US has no plan for military base in Bangladesh

Ambassador Mary Ann Peters talks of Washington's commitment to sign repatriation treaty with Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka in 2001.

She was speaking as the main speaker of a talk titled 'Security of South Asia: A US Perspective' at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIIS).

The BIIS talk came on the heel of wild speculations that Washington was desperate to lease a military base from Dhaka to station its forces somewhere between the Far and Middle East(s).

Pinpointing the issue of terror

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Delving into a wide range of

Politics took backseat as Kibria visits ailing Saifur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League Presidium Member SAMS Kibria Monday visited Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) and wished his early recovery.

The former finance minister reached the CMH at 7:30pm and inquired about Saifur's health.

The two fierce rivals on the economic front talked 40 minutes away

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Hit-and-run driver drags doctor to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A car yesterday knocked down a motorcycle-riding doctor and dragged him for over a kilometre along the Mirpur Road to Panthapath till he died.

Hit by the car (Dhaka Metro-Ka-02-0626) in front of the Sobhanbag mosque at 11:00am, Dr. Mohammad Shahjahan Ali, 40, medical officer of Pongu Hospital, was dragged on as his leg got tan-

gled with the car's bumper.

Witnesses said instead of stopping the car and saving the doctor who was still alive, the unidentified driver sped away. Witnesses claimed that police at Russell Square did not intercept the car dragging the body of the doctor.

Leaving a trail of blood all along Panthapath, the car stopped ahead

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Hasina says Khaleda out to establish Taliban-style govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday took a swipe at Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and said she harbours criminals.

"The prime minister is trying to shift the blame for her misdeeds onto us (the opposition lawmakers) and to misguide the nation," Hasina, also the Awami League president, said in rebuttal to Khaleda's accusations against the opposition.

The prime minister at Monday's budget discussion in parliament

Top men of two TV channels quizzed over Bogra reporting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top police officials have interrogated some executives of private satellite channels Channel-i and ATN Bangla in connection with the airing of news on the sensational ammunition and explosives haul in Bogra.

Police officials went to the ATN Bangla office at around 7:45 pm yesterday and interrogated some executives of the TV channel.

On Monday, three police officials led by deputy commissioner (south) went to the Channel-i office

Notice

The June 21 article under the heading 'Pharmaceutical cos-doctor nexus-1' was written by this newspaper's Staff Correspondent Pinaki Roy, not by Dr Pinaki Bhattacharya. Dr. Pinaki, who heads a multinational pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh, has got nothing to do with our report or whatsoever.