

53 sent back from Jeddah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fifty-three Bangladeshis who went to Saudi Arabia to perform Omrah were sent back by Jeddah Airport Immigration Saturday.

However, police suspect most of them are Rohingya refugees, as they speak in Rohingya dialect.

Immigration officials at Zia International Airport (ZIA) arrested 45 of them including two women and four children, as they could not show their passports. They were released on bail after airport police

produced them before a court the next day.

Police said the 53 people, all hailed from Cox's Bazar, flew to Yemen on November 7 from the ZIA on forged Omrah visas. After a four-day stay in Sana, they flew to Jeddah.

Finding the false documents, Jeddah Airport Immigration seized most of their passports and sent them back to Dhaka.

A police sub-inspector, now in Cox's Bazar, is probing their whereabouts and who sent them on false documents.

Injured Kala Monir dies at hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A listed criminal of Demra-Shyampur area who was injured in a firefight with police on November 12 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital the next day.

Monir Hossain alias Kala Monir, 32, received bullets in his both legs during a shootout with Shyampur police on Friday night. Two police constables -- Mahub and Humayun -- were also wounded during the firefight.

Monir was an accused of at least 14 cases, including six murder cases.

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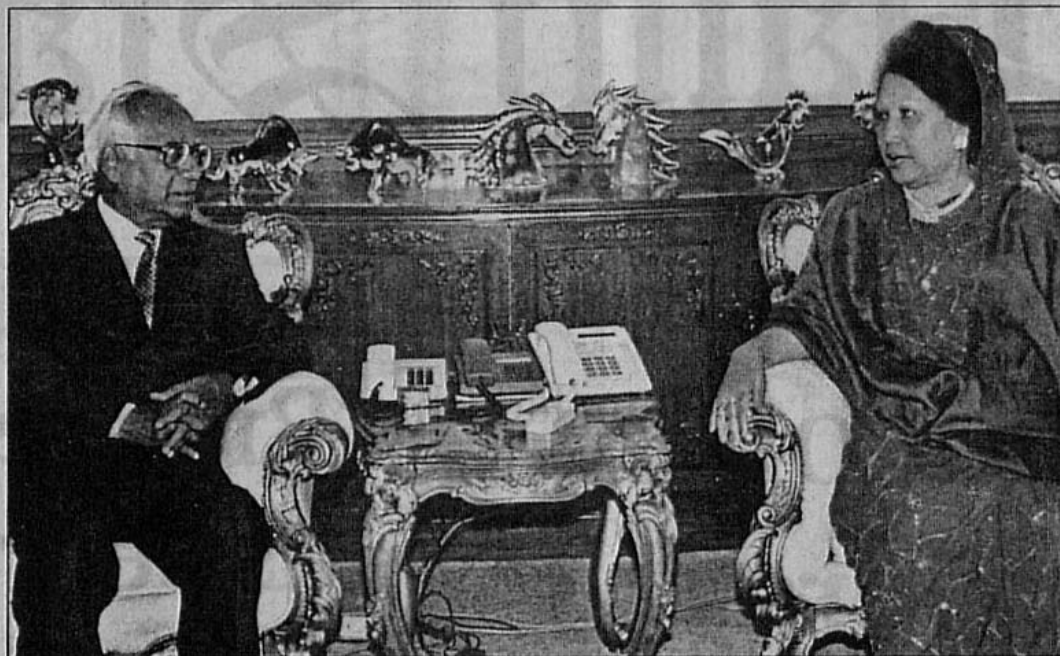
A national leading NGO in the field of HIV/AIDS seeks application from suitable candidates for the following positions for its "Provision of HIV/AIDS Orientation, Training and Services to Adolescents via Life Skills Education and Youth Friendly Health Services". This is a 16 (sixteen) months project of Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) aims to prevent HIV/AIDS among Youths and Adolescents in Bangladesh.

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6. **Accounts & Administrative Officer** (1 - post)
7. **Programme Assistant** (1)

Bangladeshi nationals who fulfill the prerequisites (as mentioned in our previous announcement published in "The Daily Star" dated 12 November 2004 on Friday at page 9) are requested to apply on or before 24 November 2004 to Box. No.A-223, C/o, The Daily Star. Applicants should submit a copy of passport-size photograph and curriculum vitae detailing relevant experience, qualification and telephone number.

Qualified Women and people with HIV are especially encouraged to apply



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban on November 15 to exchange Eid greetings.

SAARC SUMMIT FM leaves for Nepal today to invite King Gyanendra

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan leaves Dhaka today for Kathmandu as special envoy of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to hand over her letter of invitation to Nepalese King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shaha Dev to participate in the 13th Saarc Summit in Dhaka from January 9-11.

He will brief the Nepalese King and Prime Minister on preparations for the 13th Saarc Summit.

During his stay in the Nepalese capital, Morshed Khan will highlight that Dhaka Summit would mark a new era for Saarc as the organisation would enter its third decade.

He will also emphasise that the next decade should be the decade of implementation and the leaders of the region are expected to draw a vision for the organisation in their Dhaka Declaration.

As PM's special envoy, he earlier handed over letters of invitation to Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Bhutanese King Jigme Singhe Wangchuk and Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga.

The three leaders accepted the invitation and expressed their keen interest to join the Saarc Summit in Dhaka.

The FM is also scheduled to fly to Pakistan and the Maldives to deliver Khaleda Zia's invitation letters to President Pervez Musharraf and President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom to attend the summit of the seven-nation regional grouping.

Parliamentary team leaves for India

BSS, Dhaka

A three-member parliamentary delegation left Dhaka for India yesterday to attend the six-day first India and Asia regional CPA Conference that began at Hyderabad in the Indian state of Andhra yesterday.

Obituary

Badal Ghosh, an industrialist and former managing director of Ajax Jute Mills, died of a cardiac arrest at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore on November 15 at the age of 78, says a press release.

Ghosh, who had embraced Islam few months ago, was buried at Banani Graveyard.

His quikhwani will be held at his house at NW (E) 3, Road # 58, Gulshan after Maghrib prayers today.

Dr Hafez Md Ataur Rahman

Dr Hafez Md Ataur Rahman, fellow of the College of General Practitioners of Bangladesh, died of liver cirrhosis on November 14, says a press release.

BCGP President Prof Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam and Secretary Dr NM Abdal expressed condolence at the death of Dr Rahman.

Fakrun Nessa

Fakrun Nessa, wife of late MA Muquit, founder director of the Pioneer Printing Press Ltd., died of respiratory failure at Birdem Hospital on November 12 at the age of 75, says a press release.

She is survived by her only son and two daughters.

Her quikhwani will be held at her home at 373 Dilu Road, Maghbar after Asr prayers on November 18.

Emdadul Haque

Emdadul Haque, father of Nasimul Gani, former member of Chittagong district committee of Workers' Party of Bangladesh, died on November 16 at the age of 65, says a press release.

Party President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimal Biswas expressed condolence at the death of Emdadul Haque.

Crimes up in N'ganj during Eid holidays

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The incidents of crimes, including robbery and gunfight, registered a rise during the Eid holidays in Narayanganj.

Fatulla police recovered a decomposed body in Pitailup area on November 14.

The identity of the dead could not be known. Several bruises were found on different parts of the body.

Two people were injured in shootout as armed hoodlums traded fire in Mistrigh area at about 12.45pm yesterday.

The gunfire was a sequel to previous enmity between two rival groups, sources said.

Bush greets Iajuddin

BSS, Dhaka

US President George W Bush has greeted President Iajuddin Ahmed on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, the greatest religious festival of the Muslims.

In a message to President Iajuddin, the US President said, "We look forward to strengthening the United States relationship with Bangladesh in our efforts to bring peace and justice throughout the world."

He said the United States and Bangladesh share many common values, including religious tolerance. "I extend my best wishes to all Bangladeshis during this month of reflection and sacrifice," he added.

Tributes paid to Bhasani

BSS, Santosh, Tangail

Various political parties and socio-cultural organisations yesterday paid tributes to the memory of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, the leader of the toiling masses, on the occasion of his 28th death anniversary.

They also organised elaborate programmes at Santosh to mark the day.

The programmes included offering feteah and placing of wreaths at the mazar of Bhasani, Qurankhwani, milad mahfil, special prayers, distribution of 'Bhasani cap', handicrafts exhibition, tree fair, publication of wall paper, souvenir and album, sessions of Mushidi and Marfati songs and distribution of food among the destitute.

A discussion on the life and activities of Moulana Bhasani was held on the mazar premises, with Environment and Forest Minister Tariqul Islam as chief guest. Local thana BNP President Shamsul Haq presided.

Zahir and Halima received bullet wounds when an armed gang fired at the houses of their opponents.

As the rivals retaliated with gunfire, the exchange of fire continued for half an hour, creating a panic among the local residents.

The injured were admitted to Narayanganj General Hospital.

In another incident, a teenage girl was raped in Ispahani Bazar area on the night of Eid day on her way back home after seeing the immersion of goddess Kali.

A case has been filed against one Samir for his involvement in the abduction and rape of the girl, but Bandar police could not arrest anybody.

On November 14, a gang of robbers looted five tolas of gold and Tk 2,000 from the 2nd floor flat of a building at Khanpur Main Road.

Equipped with pistols and knives, the gang entered the building posing as acquaintances of the tenant of the flat Gonesh Mallik.

The robbers injured Gonesh with sharp weapon and tied up his wife, two sons and a daughter and looted the valuables.

In another incident, a gang of hoodlums attacked the house of one Hafizullah in Dattabari area yesterday morning, as he protested at teasing young girls during Eid celebration.

The attackers injured Momtaz, 25, Runa, 22, Lucky, 24, and Abul, 20, with sharp weapons and looted Tk five thousand and other valuables worth Tk 20,000 from the house.

Meanwhile, Siddhirganj police arrested a listed criminal, Faruk Islam Faruk, near London Market in the early hours of Sunday.

Police recovered a foreign-made revolver loaded with six rounds of bullets and heroin from his possession.

JPC secy Shawkat hospitalised

BSS, Dhaka

Shawkat Mahmud, general secretary of the Jatiya Press Club (JPC), was admitted to Birdem Hospital in the city on Tuesday due to heart ailment.

He was rushed to the hospital as he fell sick suddenly while exchanging Eid greetings with fellow members of the club.

Shawkat is now under 24-hour observation in Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of the hospital, doctors said.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam visited the ailing journalist at Birdem Hospital yesterday evening.

He stayed there for some time and inquired about his health. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and Health Minister Dr Khondokar Mosharraf Hossain also visited the ailing journalist and wished him early recovery.

400 shanties gutted in Pallabi

2,000 rendered homeless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four hundred shanties were gutted in a fire at a slum in the city's Pallabi area on November 13, two days before the Eid-ul-Fitr, rendering around 2,000 people homeless, and 17 shops burned down at Mohammadpur in the early hours of yesterday.

A burning oven sparked off the blaze at the slum owned by Sattar Mollah at Pallabi section-12 at around 3:50pm.

About 400 shanties were burned to ashes before the fire fighters managed to extinguish the fire after a struggle for over two and a half hours. The loss was estimated at around Tk 20 lakh, they said.

There are three more slums adjacent to the Sattar Mollah's slum, owned by his three brothers.

Most slum dwellers left for their village homes to celebrate Eid and others were at work when the fire

started, said witnesses.

Jasim and his wife Nazma, both are garment workers, suffered a nervous breakdown as they lost Tk 39,000 in cash and other valuables to the fire.

"Like many others, I also planned to celebrate the Eid in the capital and did our Eid shopping, but the fire shattered all our hopes," said Rahima Begum, wife of Selim who lost his seven shanties to the fire.

Many slum dwellers sought assistance from the government or non-government organisations to rebuild their homes.

Sattar and his brothers distributed Semai (vermicelli) and clothes to the victims.

In the other incident, 17 fruit shops were gutted at Mohammadpur in front of Town Hall market.

An electrical short circuit sparked off the fire at around 3:45am, causing an estimated loss of Tk one lakh.

Fire fighters from Mohammadpur and Mirpur fire stations extinguished the blaze.

12 shops burn down in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

At least 12 shops and a rickshaw garage were burnt in a devastating fire near Amin Jute Mills in the city under Panchlaish thana early Tuesday morning, fire service sources said.

One person identified as Md Ibrahim, an employee of a shop, was injured in the fire.

The fire was originated from an electric short circuit at about 4:23am that engulfed at least 12 shops and a rickshaw garage.

500 mobile sets seized at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized 500 mobile sets and its batteries at Zia International Airport on Friday night and arrested two people in this connection.

The arrestees are Alamgir Hossain and Sohel.

A team of Rab-1 searched a private car parked near CATC cash building at the ZIA and seized the Finland-made mobile sets of Nokia Company.

The Rab members arrested Alamgir and Sohel as they could not show any valid documents.

BCP leader dies in crossfire with cops

BSS, Jhenidah

A regional commander of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) and one of his accomplices were killed in 'crossfire' with police in Shaiklupa upazila on Tuesday.

Police said BCP commander Ehsanul Bari Babon, 35, and his accomplice Abudur Rahman Tarki, 30, were arrested at Paikpara under Mirpur Police Station of Dhaka on Monday night and taken to Shaiklupa to recover firearms following their confessional statements.

When police along with the

outlaws reached Kacherkhol in Shaiklupa, a group of BCP cadres opened fire on the law enforcers. Police returned fire, leading to gunfight between the two sides.

Police said Babon and Tarki were caught in the crossfire and died on the spot.

Officer-in-charge of Shaiklupa Police Station Khondokar Shafiqul Alam, Sub Inspectors Alamgir and Kashem and constables Firoj and Modasser were wounded in the shootout that continued for an hour.

Police recovered four firearms and 14 bullet from the scene.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Feni Road Division, Feni

RHD Tender Invitation Notice

1.	Ministry/division	: Ministry of Communication.		
2.	Agency	: Roads & Highways Department.		
3.	Procuring entity name	: Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Feni.		
4.	Procuring entity code	: Not use at present.		
5.	Procuring entity district	: Feni.		
6.	Invitation for	: Tender No-04/EE/Road Division, Feni/2004-2005.		
7.	Invitation ref no.	: Q-12/1746.		
8.	Date	: 01-11-2004.		
9.	Procurement method	: Open Tendering method (as per The Public Procurement Regulation-2003).		
10.	Budget and source of funds	: For lot 01(one). REV 2004-2005 & GOB. For lot 02 (two) ADP-2004-2005 & GOB.		
11.	Project/programme code	: For lot 01(one), 1-3-5041-301-4936 For lot 02 (two), 1-5-5041-7015-7021.		
12.	Project/programme name	: For lot 01(one) : Construction of 36.60m long PC Girder bridge. For lot 02 (two) : Construction of 24.95m long RCC Girder bridge.		
13.	Tender package no.	: 04/EE/Road Division, Feni/2004-2005 in 02(two) lots.		
14.	Tender package name	: Construction of 36.60m long PC Girder bridge at gap No-92/2 of Dhaka-Chittagong (Old) Road & Construction of 24.95m long RCC Girder bridge at gap No-5/1 of Feni-Parshuram-Belonja Road under Feni Road Division during the year 2004-2005.		
15.	Tender publication date	:		
16.	Tender last selling date	: Up to office hours of 05-12-2004.		
17.	Tender closing date and time	: Up to 12:00 Noon of 12-12-2004.		
18.	Tender opening date and time	: At 3:00 PM of 12-12-2004 in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni. Tenderers or their representatives are allowed to attend the opening.		
19.	a) Name & address of the selling tender document (principal)	: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni.		
	b) Do-selling tender document (others)	: i) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni/Noakhali/Lakshmipur/Comilla/Chittagong/Rajshahi/Khulna/Barisal/Rangpur/Planning Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Planning Division-I (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.		
	Do-receiving tender document	: i) The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Noakhali Road Circle, Noakhali. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni.		
	Do-opening tender document	: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni.		
20.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	: Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni on 28-11-2004 at 11:00 AM.		
21.	Eligibility of tenderer	: Any individual(s)/firm(s) who fulfil the qualification criteria stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) and other condition of the tender(s) document(s).		
22.	Brief description of goods or works	: As stated in SI No-23.		
23.	Brief description of related services	:		
Lot No	Identification of lot including location	Tender security amount	Completion time	Price of tender document
4/1	Construction of 36.60m long PC Girder bridge at 92 nd km (gap No-92/2) of Dhaka-Chittagong (Old) Road under Feni Road Division during the year 2004-2005	Tk 6,00,000.00	365 (three hundred sixty-five) days	Tk 5,000.00
4/2	Construction of 24.95m long RCC Girder bridge on gap No-5/1 at 5 th km of Feni-Parshuram-Belonja Road Division during the year 2004-2005	Tk 5,00,000.00	365 (three hundred sixty-five) days	Tk 5,000.00
24.	Name of official inviting tender	Md Faridul Akhter Chowdhury.		
25.	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RHD.		
26.	Address of official inviting tender	Feni Road Division, Feni.		
27.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: No-0331-74039, Fax No-0331-74039		
28.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
DFP-26881-8/11/04 G-1106		Md Faridul Akhter Chowdhury Executive Engineer, RHD Feni Road Division, Feni		



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with light fog at places over the river basins in the country till 6.00pm today.

Light rain or drizzle is also expected at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the period. Met Offices said.

Night temperature may rise slightly over the country during the period.

Highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 14.7 degree Celsius at Srirangal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:12pm today and rises at 6.16am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.0	18.0	79	75
Chittagong	30.2	17.3	68	55
Rajshahi	28.0	16.7	98	--
Khulna	29.5	17.3	81	74
Barisal	28.8	16.0	96	96
Sylhet	28.4	17.5	76	89
Cox's Bazar	31.0	17.5	63	74