

KAMRUL KILLING

One of the 'killers' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday nabbed one of the killers of Mirpur Commerce College student Kamrul Islam Momin, gunned down at Ibrahimpur in Mirpur on September 13 allegedly following a land feud with former officer-in-charge (OC) of Mothiheel Police Station.

Mohammadpur police arrested Jafor alias Rabi, a close accomplice of the city's top notorious criminal Kala Jahangir, from Shyamali road No. 2 at 9:00am when he was roaming in the area.

Later, Jafor, one of the first accused listed in the information report (FIR), was handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), who is investigating the killing.

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C'WEALTH SUMMIT

Dhaka's proposal for LDCs' duty, quota-free market access accepted

UNB, Malta

Commonwealth leaders accepted Bangladesh's proposal for Least Developed Countries' (LDC) duty and quota-free access to the markets of developed countries and developing countries, where possible.

The leaders also welcomed Bangladesh's proposal to establish a Commonwealth Natural Disaster Management Programme. The final communique is expected to give the Commonwealth Secretariat a mandate to start work to make the programme operational.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan is leading the Bangladesh delegation to the three-day summit of the 53-member forum of former British colonies.

Khan projected the vulnerability of the LDCs facing daunting challenges as the emerging World Trade Organisation (WTO) regime threatens to further marginalise them in global trade.

The Commonwealth leaders at the final phase of the retreat were busy finalising the Malta

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Tejgaon rail crossing, which does not have a barrier to close road when a train passes, remains a danger to vehicles and pedestrians.

Hannan placed on fresh 5-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mufti Abdul Hannan, operations commander of banned Harkatul Jihad's (Huji) Bangladesh chapter, was placed on a fresh five-day remand yesterday for the ninth time since his arrest on October 1.

Hannan was remanded in one of the August 17 blast cases filed after an explosion near the Jatrabari over-bridge. He was shown arrested in the case on November 17 and was placed on a 10-day remand for interrogation.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police, accompanied by the Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) members, produced Hannan before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at 3:30pm on completion of

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PRICE FIXING

Niko threatens to stop Feni gas supply

Demands date for deal by tomorrow

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Niko Resources Limited has sought a timetable from Petrobangla for fixing the tariff of Feni gas and signing an agreement on gas purchase and sale with the government.

"If Niko is not assured of a deadline for fixing the gas price and the agreement by 4:00pm on Tuesday, gas supply from Feni field will be stopped," a Niko official said quoting a letter sent to Petrobangla yesterday.

The Canadian energy junior's ultimatum came after Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation, cautioned Niko that the corporation will go for legal action if gas supply from Feni is halted.

On Thursday, Niko threatened to stop gas supply from Feni field if it had developed from an abandoned condition under a joint venture agreement with BAPEX, a company of Petrobangla, if the price is not determined by today.

In the latest letter addressed to

Petrobangla Director (PSC) Raihanul Abedin, the Niko said that it had started gas supply from Feni from November last year following a request from the Petrobangla.

As the country was experiencing a serious gas crisis at that time, Petrobangla had requested Niko to start gas supply from Feni, said the Niko letter signed by Country Manager and Vice president of Niko, Brian Adolph.

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5 more camel jockeys return from UAE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five more children used as camel jockeys in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the last several years came home yesterday, bringing the total number to 155.

The children are Abu Siddiqui, 9; Abdul Haque, 7, of Cox's Bazar; Robin, 12; Rakib, 10; and Mokbul Hossain, 12, of Comilla.

Officials of the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA), which is sheltering the children after their repatriation, received them at the Zia International Airport at 9:45am.

The Bangladesh government is bringing the children back after an agreement between the UAE in assistance with the United Nations

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CPD DIALOGUE

Change of govt won't alter PRSP: Saifur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman does not think there would be much change in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) even if a new government comes to office after the next general election.

"There has not been any substantial change in the economic policies of the two major political parties in the last 20 to 25 years. So, I don't expect much change in the PRSP, if there is a change of government after the next election," he told a dialogue at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday.

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Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman talks to economist Debapriya Bhattacharya during a dialogue on implementation of PRSP, arranged by Centre for Policy Dialogue at Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

C'wealth aims to scrap export subsidy by 2010

Summit turns focus on routing terrorism, facilitating orderly migration

AFP, Valletta

Leaders of the 53-nation Commonwealth turned their attention to tackling terrorism and mass migration yesterday after launching a united push for a global trade deal that would scrap export subsidies by 2010.

Terrorism and illegal migration were the main topics on the agenda as the leaders put the finishing touches to a final statement, expected in the early afternoon.

Leaders would particularly examine the subtle undercurrents which lead to extremism, and concentrate on building inter-faith understanding among its members across five continents, as well as encouraging greater tolerance, officials told AFP.

Much time has already been given

over at the summit to a discussion on mass migration, including the idea of rich countries accepting "temporary migration" of workers from poor countries to fuel their economies, Malta's Foreign Minister Michael Frendo said.

"Some countries which are countries of origin of migration actually lamented the fact that they were seeing a depletion of their human resources, that their mass migration not only included people from the lower levels of education but also well trained people including those from the medical services," Frendo told AFP.

"And other countries of destination, of settlement, expressed the

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PHOTO: STAR

Members of Armed Police Battalion stand guard inside the secretariat yesterday. They have replaced the regular policemen as part of the measures to step up security in the area.

Plot to kill Saddam trial judge foiled

AFP, Baghdad

Iraqi police said they have smashed an al-Qaeda cell plotting to kill the chief judge in charge of building the case against ousted leader Saddam Hussein, whose trial resumes on Monday after a five-week recess.

"We arrested 12 members of a cell linked to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaeda during a dawn raid on a house in eastern Kirkuk," in northern Iraq, police colonel Anwar Kader said Saturday.

"They confessed during questioning to planning to kill (chief

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Two killed in road accidents

Highway blocked, 17 vehicles damaged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Dhaka-North Bengal highway was blocked for an hour and a half, and 17 vehicles were damaged by local residents after a motorcyclist had been killed in a road accident on the Dhaka-Jamuna Bridge link road yesterday afternoon.

The victim is Mohammad Masud, 30, son of Dr Abdul Mannan of Pathailkandi village

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Bombs blow up passenger shed in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Unidentified criminals blew up a passenger shed at Shishutala Bazar under Chaugachha upazila in Jessore on Saturday night.

They hurled two bombs at the people sitting under the shed at about 9:00pm, police said.

Nobody was hurt, as the people sitting there managed to escape the attack when they saw them hurling the bombs.

Prayer Timing		
November 28		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		

