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HC stays all
proceedings
of Kibria
killing case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed all proceedings of the Kibria killing case now pending at the Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal.

The stay order came in response to a petition filed yesterday by complainant of the murder case Habiganj Awami League (AL) leader Abdul Majid Khan.

Moved by Dr Kamal Hossain, the petition challenged the Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal's rejection of a prayer for a further investigation into the case earlier

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HEROIN SMUGGLING TO UK

BD Foods boss held

2 arrestees tell court 22.5kg drug trafficked at company's directive

SHARIFUL ISLAM and
CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

Police yesterday arrested Badruddoza Chowdhury Momen, chairman of BD Foods Limited, following the confessions of his two accomplices to have smuggled 22.5kg heroin to the UK at his command.

Nazmul Haider Buyyan Bulbul, a former official of BD Foods Limited, and his cohort Mokhlesur Rahman Nayan, a cargo handler, told a magistrate they carried out

the smuggling at the directive of the top authorities of the company.

In the evening, soon after the confessional statements, four high-ranking law enforcers led by Special Police Super Ibrahik Fatemi of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) busted into Badruddoza's house at Plot 3, Road 43, Gulshan 2 in the city, and arrested him.

"We have arrested Badruddoza Momen as his name came up in the confessional statements of Nazmul and Mokhlesur Rahman Nayan, a cargo handler, told a magistrate they carried out

also heads a five-member probe team into the smuggling of 75.5kg heroin to the UK, told The Daily Star.

Two probe team members -- Major Wasimul Hasan of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and Additional Police Super Abul Kalam of Special Branch (SB) -- and the investigation officer of the case, CID Inspector Nurul Alam, were the three other law enforcement officers who took part in the raid.

As on eight o'clock last night,

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US denies Biman
to land in NY for
safety flaw

BDNEWS, Dhaka

A Biman flight on the Dhaka-New York route got stranded at Montreal in Canada with 230 passengers after the US authorities denied it permission to land in New York.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines sources said since the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) of the US imposed restriction on the landing of Biman flight in the US's soil, the aircraft had to land at Montreal yesterday morning.

The Biman flight BG-011 took off at 8.40am on Saturday from Zia International Airport.

A Biman spokesman told BDNEWS that FAA had warned Bangladesh Biman recently in writing that it would not allow landing of Biman flights unless it improves the flight and passenger safety. The warning was implemented on Friday for the first time.

He added that the authorities

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BULLET-HIT SUST STUDENT DIES

VC resigns amid violent protests by students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The vice-chancellor (VC) of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) resigned from his post yesterday as agitated students vandalised his official residence after hearing the death news of a student injured in Friday's police firing.

VC Prof Musleh Uddin Ahmed faxed a hand-written letter addressed to Chancellor President Iqbal Ahmed, saying he resigns from his post considering the welfare of the university property and the students.

Mosharraf Hossain Shamim, a student of business administration at the SUST who had been shifted

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Rampaging SUST students set fire to furniture at the VC's residence in Sylhet after a student, wounded in police firing during clashes on Friday night, succumbed to his injuries in Dhaka yesterday.

Extortionists go on rampage

1 killed, 5 hurt as they spray bullets inside manpower office



People try to get bullet-hit Ramzan Ali Master onto an emergency ward table at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday evening. Doctors on duty declared him dead a few moments later.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One person died and at least five were injured as a few extortionists sprayed bullets inside the office of a manpower agency at Hatirpool in the capital yesterday evening.

The attackers introduced themselves as the members of Joy Group. Joy is one of the 23 most wanted criminals listed with Dhaka Metropolitan Police and believed to be operating his gang from a neighbouring country.

The dead was identified as Ramzan Ali Master, 35, a madrasa teacher from Brahmanbaria, while the injured are Shah Alam, 23, Al Mamun, 32, Joy Sutradhar, 25, Saddam Hossain, 20, and Shahjahan, 25. They were clients' relatives and clients of the recruiting agency, the Turki Associate Ltd.

No one was arrested in this connection as of last night.

Abdullah Al Fuad, in-charge of the agency office, told The Daily Star that the attack came as the agency refused to pay tolls to Joy.

"Joy's men demanded Tk 50

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'MILITANT' ACCOUNT
Sonali Bank
fined for failing
to provide info

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank yesterday fined Sonali Bank Tk 10,000 for not informing it the account details of a suspected Islamist militant.

Last year, the central bank asked all banks whether Moulana Farid Uddin Masud, who was arrested in connection with Islamist militancy, maintained any account with any bank. Although Sonali Bank had an account in his name, it did not inform the central bank.

Later in an investigation,

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Draft voter list to get larger still

Many left-off persons apply
for enrolment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of voters will rise further as many people who were left off the draft list published on May 3 are now applying for inclusion in the register.

Sources in the districts and upazila election offices said they have already received a good number of applications to this end. They however have not received

any formal complaint questioning the eligibility of the voters on the draft list.

"So, we think there will be more rise in the number of voters," an official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has listed 9.13 crore people as voters and the surge in the number of voters has brought into question

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AL PRESIDIUM MEET
No polls under
'fake' voter list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday decided to resist any election in the country without implementation of its reform proposals and cancellation of what it termed the 'fake voter list'.

An AL Presidium meeting with party President Sheikh Hasina in the chair also resolved to step-up anti-government movement from grassroots to the capital on its own as well as combined with its allies in the 14-party coalition.

"We will take opinions of the leaders of every district and thana

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