

Foreign, local currencies worth Tk 97 lakh seized at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials seized foreign and local currencies worth about Tk 96.7 lakh from a Singapore-bound passenger at Zia International Airport (ZIA) in the city on Wednesday night.

The currencies, including euros and Saudi rials, were found in a bag the passenger was carrying at around 9:30pm. Acting on a tip-off, a team of customs intelligence searched the bag of Nurur Rahman alias Dulal, who hails from Dualia village in Hajiganj, Chandpur.

The officials said Dulal initially denied that he is smuggling out any currency. Later, he told reporters that a man who is known to him gave him the bag to carry it to an address in Singapore. He was handed over to the Airport police.



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British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury calls on Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad at his residence at President Park in the city yesterday.

103 shanties gutted in city slum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A devastating fire gutted 103 shanties at a slum in the city yesterday. The fire broke out at a shanty in Gandaria at about 4:20am and soon engulfed other shanties reducing them to ashes. Ten fire fighting units from the head office, Postogola and Sadarghat rushed to the spot and put out the blaze at around 6:40am with the help of local people.

In another incident, fire gutted a departmental store on Sonargaon Road in the city at around 1:30am. Police quoting witnesses said the fire originating from an electric short circuit burned down the Milishah Departmental Store along with all valuables. Fire fighters from Polashi and Lalbagh stations rushed to the spot and doused the flame after an hour.

COP MURDER Arrestee on 7-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed a youth, arrested in connection with the killing of Sub-Inspector (SI) Mizanur Rahman in December last year, on a seven-day remand for interrogation. Metropolitan Magistrate ABM Abul Fattah passed the order when Detective Branch (DB) Inspector Bazlul Haq produced Mohsin Siddiqui alias Roni, 21, of Ramdevpur in Tangail district,

before his court with a seven-day prayer to interrogate him. In his forwarding report, Bazlul Haq, also the investigation officer of the case, said they recovered victim's mobile phone set and wrist-watch from the arrestee and he needs to be quizzed to find out the clue about the killing and to recover victim's pistol. Mizan, 37, was stabbed to death on his way to home from Gulshan Police Station at about 8:00pm on December 19 last year.

1,153 more held

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Police arrested some 1,153 people, including 15 convicts, on various charges from across the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday. During the drive, the law-enforcers also seized 14 firearms, three other weapons and three cocktails.