

More relief found at Jamaat, BNP leaders' houses

STAR REPORT

The joint forces yesterday recovered over 1,400 corrugated iron (CI) sheets meant for relief and arrested Mymensingh Chamber of Commerce president and several local political leaders in different areas during their anti-crime drive yesterday.

In Sirajganj, the joint forces yesterday recovered 900 CI sheets of government relief fund from Enayetpur cloth market that was constructed by former BNP lawmaker Monjur Kader and arrested Niaz Rahman, a storekeeper.

In Chittagong, joint forces yesterday arrested Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association Vice-Chairman Mohammad Ibrahim and Stevedore Union General Secretary Raihan Sharif, reportedly the linchpins of the syndicate that repeatedly paralysed Chittagong seaport by

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Ex-health minister Mosharraf, BMA top shots sued for graft

COURT CORRESPONDENT

One of the owners of the land, on which Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Bhaban was built, filed another graft case yesterday against former health and family welfare minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, BMA President MA Hadi, BMA Secretary General AZM Zahid Hossain and 82 others.

The judge did not pass any order on the issue.

In the complaint, BMA Bhaban

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Help govt manage essentials' prices

Law and order council asks businessmen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The advisory council on law and order yesterday urged the businessmen to cooperate with the government in keeping the prices of essentials within reach of the ordinary people.

Law Adviser Mainul Hossain said the business magnates are very few in number but they can still create a

crisis by not assisting the government in its efforts to contain price hike.

He was speaking to reporters after a meeting of the council at the law ministry.

Appealing to the business community not to panic at the ongoing crackdown and show patriotism, he said the government would

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A different scene at shopping malls

Shutters pulled down after 7pm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was only 7:30 in the evening. The city roads were still crowded with the usual traffic but the familiar picture of shopping malls bustling with shoppers was missing in the capital yesterday.

Shop owners at Bashundhara Shopping Mall, Rapa Plaza, Concord Arcadia, Eastern Plaza, Elephant road and Sobhanbag market switched off lights and closed their shops in accordance with the government directive to close

markets after 7:00pm with effect from yesterday.

Many other roadside shops were also seen closed during that time.

The government took the decision recently to save electricity and manage the severe power crisis during the summer.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (Desa) announced to the shop owners in Banani as well as other areas of the city yesterday to close their markets within 7:00pm.

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HC asks ACC to accept Iqbal's wealth report thru' wife

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to accept submission of wealth statement of former Awami League lawmaker Dr HBM Iqbal, one of the 50 corrupt suspects, through his wife within 24 hours.

A division bench comprising Justice Syed M Dastagir Husain and Justice Mamnoon Rahman while disposing of a writ petition passed the order that necessitates bending the rule of the anti-graft watchdog.

The ACC rule provides that

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Suicide blast kills 40 at Iraq college

10 others die in rocket attacks

AGENCIES, Baghdad

At least 40 people were killed and 35 wounded yesterday when a suicide bomber struck a college in eastern Baghdad, a security official said.

Most of the victims of the blast at the School of Economy and Administration were students, about half of them women, according to a spokesman for the nearby Imam Ali hospital.

"They sold us out," one man cried as some students collected body parts they said would be buried on the school grounds.

The attacker struck at the college's main gate, and the walls on both sides were splattered with blood and bits of flesh.

There were fewer students than usual, however, owing to mid-term holidays.

The college is part of the renowned Mustansiriya University and lies a few kilometres (miles) north of the main campus, near the Shia stronghold of Sadr City.

The university was struck by a twin bomb attack on January 16

that killed at least 70 people and wounded around 140.

On Sunday, the college annex was sealed off by Iraqi and US troops, but parents came in tears to search for sons and daughters at the scene, where papers and books littered the ground along with glass from scores of broken windows.

Founded in the 13th century, Mustansiriya University was attended by executed dictator Saddam Hussein's half-brother Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti, who was hanged one day before the January bombing for crimes against humanity.

Elsewhere in the city, two rockets slammed into a Shia enclave in southern Baghdad yesterday, killing at least 10 people, and two people died in an explosion near the heavily protected Green Zone, police said.

The attacks came following an exchange of artillery and mortar fire between US troops and suspected Sunni insurgents south of the capital where a major security

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PHOTO: STAR

Bashundhara City, a multi-purpose shopping arcade on Panthapath in the capital, closes yesterday evening as the government enforces closure of all shopping centres after 7:00pm as part of power load management.

The proxy prisoner

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A horrendous tale of a man serving time in prison on behalf of another man was recently discovered at Moulvibazar District Jail.

Amzad Ali admitted to taking money from the family members of Shahid Khan, a convict, and serve Shahid's time in prison. He was receiving monthly salaries for doing the time. Police filed a forgery case against Amzad in connection with impersonating a convict.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Faruk Ahmed investigated the matter and told The Daily Star that it was true.

In 1983, a case was filed under Woman and Children Repression Act against Shahid and another person. In 1986, a court sentenced both the accused to seven years rigorous imprisonment. Shahid, a

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Bogra deputy jailer summarily released after BNP man met Nasir in Jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra Deputy Jailer Fazlul Haque was stand released yesterday morning following the meeting between a BNP leader and detained former state minister for civil aviation Mir Nasiruddin on Saturday.

Departmental proceeding was

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Extortion case filed against SQ Chy, 4 others

CU CORRESPONDENT

A case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, former parliamentary affairs adviser to the immediate past prime minister Khaleda Zia, was filed with Rangunia Police Station in Chittagong on Saturday night.

Acting Union Parishad (UP)

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Prayer Timing		
February 26		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		