

## Harris Chy's luxury SUV

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Khan's business enterprise.

The Range Rover was being used without registration. The Range Rover--currently one of the most expensive SUVs on the market at a retail price of roughly \$77,250 to over \$155,000 -- was imported on July 2 last year under duty-free provision for members of parliament (MP).

Upon information about a large covered up vehicle being suspiciously parked on the government employees' staff quarter premises at Kalabagan in the capital, a team of Rab reached the scene at around 4:00am and seized the black 5,552cc (5.6-litre) V8 engine Infiniti QX56 (Dhaka Metro Gha 11-6516) owned by Harris Chowdhury, security sources said.

Harris Chowdhury, one of the 50 corruption suspects listed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), could not be arrested during the seizure of the SUV.

Only two left-hand-drive Infiniti SUVs were imported in the country by chief of Orion Group Obaidul Karim, said Rab sources. Obaidul Karim is known to have given one of the vehicles to Harris Chowdhury as a gift. The law enforcers had long been on the lookout for the two Infiniti.

Infiniti brand luxury vehicles -- Japanese automobile manufacturer Nissan's luxury brand -- are currently available only in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Middle Eastern countries, South Korea and Taiwan. Infiniti will not be released in the United Kingdom and Japan until 2008.

According to the official website of Infiniti USA, retail price of an Infiniti QX56 ranges from \$49,950 to \$58,030.

The Rab team arrested the driver from one of the staff quarters after quizzing the security guards there.

The arrested driver, Salam, admitted that although he is still a listed driver in the government transport pool, he had been working for Harris Chowdhury as his personal chauffeur.

The driver voluntarily told Rab

## Newmooring

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under the SOT system will largely help reduce pressure on Chittagong Port and infuse dynamism into the country's trade and business.

The meeting was informed that no further government money would be required to operate the terminal under the new system.

The council of advisers was informed that activities at Chittagong Port increased significantly with the introduction of three shifts for loading and unloading of cargo, and discipline was restored there following effective steps taken by the government.

Shipping Adviser Maj Gen (Rtd) MA Matin gave a presentation on the activities of Chittagong Port at the beginning of the meeting.

Besides, the council of advisers discussed the power generation and management.

During the discussion, the advisers were informed that nearly 50,000 illegal power connections were snapped by the mobile courts and about Tk 134 crore outstanding bills were realised.

The meeting was told that 17 mobile courts are operating in the city to snap illegal power connections and take legal action against the bill defaulters.

## CI sheets

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In Benapole, Rab men recovered 20 CI sheets from Jubo Dal leader Shafiqul's house in Narayanganj village yesterday morning.

In Lalmonirhat, joint forces seized 17 CI sheets from the house of district BNP leader and former assistant public prosecutor advocate Habibur Rahman at Namatari in the town yesterday noon.

Earlier the forces seized eight CI sheets from a rice shop at Goshala Bazar in the town and arrested shop owner Pintu, who is also a worker of Jubo Dal.

The joint forces arrested Chapa Babu alias Makar Babu, a close aide to former deputy minister for food and disaster management Asadul Habib Dulu, from the gate of Lalmonirhat jail yesterday noon when he was getting out of the jail on bail.

Army men arrested Babu, who is facing several criminal charges, a month ago.

A Sylhet court yesterday placed city BNP chief Ariful Haque Chowdhury and Moulvibazar Pourashava Chairman Foyzul Karim Moyun on one-day remand for interrogation in an extortion case filed by contractor Nuruzzaman.

One of the 50 corruption suspects, Ariful Haque surrendered to the Army camp at Sylhet stadium on February 25 and was sent to Sylhet central jail the same day.

Moyun was sent to jail on February 20 when he surrendered before the Sylhet Sadar Magistrate's Court in connection with the case.

Nuruzzaman filed the case on February 17 against Naser Rahman and seven others including Ariful Haque, Moyun and some officials of Roads and Highways Department.

## Car bomb

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to bridge some of their differences on Iraq.

"Our hope is that this will be an ice-breaking attempt for maybe holding other meetings in the future. We want Iraq, instead of being a divisive issue, to be a unifying issue," Zebari said by telephone from Denmark where he was on a visit.

Vice President Tareq Al-Hashemi, a leading figure in Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, met Iran's ambassador on Wednesday and his office said he would visit Tehran in early March.

The State Department would not rule out the possibility that U.S. officials might hold bilateral talks with Iranians on the sidelines of the conferences -- a mid-level meeting in March and a ministerial meeting that may be held in April.

But the White House played down the chances of such talks, stressing its position that Iran first suspend uranium enrichment that the United States believes is aimed at developing a nuclear weapon, a charge Tehran denies.

## 2 fake Rab

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Rohingya refugees, who hailed from Mongdui in Myanmar.

According to sources, Aman and Ibrahim along with two others in guise of Rab picked up the victim Yunus Sarwar on January 28 on charge of carrying "hundi" (money sent through informal channel) money while returning home after drawing TK 4 lakh from a bank on Station Road.

Following a case filed by Yunus, Rab-7 members arrested the two from Ibrahim's residence in the city's Sugandha Residential Area at around 4:00pm.

## Kamal's detention

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detention of Kamal Majumder and three others under the Special PowersAct.

Kamal Majumder and three others were arrested by the army-led joint forces. On January 11, Later, they were sent to jail with a 30-day detention order.

Within a couple of days, close relations of the detainees filed habeas corpus petitions with the High Court, challenging the detention orders.

After hearing the petitions, the High Court declared their detention illegal.

## Khaleda's house

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Security personnel on Tuesday detained two of Tarique Rahman's aides and have also been looking for others. Ashik, Apu and Shakil are three of them, said the source.

## Patients

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since common cold and respiratory infections have invaded the child populace.

Meanwhile, child specialists suggest that parents should take their kids to a hospital or see a doctor if their children are having difficulty breathing, a fever for more than a day or two, wheezing, or audible lung congestion.

"If one is treated at the early stage, they might not develop pneumonia or bronchiolitis," Jahangir Chowdhury, an associate professor at the Khaleda Zia Medical College Hospital formerly known as Suhrawardy Hospital, told The Daily Star yesterday.

They were imprisoned for 17 days for illegal entry. On their release they were picked up by secret police, taken to another location and shot dead, their hands tied behind their backs with wire, according to the indictment.

Their bodies were found only in 2001 when reformers who had ousted late president Slobodan Milosevic in 2000 unearthed mass graves in Serbia containing the bodies of over 800 Kosovar Albanians. They were killed in the country and trucked north to conceal evidence of atrocities.

The police chief at the time of the killings, Vlastimir Djordjevic, is suspected of having ordered the Bytci killings. He has been indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague and is believed to be hiding in Russia.

## ISD call

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With another 16 countries, the BTTB call charges with code '012' through any land or fixed phones have been fixed at Tk 7.50 per minute and through any mobile phone at Tk 18 per minute, the press release said.

These countries are Argentina, Armenia, Czech Republic, Finland, Japan, Laos, Mongolia, New Zealand, Panama, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Togo, Turkey, Venezuela and Zambia.

The BTTB in its first phase introduced the Economy ISD call facilities with 10 countries in December, 2004 and expanded those with another 15 countries in April last year.

"Now the subscriber of the BTTB will enjoy the Economy ISD call facilities for making ISD calls through the land or fixed phones and mobile phones to a total of 55 countries under the code," the press release said.

Damage of equipment used for the country's defence or any equipment used by government organisations will also be treated as a terrorist.

Besides, forcing the government to do or abstain from any act is included in the category of terrorists.

CDA Magistrate Tahera Ferdous led the drive while officials of both the CDA and Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) assisted her.

## AL for June polls

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Meanwhile, a delegation of Bangladesh Army in a presentation at the EC Secretariat yesterday afternoon said it is possible to issue identity cards to each voters within 10 to 12 months at an approximate cost of around Tk 300 crore through setting up three camps at each union parishads, sources said.

In defence of their proposal for a voter list with photographs, the AL delegation chief Abdul Mal Abdul Muhith said it is possible to complete the preparation of a voter list with photographs within two months by visiting door to door while it will take a long time for voter identity cards.

Even the Election Commission of India has not been able to complete issuing identity cards to all the voters for a long time, Muhith told reporters emerging from the meeting with the CEC.

Introduced in 1993-94, the task of providing voter ID cards in India is yet to be complete.

"So, we are not in favour of the introduction of voter identity cards for the next parliamentary election," Muhith said.

"The Election Commission should specify the timeframe for holding the election after consulting with the caretaker government. The Awami League wants holding the election by June," he said.

The EC, which is preparing a draft for electoral reforms, will hold a series of dialogue with the political parties to seek their opinion. But the EC has yet to decide when it will start holding discussion with the parties.

Expressing deep concern over session jams, mainly in the country's public universities, the president said: "Politics is not isolated from society. The universities and other educational institutions are also part of the society, but it is necessary to deeply think about at what level of the education sector the politics will remain."

"Despite differences of opinion and ideology among you (the politicians), you have no lack in patriotism. Working for the people's welfare is your aim. So, I request you to think about it (harmful sides of student politics) from the same point of view," he said.

He stressed the need for formulating rules with caution involving teachers, students, employees and guardians for the development of the country's education.

"Though code of conduct, like the other institutions, is not needed for the universities, some cautionary measures should be taken so that people are not deprived of. Such code of conduct should be formulated through democratic process involving teachers, students,

employees and the guardians," he told the function.

He said the government must ensure the proper utilisation of money in universities as the big part of it comes from the people.

About the role of guardians in formulating rules, the president said judgment about a writer is never complete without the readers, and the teachers, though they teach, can not be the lone judges of education.

"If the teachers and employees claim that they are the only authorities to determine what is right and what is wrong, then the neutrality will be lost. Such attitude is bad for every institution. The welfare of the society lies in showing respect to the opinion of majority about the values of teachers and education," he said.

He stressed the need for learning English as the international language for effective communication both at home and abroad.

The president congratulated those who received Ph D and M Phil degrees, gold medalists and the graduates, and urged them to remain active throughout the life to maintain the quality of education in the country.

## Gias Kamal blasts

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controversially allocated land.

The government leased the railway land for BSEHR, which is an internationally reputed organisation, not for any minister or his wife, Gias said.

BSEHR Secretary General Sigma Huda remained a conspicuous absentee at the press conference while the organisation's Executive Director Elina Khan is in Denmark now. None of the 21 members of the national committee of BSEHR except Gias Kamal Chowdhury was present.

Asked about the process of scrapping for leasing the land, the organisation's representatives failed to give any answer. They could not also tell anything about the reason of the absence of national committee members at the press conference.

About the prime minister's note to back the file to the ministry regarding the lease, Gias Kamal said, "It was a secretary-level matter. So the prime minister backed the file and then the ministry took the decision to lease the land to BSEHR as they also leased lands for FBCCI and Hilton Hotel, BSEHR official Alek Sheikh said.

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As per the agreement, the

railway would get the third floor and a floor from next each ten floors of the proposed building on the allotted land, he added.

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