

## Gold statuette recovered, two held in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered a gold statuette weighing around one kilogram and arrested two people from Gazipur on Sunday afternoon.

Rab officials said the arrestees Nasiruddin, 35, and Abdul Mazid, 36, are members of a statue-smuggling syndicate.

A special team of Rab-3 led by Flight Lt Abdul Mukit Khan raided a place at Joydevpur following a tip that an organised statue-smuggling gang was staying there.

At a press briefing at its office at Tikatuli, Rab-3 Commanding Officer Sultan Mohammad Noorani claimed that the arrestees had confessed to their involvement in smuggling different types of statues for quite a long time.

He said they will call an expert to examine whether the recovered statuette is a rare artefact.



Participants observe one minute's silence at a citizens' condolence meeting in memory of Selim Al Deen, a legendary drama icon of the country, at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

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## Court allows ACC to interrogate Rafiqul Islam at jail gate

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday allowed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to interrogate detained former state minister for energy Prof Rafiqul Islam at the jail gate in connection with a case filed against him for submitting false wealth statement and amassing wealth through illegal means.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Rabbani passed the

order in this regard after ACC's Assistant Director Aminur Rahman Khan, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted a petition yesterday.

On November 16 last year, ACC's Deputy Director Mohammad Monzur Morshed filed the case against Prof Rafiqul Islam, his wife Nurunahar and their son Mostafa Ashish Islam for concealing Tk 49,72,57 in their wealth statements and amassing Tk 96,20,865 through illegal means.

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## Pak naval chief in city

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Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral M Afzal Tahir arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a six-day visit to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Navy chief Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka Alamgir Babar received the Pakistan Navy chief and his entourage at Zia International Airport.

During his stay in Bangladesh, Admiral Tahir will place wreath at Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment and call on President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed.

Admiral Tahir will also meet the naval chief, army chief, air chief, defence secretary and the Principal Staff Officer of Bangladesh Armed Forces at their offices.

He will visit the naval bases and establishments of Bangladesh Navy in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna. The Pakistani navy chief is expected to leave Dhaka on January 26, an ISPR release said.

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