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CTG AMMO HAUL INVESTIGATION

Court directives not followed in probes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

None of the investigation officers (IOs) did follow the court's specific directives in the 10-truckload of arms haul case rather they allegedly skipped all the vital points during their investigations creating uncertainty to unearth the real mystery of the country's largest-ever arms haul incident.

Due to the ignoring the directives, the IOs of the case have so far failed to identify specific name of the arms-loading port or the country from where the consignment was imported, the names of the importer or exporter, and the final destination



Din Mohammad



Hafiz

where the arms cache was heading for, concerned sources said.

In the country's largest-ever arms haul, joint forces seized 10 truckloads of

10,000 arms, including submachine-guns, AK 47 rifles, rocket propelled grenades and its launchers, 2,000 grenades and three lakh bullets from Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) jetty in the early hours of April 2, 2004.

Many bigwigs of the past 4-party alliance government and top officials of the then administration should have been quizzed by the IOs of the case for ensuring a fair probe into the sensational incident, according to the sources.

Despite the industries ministry, home ministry, Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), Customs, Coast Guard and CUFL

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2 accused remanded again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two of the prime accused in sensational Chittagong 10-truck arms haul case -- Hafizur Rahman and Din Mohammad -- were yesterday placed on a 5-day remand each for further interrogation.

Metropolitan Judicial Magistrate Abu Hannan granted the remand following a prayer made by newly appointed investigation officer (IO) and ASP of CID Md Moniruzzaman.

The IO sought for a 5-day remand before the court against each of the accused for interrogation.

The IO may take Hafizur and Din Mohammad to the

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Foreign aid flow may drop on meltdown

Revised budget cuts estimation to \$2.02b from \$2.14b

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

The revised budget for the current fiscal year estimates that the country will receive \$2.02 billion aid from multilateral and bilateral donors, which is 5.6 percent less than it was projected in the original budget.

The government, in the original budget, expected to receive \$2.14 billion in foreign aid.

Although the donors assured the government of not slashing their financial assistance to Bangladesh, it is apprehended that the foreign aid flow would drop due to global meltdown, Economic Relations Division (ERD) sources said.

However, they said, despite the revision in budget Bangladesh would receive more than it

used to get before the world economy plunged into deep recession, sources added.

The ERD sources said, they had already communicated with the multilateral and bilateral donors informally.

Bangladesh has already received 41 per cent or \$875 million in aid. The amount was channelled to the country in between July and December last year while the amount was \$822 million during the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

The foreign aid in Bangladesh had neither gone above \$1.6 billion nor below \$1 billion a year for six consecutive years before cyclone Sidr and twin floods hit Bangladesh in the last fiscal year when aid disbursement stood at

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Eden College student brutally killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the slit-throat body of an Eden University College student from her uncle's home in Lalbagh last night.

The body of Poly Rani Halder, 23, of Pirojpur, was

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DOUBLE MURDER
Killer brother sent to jail

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Drug addict youth Yunus was sent to jail yesterday by a judicial magistrate court on charge of killing his two minor sisters over a drug-related dispute.

In the statements before the court, Yunus and Shafiullah, an accomplice, confessed to their involvement in the killings of

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SUHRAWARDI HOSPITAL
AL men return keys of doctors' canteen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants allegedly led by a local Awami League (AL) leader yesterday returned the key of the doctors' canteen at

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Prayer Timing		
February 16		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-52	5-56
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: STAR

Firemen try to douse the fire at Shaheed Abdur Rab Railway Colony in Chittagong that left over 29 shanties gutted yesterday. Story on page 3.

Boy got stepmother, then his death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five-year-old boy Shuvo, who suffered fatal burns at the hands of his stepmother, died of his wounds yesterday morning after fighting for his life for almost a month.

The woman Shuvo's father married to take care of the motherless boy, killed the child instead.

The chilling incident occurred at city's Kachukhet Puranbazar area. On January 18th, a neighbour heard the little boy's screams and rushed out to find him on fire from head to toe.

According to Majeda Begum, the neighbour, Shuvo's stepmother Ferdousi Begum was standing nearby and watching but not doing anything to put the fire out. She said that the boy had caught fire while playing with fire.

He was rushed to Dhaka Shishu Hospital with sixty per cent burns on his little body and has been struggling with life and death since. Everyone, including his father thought that the entire incident had been an accident.

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A perfect platform for new writers

RAKIB AHAMMED

Each year Amar Ekushey Book Fair opens the window of opportunity for new writers to introduce their literary works to booklovers and thus securing a berth in writers' community.

New comers in the arena of literature keep their finger crossed throughout the year for this historic book fair at Bangla Academy premises to publish their new titles.

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US newspapers go for mission survival

AFP, Washington

The fate of US newspapers is in the news as journalists, editors, bloggers, media pundits and concerned citizens debate the future of the troubled industry.

"How to Save Your Newspaper," is the cover story in Time in which Walter Isaacson, a former managing editor of the magazine, revives a plan to make readers pay for news online through a "micropayments" system.

"Battle Plans for Newspapers" is the headline on a feature in The New York Times in which the editors of the paper invite eight prominent media and Web figures to suggest "survival strategies" for endangered US newspapers.

Among the contributors: Craig Newmark, the founder of craigslist.org and the man some in the newspaper industry accuse of singlehandedly destroying their lucrative classified ad business with his free online service.

Newmark, stressing that "vigorous journalism, particularly

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Training ground in Pakistan

Reports Geo TV on Mumbai attackers

CNN-IBN, New Delhi

Pakistani news channel Geo TV has uncovered the training grounds of the terrorists who attacked Mumbai in November 2008.

The channel claims to have found out the training ground and the house that Mumbai attacker Mohammad Ajmal Amir Kasab and his partners used for training.

The area where the terrorists trained is situated about 100 kilometres from the India-Pakistan border.

Geo TV traced the isolated building in Dori which could have been the training ground for the 26/11 attackers. The door is bolted at present, but inside there are unmistakable traces of people living.

Blankets and mattresses lie scattered while Islamic literature is stacked in order and in one corner a shelf full of medicines is stored.

The newspapers lying on the floor on the floor with reports of the Mumbai carnage indicate the building was in use even during and after the attack.

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