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Govt asked to place report on Rab team by Dec 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court directed the government yesterday to place before it by December 9 the details of Rab officials involved in detaining Lutfor Rahman Khalasi and Khairul Haque Khalasi who were killed in a 'shootout' in Madaripur on November 16.

After their death in custody, the court on November 17

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PM for controlled sand extraction

Asks to formulate a policy soon, clean up 4 Dhaka riverbeds

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to formulate a specific policy to control sand extraction from rivers.

She also gave directives for taking immediate measures to clean up polythene, coconut groves, bottles and other garbage from the

riverbeds of Buriganga, Shitalakhya, Turag, and Balu to ensure smooth and effective dredging of waterways.

The PM gave the directives while presiding over the second meeting of the committee on water resources and river dredging affairs at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad

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Afghan war veteran detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many Bangladeshi nationals were recruited, trained and sent to Afghan war, said an Afghan war veteran who was detained Saturday noon in the city's Motijheel area by detective branch of police.

Abu Motaleb alias Matu alias Majnu, 44, was picked up from in front of the BCIC Bhaban in the area.

He was taken on a four-day remand after DB police had produced him before a Dhaka

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Caught with bribe

Deceased govt staff's benefit blocked for graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Nothing would satisfy his greed for money, no matter where he earns it from--whether it is the savings of the poor family of a deceased government officer or the pockets of the alive.

But what he did not know is this greed will be the cause of his fall one day.

The greed of Noor Ahmad Mostafa, deputy director of Government Employees' Welfare Department, finally landed him in police station yesterday after officials of Anti-Corruption Commission caught him red-handed taking bribe from the family of a deceased government officer at Agrabad CGO-1 (Chittagong government office) building.

Noor took Tk 5,000 from the family of Rafiqul Islam, the deceased inspector of the now defunct Bureau of Anti-

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Hasina sends Eid greetings to Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sent an Eid-ul-Azha greetings card to opposition leader Khaleda Zia.

PM's Protocol Officer Proloy Kumar Joardar yesterday handed over the card to the leader of the opposition's personal officer at her parliment office at 12:00 noon.

Eid-ul-Azha, one of the largest religious festivals of Muslims, will be observed across the country on November 28 with due religious fervour.

1 killed, 1,000 shanties gutted in city

Late night fire at market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire left one person dead and around 5,000 homeless after it tore through a slum at Moghbazar Wireless Gate in the capital early yesterday.

One thousand shanty homes were destroyed by the blaze that began around 4:45am.

Slum dweller Aleya Begum, 32, died as she was trying to rescue her children and possessions.

An unidentified woman was killed after being hit by an express train as she took shelter on the railway line beside the slum.

Sakhina Begum, 40, who had been asleep in her house alone, said, "I woke up hearing cries around me and I saw the fire burning the shanties. I couldn't save anything but my own life." Sakhina has lived in

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A fire blazes at a slum in the city's Moghbazar Wireless Gate area yesterday destroying about one thousand shanties.

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