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Fake note making set-up busted

3 arrested with equipment, counterfeit notes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Sunday night busted a fake note making set-up in the capital's Jatrabari and arrested three persons including a woman with counterfeit Bangladeshi and Indian currencies. The law enforcers in a raid on the third floor of a seven-storey building at Sheikhdi Boubazar seized chemicals, a computer, printer and dice used for making fake notes. The arrestees -- Abdul Rahim alias Badsha, 48, his wife Rabeya Akhter Sathi, 23, and Mehdi Hasan alias Babu, 35 -- told police that they had been involved in the crime for over one and a half months. Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, said they seized counterfeit Bangladeshi currency worth Tk 3.03 lakh and fake Indian notes worth Rupees 54,200. They produced fake notes worth Tk 2 lakh a

day, the OC said. He said they used Tk 100 notes to make counterfeit Tk 500 notes and collected fake Indian notes from their sources in the capital. Badsha said their gang leader Jahangir paid him Tk 20,000 a month. He said Babu produced fake notes at the rented house and he took those to Jahangir in Motijheel. Badsha said he only knows that Jahangir lives in Motijheel but doesn't know the location of his house. Babu, who received training in graphic arts, said Jahangir asked him to join the gang when he went to Badsha's house to repair a computer a few weeks ago. Police said Jahangir might have links with other gangs that produce fake notes in the capital. The OC said they are trying to arrest Jahangir and his other cohorts.



Police arrest three people busting a fake note factory at Jatrabari in the capital yesterday. Inset, the seized notes worth Tk 3.03 lakh and 54,200 Indian Rupee.

BNP MPs blame unrest on army pullout

Ethnic people boycott team visiting CHT

STAR REPORT

The recent violence in Rangamati and Khagrachhari has happened due to withdrawal of army personnel from the hill region, observed a team of BNP lawmakers after visiting the affected areas yesterday. "Had army not withdrawn, the violence would not have occurred. A vested quarter is responsible for creating violence in the hills," said Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque, who led the team, at a press briefing at Khagrachhari Circuit House in the afternoon. Meanwhile, indigenous people of the two

districts boycotted the BNP parliamentary team during the visit. Most of the affected adavasi people remained absent in their residences to avoid the BNP team. They also termed them "fundamentalists." "We know who have created this problem and who gifted us this situation. We don't know whether they have made this visit to create another unrest or not as the BNP is just not good for us," Gyanendu Chakma, convener of Sajek Land Protection Committee, told The Daily Star over cell phone. The chief whip mentioned that on return the

111 killed in 'encounters' last year

Sahara says in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday said in parliament that 111 'criminals' were killed in encounters or gunfights with law enforcers last year. Eighty-two members of police were injured and one was killed, 8 Rab members were injured and two killed in those incidents, she told the House in response to lawmakers' queries. Sahara, however, said the

AL, BCL men snatch tender boxes

9 injured in clashes, one held

STAR REPORT

The ruling party men yesterday snatched tender boxes and documents in three districts, sparking clashes between contractors that left nine people injured. The cadres of Awami League and its front organisations snatched a tender box from the UNO office in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh. Witnesses said a group of cadres led by upazila AL publicity secretary Awlad Hossain, upazila unit convener of BCL Shaheed and Jubo League member Nazim Uddin went to the UNO office around

1:40pm and snatched the tender box. The tender box was kept for receiving schedules to lease out 37 haats and bazaars (local market places) in the upazila on the last day yesterday. On information, a police team rushed to the spot and tried to pick up Awlad. But the AL men foiled the attempt after snatching him from the police custody. The activists also brought out a procession at the upazila headquarters chanting slogans against the UNO and local police administration. When the local journalists went to the spot

Teenager stabbed to death in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A teenager was stabbed to death near New Market Police Outpost in Rajshahi city last night. The victim Raju Ahmed, 18, son of goldsmith Esar Ali of Hasnipur village in Baghmara, was a Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination candidate. Witnesses said two youths dragged Raju from the north gate of New Market and got

DHAKA-MYMENSINGH 4-lane highway likely in 2yrs

PM asks for fund disbursement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the finance minister to disburse immediately the fund for the construction of Dhaka-Mymensingh four-lane highway. She asked Finance Minister AMA Muhith to start the Tk 800 crore project as early as possible. The directives came at a regular cabinet meeting at Bangladesh Secretariat with the premier in the chair. The construction work of the highway was delayed due to an incision on building the toll plaza road, sources in the cabinet said.



A police tow truck takes away a minibus near Matsya Bhavan in the capital yesterday, as the vehicle was not roadworthy. Passengers of the bus, however, stayed put, as the conductor did not return their fare after police seized the bus. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Pak airports under terror threat

ANI, Lahore/London

Pakistani airports have been placed under severe terrorist threat following indications that Taliban fighters may attempt to hijack aircrafts in the near future. Pakistani security forces have so far foiled several bids to smuggle weapons onto aircrafts, the Daily Times reports. On March 10, the authorities arrested a man who tried to bring a pistol and explosive material on board a Dubai-bound flight at the Quaid-e-Azam International Airport in Karachi. Investigators are still trying to determine whether the arrested man had any other accomplice travelling with him on the same flight, the sources said. On Saturday, security forces foiled another attempt to bring a weapon onboard a Karachi-bound flight at the Allama Iqbal International Airport in Lahore. A disassembled pistol was recovered from the hand-carry luggage of a passenger. Sources said the criminal had tried to bring the disassembled parts of the weapon in two separate luggage bags. The Punjab Home Department has alerted the police and other law enforcement agencies against terrorist threats at sensitive locations across Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Lahore. A circular issued by the Punjab Home Department stated that a group of suicide bombers have been trained to target Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Lahore. The group has been provided with suicide jackets and Remote Controlled Improvised Explosive Devices (RCIDs), it added. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has called for tighter control of the Afghan border by Nato troops to stop Taliban fighters from escaping its operations in the North

OnlinePoll

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No (4.9%)
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Total votes: 751

TODAY'S POLL

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