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20 Jamaat men held

Arrestees include ex-MP; police seize 'anti-state' leaflets, 'bomb-making materials' during raid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police detained 20 Jamaat-e-Islami men, including former lawmaker Mujibur Rahman, with "bomb making materials" and "anti-state" leaflets from the capital's Mirpur area yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge Kazi Wazed Ali of Mirpur Police Station said after a tip-off police raided a building at Kalwalapara of Mirpur-1 around 11:30am and arrested the Jamaat members.

He added they had recovered six explosive-like substances, bomb making materials, around 200 jihadi books, a sack full of anti-state leaflets, a laptop and some foreign currencies.

"In the building, the Jamaat men were holding a secret meeting as part of their anti-state activities," said the OC.

Arrested Mujibur Rahman, a former MP from Rajshahi, is the assistant secretary general of Jamaat and president of Sramik Kolyan Federation, an associate body of the party.

Mahfuzur Rahman, Jamaat Mirpur thana (west) unit ameer; Kazirul Islam, an executive member of the party; Shafiqul Alam, Khulna city unit nayebe-e-ameer; SA Abdul Hai, Sramik Kolyan Federation publicity secretary; and Abdul Karim, a leader of the party's ward-12 unit, were among the arrestees.

Of the 20, five top-ranked Jamaat men, including Mujibur

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It's around 1:30am and cars still keep queuing at a CNG station of the capital's Mohakhali for refilling. As the city's gas pumps are kept closed from 3:00pm to 9:00pm in compliance with a government order, the daytime rush has been shifted to night. The photo was taken recently.

CNG station strike now from Nov 25

UNB, Dhaka

The owners of CNG refuelling stations yesterday decided to go for an indefinite strike from November 26 instead of November 1 following a meeting with State Minister for Power and Energy Mohammad Enamul Haque at his office.

Earlier on October 2, Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners Association had announced a non-stop strike from November 1 to press home six-point demand including withdrawal of government order for six-hour closure of pump stations.

Responding to a request of the state minister, the pump owners deferred the strike. They said non-stop strike will begin November 26 if the restriction is not withdrawn.

The meeting was attended by Petrobangla Chairman

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Fresh fire at chemical warehouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out in a chemical warehouse at Armanitola of Old Dhaka yesterday.

There was no report of casualties.

Deputy Director Abdur Rashid of Fire Service and Civil Defence said the fire began around 11:40am in the chemical warehouse, which was on the ground floor of a three-storey building near Anandamayee School of Gabinda Daslane.

He said locals managed to bring the fire under control

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OLD DHAKA CHEMICAL WAREHOUSES JS body irked over delay in shifting

RASHIDUL HASAN

Expressing serious resentment over delay in shifting chemical warehouses from the capital's old town, a parliamentary committee yesterday asked the environment ministry to look into possible strict legal deterrents to storing harmful chemicals in any residential area.

"The committee sharply criticised the continuing existence of chemical warehouses in many houses in the city's old part. We sought explanations from the environment secretary as to why those warehouses could not be shifted within the deadline of September 30,"

Abdul Momin Talukder, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on environment and forest ministry, said.

He was talking to The Daily Star in his residence following a meeting of the committee held in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Asked about the environment secretary's reply to the query, Talukder, who is also a BNP lawmaker, said the job is not within their jurisdiction.

"It is the industries ministry's job," he quoted the environment secretary as saying in the meeting.

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FOOD ADULTERATION HC extends operation of mobile courts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to continue operation of mobile courts across the country to tackle food adulteration and price spirals for three more months.

Earlier on August 16 this year, the HC had ordered the government to run such courts for two months.

An HC bench of Justice Md Imman Ali and Justice Obaidul Hasan extended the time of operation following an

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Yaba inside abdomen

Doctors remove pouch with 1,500 tablets

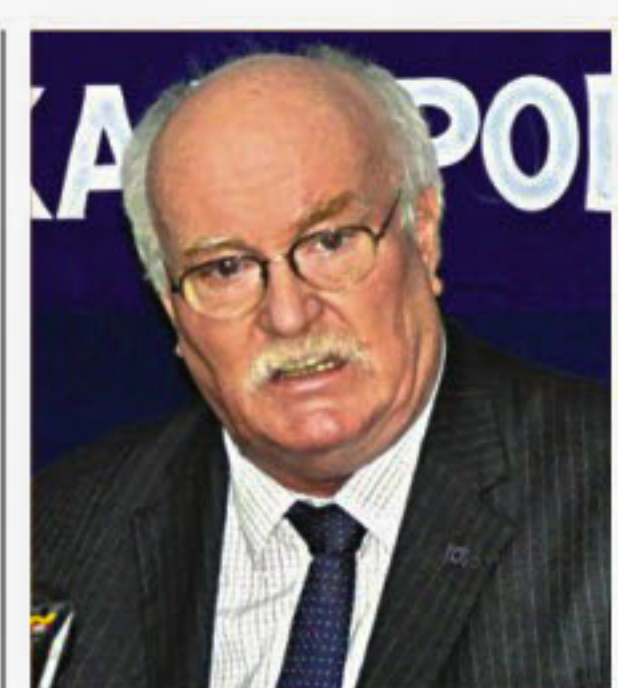
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Doctors of a private clinic in the port city removed a pouch of Yaba tablets from the abdomen of a middle-aged male patient last Tuesday.

Bulu Miah, the 44-year-old patient, wanted to make some quick money, Tk 2,000. In exchange, all he had to do was to transport around 1,500 Yaba tablets from Teknaf to Chittagong devising a way to dodge the law enforcers and BDR check posts.

Bulu figured that the best way to transport the contraband drug was to put it inside up the rectum. So he packed the tablets in a plastic pouch, sealed it with tape and endured the pain of the

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EU envoy for dialogue to end political confrontation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

European Union Ambassador Stefan Frowein yesterday suggested that political parties of Bangladesh turn away from the path of confrontation and called for dialogue between ruling and opposition parties.

"Bangladesh is missing out on opportunities because of confrontational politics. We

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PHOTO: STAR

Deceased Champa's daughters and her husband mourn next to her grave beside their home in Garakhola village of Madhukhali in Faridpur yesterday. Story on page 1.

Shyampur canal drive continues

28 more makeshift structures knocked down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a drive to free Shyampur canal from grabbers, 28 makeshift structures were demolished and 16 trees uprooted yesterday.

Dhaka district administration and Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) are conducting the drive under a project to retrieve five city canals.

Mohammad Al-Amin, executive magistrate of Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's office, led the drive. Seventeen structures were demolished on the first day.

Al-Amin said the drive will continue till Wednesday (November 3) in two phases starting excavation from today and on

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think Bangladesh will be able to improve its rank in the Transparency International's corruption index next year?

Yes (17.7%)
 No (81.5%)
 No Comments (0.8%)

Total votes: 718

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the practice of strike to realise demands in institutions like hospitals and airlines is justified?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

CONTEMPT OF COURT CPA chairman apologises to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Reazuddin Ahmed yesterday offered unconditional apology to the High Court for allowing two toxic ships for breaking to enter the country despite its order of restriction.

Reazuddin appeared before an HC bench, yesterday regarding a contempt of court petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela).

Bela filed the petition with the HC against six government high officials including the CPA chairman for providing no objection certificate (NOC) to two toxic ships MV BADRI and MT BO, and allowing them to enter into the country's territory.

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CLASH WITH BNP MEN AL activist shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

An Awami League activist was shot dead and 30 others were injured in a clash between the workers of ruling AL and main opposition BNP at Baghaikandi of Raipura upazila early yesterday.

The deceased is 22-year-old Shahadat Hossain, a power loom worker.

Among the six bullet-hit, five AL activists Shahidullah, 45,

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Prayer Timing

October 29

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
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