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Customs seize Tk 3cr forex at Shahjalal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Kuala Lumpur-bound passenger was offloaded from a Bangladesh Biman flight at Shahjalal International Airport and detained last night for carrying foreign currencies worth over Tk 3.24 crore.

Customs officials found the currencies in place of life jacket under the seat of the detainee, Mohammad Nahid, 40, of Keraniganj.

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IOJ wants fatwa to stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A massive country-wide movement will be launched if the government moves to ban fatwa (religious edict), said a leader of Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) yesterday.

"Fatwa is an Islamic right. Banning fatwa will be an anti-Islam act," said IOJ leader Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini at a discussion programme titled

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PM to open first Bangla e-info cell today

BSS, Dhaka

The country's first national E-information Cell goes online today, making access to information much easier than ever before.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the cell at her office in the morning at a programme, paying tributes to martyrs of the Language Movement of 1952.

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CONSTRUCTION SITE

Body of worker found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a construction worker from the fifth floor of an under-construction building near Jibon Bima Bhaban at Motijheel in the city early yesterday.

The deceased Mohammad Masud, 18, a welder of a multi-storied building under construction,

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**PRAYER TIMING** February 27

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

Hope-maker

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Rickshaw puller Joynal Abedin, 55, saw his father suffer and die without any treatment 25 long years ago. It was because they were doomed in poverty coupled with dearth of health care service.

"So what?" many would say giving the fact that it is an everyday event for this country.

tantly make his dream possible.

This exceptional feat of character made the nation so proud that Joynal was titled as Sada Moner Manush (Man of a golden heart) in 2008.

Joynal Abedin, of Taan Hashadia village in Paranganj union under sadar upazila of Mymensingh, however, has his personal odyssey to share.

After his father's death, Joynal

*Father's death without treatment transforms rickshaw puller Joynal into man with a difference; he runs a charitable hospital, free coaching centre for underprivileged children*

The thing that is not so regular is Joynal's extraordinary determination and courage to take up the mammoth task of setting up a charitable hospital and a free coaching centre for underprivileged children.

The shock and horror of losing his father, which later transformed into love and hope, motivated this man to think the unthinkable and most impor-

and his wife moved to the capital to try their luck. He pulled rickshaw for relentless days and nights for around 14 years while his wife Lal Banu managed a job at a clinic.

"I shared my dream with my wife and she helped me beyond anyone's expectation in the venture," said Joynal.

The family went through

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Joynal Abedin, right, pulls rickshaw in the capital for six nights a month and runs a charitable hospital and a free education centre for underprivileged children in Mymensingh by his earnings.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Cruel twist of fate

*Woman pulls rickshaw on to own 11 three-wheelers, gets married but husband's greed leaves her broke, acid-burnt*

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

A woman rickshaw-puller of the city suffered burns in an acid attack by her husband early yesterday for not withdrawing a torture case against him.

The victim, Delwara Begum, said at around 11:30pm Friday two unidentified men hired her rickshaw at Dhalpur to take them to Maniknagar and back.

As they reached Maniknagar Balur



Delwara Begum

Math around 12:10am, the two told her to stop and walk with them. After

a few yards, she saw her husband Julhas, 37, and co-wife Ranu standing.

Taking hold of the 42-year-old woman, the four started pressing her to withdraw the case.

As Delwara remained adamant, Julhas took a bottle of acid from Ranu and emptied it on her body. She cried out loud; her right hand, right leg and abdomen were burnt.

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Maurya dynasty wall dug out

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Archaeologists of a French excavation team recently unearthed an ancient brick wall of Maurya dynasty during a Bangladesh-France joint excavation at Mahasthangarh.

The team also found a huge number of Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) and Barind soil layer along with other objects, said team members.

Besides, a Bangladeshi excavation team dug out brick-built structures of Muslim dynasties.

The joint team started archaeological digs on January 21 in the south-east corner of Mahasthangarh, once a fortified city.

"The defence wall was constructed at least 2200 years ago to protect the city," said French archaeologist Barbara Faticoni.

A brick structure has been found almost in the same layer along with other archaeological objects, including terracotta ball and oil

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Workers digging out a brick wall of Maurya dynasty at Mahasthangarh archaeological site in Bogra recently.

PHOTO: STAR

PM ON BDR CARNAGE

BNP up again with politics

BSS, Ctg

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the main opposition BNP is trying to do politics again centring the BDR carnage as it did not want to see peaceful solution of the crisis.

"BNP wanted to do politics with the incident that took place on February 25-26 in 2009 in its headquarters at Pilkhana in Dhaka," she said while exchanging views with Awami League leaders at the Chittagong Circuit House.

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Hasina raps AL leaders in Ctg for feuding

UNB, Ctg

The Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina has rebuked the party's Chittagong city unit leaders yesterday for their recent internecine quarrel and asked them to work as a unit to strengthen the party.

"Internal conflicts

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FOLLOW-UP

Two Dal leaders behind killing

*Killers received Tk 8,000 of Tk 20,000 deal, 2 arrestees tell at Rab briefing*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths arrested early yesterday in connection with the murders of Awami League leader Mohammad Ullah and his driver in Jurain claimed that two Swechchhasebak Dal leaders coordinated the homicide.

Javed alias Prince and Arif Hossain, both of 19 years of age, were arrested at Sutrapur, Dhaka around 3:00am. The two were presented before the media at the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) headquarters yesterday.



Mohammad Ullah

According to the detainees, local Swechchhasebak Dal leaders Zakir and Miju coordinated the five-man operation. The killers were hired for Tk 20,000 of which Tk 8,000 was paid as the first instalment, they added.

The five that carried out the operation were Prince, Arif, Zakir, Jumman and Heera, said the arrestees in the press briefing, adding that one Sumon, who is currently living in South Africa, masterminded the killing and gave instructions

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7 hurt as police chase gang's car

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven people including two policemen were injured while law enforcers were pursuing a crime gang's car from Jurain to Demra in the capital yesterday.

Two injured police constables Mohammad Tara Miah and Sirajul of Shyampur Police Station, bullet-hit car driver Faruk, 30, and four rickshaw pullers were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A man from a sedan cried for help in front of Bismillah Hotel at Jurain around 5:00pm, said Mohammad Jasim

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ONLINE POLL

Would you support if the WASA increases the water tariff?

Yes (38.18%)

No (59.96%)

No Comments (1.86%)

TOTAL VOTES : 537

TODAY'S POLL

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Khaleda Zia's demand for

midterm polls?

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