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# Liver traders go on the prowl

Lure poor into selling portion of their organs; hospitals in Dhaka say no way to check wrongdoing

KONGKON KARMAKER, from Joypurhat

Twenty-three-year old Mehdi Hasan from Bamongram in Kalai upazila had been lured into selling his kidney but ended up losing a part of his liver.

Md Abdus Sattar, who used to sell vegetables in Kalai, had enticed him to sell his kidney for Tk 2 lakh and took him to Dhaka in early May to have him operated, Mehdi told The Daily Star.

But several tests on him in a city hospital showed that his kidney did not match with that of the recipient, he said.

Later, Sattar introduced him to Saiful Islam Molla alias Daud, who has been arrested recently for the illegal trade. He talked Mehdi into



**Liver "donor" Mehdi** selling a part of his liver for Tk 3 lakh. "But I was unaware how this organ functions in my body," Mehdi said.

While he hesitated over the offer, Saiful and his cohorts prepared all necessary papers including a certificate from the local Union Parishad chairman to meet the requirements of a hospital for the operation.

On May 8, a ten-hour operation was done on him at LabAid Hospital in the capital and his stitches were removed on May 29.

The hospital authorities, however, claimed that the papers submitted to them showed the donor and the recipient are relatives.

Joypurhat Civil Surgeon Mozammel Haque confirmed the incident on September 7 after Abdur Rakib, a consultant at Joypurhat Modern Hospital, examined Mehdi

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Plants grow from one of the pillars of Khilgaon flyover in the capital, a sign that the structure is not being maintained properly. Around 1:00pm yesterday vehicles started using the flyover again after the authorities announced the sinking of a segment of it, bottom right, was nothing to be worried about.

PHOTO: STAR

## MUHITH SAYS CONSTRUCTION TO BE DELAYED

# Padma Bridge reels from complaints

UNB, Dhaka

The construction of the Padma Bridge will be delayed due to allegations lodged with the donors, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

"They [donors] investigate whenever any allegation or complaint is lodged with

them... that's the reason for the delay," Muhith said after Tamotsu Sinotsuka, outgoing Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, met him at his secretariat office.

All the necessary documents and papers of the bridge that were sent to the donors for their consent had got the

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# Flyover not faulty

Claims technical committee after inspection; vehicles allowed to ply after a day's closure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A technical committee yesterday cleared the Khilgaon flyover in the capital for use and said it was not risky at all. Light vehicles have begun using the flyover since yesterday afternoon.

Mohakhali and Khilgaon flyovers were made off limits to heavy vehicles recently to avert frequent accidents.

The move to open the flyover comes less than 24 hours after it was closed to traffic with the detection of a portion of it sinking a few centimetres.

A nine-member committee, after their visual and dimensional inspection of the six-year-old flyover, found no structural cracks or faults and said problems during construction could have caused the slight sinking.

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## 9/11 revisited under clouds of threat

AGENCIES

The US secretary of state has warned that al-Qaeda is behind a credible threat to Americans in the run-up to the anniversary of 9/11.

Hillary Clinton said there had been a "specific, credible but unconfirmed report" of an attempt to target New York and Washington DC.

President Barack Obama is to visit New York and Washington today as the US marks 10 years

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# Ulfa chief shot at in Myanmar

Wanted in 10-turck arms case, he manages to escape

STAR REPORT

Paresh Barua, commander-in-chief of the United Liberation Front of Asom (Ulfa), has been shot at in the jungles of northwest Myanmar, reports Indian television channel NDTV yesterday.

The fugitive Ulfa leader is wanted by a Bangladesh court for his alleged involvement in the smuggling of 10 truckloads of arms in 2004.



Paresh Barua

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## Corridor to India given already

Says BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP alleged that the government has already provided corridor facility to India although it did not gain its due right over the waters of common rivers.

Acting Secretary General of BNP Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir made the allegation yesterday while speaking at a roundtable discussion at

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# Let's focus on achievements

Tripura chief minister tells Star failures should not overshadow feats

SOHEL PARVEZ

Chief Minister of Tripura Manik Sarkar said the Indian prime minister's recent visit to Dhaka may have had more misses than hits but the achievements should not be overshadowed by disappointments.

His remarks came after India backed off from the Teesta water-sharing deal during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's two-day Dhaka visit. The



Manik Sarkar

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# MUGGERS ON TRAIN 2 more pushed off to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

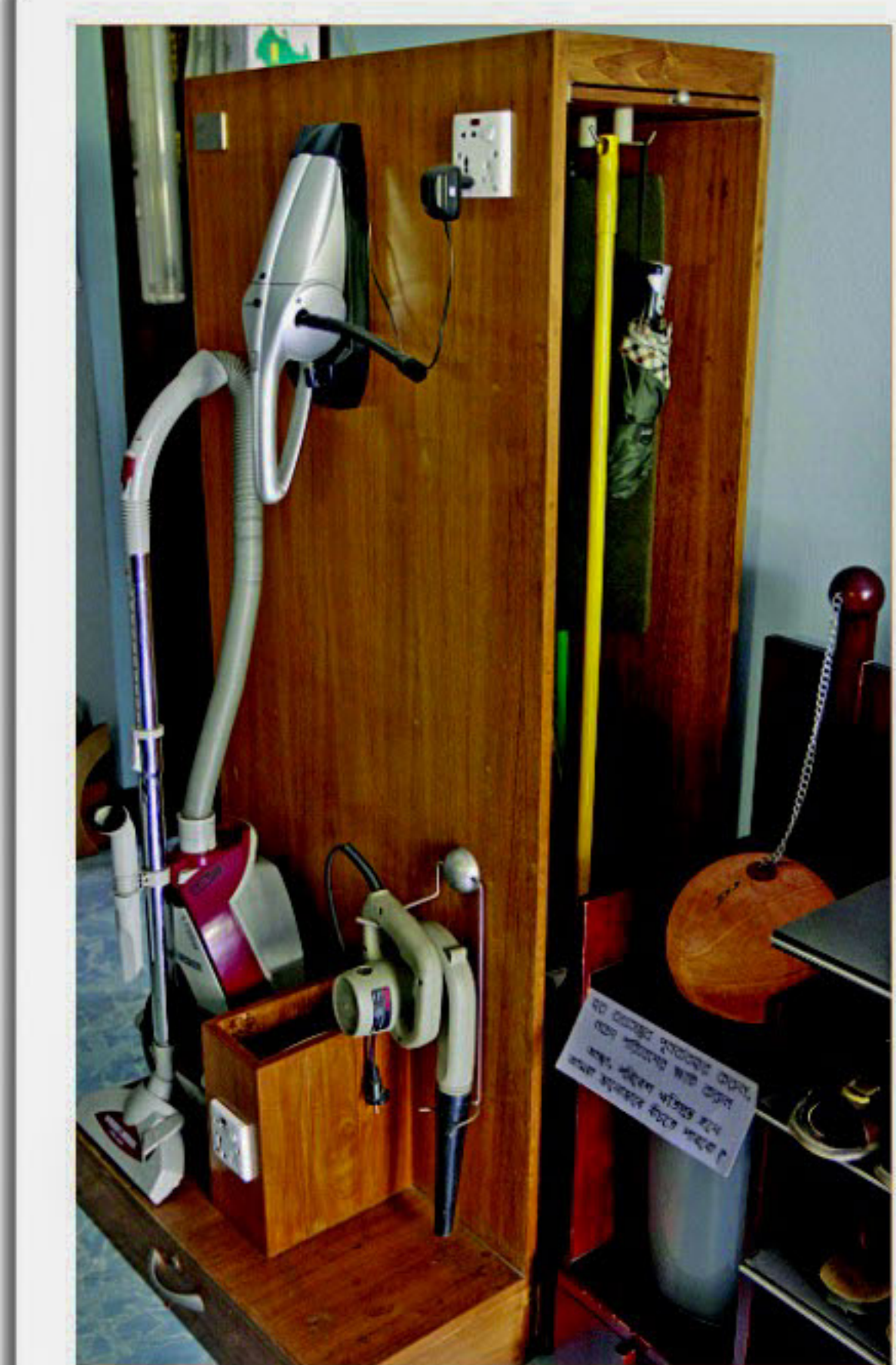
Two persons were killed and two others injured as muggers pushed them off a running train in Mirzapur upazila of the district early yesterday.

The dead, aged around 20 and 23, could not be identified yet. Their bodies were found beside the railway tracks in Rashid Deohata area and Gorail of the upazila in the morning.

Earlier on Wednesday, four people died and three others were injured in separate incidents in Mymensingh as muggers threw them out of moving trains after looting their valuables.

The injured in yesterday's incident are Momen Miah,

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Every single piece of furniture in Anwar's home is designed to perfection. The designer with his parents by his side spent a fortune making one-off pieces of furniture for their home. He now seeks patronisation.

# Master of all trades

ROBIN GAZI with FARHANA BARNA

The television is Sony, the washing machine is Samsung, the stereo system is Panasonic and the fridge is LG, but almost every other household implement is made by him.

Each and every item in the house is passionately designed, masterfully crafted, minutely detailed and unmistakably reflects his aesthetic mind.

No doubt, one will be amazed to see the crafts of Rahmat Ullah Khan, better known as just Anwar in his small town Munshiganj, 25 kilometres southeast of the capital.

"Each item is unique, and I don't want these to be copied, not even by me," says a proud Anwar. There are around 300 items at his home and every single one stands out.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

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