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RAILWAY JOB SCANDAL Ministry finds Mridha among 5 responsible

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Another probe body has suggested taking action against five officials of the railway's east zone, including suspended general manager Yusuf Ali Mridha, for their involvement in widespread irregularities in recruitment.

The four others are Additional Chief Mechanical Engineer Hafizur Rahman, Senior Welfare Officer Golam Kibria, Chief Commandant Aminur Rashid and Assistant Commercial Officer Abu Syed Ahmed.

The railway ministry formed the three-member probe body to evaluate the report submitted by the first probe body formed to look into the irregularities in recruitment in the railway sector.

The second probe body headed by railway's Additional Director General (ADG) Mohammad Shahjahan submitted a report to railway Secretary Fazle Kabir on Thursday.

Departmental proceedings will begin against the five as per the Government Servants (discipline and appeal) Rules, 1985 once the investigation report is accepted by the railway ministry, sources in the ministry said.

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Firefighters try to douse flames at a soya bean oil warehouse at Boalkhali upazila of Chittagong. Story on page 5.



SPELLING BEE Fahmeed in grand finale

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Fahmeed Khan Sheehan, a class 10 student from Scholastica International School, has become the third entrant into the Grand Finale of The Daily Star Spelling Bee organised by champs21.com. Usually a

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Saudi Prince keen to invest in Bangladesh

Shows interest in power, tourism sectors

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Bangladesh yesterday urged the visiting Saudi Prince Al Waleed bin Talal to invest in a number of sectors including power, tourism and infrastructure.

According to the government officials, Prince Talal, who is also a business tycoon, has shown keen interest in investing in power and tourism sectors in Bangladesh.

Officials made four power point presentations before the Saudi Prince during his meeting

with the Bangladesh delegation led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday noon.

Of the presentations, one was on the offers of Board of

Investment, another on Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the two others on power and tourism sectors.

The premier conferred "Bangladesh Friendship Medal" on the Saudi Prince at the meet.

Emerging from the meeting, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni told the media, "We have given power point presentations on investment atmosphere prevailing in Bangladesh, and we are expecting bigger investment from the Saudi Prince in near future."

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104 people grab govt houses

List placed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Krishak Sramik Janata League chief Bangabir Kader Siddiqui, a deputy commissioner of police, some of his colleagues and a number of retired government officials are on a list of 104 people who illegally grabbed an equal number of abandoned and government-owned houses in the capital.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan yesterday placed the list in parliament.

In a scripted reply, the state minister said that in support of grabbing a House on Babar Road at Mohammadpur, Kader Siddique claimed, "Father of the Nation Bangabandhu had sold the House to him [Kader Siddique] and he, therefore, sought documents of the house from the government."

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Britons want
Prince Charles
as next king

AFP, London

Britain's heir to the throne Prince Charles has overtaken his son William as the people's preferred successor to Queen Elizabeth II in the wake of her diamond jubilee, a poll suggested yesterday.

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People wait for launches at Barisal terminal yesterday. Launch services between Barisal and Dhaka remained suspended ahead of the opposition's grand rally in the capital today. Story on page 1.

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BANGLAR CHOKH

Himu murder accused sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court sent Shahadat Hossain Saju, an accused in the Himu murder case, to jail yesterday.

Metropolitan Magistrate Muntasir Mamun gave the order, rejecting the bail prayer when Saju was produced before the court after a seven-day remand, said court sources.

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MURDER OF ARRESTEE IN GAZIPUR

Probe finds 2 cops guilty

Suggests maximum punishment for neglect of duty

KAILASH SARKAR

A probe committee has found two policemen and an Ansar member responsible for the death of a detainee in Gazipur on May 29, sources say.

The three-member committee has recommended taking the highest punitive measures against the three law-enforcers for "sheer neglect of duty" and "extreme inhuman atti-

tudes".

According to the committee's probe report, criminals took away Mamun Bhuiyan of Baragaon village in Kaliganj from the policemen and killed him in front of them.

"The policemen took the handcuffs off his hands and returned to the police station [Kaliganj police station], leaving him dead on the spot instead of taking him to the hospital," it reads.

The incident occurred after Sub-inspector Nripen Chandra Dey along with a police constable and an Ansar member arrested Mamun at Ramchandrapur village that evening and was on way to Kaliganj Police Station.

Mamun's brother Nazmul Bhuiyan alleged that the law enforcers had turned his brother in to the criminals, including a former Union

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Police firing kills 1 in Jhenidah

Villagers foil arrest bid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A man was killed in police fire as villagers tried to resist the law enforcers from arresting him in Jhenidah early yesterday.

The victim was identified as Abdul Wahab, 50, a farmer of Paikpara village of Jhenidah Sadar Upazila, our correspondent there reports. Wahab was known as an honest figure in the area, locals say.

Jhenidah Superintendent of Police Pankaj Kumar Bhattacharya said a team of Betai Police Outpost broke open the door of Wahab's home around 12:30am to arrest him and his son Rokon as they had been accused in a complaint for occupying land illegally.

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TOTAL VOTES: 280

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ONLINE POLL
Do you agree with Finance Minister AMA Muhith that the budget for the upcoming fiscal year is not a big one?

Yes (12.5%)

No (82.9%)

No Comments (4.6%)

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