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ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS Key 'instigator' detained

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK, from Ramu, Cox's Bazar



Abdul Moktadir

Police on Tuesday night detained Abdul Moktadir, a key player in displaying and distributing among locals some Facebook images insulting the Quran on the evening of September 29 in Ramu.

It was the spreading of those images by Moktadir and his friend Omar Faruk that apparently provoked Muslims to torch a dozen Buddhist temples and pagodas and damage six others in Ramu that night.

The mayhem begun soon after the two showed those images, tagged in a Buddhist youth Uttam Kumar Barua's Facebook account, to locals at Faruk's mobile servicing shop at Fakirabazar in Ramu.

Eighteen-year-old Moktadir, also known as Alif, is a student of Shyamoli Ideal Polytechnic in Chittagong.

His friend Faruk, also 18, was detained on October 6, and is now being interrogated by law enforcers over the duo's role in distributing the photos, police said.

Three days before his detention, Faruk described to this correspondent at the shop how he and Moktadir

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WHAT ARE COPS FOR?



PHOTO: STAR

An alleged Chhatra League activist, left, loads his firearm while walking next to law enforcers during a clash on Rajshahi University campus between Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir activists on October 2. The police seemed to be treating him as one of their own. However, when Progotisheel Chhatra Jote brought out a procession on the campus yesterday to protest the Chhatra League and police attack on their programme on Tuesday, the police were very proactive, right, in dispersing the activists. Seven activists of the organisation were hurt in what they called a deliberate police attack on their peaceful procession.



USE OF \$1B CREDIT Delhi calls for transparency

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi yesterday urged Dhaka to ensure the highest level of transparency and fairness in utilising its \$1 billion Line of Credit (LoC) for procurement of buses and railway wagons, and infrastructure development projects.

"Our Right to Information Act is very strong, so Bangladesh must strictly follow the LoC guidelines and procurement procedures as well as maintain maximum level of transparency and fairness in approving the projects and utilisation of money," said an Indian government official.

New Delhi has also called for expeditious

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Strengthen D-8 bond for mutual benefit

PM tells ministerial meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the D-8 members to strengthen mutual cooperation on trade, culture and human resources development to deal with unprecedented changes emerging from globalisation.

"Globalisation is appearing as a major challenge for the LDCs and developing countries. Against this backdrop, the member states can take the opportunity to reap benefits through the D-8," she said while inaugurating the Third D-8

Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in Dhaka.

The industries ministry organised the meeting attended by delegates from all D-8 (Developing 8) member countries.

The premier said multilateral organisations are unfortunately more focused with the interests of the developed countries, while the interests of the least developed countries and developing states are often ignored.

Relations between the D-8 and OIC

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER PROBE Journo leaders doubt MKA claim 2 accused remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Calling the home minister's latest remarks on the murder of the journalist couple Sagar and Runi "unclear and misleading," journalist leaders yesterday demanded the government unfold the mystery behind the homicide soon.

At a meeting at the Jatiya Press Club, the leaders also vowed to continue their movement until their demands for uncovering the mystery behind the double murder, stopping torture on journalists, punishing the killers of all murdered journalists and establishing free media were met.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed two "accused" on an eight-day remand each in connection with the killing of Sagar and Runi. The Rab had arrested the duo.

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir at a press conference at the secretariat on Tuesday named eight



Tanvir



Rudra

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RAMU ATTACKS Khaleda for neutral probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday demanded a high profile neutral body to probe the attacks on Buddhist community at Ramu in Cox's Bazar on September 29.

"Form a high profile committee led by a

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ZARDARI GRAFT CASES Pak SC okays letter to Swiss authorities

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's top court yesterday drew a line under a showdown with the government over corruption allegations against the president which has dragged on for nearly three years.

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PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



Hilsas with tummy full of eggs are still being caught on fishermen's nets suggesting that the timing of a ban on hilsa fishing was not right. During the ban, between September 25 and October 5, to make sure the fish have the opportunity to breed, hilsa with eggs in them were caught illegally as seen in the photo, inset, taken on October 3.

Brood-hilsas flood market

Govt's effort for safe spawning questioned

PINAKI ROY

The success of the hilsa ban programme has come into question. The markets are flooded with brood-hilsa now despite an 11-day ban on catching for the safe spawning of the fish.

Almost all the hilsa available in the city markets now are full of eggs. The peak period of hilsa egg spawning ended last Friday.

Hilsa experts from the Bangladesh Fish Research Institute (BFRI) say that hilsa spawn throughout October, starting from the end of September, and again in January.

"But five days before and after the October full moon, a total of 11 days are considered as the peak period of hilsa egg spawning," said Anisur Rahman, an eminent hilsa researcher.

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Gas rationing in Ctg ordered

Govt directive irks industries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has ordered industrial units in Chittagong not to use gas from 6.00pm to 6.00am for five days in a week. A complete shutdown will remain in force for the other two days.

Those who have received the order include captive power plants, steel mills, re-rolling mills and packaging factories.

The move taken by Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd is meant to ensure gas supply to the Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) that has resumed production after several months of shutdown.

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PADMA BRIDGE GRAFT WB panel to assess probe from Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank's external panel assigned to oversee the probe into the alleged corruption in the Padma bridge project will arrive in Dhaka on Sunday.

The team will work with the Anti-Corruption Commission that is investigating the corruption allegations.

"This will be an initial introductory visit, and the first in a series of regular visits aimed at assessing adequacy of the investigation into the alleged corruption

under the Padma bridge project," the Dhaka office of the global lender said in a statement yesterday.

The panel will submit reports to the WB and share its findings with the Bangladesh government and other co-financiers of the project, it said.

The global lender had cancelled its credit for the \$2.9 billion project on June 29, saying it had credible evidence of a corruption conspiracy involving Bangladeshi officials, executives of a

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KULKHANI



The Prominent journalist (The Editor of "The People", "Gonobangla", "World Times, London"), Writer, Novelist, Lyricist and the Brilliant businessman Mr. Abidur Rahman has passed away of heart attack on 8th October 2012 at The Shikder Medical College Hospital Gulshan (Inna Lillahe oa Inna Ilahe Rajaun). To pray for his departed soul, the Kulkhani will be held on 12th October Friday after "Asar" at his Gulshan Residence (Road # 114, House # 33). We plead to attend to all of his Relatives, Friends and all of his Acquainted well wishers.

On behalf of the passed soul -
Wife- Dilara Rahman, Sons- Shamshad Asif, Nowshad Asif, Irshad Asif, Daughters- Elisa Rahman, Spina Rahman & Grand Daughters - Nazah and Esli