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OPEN TRADE IN WILDLIFE

Old Dhaka's Kaptan Bazar is a buzzing place for illegal trade in wildlife. Any day, walking into the market, you will find traders selling anything from squirrels to purple moorhens to barn owls to endangered hill mynahs. The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recently carried out raids on another illegal wildlife trading centre near Tongi. But this big hub of poached birds and animals has remained untouched. The traders often keep the trapped wildlife hidden in secret warehouses and produce them when they get customers.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



PROBE FINDS BRIBERY, TORTURE BEFORE SHAMIM'S DEATH IN CUSTODY

3 cops withdrawn

STAR REPORT

Narayanganj assistant superintendent of police and two other officers were withdrawn yesterday as a departmental probe had found Shamim Reza was tortured before his death in custody. The probe also gathered that money was taken from Shamim's family so that torture on him stopped. The other two policemen withdrawn are Arup Tarafdar, officer-in-charge, and Paltu Ghosh, sub-inspector, of Sonargaon Police Station.

Twenty-six-year-old Shamim, who appeared in master's examinations from management this year, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Wednesday. The probe committee headed by Additional Deputy Inspector General Golam Faruk (Dhaka range) suggested transferring Narayanganj ASP (B circle) Uttam Prashad Bashak for the sake of a fair investigation.



Shamim Reza

A process to post Uttam elsewhere was underway, said Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker. OC Arup has been attached to the Dhaka range after his withdrawal. Shamim's family has alleged that the OC tortured him and demanded Tk 5 lakh, the IGP said.

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Curses of social investment

Says Muhith about Yunus initiatives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday expressed his reservations about the social businesses launched by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus in Bangladesh.



"These are social investments. But none of these has any institutional foundation. Those were established on one foundation: Prof Yunus. We do not know what will happen when he leaves these institutions," the minister told reporters after a cabinet meeting on economic affairs at the secretariat.

Earlier, the finance minister had a meeting with a US delegation that asked him about the activities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Bangladesh.

Muhith said he had told the delegation

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Mir Quasem faces war trial

Tribunal accepts 14 charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday decided to try war crimes accused top Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali in connection with crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

The court yesterday took the 14 charges the prosecution had submitted on May 16 into cognisance. "Upon perusing the documents [charges, witness's testimony etc], it appears the prosecution brought strong prima-facie charges against the accused," said Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, chairman of the three-member Tribunal-1, before accepting the charges.

Tribunal-1 fixed June 27 for the hearing on framing charges, which include murder, looting, arson and abduction.

The investigation agency began its probe into the alleged war crimes of Quasem on July 26, 2010, and submitted its report to the prosecution on May 6, 2013.

SQ CHOWDHURY

The prosecution yesterday submitted two petitions to Tribunal-1 in connection with the war crimes case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

One of the petitions sought an amendment in a portion of charge

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GOVT EMPLOYEES Pay commission soon, but no DA this time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to form a pay commission to increase the salaries and allowances of the public servants before it leaves office, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

However, "there is no dearness allowance" for the employees in the upcoming budget, Muhith told

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ELECTIONS TO 4 CITY CORPORATIONS

Allies back BNP candidates

Nine alliance aspirants withdraw nomination

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

Nine leaders of the BNP-led opposition alliance yesterday withdrew their candidacies from the mayoral polls in four city corporations, thereby extending support to the BNP-backed four candidates in their electoral battle with the pro-ruling Awami League-led alliance rivals.

On receiving directives from the BNP

high-ups, six BNP, two Jamaat-e-Islami and one Muslim League leaders withdrew their candidacies yesterday, the last day for quitting the race for the June 15 polls to the Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet and Khulna city corporations.

BNP leaders Ahsan Habib Kamal in Barisal, Ariful Haque Chowdhury in Sylhet, Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul in Rajshahi and

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Cameron relives descent to ocean's deepest part

MAIL ONLINE

He is no stranger to the power of the ocean, having made his name by recreating the sinking of the Titanic to spectacular effect.

But James Cameron has admitted to moments of dread in the lead up to his latest marine adventure - which saw him become the first lone human to reach the deepest realm of the Earth's oceans.

The director relives his record-breaking journey to the bottom of the Mariana Trench inside a "43-inch diameter steel ball" in next month's National Geographic magazine.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think AL Joint Secretary General Mahbul Alam Hanif's allegation that the demand for caretaker government was not BNP's main agenda is justified?

Yes (17%)

No (83%)

TOTAL VOTES: 250

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think government should allow registration of trade unions in the garment sector and amend labour laws?

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PRAYER TIMING May 27

Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-43	6-47
Esha	8-05	8-35

Source: Islamic Foundation

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