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SWEAT BEHIND COLOURS

Cloths of bright colours floating on the murky water of a lake in Rupganj of Narayanganj filled with water hyacinth as a worker of a nearby tie-dye factory washes freshly dyed fabrics. The cloths are then dried and shipped to the market. Rupganj is famous for its boutique print and handmade cloths. A community of experienced and skilled weavers dye and print them using traditional methods. They work throughout the year but demand for their products soars ahead of festivals like Eid and Puja. Thousands of people of Rupganj are involved in the business in one way or the other. Their products from T-shirts to bed sheets are sold between Tk 300 and Tk 3,000.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Kuwait may reopen its door in Feb
Manpower export only through govt channel
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After about eight years, Kuwait may resume hiring Bangladeshi workers from next February for its job market.

The Bangladeshis are likely to be recruited under an agreement between the governments of Bangladesh and Kuwait, said officials at Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait yesterday.

"Kuwait government has agreed to consider the recruitment. A meeting is likely to be held soon among officials of the two countries," an embassy official told The Daily Star over the phone, wishing not to be named.

The Middle Eastern country imposed a ban on recruiting Bangladeshi workers in 2006, citing malpractices in the recruitment process by Bangladeshi private agencies.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, who visited Kuwait last month, requested the Kuwaiti government to open its job market for Bangladeshis.

Abdul Latif Khan,

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Muggers shoot two, snatch Tk 1.1cr in mob-style attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot two people and took away Tk 1.10 crore in the city's Mirpur and Khilgaon areas yesterday.

In Mirpur, it was a mobster-like mugging that happened in less than 10 minutes in broad daylight.

Eight muggers, each equipped with firearms and carrying backpacks, intercepted

four employees of E-zone, a bKash service providing agency and also a dealer of a mobile phone operator at Rupnagar area and took away Tk 90 lakh.

The employees, escorted by four others on two motorbikes, were travelling in a car to deposit the money in two banks. Of the money, Tk 76 lakh belonged to the bKash agency and Tk 14 lakh to the dealership. The

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Trader Abdus Salam having treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Muggers shot him in the leg while robbing him of Tk 20 lakh at Khilgaon in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

PBCP leader killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

An outlawed party leader was killed in a "shootout" with police in the district's Mirpur upazila early yesterday.

The dead, Enamul Haq, 35, was a regional commander of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (ML-Lal Pataka). He was the son of Robiul Islam of Asannagar village of the upazila.

According to police, Enamul stood accused in 26 criminal cases, including seven for murder.

Enamul demanded Tk 2 lakh from brick kiln owner Shahidul Islam of Bhanga Bat Tala as extortion a couple of days ago, said Kazi Jalal Uddin, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station.

As Shahidul refused to give him the money, Enamul threatened to kill Shahidul and destroy his brick kiln.

A team of Kustia Detective Branch (DB) of police and a Mirpur police team were deployed near the brick kiln on information that Enamul along with his aides was going there around 3:30am, Jalal said.

On the criminals' way to the brick kiln, police surrounded them at Bhanga

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KRISHI BANK

Four quizzed over Tk 152cr scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday interrogated three former senior officials and one incumbent official of state-run Bangladesh Krishi Bank in connection with an alleged misappropriation of Tk 152 crore through loan scams.

They had helped Wahidur Rahman, a restaurant and auto-rickshaw businessman in the capital's Moghbazar, get the loan sanctioned from the bank's Banani branch in

2010, said ACC Deputy Director Zulfikar Ali.

Despite being a loan defaulter according to a CIB (Credit Information Bureau) report, Wahidur with their support took out the loan against his three business entities -- Auto-refiner, Faiz Enterprise and Faiz Trading. The conspirators had concealed the report while sanctioning and disbursing the loan, the ACC official said.

He interrogated the bank's former general manager Masud Ahmed Khan, deputy

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The real-life Moby Dick

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Whale watching in Australia has never been the same since 28 June 1991, when an all-white humpback was photographed passing Byron Bay, the country's most easterly point.

It was the first time the world witnessed the existence of a real-life Moby Dick; never before had anyone heard of or seen a completely spotless white humpback whale anywhere

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Prosecution returns 'faulty' probe report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time ever, the international crimes tribunals chief prosecutor's office has sent a report on two war crimes suspects back to the investigation agency, citing errors.

Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo yesterday returned the report with other documents and recommended further investigations of alleged Razakars of Kishoreganj Nasir Uddin Ahmed and his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, said a prosecutor and an investigator.

Nasir, 62, a former army officer, and Shamsuddin, 60, a lawyer of Kishoreganj, are the sons of late Razzaque Munshi of Karimganj Madhyapara under Karimganj

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WAR CRIMES

Change in law in Jan to try Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill amending the ICT law to let the tribunals try and punish organisations for war crimes is likely to be passed in parliament in January, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 has termed Jamaat-e-Islami, which opposed Bangladesh's birth during the 1971 Liberation War, a "criminal organisation" for its role in the war.

The minister yesterday said the proposal to amend the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 would be placed before the cabinet either this month or in the first week of January for approval.

Later, the bill would be placed in parliament for passage, he added.

Anisul was talking to reporters after inaugurating a programme organised by Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

In the wake of pressure from justice seekers for trying Jamaat, the government in February last year amended the ICT Act, paving the way for trying organisations for war crimes.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with former caretaker government adviser Akbar Ali Khan that the police have completely gone under political control?

Yes (92%)

No (8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 268

TODAY'S POLL


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	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



We deeply mourn the untimely demise of Mr. Neaz Mohammad Khan

Mr. Neaz Mohammad Khan, Deputy Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Limited breathed his last at 1:30pm on 7 December, 2014 at Square Hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Neaz had an illustrious career of over 31 years in the Banking Sector out of which he served Dhaka Bank Limited since 1995 till his demise.

The Board of Directors and the Management of Dhaka Bank Limited convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and remember him with utmost reverence at this hour of sadness.

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