



A joint team of Rapid Action Battalion-10 and the wildlife crime control unit of the forest department recovered the skins of a Bengal Tiger and five deer from two houses in the capital's Kalabagan and Dhohpur on Sunday evening. Four suspected poachers were arrested in this connection.
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Blasts, arson

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Law enforcers also detained dozens of BNP-Jamaat men from different districts for their alleged involvement in subversive activities during the blockade enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance since January 6, our district correspondents report.

The Border Guard Bangladesh said at least 43,029 vehicles, including buses, trucks, and covered vans, plied different routes under protection of law enforcers from 6:00pm on Sunday to 6:00am yesterday. People, however, were found to have suffered due to erratic bus services at district levels.

Trains continued to run behind schedule causing suffering to thousands of passengers across the country. Only the launch service went on smoothly.

In another incident in the capital, a tea vendor suffered injuries as a crude bomb went off at a lane in West Islambagh, according to Azizul Haque, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar police station.

Inter-city bus services almost got back to normalcy in the capital yesterday. Movement of private cars and covered vans also increased compared to the previous days.

Alleged blockaders hurled two crude bombs targeting the official residence of Jahangirnagar University's vice-chancellor in Savar, said Mostafa Kamal, officer-in-charge of Ashulia police station.

In Rangpur, police arrested an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist who was one of the main suspects of the arson attack in Mithapukur upazila that left five bus passengers dead and over a dozen injured on early Wednesday.

The arrestee, 30, was identified as Bulbul Ahmed alias 'Bomaru Mintu', son of Bulu Mian of Islampur village of the upazila. But Mintu's aides attacked law enforcers with locally made weapons while he was being taken to the police station. The clash left Mintu bullet-hit and at least 15 others

injured, our correspondent reports.

In Feni, alleged blockaders vandalised at least 25 vehicles including trucks and CNG-run three wheelers, our correspondent reports.

In Bogra, police arrested a picket with a petrol bomb in Rupihara area on the Bogra-Natore road in Nandigram while three other pickets were arrested from the Betgari area on the Bogra-Dhaka highway in Shahjahanpurupazila.

BNP-Jamaat men embroiled police into a clash in Belail and Silimpur areas on the Rangpur-Dhaka highway. Pickets hurled four crude bombs targeting police who responded by shooting rubber bullets at them. On Sunday night, a combined force of police, Rab and BGB arrested 10 BNP-Jamaat men from the town, according to reports sent by our Bogra correspondent.

The joint forces arrested 25 BNP-Jamaat men from Chapainawabganj on Sunday night and yesterday.

Anarchists

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The country has been passing through a time when innocent people are being killed in arson attacks for no reason. People want relief from this situation, he told a news briefing at Rab-7 headquarters in the port city.

Those who are creating anarchy across the country will be resisted, said the director general of Rab.

The highest importance has been given on the safety of Chittagong-Dhaka communications, mentioned Benazir.

Asked about the comment he had made in Mithapukur of Rangpur four days ago, he said, "We didn't say anything in favour or against any politician.... We talked against the killers, terrorists, terrorism and destructive activities."

"How talking against the killers can be politics? It's our professional duty to ensure people's safety," he added.

Speaking at a programme in Rangpur on Friday, Benazir said the next general election will be held as per schedule (in 2019) when people will exercise their voting rights.

Govt, 20-party

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Ignoring the path of discussion and dialogue, the government is trying to contain BNP's movements by using law enforcers. It will hinder the democratic progress in the country, they said.

Their common demands were ensuring people's fundamental democratic rights including holding rallies and procession, ensuring security of public life and property and ending violence.

Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain said the country had plunged into a deep political crisis and it was the government's responsibility to take immediate steps to resolve it.

The way the government is restricting the movements of BNP-led alliance will severely affect democratic progress, said the eminent jurist.

Terming the January 5 parliamentary polls baseless, he also demanded holding a free, fair and credible parliamentary election with the participation of all parties.

CPB President Mujahidul Islam Selim said the BNP-led alliance will have to stop violence and arson attacks. Similarly, the government will have to step back from its position on curbing political rights to hold rallies and processions for resolving the crisis.

JSD President ASM Abdur Rob said both the AL and BNP are responsible for the ongoing crisis. An alternative democratic force is essential to run the country in light of the spirit of the country's Liberation War, he added.

As the ongoing crisis is political, the government will have to solve it politically, not forcibly. Dialogue and discussion are a must to overcome the political deadlock, said Nagarik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna.

BSD General Secretary Khalequzzaman urged leaders of the left-leaning and progressive political parties to remain united for addressing the political stalemate.

Dozens of leaders and activists of these parties attended the human chain that was followed by a protest procession.

1pc owns half

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"Business as usual for the elite isn't a cost-free option - failure to tackle inequality will set the fight against poverty back decades. The poor are hurt twice by rising inequality - they get a smaller share of the economic pie and because extreme inequality hurts growth, there is less pie to be shared around," she added.

Oxfam based its prediction on data from the annual Credit Suisse Global Wealth datebook, which gives the distribution of global wealth going back to 2000. It uses the value of an individual's financial and non-financial assets, mainly property and land, minus their debts to determine what individuals "own".

The data excludes wages or income.

The BBC's head of statistics, Anthony Reuben, said in order to be part of the wealthiest 1% of the world's population, an individual would need to be worth just over half a million pounds.

"So it is not necessarily talking about people who own yachts and ski chalets. Owning an average house in London (without a mortgage) would just about put you in the 1%."

He also noted that Oxfam had chosen to use figures which showed the disparity between the 1% and the rest of the world in the worst light.

"From 2000 until 2009, the proportion of wealth held by the wealthiest 1% fell every year. From 2010 until 2014 it rose every year. Oxfam has taken the figures since 2010 and used them to extrapolate what will happen

in the coming years. Clearly, that is the methodology that will make inequality look the most severe," he added.

Oxfam is calling on governments to adopt a seven-point plan to tackle inequality, including a clampdown on tax evasion by companies and the move towards a living wage for all workers.

Oxfam made headlines at Davos last year with the revelation that the 85 richest people on the planet have the same wealth as the poorest 50% (3.5 billion people).

It said that that comparison had now become even more stark, with the 80 richest people having the same wealth as the poorest 50%.

The charity said the research, published yesterday, showed that 52% of global wealth not owned by the richest 1% is owned by those in the richest 20%.

The remaining population accounts for just 5.5% of global wealth, and their average wealth was \$3,851 (£2,544) per adult in 2014, Oxfam found.

EU ministers meet

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general how to increase the level of cooperation with our partners," she said, adding: "We need an alliance, a dialogue."

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the Paris attacks, which left 17 people dead, "changed Europe and the world."

"Today, we must take stock... and discuss what we must do, including possibly increased exchanges with Muslim countries," Steinmeier said.

His British counterpart Philip Hammond took a similar line.

"The Muslim countries of the world are the ones who have suffered the greatest burden of terrorism and they will continue to be in the frontlines," Hammond said.

"We have to work closely with them to protect both those countries and the EU countries."

Yesterday's meeting will help prepare for a special leaders' summit on February 12 dedicated to fighting terrorism.

Belgian authorities meanwhile were still hunting for Abdelhamid Abaaoud, considered the brains behind the cell plotting to kill Belgium police that was broken up last week.

Belgian federal prosecutors said they would seek the extradition of a suspect arrested in Athens on Saturday "who could be linked" to the cell.

In Germany, police banned a rally by the anti-Islamic PEGIDA movement and other open-air gatherings

planned for yesterday in the eastern city of Dresden, saying there was a "concrete threat" of an attack against its leadership.

The group claimed the threat came from the Islamic State group based in Syria and Iraq, with local media reporting that PEGIDA's most prominent leader Lutz Bachmann was the target.

The PEGIDA marches have grown steadily since they began in October and drew a record 25,000 people last Monday in the wake of the Paris attacks that left 17 people dead.

The anti-Islamic rallies have spread to other European countries as well, with the first Danish PEGIDA march due to take place in Copenhagen yesterday. Organisers said they were expecting some 300 people.

Separately, a French court on Sunday prevented a rally by anti-Islamist groups in Paris on the grounds that they were promoting Islamophobia.

Fresh protests broke out Sunday in Pakistan. But Charlie Hebdo's chief editor defended the cartoons.

"Every time we draw a cartoon of Mohammed, every time we draw a cartoon of prophets, every time we draw a cartoon of God, we defend the freedom of religion," Gerard Biard told NBC's "Meet the Press" programme.

President Francois Hollande said France was committed to freedom of expression and that people should not change their habits since "to do so would be to yield to terrorism".

4 suspected

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branch of the global militant outfit that was launched in September last year.

The arrestees were actually involved with Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) but joined al-Qaeda. With the emergence of the Islamic State (ISIS), all were preparing to work for the terrorist group, claimed detectives.

Briefing journalists, Deputy Commissioner of Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Sheikh Nazmul Alam said Kabir gained the confidence of Ejaz and he was made Bangladesh chapter commander of the group with the responsibility to recruit operatives in the country.

"They got involved with the ISIS in 2009 with the help of Ejaz," Nazmul Alam told the briefing at DMP media centre.

The DC said the four had links with Ejaz, son-in-law of arrested JMB Chief Moulana Saidur Rahman, until his death along with three Bangladeshis in Karachi.

Kabir used to stay with Sayem at the same house in Karachi.

A detective branch official, preferring anonymity, said Kabir, a student of English department at Government Titumir College, started a business involving computers before completing his studies. "He thus became an IT expert."

A case was filed against them. Detectives produced them before a Dhaka Court seeking 10-day remand for each. Metropolitan Magistrate Mizanur Rahman granted a five-day remand for each of the arrestees.

Two planets

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trans-Neptunian objects".

Scientists would normally expect the rocks to be randomly distributed. But they're moving in completely unexpected ways, which seem to indicate that they're being pulled by something that can't be seen.

Spanish lead scientist Professor Carlos de la Fuente Marcos, quoted by the Spanish scientific news service (Sinc), said: "This excess of objects with unexpected orbital parameters makes us believe that some invisible forces are altering the distribution of the orbital elements of the Etno, and we consider that the most probable explanation is that other unknown planets exist beyond Neptune and Pluto."

The new research, published in the journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society Letters, is based on analysis of an effect called the "Kozai mechanism", by which a large body disturbs the orbit of a smaller and more distant object.

Jamaat leader

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Father of a four-year-old daughter, Imrul had been practicing law in the capital, said a relative.

He, wishing not to be named, claimed one Sohel, who also practices law, went to the DB office on Saturday to know the whereabouts of the Jamaat leader but failed to obtain any information.

Jahangir Hossain Matubbar, deputy commissioner (East) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, however, denied that Imrul had been picked up by the DB police.

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, said the "gunfight" broke out after a DB team went to the AGB Colony around 3:30am on information that some criminals had gathered there to carry out subversive activities.

Sensing the presence of police, the criminals opened fire at them, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate by firing.

Later, police found the bullet-hit body of Imrul on the spot but his "cohorts" fled, said Masudur, adding none of the law enforcers was injured.

A pistol, two bullets and five crude bombs were recovered near Ward-10 Awami League office adjacent to the colony later.

Doctors of Dhaka Medical College Hospital declared Imrul dead on his arrival.

Later, the body was handed over to the relatives.

Rickshaw mechanic Mohammad Sumon, who was at his garage near the colony during the "gunfight", said he heard at least 10 gun shots that night.

Sheikh Motiar, officer-in-charge of Narail Police Station, said Imrul had been on the run since he was accused in a case filed with the police station in December 2013 for assaulting police.

Unite again

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various problems of the nation has been reflected in all activities of the government," he said.

He said the government was putting in relentless efforts to establish good governance in the country with utmost importance attached to "the promotion of democracy, consolidation of rule of law and maintenance of social peace and achievement of economic growth."

Both the ruling and opposition bench MPs welcomed the president's address by thumping desks.

The parliament went into the New Year session amid political unrest with the BNP-led alliance enforcing an indefinite countywide blockade in protest at the government's move to keep Khaleda Zia confined to her office and to obstruct the alliance from holding a rally on January 5, the first anniversary of the January 5 parliamentary election.

The president did not say anything about the current political situation. He, however, referred to the political unrest that prevailed during the January 5 election.

"The present government assumed responsibility amid political unrest, arson, vandalism, assault and killing launched by some political parties in the name of movement," he said.

He said the current parliament was constituted through a free and fair

January 5 parliamentary election by upholding the constitution as well as the trend of parliamentary democracy.

Functioning within the democratic structure, he said, the government has "undertaken all-out initiatives to ensure transparency and accountability, remain respectful to human rights and rule of law", and implement measures to materialise the dream for economic advancement.

The president said significant progress had been made in the socio-economic sector owing to implementation of various programmes taken up under the Perspective Plan and the Sixth Five-Year plan prepared on the basis of the Awami League's Vision 2021.

He said Bangladesh would become a middle income country by 2021 and this was exactly the nation's aspiration.

In his 76-page address, the president described the government's various development activities and achievements in different sectors. He however read out a short version of his address with the remaining parts included in the parliament proceedings.

The session that began yesterday will continue till March 5. The House will hold a 45-hour-long discussion on the president's address, according to a decision taken at a meeting of the parliament's Business Advisory Committee yesterday.

Forkan's war trial begins

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Aged 59, Habibur said his father was the founding president of Kakrabunia union Awami League and had campaigned for the party candidate in the 1970 elections in Patuakhali. On the other side, Forkan and several others had campaigned for the Muslim League candidate, he added.

On April 26, 1971, the Pakistani army had stormed into Patuakhali, the witness said. The local Peace Committee was formed under the leadership of Hamid Khan, Azhar Khan and Majibar Sikder, while Razakar Bahini was formed under Forkan, Shahjahan Sikder and Akabbar Gazi.

The Pakistani army, said Habibur, had attacked Kakrabunia Bazar and killed two people on August 22. The witness had seen Forkan looting goods there in association with the army.

Forkan along with Razakar Akabbar Gazi and Pakistani army had also entered the house of an AL supporter, added Habibur.

Forkan and Akabbar had dragged

the 20-year-old daughter of the AL man out of her house and took her to a gunboat, said Habibur. The accused had killed her father when he tried to stop them.

The witness said he heard about the incident from the AL man's nephew and several others. The accused and his aides had also looted Habibur's house before leaving for another Hindu-majority area.

Habibur learnt from the victim that she was taken to Patuakhali Circuit House where several Pakistani army men, Forkan and other Razakars had raped her for three days before sending her back home in a critical condition.

"The accused is an enemy of the country's independence and humanity. I want exemplary punishment for him," Habibur said as he identified Forkan standing on the dock before ending his 44-minute testimony.

Defence counsel Abdus Salam Khan asked the witness only one question. The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the trial until tomorrow.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
Power Division Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka			
Invitation for Tender (Microbus)			
1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.	
2	Agency	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.	
3	Procuring entity name	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
6	Invitation for	Govt. Vehicle (Microbus).	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	27.00.0000.041.07.003.13-	
8	Date	20/01/2015	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	OTM (Open Tender Method).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GoB).	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code	Not applicable.	
13	Project/programme name	Not applicable.	
14	Tender package No.	01 (2014-15).	
15	Tender package name	Purchase of Government Vehicles (Microbus).	
16	Tender publication date	20/01/2015	
17	Tender last selling date	10/02/2015	
18	Tender closing date and time	11/02/2015	Time: 12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	11/02/2015	Time: 02:00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Assistant Secretary (Admin-3), Power Division, Room # 212, Building # 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	- Selling tender document (others)	DG, Power Cell, Power Division, Secretariat Link Road, Biddiyut Bhaban, Level-10, Dhaka.	
	- Receiving tender document	Deputy Secretary (Administration), Power Division, Room # 206, Building # 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	- Opening tender document	Deputy Secretary (Administration), Power Division, Room # 206, Building # 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time
		Not applicable	Not applicable
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Well-reputed and financially solvent tenderers (authorised agents/distributors) having office establishment, repairing workshop, manpower, logistic support, stock position, good performance, qualification and past experience of supplying new and good quality vehicles in government sectors within assigned time.	
23	Brief description of goods or works	Microbuses are to be latest model, International standard, Brand new, Fitted with modern amenities including CNG cylinder, High Efficiency Engine (Heavy Duty min. 4 cylinder/4-Cycle, Water Cooled, SOHC/DOHC Control System-Petrol Engine, CBU by the country of origin with detail specifications (supported by original catalogue/brochure).	
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.	
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Lot-1 3000/-.	
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location
	1	02 Brand New Microbus 12 seats	Power Division, BD, Secretariat, Dhaka
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			2,10,000.00
			Completion time in weeks
			From ready stock or 30 days from the date of work order
27	Name of official inviting tender	Khurshed Alam.	
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Assistant Secretary.	
29	Address of official inviting tender	Assistant Secretary (Admin-3), Room # 212, Building # 6, Power Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
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