



NEWS IN brief

Biman staff, another held with gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Airport Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested two people including a Biman staff with four gold bars weighing 466 grammes at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.  
They are Monjur Morshed, an accountant supervisor of Biman Bangladesh Airlines; and Mizanur Rahman, his associate, said Tanjina Akhter, assistant superintendent of airport APBn. In preliminary interrogation, Mizanur claimed that a person handed the gold to him.

Farmer killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole  
A farmer was stabbed to death allegedly by his rivals following a dispute over land in Pachpota village under Jhikorgacha upazila of Jessore yesterday.  
The deceased was Humayun Kabir, 32, of Kundipur village under the upazila.  
Police arrested Bablu Hossain of the village following a case filed in this connection.

Robbers loot house in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar  
Armed robbers looted two tolas of gold, Tk 90,000 and other valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from a house in Ramnagar area of Srimangal upazila in Moulvibazar early yesterday.  
The house owner said a gang of masked robbers numbering 15-20 entered his house cutting open the window grill and took the resident hostage at gunpoint.  
While chasing the robbers, three locals were injured as the criminals opened fire at them.

UP member, nine

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Hospital along with three children, Khadeja Begum, Nirab and Mim Aktar who were injured by stray bullets.  
Police arrested Moklesh Dewan, Selim, Jabbar Dewan, and Md Jasim on the spot.  
A case was filed against Moklesh. Our correspondent could not contact Rina as her cellphone was switched off.



PEOPLE RISE FOR PEACE

Indignant at the killings of innocent civilians in political violence, the general public rises in protest and demands restoration of normalcy in the country yesterday. With a call for peace, people join a candlelight vigil of Gonojagoron Mancha at the capital's Shahbagh (1), one minute's silence of Samillito Sangskritik Jote at Central Shaheed Minar (2), a human chain of BTV Reporters Unity in front of Jatiya Press Club (3), professionals at Karwan Bazar (4), and a white flag procession of Shantir Jonno Hok Protibad at Shahbagh.

PHOTO: STAR



Unite for stopping blockade violence

Eminent cultural personalities call upon people, Gonojagoron Mancha factions say banning Jamaat-Shibir the solution

DU CORRESPONDENT  
Eminent cultural personalities yesterday urged pro-liberation forces comprising people from all strata of life to unite to stop the ongoing mindless political violence holding ordinary people hostage and bleeding the economy.  
Meanwhile, both factions of Gonojagoron Mancha put the blame on Jamaat-e-Islami, saying the solution was an immediate ban on its politics and that of pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir and execution of war criminals.  
The factions held separate rallies in close proximity in the capital's Shahbagh with the Imran H Sarker-led one later bringing out a candlelit procession to Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre.  
The cultural activists, numbering around 100, were addressing a rally titled "Build cultural resistance and stop terrorism, anarchy, violence and killing" organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote on the Central Shaheed Minar premises.

They rendered songs and held a one minute's silence for those who died in the violence. The jote announced organising candlelit vigils in the country's shaheed minars on January 27.  
Venting anger at political parties over the arson, vandalism and sabotage, the activists said it must be ensured that the spirit of the Liberation War triumphs over anti-liberation forces which were going all-out to disrupt the country's march towards progress.  
Blaming the country's two major political parties for the suffering people are facing, Ramendu Majumder said, "Politicians treat people as the most insignificant entity.  
"The country is going to be depoliticised... a third party might emerge in power and destroy the Liberation War's spirit."  
The jote President Golam Quddus said the violence must be brought to an end with "an iron hand".  
Recalling the 2013 countrywide violence centring war crimes trial verdicts, Nasir Uddin Yousuff said cultural activists must lead the fight.

Three killed in road accidents

CITY DESK  
Three people died and 20 others were injured in road accidents in the country on Thursday.  
Our Feni correspondent reports, Rafiqul Islam Jamshed, 26, of Comilla died when a motorcycle hit his motorcycle near Mohammad Ali Bazar on Dhaka-Chittagong highway.  
In Banglabazar area, Kazi Mafizur Rahman, 27, of Dakhin Mandia village died when a truck ramed into a three-wheeler on Feni-Chhagalnaiya road.  
Our Savar correspondent reports, 20 people were injured when a three-wheeler turned turtle on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre gate.  
RU correspondent adds, Rashedul Islam, 26, of Godagari upazila died when a truck ran him over in Binodpur Bazar area near Rajshahi University.

Book on roles of artists in 1971 launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A book titled "Bangladesher Swadhinata Sangrame Shilpi Samaj" (roles of artists in Bangladesh's Liberation War), written by artist Biren Som, was launched at the capital's BCS Proshason Academy yesterday.  
Chandrabati Academy organised the ceremony of the book's publication, sponsored by the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.  
Finance Minister AMA Muhith addressed the programme as chief guest with Prof Emeritus of Dhaka University Anisuzzaman in the chair.  
Artists Mustafa Monowar and Rafiqun Nabi, the writer Biren, ICB Chairman Mujib Uddin Ahmed and its Managing Director Md Faequezzman, and Chandrabati Academy Executive Director Kamruzzaman Kajol, among others, spoke on the occasion.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Film Festival**  
Children's Film Society Bangladesh will organise the "8th International Children Film Festival." Venue: Public Library, Time: 4:00pm

**Seminar**  
Board of investment will organise a seminar on "Leather and Goods: Next to RMG in Bangladesh." Venue: FARS Hotel and resorts, Bijoy Nagar, Time: 10:00am

**Exhibition**  
Shilpagan Gallery will organise an art exhibition of Warior Rahman Sami. Venue: Shilpagan Gallery, Dhanmondi, Time: 12:00pm



The 21 air rifles, worth about Tk 21 lakh, seized by police from a covered van in Chuadanga district early yesterday. Damurhuda police stopped the vehicle at Joyrampur village but the four people who were in it managed to flee, reports The Daily Star correspondent from Kushtia.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Give compensation, not aid

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brings together young minds from around the globe to engage in the environment movement.  
The green activists said the environment was a complex web of different elements like land, water and forest, so if any of them was adversely affected, it would have a global impact.  
Regarding deforestation, Prof Mizan said that while influential people in both developed and developing countries decimated

trees, the poor only cut the branches for using them as firewood.  
LDCs usually produce and export garment products while industrialised countries manufacture goods that directly involve emissions of greenhouse gases, the discussants said.  
Speaking as chief guest, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said Bangladesh did not want aid but demand compensation to deal

with the fallout of climate change caused by developed countries.  
He urged students to get involved in the green movement and protect the environment.  
Several delegations of teachers and students from countries including India, China and Nepal attended the summit.  
Prof Ainun Nishat of Brac University and Prof Nazrul Islam, chairman of the Center for Urban Studies, also spoke.

Dhaka, New Delhi hope for strengthening

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At the same time, another meeting in Delhi will discuss the sub-regional cooperation among the four countries, he said.  
Foreign Minister Abul Hassan

Mahmood Ali hoped that the leaders of Bangladesh and India would usher in a new era of the bilateral relations.  
"Greater economic integration is the call of the day worldwide.

Synergies of our two thriving economies...could definitely be harnessed further to the benefit of not only the two countries but also for the prosperity of the entire region," he said.

**KFC is at historical Panthapath**

During the Mughal period a check post called "Chouki" was located here around which a "Karavan Sharai" (Inn) grew up. Thus the area came to be known as Karwan Bazar. A path leading to the Peelkhana barrack for elephants could be the one we call these days Panthapath.

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