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Mystery shrouds JCD leader's death

Bullet-hit body found on Friday; family heard about his 'arrest' earlier; police deny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader was recovered from the capital's Rupnagar on Friday, about 15 hours after he had allegedly been picked up by detectives.

The victim, Ariful Islam Mukul, was a joint secretary of JCD's Charfashion unit in Bhola, says a central committee press note of the pro-BNP student body.

His family identified the body at Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday.

The 22-year-old was shot thrice in the chest and abdomen, morgue sources said.

Mukul, who was a fifth-semester student of law at a private university in the capital, used to live at a mess in Farmgate.

His Facebook page is full of photos and news links regarding pro-BNP activities. A number of posts and photos show JCD processions in Farmgate area in support of the recent hartals and blockades. He was



Ariful Islam

seen among the agitators in those photos.

His uncle Tawhidul Islam told this correspondent yesterday they came to know that a body was kept at the mortuary. He later went to the morgue and found it to be his nephew's.

Rupnagar police recovered the body from Berybadh area around 9:00am on Friday.

Mukul's father Mostafa Kamal, a madrasa teacher, said a neighbour told them that his son had been arrested from a launch at Sadarghat on January 29.

He said his son was going to Bhola that day and remained missing since.

"A neighbour named Abdul Hannan called me over the phone. He came to know about the arrest from another neighbour who was on the same launch as Mukul," he added.

Mostafa claimed a relative in the capital went to the Kotwali police that day to seek information about Mukul's arrest.

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With glitz and glamour, a Chinese cultural troupe enthralls Dhaka audience with group dance at the National Theatre Hall at Shilpakala Academy yesterday. The event was organised to mark the 40th anniversary of Bangladesh-China diplomatic relations.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

FEAR OF ARREST Khaleda's Gulshan office wears deserted look

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Gulshan office of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia wore a deserted look yesterday as the party men stayed away, fearing arrest and police harassment.

No newsman was allowed in. The snapped telephone, cable and internet connections to the office are yet to be restored.

Meanwhile, two Dhaka courts yesterday placed Khaleda's advisers

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PRAYER TIMING

FEBRUARY 3

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AZAN 5:35 12:45 4:15 5:46 7:15

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Magna Cartas united for the first time

BBC ONLINE

The four surviving original copies of the 1215 Magna Carta have been brought together for the first time in London.

Magna Carta is one of the most important, well-known documents in history and this year marks its 800th anniversary.

More than 40,000 people entered a public ballot to see them, with 1,125 getting the chance to see all four at the British Library over three days.

The Magna Carta was authorised on 15 June 1215 at Runnymede. The document was agreed by King John to appease rebel barons in the heart of battle.

It is considered one of the first steps towards parliamentary democracy and includes the principle that no one was above the law, including the king.

After three days, the documents will be taken to the House of Lords for one day before two are returned to the British Library and the others are taken back to Lincoln and Salisbury Cathedrals,

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PM listens to audio clips of Khaleda's phone talks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In an unusual instance, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with her colleagues in the cabinet yesterday listened to a leaked audio clip of Khaleda Zia's telephone conversation with some of the BNP leaders centring a party rally three years ago.

At the cabinet meeting, Hasina said it was clear that the BNP chief had ordered her party men to carry out the subversive activities on that day. She, however, did not tell the meeting

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Nipah virus kills two in Naogaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The deadly Nipah virus killed two people in Manda upazila of Naogaon last week, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research confirmed yesterday.

"They were infected with the virus after consuming raw date juice. Those who came in contact with the deceased have been placed under observation," said Dr Mahmudur Rahman, director at the IEDCR.

An IEDCR medical team will reach Manda today to monitor the situation.

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China focuses on ties with India, Russia

AFP, Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday hailed his country's relations with India and Russia as Beijing looks to increase its heft on the global diplomatic stage.

Twin visits by New Delhi's foreign minister Sushma Swaraj and Sergei Lavrov from Moscow come on the heels of a high-profile trip to India by US President Barack Obama last week, and with Russian leader Vladimir Putin globally isolated over the conflict in Ukraine.

Xi told Swaraj that China-India ties "have entered a new stage of growth" since he visited in September.

"The positive side of China-India relations has been growing, the momentum of our cooperation has been strengthening,"

he added.

China and India are the world's two most populous countries but ties between the nuclear-armed neighbours are still characterised by mutual suspicion, in large part as a legacy of a brief but bloody war in 1962 and a continuing border dispute.

But Swaraj was similarly effusive, telling Xi that "relations between our two countries have risen to a whole new level".

The Indian and Russian ministers' trips to Beijing -- for a three-way meeting with their Chinese counterpart -- came after Obama last week visited India.

The US and India share an interest in curbing Beijing's growing regional influence.

Although neither mentioned China by

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The Daily Star



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জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড
প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা।

এ্যাসিস্ট্যান্ট এক্সিকিউটিভ অফিসার পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে MCQ ও লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত ফলাফল সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এ “এ্যাসিস্ট্যান্ট এক্সিকিউটিভ অফিসার” পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে গত ০৯ জানুয়ারী, ২০১৫ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত MCQ ও লিখিত পরীক্ষায় প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের তালিকা জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর চাকুরী সংক্রান্ত ওয়েবসাইট career.janatabank-bd.com -এ প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীগণের নিকট হতে নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির শর্তানুযায়ী অনলাইন আবেদনে উল্লিখিত তথ্যাদির সমর্থনে প্রয়োজনীয় সনদপত্র ও কাগজপত্রাদি এবং স্বহস্তে লিখিত দরখাস্ত (Cover Letter) সহ ওয়েবসাইট-এর নির্দেশনানুযায়ী “উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক, হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডেভেলপমেন্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট, জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১১০, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০” বরাবরে আগামী ১৬ ফেব্রুয়ারী, ২০১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করার পরামর্শ দেয়া হচ্ছে।

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গভীর বেদনা ও শ্রদ্ধার সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, সাবেক সংসদ-সদস্য, তদানিন্তন পাকিস্তান আওয়ামী লীগের কোষাধ্যক্ষ, জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের ঘনিষ্ঠ সহচর মরহুম অধ্যাপক হামিদুর রহমানের সহধর্মিণী এবং বিন্দুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় প্রতিমন্ত্রী জনাব নসরুল হামিদ বিপু এম.পি ও হামিদ গ্রুপ এর ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব ইন্তেখাবুল হামিদ অপু এর শ্রদ্ধেয় মাতা মিসেস হাসনা হামিদ গত ০১শে জানুয়ারী শনিবার ভোর পাঁচটায় সিঙ্গাপুরের ন্যাশনাল ইউনিভার্সিটি হাসপাতালে চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় শেষ নিঃশ্বাস ত্যাগ করেছেন (ইল্লা লিল্লাহে রাজিউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তার বয়স হয়েছিল ৭৬ বছর।

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