

Passports issued on fake papers

Probe detects 170 such passports issued against names of govt officials with forged NOCs

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An internal probe has detected at least 170 official passports that the Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) issued against fake no-objection certificates.

A three-member investigation committee found brokers, travel agents and human traffickers in league with a section of officials were involved in what appears to be the biggest ever passport forgery in the country.

It estimated that the number of such passports would be nearly 2,000.

The probe revealed how brokers had easy access to the passport office at the capital's Agargaon and influence on a section of officials and employees.

Though the presence of applicants is mandatory, it was the brokers who submitted the applications and the officials concerned accepted those without raising any question.

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FINDINGS

- Applications submitted by brokers, not applicants
- Complicity of officials concerned in issuing such passports
- Applications against those passports removed from DIP
- Issuance of such passports helped boost human trafficking
- The passports gave criminals/accused scope to flee country
- Huge loss of govt revenue
- Mismanagement and irregularities in passport issuance exposed



A traffic snarl-up on a waterlogged road, thanks to poor drainage, near Shantinagar intersection in the capital yesterday. The Dhaka Met office said a low formed in the Bay caused the sporadic rain throughout the day, making the city dwellers suffer.

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Police 'find vital leads'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigators claim they are on the verge of identifying the killers of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella, as they have identified the man who posted a tweet claiming responsibility for the murder.

"We have already got some vital leads. Now we are looking into some other links"



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Govt's anti-militancy campaign loses steam

Most school teachers, imams do not follow govt instructions

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Most school teachers and imams are not following the government instructions to make people aware of the scourge of militancy.

As part of a national campaign, teachers are supposed to brief students regularly and imams to give anti-militancy sermons before the juma prayers at mosques.

Though they are a crucial factor in the govern-

ment's fight against religious extremism, many of them are unaware of the campaign launched under the Militancy Resistance and Prevention Committee in 2009.

The committee is comprised of officials of different ministries, intelligence agencies and government institutions.

Since 2009, the education ministry has issued several circulars, asking schools to hold assemblies

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Hoshi laid to rest in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Japanese national Kunio Hoshi who was shot dead in Rangpur on October 3

was buried at a graveyard in Rangpur early yesterday.

He was buried at a graveyard in Rangpur city around 4:30am, Priyosindhu Talukder, additional district magistrate, told reporters.

Hoshi was buried as per the instruction from the higher authorities, he added.

A team of Japanese embassy officials, representatives of the district police led by Rangpur Additional Police Superintendent Joyal Abedin, representative of Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) mayor,

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Business factor in our politics

SHAKHAWAT LITON

President Abdul Hamid and Chief Justice SK Sinha, in their recent comments, have really spoken for the people while talking about the abnormal rise of businessmen in politics.

Speaking at a programme in his home district in Kishoreganj on Monday, the president said the country's politics has "gone in the pockets of businessmen." Undoubtedly, it is, as he said, a matter of regret.

The CJ, while speaking at a program in Chittagong University on October 3, also lamented the abnormal concentration of businessmen in our legislative politics.

Most of the lawmakers in developed countries, he said, are students of law. About 90 percent of the congressmen in the US are students of law whereas, as the CJ continued, 80 percent of the lawmakers in Bangladesh are businessmen.

Nobody, except the beneficiaries of the current politics, will disagree with the president who also pronounced that we have to get rid of this politics.

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PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS	BUSINESSMEN ELECTED
1954	4 %
1973	13 %
1979	34 %
1996	48 %
2001	51 %
2008	63 %



Defying a ban, three-wheelers ply the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway, running the risk of accidents. The government on August 1 made 22 national highways off limits to three-wheeler auto-rickshaws, auto-tempos and all non-motorised vehicles. The photo was taken last week.

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MP LITON Govt seeks stay on HC orders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday sought the Supreme Court's stay on the High Court orders that directed Gaibandha lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton to surrender before a lower court by October 18.

The Awami League lawmaker from Gaibandha-1 is accused in two cases for allegedly shooting a 10-year-old boy in the district and looting and vandalising a house soon after the

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Killers of foreigners to be traced, tried

Says PM, again blames Khaleda for 'tarnishing country's image through such killings'

UNB, Dhaka

Accusing BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia again of conspiring to tarnish the country's image through killing of foreign nationals, the prime minister yesterday said those behind the recent killing of two foreigners would be hunted down and tried.

"There'll be no place for terrorists and militants in Bangladesh... we'll surely find out the killers... and bring them under the purview of law," Sheikh Hasina said while

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The prime minister speaks at a reception accorded to her by the FBCCI yesterday.

Girl knifed to death at school gate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A schoolgirl was stabbed to death allegedly by a stalker in front of her school at Boardghar in Kaliakoir upazila of Gazipur yesterday.

The victim is Kabita Das, 15, a class-X student of Bijoy Sarani High School. She was the daughter of Sagar Moni Das, a resident

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Kabita Das

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