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# SHAHJALAL AIRPORT SECURITY UK firm asks for Tk 58cr for 6 months

Talks on with another company

SHARIFUL ISLAM

British company Redline Assured Security has demanded Tk 58 crore for overall security management at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for six months while negotiation with another British company, Restrata, was going on yesterday.

Redline and Restrata have been primarily selected from a list of four foreign security companies suggested by British High Commissioner Alison Blake during a meeting with Bangladesh government high-ups at the Prime Minister Office on March 13.

Two other companies on the list are G4S and Westminster Security Services.

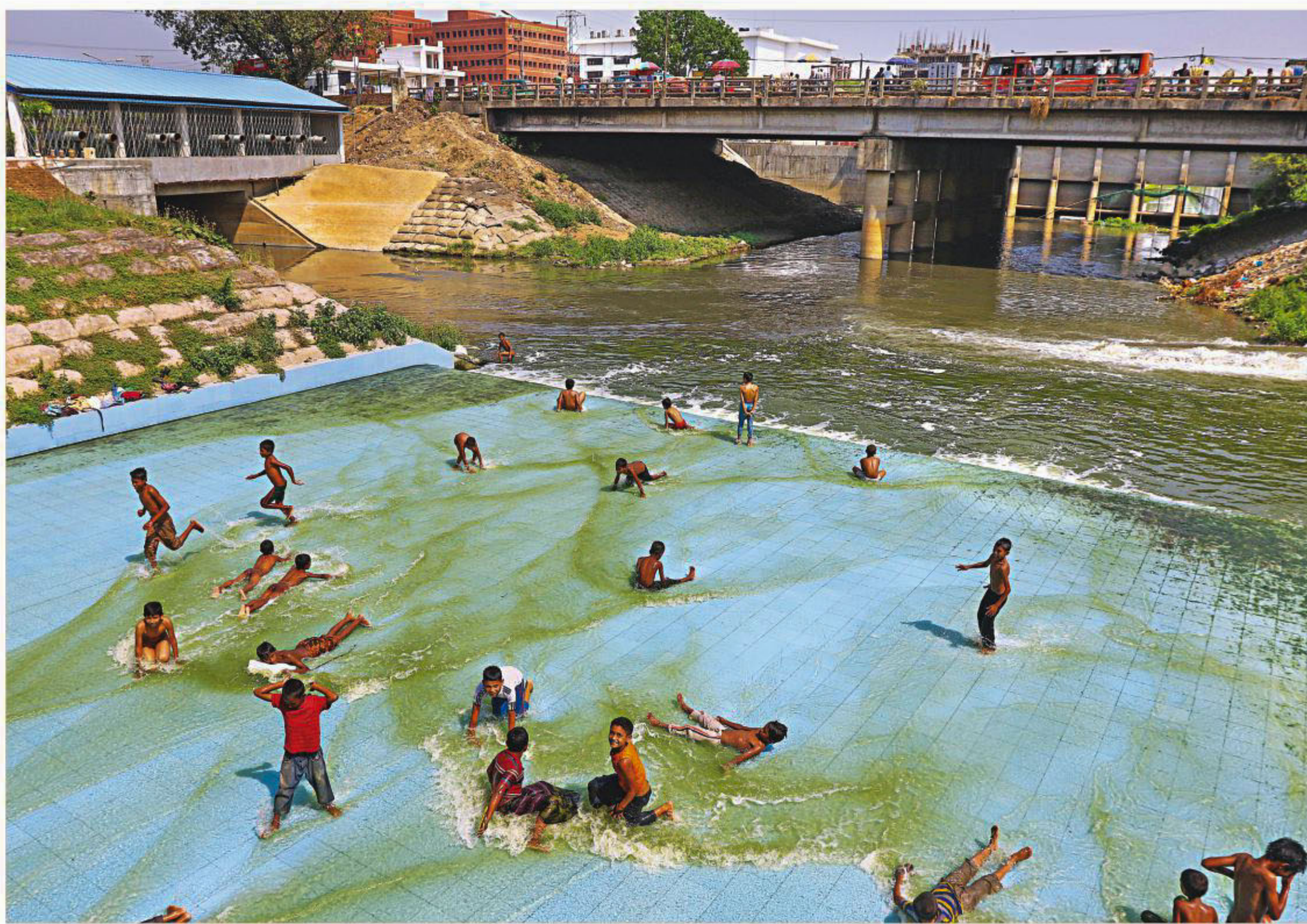
Initially, a company will be appointed for six months and, if needed, its tenure might be increased, said a top official of civil aviation and tourism ministry.

Its job will cover security management, quality control in civil aviation, Aviation Security (AVSEC) screeners training, infrastructural development and cargo security.

Officials of Redline and Restrata were now in Dhaka. The authorities started negotiations with Restrata on Wednesday and with Redline the previous day.

"We are negotiating so that Redline trims down the

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Children are having a good time frolicking in the water flowing through the sluice gate on Hatirjheel Lake in the capital. They were so enjoying this that they did not even care about how dirty the water looked. The photo was taken around 12:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# UP ELECTIONS AL MP flouts rules, seeks votes for party nominees

STAR REPORT

Violating electoral law, a ruling Awami League lawmaker in Jhalakathi yesterday sought votes for party-nominated chairman candidates in the union parishad polls scheduled for Tuesday.

The BNP, meanwhile, alleged that AL men attacked and harassed its candidates and supporters in some districts. Violence also took place in a few union parishads, centring on the polls.

Lawmaker of Jhalakathi-2 constituency Bazul Haque Haroon attended three public meetings at Kahtalia upazila, organised to mark the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day yesterday.

He sought votes in every meeting in favour of "boat," the electoral symbol of the ruling party.

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## Neelbanolata: eye-catching blue flower

MOKARAM HOSSAIN

I went to Madhupur in Tangail to see a garden of medical plants. The garden is located at Telki Bazar in the upazila. A road through the forest leads to this small and rather desolate bazaar. We walked into the

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# Trump victory a major global risk

Says Economist Intelligence Unit report

AFP, London

The prospect of Donald Trump winning the US presidency represents a global threat on a par with jihadist militancy destabilising the world economy, according to British research group EIU.

In the latest version of its Global Risk assessment, the Economist Intelligence Unit ranked victory for the Republican front-runner at 12 on an index where the current top threat is a Chinese economic "hard landing" rated 20.

Justifying the threat level, the EIU highlighted the tycoon's alienation towards China as well as his comments on Islamist extremism, saying a proposal to stop Muslims from entering the United States would be a "potent recruitment tool for jihadi groups".

It also raised the spectre of a trade war under a Trump presidency and pointed out that his policies "tend to be prone to constant revision".

"He has been exceptionally hostile towards free trade, including notably NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement), and has repeatedly labelled China as a 'currency manipulator,'" it said.

"He has also taken an exceptionally right-wing stance on the Middle East and jihad terrorism, including, among other things, advocating the killing of families of terrorists and launching a land incursion into Syria to wipe out IS (and acquire its oil)."

By comparison it gave a possible armed clash in the South China Sea an eight - the same as the threat posed by Britain leaving the European Union - and ranked an emerging market debt crisis at 16.

A Trump victory, it said, would at least scupper the Trans-Pacific

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# 'Robber' killed in 'gunfight' in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An alleged robber was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Shalikhia upazila of Magura early yesterday.

The dead is Obaidur Rahman, 32, of Hatbaria village in the upazila.

According to police, Obaidur stood accused in four robbery cases filed with different police stations in Magura and Jessore. He was the chief of an inter-district robber gang.

Abu Jihad Fakhru Alam Khan, officer-in-charge of Shalikhia Police Station, said around 3:00am, they got information that around eight to 10 robbers blocked Jessore-Magura highway near Ramkantopur bridge by placing logs for committing a robbery.

As soon as police reached the spot, the criminals opened fire on them.

The law enforcers then returned fire, triggering the

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# Pigeon patrol to measure London air pollution

AFP, London



Ten pigeons armed with air pollution detectors on their backs were released into the London sky on Wednesday to monitor pollution in the British capital, organisers of the initiative told AFP.

Equipped with GPS devices and pollution sensors to monitor nitrogen dioxide and ozone levels, the birds dubbed the "Pigeon Air Patrol" were released from Primrose Hill, a wealthy area in north London.

The data they collect can be followed on the website pigeonairpatrol.com, said Romain Lacombe, founder of the French start-up Plume Labs, who started the project with Pierre Duquesnoy of DigitasLBI.

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# Girl beaten to death over trivial matter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A schoolgirl, who was critically injured after being beaten allegedly by her cousin over a trifling matter in Madhupur upazila on Wednesday, died early yesterday.

The dead, Mousumi Akter, 13, was the daughter of Mofiz Uddin of Dakkhin Laofula village. She was a class-VI student at a local high school.

Mofiz alleged that his elder brother's son Sujon was locked in an altercation with his daughter, claiming that a goat of Mousumi damaged brinjal plants of Sujon.

At one stage, Sujon became furious and hit Mousumi in the head with a stick, leaving her seriously wounded, he added.

Mousumi was admitted to Madhupur Upazila Health Complex where she died around 2:00am yesterday.

Mofiz filed a murder case

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# 19th Saarc summit on Nov 9-10

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The 19th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) Summit will be held in Pakistan on November 9-10.

The decision was made at the 37th session of the Saarc Council of Ministers in Pokhara of Nepal yesterday.

The Himalayan Times quoting Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal Kamal Thapa said the

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A rickshaw garage occupying the footpath on Gaznabi Road in the capital's Mohammadpur begs the question: for what and for whom this footpath is anyway? The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# 5 Jubo League men killed in road crash

Bus hits their 3-wheeler in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Five activists of Mujibnagar Jubo League were killed after their vehicle collided head-on with a picnic bus in Meherpur last night.

The accident happened when a group of Jubo League men were returning to their home in Bagoan village from a programme, marking the 97th birthday of Bangabandhu and National Children's Day, in the district town, police said.

Sheikh Mustafizur Rahman, assistant superintendent of police in Meherpur, said a diesel-run three wheeler, locally known as *algamon*, and a picnic bus had a head-on collision on Meherpur-Mujibnagar road in Chokshyamnagar area of Mujibnagar around 7:30pm, killing three people on the spot and injuring at least 10 others.

One of the injured died on his way to Meherpur General Hospital, he said.

Touhidul Islam, joint secretary of Mujibnagar Jubo League, said another injured died when he was being taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

He identified all the five victims as activists of Jubo League, the youth body of ruling Awami League.

After the accident, angry locals set fire to the picnic bus, which was heading towards a coaching centre at Sujanagar in Pabna from Mujibnagar Memorial Complex. However,

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PRAYER TIMING MARCH 18

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	5-00	12-30	4-30	6-14	7-45
JAMAAT	5-35	1-15	4-45	6-18	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION