



## Tax leaks expose world leaders

### 'Panama Papers' reveal offshore havens of rich and powerful; govts begin probe

REUTERS, London/Panama City

Governments across the world began investigating possible financial wrongdoing by the rich and powerful yesterday after a leak of four decades of documents from a Panamanian law firm that specialised in setting up offshore companies. The "Panama papers" revealed financial arrangements of global politicians and public figures including friends of Russian President Vladimir Putin, relatives of the prime ministers of Britain, Iceland and Pakistan, and the president of Ukraine.

While holding money in offshore companies is not illegal, journalists who SEE PAGE 2 COL 2



Close friend of Putin



Cousins of Assad



King of Saudi Arabia



Children of Nawaz Sharif



Daughter of ex-Chinese PM



Father of British PM



Son of Hosni Mubarak



Iceland's prime minister



President of Argentina



UAE President



Son of Malaysia's PM Najib Razak



President of Ukraine

### WHO'RE IN THE PAPERS?

There are links to 12 current or former heads of state in the data, including dictators accused of looting their own countries.

More than 60 relatives and associates of heads of state and other politicians are also implicated.

The files also reveal a suspected billion-dollar money laundering ring involving close associates of Russia's President, Vladimir Putin.

Also mentioned are the brother-in-law of China's President Xi Jinping; Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko;

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## 4 killed in clash over setting up power plant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least four persons were killed and 30 others injured yesterday in a clash between law enforcers and locals in Banshkhali upazila of Chittagong over installation of a coal-based power plant, said police.

The dead were identified as Anwarul Islam, 44, and his elder brother Mortuza Ali, 50, Zaker Ahmed, 50, and Md Zaker, 50, from Gondamara union, said Habibur Rahman, additional superintendent of police, Chittagong District (South).

Of them, Md Zaker was declared dead after he was taken to Chittagong Medical

College Hospital.

There was a bullet mark in Zaker's abdomen, said Md Aminul Huq, a doctor who attended the victim.

The bodies of the other three were kept at Banshkhali Police Station, ASP Habibur told our Chittagong correspondent.

Locals, however, claimed that the number of deaths was higher.

CMCH sources said six of the injured -- Mujibur Rahman, Ansarullah, Md Zahir, Abdul Khaleq, Md Abu and Md Motaleb -- were admitted to the hospital with bullet wounds.

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## Muezzin killed inside mosque

### Cops unsure of motive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants stabbed a muezzin to death inside a mosque in Old Dhaka's Islampur yesterday.

The body of Haji Maulana Belal Hossain, 49, was found in a pool of blood on the stairs of the four-storey Jabbu Khanam mosque where he served for 28 years. Police said he was killed before 5:20am.

Imam of the mosque Tajul Islam, who lives with his family on nearby Zindabahr Road, said he went to the mosque in the early morning and offered prayers on the

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## First autopsy found no sign of rape

### Didn't mention cause of death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first autopsy found no sign of rape on the body of Sohagi Jahan Tonu and also failed to ascertain the cause of her death.

"The doctor who conducted the first autopsy didn't find any sign of rape. She also didn't mention any specific cause of Tonu's death in the report," said Kamoda Prosad Saha, head of the forensic medicine department at Comilla Medical College.

"In forensic medicine term, it is called 'negative autopsy'. Around 2-5 percent of autopsies cannot ascertain the cause of deaths," he told The Daily



TONU MURDER

## Trial possible under existing laws: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told the cabinet meeting yesterday that the government would hold the trial of the Tonu murder case under the existing laws of the country, sources said.

Her remarks came just days after Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha's comment that the 19-year-old college girl was murdered in a "scientific, modern way". So crimes like this

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## Billionaire by mistake

### Wrong entry by bank makes auto-rickshaw driver rich for a few hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

An auto-rickshaw driver became a billionaire but only for a few hours. Before he could be aware of it, the bank that issued a deposit order fixed the mistake.

The state-run Janata Bank's branch in Baghabari Ghat of Sirajganj issued the order to deposit Tk 10,042 crore into an account of Sohag Fakir, of Lohalia village in Patuakhali, on February 14.

An official of the branch entered the branch code into the space designated for funds, said Janata Bank Managing Director MA Salam.

"It was an erroneous user entry."

The main branch in Patuakhali and the Baghabari Ghat SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

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**QUOTE**

"There will come a time when we will look at the picture of fish. We will have money but there will be nothing [no fish] to buy because rivers are polluted."

**ABDUS SOBHAN,**  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF PORIBESH BACHAO ANDOLON, IN THE CAPITAL YESTERDAY

## BB CYBER HEIST Filipino returns \$0.83m more

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Casino junket operator Kim Wong, who is tagged in the \$81 million cyber heist of Bangladesh Bank funds, yesterday returned another 38.28 million pesos or \$829,209 to the Philippines' Anti-Money Laundering Council for safekeeping with the country's central bank.

However, the turnover hit a slight snag when authorities found two fake P500 bills amid the mountains of cash.

Wong turned over \$4.63 million to the AMLC on March 31.

The latest handover has further brightened Bangladesh's chance to recover the \$81 million that hackers stole from BB's account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in February.

AMLC Executive Director Julia Bacay-Abad confirmed that they found two counterfeit bills during the two-hour long counting that started at 11am.

Bacay-Abad and Wong's lawyer Victor Fernandez said SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



## Peacekeepers at high risk of corruption

### Says TI research

AGENCIES

The militaries of the 30 countries that provide the most troops and police officers to UN peacekeeping operations are among those most at risk of corruption, shows a study by Transparency International.

The anti-corruption monitoring organisation, which released the study yesterday, said only Italy scored higher than a D in its A-to-F grading for the armed forces of the top troop-contributing countries.

And six countries -- Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Morocco and Togo -- received F grades, said the TI.

The three countries -- Bangladesh, Ethiopia and India -- which make up more than one quarter (about 25,200) of all UN peacekeeping troops scored poorly in the rankings. Bangladesh and India each got a D, and Ethiopia an E.

The TI mentioned poor anti-corruption practices and inadequate training as factors in assessing the rankings. It, however, didn't give any examples of SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

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