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No hajj for Iranians this year

Says Tehran after its talks with Riyadh fail to bridge diplomatic gaps

AFP, Tehran

Iran yesterday said its nationals will miss the annual hajj, accusing Saudi Arabia of sabotaging arrangements following a major diplomatic row and a deadly stampede at last year's pilgrimage.

A delegation from Tehran held four days of talks in Saudi Arabia last month aimed at thrashing out a deal for Iranians to go to Makkah in September.

It was the first dialogue between the region's foremost Shia and Sunni Muslim powers since diplomatic relations were severed in January.

But with Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran still closed and Iranian flights to the kingdom halted, the talks hit deadlock.

"The arrangements have not been put together and it's now too late," Iran's Culture Minister Ali Jannati told the official IRNA news agency. "The sabotage is coming from the Saudis."

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An excavator lifts sand on the Kaliganga river in Uttoli area of Manikganj. Illegal sand traders have long been using the area to store sand for sale, choking the river. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Juvenile hotel staff killed

Family alleges he was beaten, pushed off building rooftop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A teenage hotel worker, who was allegedly beaten and pushed off the rooftop of a residential hotel at Benapole check post by his employer on Sunday, died at Jessore Medical College Hospital on Wednesday night.

The dead, Mafiqul Islam Munna, 16, was the son of Jahangir Hossain, of Bahilapota village in Benapole.

Jahangir alleged that Abu Taleb, owner of Sonar Bangla residential hotel, and his family members beat his son and pushed him off the two-storey building rooftop over a trifling matter on Sunday night.

Munna was critically injured and sent to his uncle Shamim's house in Sadipur village. He was first admitted to a private clinic and

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PANAMA PAPERS Shudhir is not former BTRC commissioner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mullick Shudhir whose name appeared in Panama Papers in connection with offshore entities runs an apparel and fashion business in Bangladesh, according to an Indian newspaper.

The Indian Express identified Mullick as the sole shareholder of Eco-Ocean Group Ltd since the company was set up on January 3, 2014.

He is also the sole shareholder of Best Concept Group Ltd, another

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	6-40	8-30	

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Delicate Dulichampa

MOKARAM HOSSAIN

I have heard about Dulichampa many times from Prof Dwijen Sharma. But the chance to see its picture came in April 2008. The photo was taken at Patharia hills in Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila. The eminent botanist also wrote an article titled *Bone Emon Phul Phuteche* in the daily Prothom Alo. This piece of writing has a great significance in the study of botany. The flower, known as

magnolia, used to be considered as an exotic flower. It was Prof Sharma's personal research that changed the idea and opened a new chapter. We came to know that we also have the beautiful and fragrant magnolia, which is popularly known as Dulichampa.



A seedling of the tree was planted on July 14, 2007, on Dhaka University campus. Prof Sharma collected two pieces of the plant from Patharia hills.

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PHOTO: MOKARAM HOSSAIN

MAGISTRATE'S SIGNATURE FORGED Cop sued for selling stolen motorbikes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A sub-inspector along with his "aide" allegedly forged documents and signature of a magistrate and sold 23 stolen motorbikes at so-called auctions at Birganj Police Station in Dinajpur.

The bikes had been recovered at different times in the past. The accused are SI Jahangir Hossain, who has recently been transferred to Rajshahi from the police station, and his "cohort" Abu Syeed, who is said to be a notorious bike thief in Birganj.

On May 9, two cases were filed against the duo with the chief judicial magistrate's court and the senior chief judicial magistrate's court in Dinajpur over the matter.

The case with the chief judicial magistrate was filed by Mamun Hossain, a staff at the court, while the other lawsuit was lodged by Abdul Gaffar, a local who bought five of the stolen bikes at an "auction".

In his case, Gaffar, the plaintiff, said the accused sold 23 seized motorcycles using fake documents and seals and signature of a magistrate at "auctions" at the police station during the last six months.

Following consultation with the officer-in-charge of the police station, Gaffar bought five of the bikes for Tk 5.6 lakh.

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Uzbek school-teachers 'paid in chickens'

BBC ONLINE

A city in Uzbekistan has paid its schoolteachers in chickens rather than cash, it's reported.

The authorities in Nukus, in the autonomous Karakalpakstan Republic, have been handing out freshly-hatched chicks due to a lack of money in the

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