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TAVELLA MURDER CASE

BNP's Quayum, brother among seven charged

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against seven people, including BNP leader MA Quayum and his brother Abdul Matin, in a case filed for killing Italian citizen Cesare Tavella in Dhaka's diplomatic zone last year.



Matin and four others, now in jail, pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court read out the charges against them.

Apart from Quayum and Matin, five other accused are: Tamjid Ahmed Rubel, Russell Chowdhury, Minhajul Arefin, also known as Bhagne Russell, Shakhawat Hossain Sharif, and Sohel alias Bhangari Sohel.

Of the accused, MA Quayum, also ex-ward commissioner from Badda and a joint convener of Dhaka city BNP, and Bhangari Sohel are shown fugitives. Charges were framed against them in absentia and arrest warrants were issued for them.

The court fixed November 24 to start trial of the case.

Tavella, 50, an aid worker, was killed in Dhaka's Gulshan Diplomatic Zone on September 28 last year. He worked as the project manager of Profitable Opportunities for Food

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Aztar Hossain carrying a passenger on his electric rickshaw on Dhaka University campus yesterday. Aztar was an autorickshaw driver and he lost his legs six years ago in a crash in Tongi. With not-so-great advice from people around him and probably due to the lack of proper rehabilitation programmes, he bought the battery-run rickshaw after recovery. He uses the vehicle for his livelihood. The motorised rickshaw is illegal.

Powers talk Mosul in Paris

UN reports massacres by jihadists; Iraq forces inch ahead

AFP, Qaraqosh

Iraqi forces were inching to within striking distance of eastern Mosul yesterday as coalition defence chiefs gathered in Paris agreed to also take on the jihadist's Syrian bastion of Raqa.

With the Mosul battle in its second week, French President Francois Hollande called for the coalition to prepare for the aftermath and the next stages of the campaign against the Islamic State group (IS).

The United Nations said it had received reports of a new series of atrocities by the jihadists as troops close in on its last major urban stronghold in Iraq.

Forces from the elite counter-terrorism service (CTS) retook areas close to the eastern outskirts of Mosul.

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AL names 22 secys for top committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two days after the Awami League's 20th national council, the ruling party yesterday announced names for 22 people, mostly old faces, for its Central Working Committee.

Even though there were speculations that fresh blood would be injected in the committee, only five relatively new AL leaders were mentioned.

The party's newly-elected General Secretary Obaidul Quader announced the names, including those of eight organising secretaries, at a press briefing at party president's Dhanmondi office.

On the last day of the party's 20th council on Sunday, Awami League President Sheikh Hasina announced the names of 21 party office bearers, including 14 presidium members, four joint general secretaries and a treasurer.

With yesterday's 22, a total of 43 leaders' names out of 81 have been announced.

The party is yet to announce its fully-fledged committee though it said the rest of the names would be declared within a week.

Eight organising secretaries' names were announced yesterday, and six of them are old faces. They are Ahmod Hossain, Misbah Uddin Siraj, BM Mozammel Haque, AFM Bahauddin Nasim, Abu Sayeed Al Mahmud Swapan, and Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury.

The new ones are Enamul Haque Shamim, former BCL president and the immediate past committee's member, and Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, son of former Chittagong City mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Besides, Rokeya Sultana, a leader of Bangladesh Medical Association, was

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ANTI-GRAFT DRIVE 1m Chinese party men punished

AP, Beijing

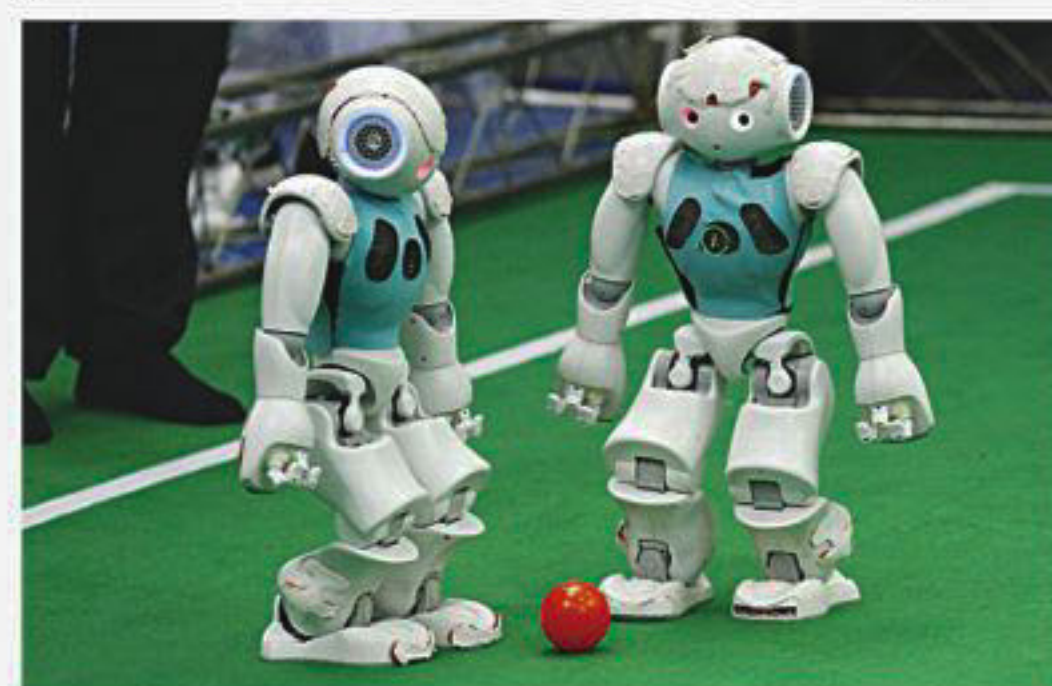
Having punished more than a million Communist Party members for corruption, Chinese President Xi Jinping uses a key meeting that started Monday to drive home the message that his signature anti-graft campaign is far from over and that his authority remains undiminished.

The Central Committee plenary gathering also sets in motion preparations for next year's 19th national party congress that will kickoff Xi's second five-year term as head of the ruling party.

At next year's gathering, Xi is expected to place trusted lieutenants into the party's top bodies, including the all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee, five of whose seven current members are, by custom, due to step down. Only Xi and

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America wins robot football world cup



MAIL ONLINE

An American team of robots defeated an Australian rival in soccer on Monday to win the RoboCup Challenge as technical problems plagued the Australian side.

The University of Texas at Austin's Austin Villa beat the University of New South Wales' Runswift 7-3 during China's 2016 World Robot Conference

UNSW's Jeremy Collette bemoaned the glitches

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2 missing boys found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two young brothers were found brutally killed beside a ditch in Osmani Nagar upazila of Sylhet on Monday afternoon.

The two children -- Abdul Mumin, 11, and Rujel

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Ad starring Sabbir taken down

SPORTS REPORTER

A television commercial starring Bangladesh cricketer Sabbir Rahman had to be taken down after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) made objections to the advertisement.

According to Mohammad Anisur Rahman, COO of Oscar Malt and Beverage, the commercial wing of the BCB mailed Anisur and requested him to take the

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| JAMAAT | 5-25 | 1-15 | 4-15 | 5-41 | 7-45 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



LAW BREAKERS UNTOUCHED

The re-excavation of Shubhadda Canal from Shubhadda to Aganagar in Keraniganj of Dhaka is almost done but illegal occupiers still choke the canal. At places influential land grabbers have built shops and other establishments and are continuing to do so. The photos were taken at Ghulam Bazar on Friday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Two Jamaat, Shibir men killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A Jamaat leader and an activist of the party's student body Islami Chhatra Shibir were killed in a "shootout" with police in Bhutiargathi village in the district town early yesterday.

They are Jahurul Islam, 45, of Chuadanga bus stand area in the town, and Tarik Hasan Sajib, 30, of Arappur in the town. Jahurul was the Jamaat

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL 'Two journos press witness not to testify'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A prosecution witness has filed a general diary accusing two local journalists in Patuakhali of asking her not to testify in the International Crimes Tribunal against accused in a case pending with the court.

Jafor Khan, Patuakhali correspondent of Daily Jugantor, and Zakir Hossain, Patuakhali correspondent of Daily Inqilab

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OBITUARY



Late Amina Kaiser Ally

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

With profound grief we announce the demise of Amina Kaiser Ally, the wife of Syed Kaiser Ally. She breathed her last at the early hour of 25 October in Mt. Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore. At the time of death, she left behind her husband, two daughters, one son, four granddaughters and one grandson. Her Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque after the Zohr prayers at 1.15 pm on the 26th October 2016.

We humbly request all friends and family to attend the namaz-e-janaza and pray to Almighty Allah for her departed soul.

Her grieving family.