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# Dead put in the dock!

Furious war crimes tribunal hits out at prosecution, investigation agency, cops over gross negligence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday came down heavily on the prosecution, investigation agency and police for giving wrong information that led to chargeframing against a dead person identified in court as a fugitive.

"You [prosecution and investigators] have maligned the image of the tribunal .... We are extremely frustrated," it said.

On December 11 last year, the court framed charges against Wazuddin of Mymensingh in absentia and appointed a state counsel to defend him more than six months after he died.

Yesterday's response came as a private television channel the day before ran a report bringing up the matter.

The prosecution and investigation agency showed "extreme negligence", the tribunal said.

Rebuking law enforcers, it said, "They prepare execution reports [on arrest warrants]

sitting in a room. They don't go to the spot."

The deceased man was indicted since the prosecution had submitted formal charges,

identifying him as a fugitive.

"Media know the matter but you [prosecution and investigators] don't know ...,"

the court said.

The tribunal didn't pass any order regard-

ing the issue as its Chairman Justice Anwarul Haque was not present due to illness. It asked the prosecution to give details

about the deceased accused.

Earlier on several occasions, the court

expressed displeasure with law enforcers' failure to arrest war crimes accused and convicts. The government formed two committees to secure the arrest of the fugitives, but there has been little change in the situation.

Until November last year, at least 87 accused and convicts were on the run. Two war crimes tribunals issued warrants for their arrest since the beginning of war SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



Ignoring a no-parking sign, cars parked on a street in front of Motijheel Ideal School in the capital around noon yesterday. Such illegal parking blocks almost half of the street, causing severe traffic jam in the area on weekdays.

PHOTO:

# Violation of minorities' rights increases fivefold

Says Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Incidents of violation of minorities' human rights increased over fivefold in 2016 than that of the previous year, a report has said.

At least 1,471 incidents of such viola-

tions were recorded while it was 262 in 2015, according to a report of the Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad.

The parishad unveiled the report titled "Incidents of the human rights violation on the minority people in 2016", at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday. It alleged that the administration

was inactive in properly protecting the minorities.

The report, prepared by the parishad's own probe and news reports, also said 71 minority people were killed in 2016 while

24 people were killed the year before.

Among the killings, 10 percent were target killings and those were conducted allegedly by the religious extremists, the report said.

Bottlenose dolphins in crystal clear

waters in the northern Bay of Bengal and

**Humpback dolphins displaying colour** 

PHOTO: COURTESY TO RUBAIYAT M MANSUR/

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variations, inset.

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# Parents killing their children on the rise

Experts blame strained relationships of couples, financial constraints, social and family grievances

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These days are probably the worst time to live and grow up as a child in Bangladesh as an increasing number of children are being killed by their own parents who are supposed to protect them from all evils in the world.

Psychologists, criminologists and experts have made such observations, blaming the situation on strained relationships between husbands and wives, frustrations, financial constraints and other family grievances that lead to a psychological stage when they kill their children.

In the latest incident on Wednesday, a young mother allegedly killed her two children, aged only three and five, and then committed suicide in the capital's Darussalam area.

According to Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), 11 children were killed by their parents in 2014. The figure rose to 40 in 2015 and 64 last year.

Before 2014, some isolated incidents used to take place. A rapid increase in the number of such deaths was seen since then and now it has gone up to an alarming level, said Azmi Akter, programme officer (research) of BSAF. Pointing out reasons, Mekhala Sarkar, assistant professor (psychiatry),

National Institute of Mental Health, said a person does not commit suicide or kills loved ones over a single incident.

"It actually happens after a long continuity of dissatisfaction that culmi-

nates in total behavioral change."

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### HRW slams govt over 'oppression' of opponents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh government clamped down on the media and civil society, and state authorities detained, maimed, killed, and made to disappear members of the political opposition, according to Human Rights Watch (HRW).

"The Bangladesh authorities have failed to protect bloggers, secularists, academics, gay rights activists, and religious minorities from violent -- often fatal -- attacks by militant groups," it said in its World Report 2017, titled "Bangladesh: Disappearances, Clampdown on Critics. Action on Extremist Violence Needs to Respect Rights."

Initially asking bloggers and others to refrain from "hurting religious

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## China's hidden Buddha emerges



MAIL ONLINE

Chinese archaeologists are trying to solve the mystery of a long-lost Buddha statue which appeared from a lake after the water level lowered dramatically.

The stone relic, found in Nancheng County in

Fuzhou, could date as far as the 14th century, according to state media Xinhua News Agency.

The holy figure was discovered at the end of last

year when a few villagers saw its head emerging from the surface of the water in the lake in Fujian Province. The water level of Zuixian Lake, also known as

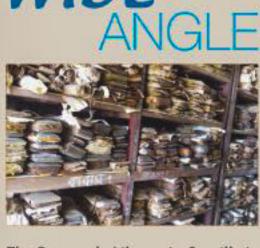
Hongmen reservoir, was lowered by more than 30 feet due to a project to renovate a hydropower gate.

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The dramatic change in the water level has led the mysterious Buddha statue, which was carved on a cliff face, to appear. The statue seems to depict the image of the Gautama Buddha.

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### WIDE ANGLE



The Rammala Library in Comilla is no ordinary place for book lovers.
This century-old library boasts a rare collection of about 20,000 books and original manuscripts.
Many are written on palm leaves and Tulot paper and are as old as 300-400 years. It's not for nothing that it is called the Lighthouse of the Undivided India.

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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 13
Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-30 12-30 4-00 5-36 7-00

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION





# Dolphins evolving in the Bay

ABIDA RAHMAN CHOWDHURY

The Bay of Bengal, the largest bay in the world, veiled in mystery, home to sea gods and goddesses, and full of stories of many travellers who braved the high seas to make it to the land of spices, is also one that boasts of incredible biological diversity.

Our waters are home to many different species including the charismatic, almost elf-like humpback dolphins, powder pink in colour, and the grey-blue Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins among others.

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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর ২০টি শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প ৩৭/৩, ইস্কাটন গার্ডেন রোড, ঢাকা

নং-৩২,০১,০০০০,০২৭,১৮,০১৩,১৭-২৭

তারিখঃ ১১/১/২০১৭

#### বাড়ি ভাড়াব বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়াধিন মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তরের "২০টি শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র স্থাপন" প্রকল্পের আওতায় শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে নিমুবর্ণিত এলাকায় সরকার নির্ধারিত হারে ২৫০০ থেকে ৩০০০ বর্গফুট আয়তনের বাড়ি ভাড়া করা হবে। প্রতিটি বাড়িতে ৪-৫টি কক্ষ, ১টি ভাইনিংক্লম, ১টি রান্না ঘর, ১টি ষ্টোর ক্লম, ২টি বারান্দা এবং ৩-৪টি বাথক্লম থাকতে হবে।

ক্রঃ	কেন্দ্রের নাম	এলাকার নাম
٥	ধানমতি শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	পশ্চিম ধানমন্ডি, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা।
2	মতিঝিল শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	মতিঝিল, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়ের আর্শেপাশে,ঢাকা।
٥	রায়ের বাজার শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র	রায়ের বাজার, শিকদার মেডিকেল কলেজের উত্তর-পশ্চিম পাশে, ঢাকা।
8	কমলাপুর শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র	কমলাপুর, কমলাপুর স্টেশনের পশ্চিম পাশে, ঢাকা।
a	মুগদা শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	মুগদা (বাসাবোর কাছাকাছি), ঢাকা।
৬	পল্লবী শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	বর্ধিত পল্লবী, পল্লবী, ঢাকা।
9	সায়েদাবাদ শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	সায়েদাবাদ, সায়েদাবাদ বাসস্টভের পূর্ব পাশে, ঢাকা।
ъ	মহাখালী শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	মহাখালী আইসিডিডিআরবি হাসপাতালের আশে পাশে, ঢাকা।
8	পলাশবাড়ী শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	পলাশবাড়ী, আগুলিয়া, ঢাকা।
70	রংপুর শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র	কেরানীপাড়া (ডিসির মোড়), জেলা মহিলা বিষয়ক কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়ের আশে পাশে, রংপুর।
22	গোপালগঞ্জ শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	শিশুবন, পাঁচুরিয়া, গোপালগঞ্জ।
25	গাজীপুর শিশু দিবায়ত্ন কেন্দ্র	পশ্চিম জয়দেবপুর, ডিআইটি রোড (জেলা কার্যালয় সংলগ্ন), গাজীপুর।
20	কক্সবাজার শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র	টেশপাড়া, কালুর দোকান, পাহাড়তলী রোড (জেলা অফিস সংলগ্ন), কক্সবাজার।
78	নওগাঁ শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	মূর্তির মোড়, নওগা।
20	গাইবাদ্ধা শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	দক্ষিণ ধানছড়া, গাইবান্ধা।
26	ভোলা শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	কালিখোলা, ভোলা।
24	টাঙ্গাইল শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	রেজিস্ট্রিপাড়া/আকুর টাকুর পাড়া, টাঙ্গাইল।
72-	নোয়াখালী শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্ৰ	ফকিরপুর, মাইজদিকোর্ট, নোয়াখালী।
79	চাঁদপুর শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র	চাঁদপুর জেলা শহর (জেলা প্রশাসক কার্যালয়ের আশে পাশে), চাঁদপুর।

প্রকল্প মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ৩৭/৩, ইস্কাটন গার্ডেন রোড, ঢাকার নিকট লিখিতভাবে প্রস্তাব প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচেছ।
শোঃ আবু তালেব, প্রকল্প পরিচালক (উপসচিব),
জিডি-১০৬
২০টি শিশু দিবায়ত্ম কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা। ফোনঃ ৮৩৩১৭৩০

সংশ্রিষ্ট আগ্রহী বাড়ির মালিকগণকে আগামী ২৫/০১/২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে বাড়ির কাগজপত্রসহ প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "২০টি শিশু দিবাযত্ন কেন্দ্র স্থাপন"