



Two others show up 11 days after abduction

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Two local Awami League and Chhatra Dal leaders returned home in Sadullapur's Naldanga yesterday, 11 days after going missing.

Maidul Islam Prince, publication secretary of Naldanga union AL, and Shafiul Islam Shapla, assistant secretary of Naldanga Chhatra Dal, disappeared from the union on January 10.

Earlier on Thursday, Monwarul Hasan Jim, vice president of Sadullapur Jubo League, and Sadequl Islam Sadeq, former president of Damodarpur union Chhatra League, returned home after remaining missing for 10 days.

Prince's elder brother Tariqul Islam Nayon, also chairman of Naldanga Union Parishad, said Prince called them around 1:30am yesterday to inform that he along with Shafiul was in Taxer Hat area in Dinajpur's Parbatipur upazila.

"We later hired a

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Irregularities aplenty

14-month project to restart Ctg Chemical Complex not completed in 45 months; Tk 1.14cr being spent on staff salaries a month; Chinese contractor takes away most of the payment

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Forty-five months have gone by but the 14 months' project to restart the Chittagong Chemical Complex (CCC) is yet to be finished and it is costing the state dearly.

For the last seven months, the lone state-owned chemical factory in Sitakunda has been incurring Tk 16 lakh in production loss every day, all because a Chinese firm failed to get the factory going again.

On top of this, the CCC has been paying Tk 1.14 crore in salaries every month to its largely idle officials and staff posted there.

The factory was closed in December 2002 as it was incurring loss of about Tk 15 crore every year. In April 2013, a Tk 115 crore project was launched to restart the factory. The project was initially due to end in December 2014.

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AT A GLANCE	
Project cost	Tk 115 crore
Deal signed	24 Apr 2013
Work started	25 Sept 2013
Was due to end	24 Dec 2014
Bill paid so far	Tk 86 crore
Advance payment	Tk 3 crore (violating rules)
Loan given	Tk 50 lakh (violating rules)



Anti-Trump protesters torch a limousine on K Street in Washington, DC on Friday as Donald Trump was sworn-in as the 45th US president. While protests were mostly peaceful, some turned violent. **Bottom**, the Trump coin released in Russia.

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President Trump acts swiftly

Issues 1st exec order against Obamacare, signals big shift in energy, climate change policies

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President Donald Trump assumed power on Friday with a fiercely nationalistic vow to put "America First," taking a stinging swipe at the legacy of his predecessor hours after reciting the oath of office.

Hundreds of thousands of people stood on the rain-splattered National Mall to see the 70-year-old

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Tigers push Kiwis into a corner

AL-AMIN from Christchurch

It was one of those rare days when the Tigers stalked as a group and put the Kiwis in a tight corner. Shakib Al Hasan might have taken three wickets deep into the final session, but it hardly portrayed how well Bangladesh's pace trio bowled on the second day of the second Test against New Zealand.

The home side, chasing Bangladesh's first innings total of 289, ended the day at 260 for seven thanks to Shakib's three wickets off nine deliveries that put the game in the balance going into the third day.

But ask New Zealand's Tom Latham, the left-handed opener who hit a fine 68, how well the Tigers have bowled as a group and he would tell you: "They didn't really give us anything to hit and we struggled to rotate the strike".

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