



Abdul Mannan, in white panjabi, owner of Sabuj Nursery in Bogra's Mahasthangarh area, showing items he found over the years while planting trees around the historic place to Director General of Department of Archaeology Altaf Hossain, centre, yesterday. He handed over some 2,500 such items to the department. PHOTO: STAR

Nine 'JMB men'

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In another drive, Naogaon police arrested two -- identified as Khairul Islam, 25, and Abdul Mannan, 45, -- at Manda and Atrai upazilas of the district.

According to police, Khairul is an active member of JMB and an associate of Bangla Bhai who was second-in-command of JMB and was executed in 2007.

The other arrestee, Mannan is facing several charges including extortion, police said.

Anti-militancy drives began on Friday and will continue till March 18 to track down militants and their hideouts, said Limon Roy, additional SP of the district.

Regarding the arrestees in Chittagong, Additional Superintendent of Police Rezaul Masud said no one of them is a militant.

Law enforcers there are yet to trace any hideout of militants, he added.

Sitakunda circle senior assistant superintendent of police said police were investigating some information provided by Redwanul Haq, owner of Redwan Manzil where a hideout of Neo-JMB militants had been found.

"We are checking his mobile call list and other relevant issues. With the evidence we have at present, we cannot confirm that he is directly linked with the group. However, he assisted the group."

Blasts targeting

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There was no immediate claim for the attack.

Shia shrines are a frequent target of attack for Sunni extremists of al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group (IS), not only in Syria but also in neighbouring Iraq.

The Sayeda Zeinab mausoleum to the south of Damascus, Syria's most visited Shiite pilgrimage site, has been hit by several deadly bombings during the six-year-old civil war.

Twin suicide bombings in the high-security Kafr Sousa district of the capital in January killed 10 people, eight of them soldiers.

That attack was claimed by former al-Qaeda affiliate Fateh al-Sham Front which said that it had targeted Russian military advisers working with the Syrian army.

It was widely seen as an attempt to disrupt UN-brokered peace talks that took place the following month which to the anger of Fateh al-Sham were supported by its former Islamist rebel ally Ahrar al-Sham.

UN envoy Staffan de Mistura has called a new round of talks for March 23.

Fateh al-Sham has been repeatedly bombed in its northwestern stronghold this year, not only by the Syrian army and its Russian ally but also by a US-led coalition battling IS in both Syria and Iraq.

The rift over the UN-brokered talks between the rebels and the government has also seen deadly clashes between the jihadists and their former Islamist rebel allies.

The two groups had together seized virtually all of the northwestern province of Idlib but are now vying for territorial control.

Bomb attacks are rare in Damascus, a stronghold of the regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

The Syrian capital is sometimes the target of shelling by rebel groups who hold areas on the outskirts.

On December 16 a seven-year-old girl wearing an explosive belt blew herself up outside a police station in Midan district, wounding three police officers.

Two blasts near state security agencies in Kafr Sousa in December 2011 killed more than 40 people and wounded more than 150, the Syrian government said at the time.

Mar 25 now Genocide Day

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in the six-hour discussion.

Participating in the discussion, almost all lawmakers lambasted the BNP, its chief Khaleda Zia and BNP founder Ziaur Rahman for their "anti-liberation war role and favouring the Pakistani occupation forces".

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee and different other organisations have long been demanding that March 25 be declared as Genocide Day.

While placing the motion, MP Shirin said that like cowards, the Pakistani army had unleashed one of the worst atrocities on unarmed Bangalees in the name of "Operation Searchlight".

PM Hasina said the recognition of March 25 was crucial as the Pakistan government in recent times repeatedly tried to deny the atrocities its army carried out on the innocent Bangalees.

"Pakistan army carried out the history's most barbaric genocide on Bangalees as their leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman proclaimed Bangladesh's independence to free the nation from Pakistani subjugation," she said.

The Pakistan army adopted the scorched earth policy during the Liberation War, Hasina said, adding that no street, alley, university, police line, village and town were spared from their cruelty.

She also blasted Pakistani author Zunaid Ahmed for publishing a book under the supervision of the Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) distorting the history of Bangladesh's Liberation War.

The PM said the Pakistani rulers could not forget the pain of their defeat in 1971. They thought that Bangladesh as an independent country would be a failed state.

"But Bangladesh now has emerged as a role model of development drawing the attention of the global community... So, Pakistan now has adopted a new approach to distort the history.

"The brutality of the Pakistan army also vividly came in many books written by former Pakistan army generals," she said. "Unfortunately a former prime minister raised question on the number of Liberation War martyrs."

Hasina said the BNP chairperson, even being a former prime minister of the country, expressed her doubt about the number, which has given a scope to the Pakistanis for distorting Bangladesh's history.

Pakistan army started killing innocent Bangalees on March 25, 1971, in Rajarbagh, Dhaka University and

Little rain, big pain

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the hassle but she didn't. She has to attend coaching classes at Mouchak.

The condition of several other roads surrounding the Hajipara intersection, Malibagh and Moghbazar level crossings and in Rampura are poor as well, causing public suffering and affecting businesses.

Monirul Haque, who runs a stationery shop near the Malibagh intersection, said the number of customers at his shop dropped drastically in the last one week.

"We don't have relief in the summer as well. We have dust then," he said.

The people in the area have been suffering badly since the construction of the flyover began at that point two years ago, he said.

Many other roads in several parts of the city like Rokeya Sarani, Razarbagh, Hazaribagh, and Jatrabari are in poor shape as well.

The ongoing work for the development of city drainage system, utility services and construction work of the metro rail are to blame, said locals.

In many cases, the authorities are taking more than the usual time, increasing public suffering, they added.

Recently, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon told the Daily Star that Wasa's drainage

Pilkhana areas, which continued across the country until December 16, she added.

Pointing out the exploitation of Pakistani rulers on Bangalees, the PM narrated a report published in Pakistan's Dawn newspaper on representations of Bangalees and non-Bangalees in the army and civil administration.

Hasina observed that Pakistanis still could not regain their senses, that's why they were trying to misguide the people and carrying out propaganda on the War of Independence.

During her speech, Hasina showed many videos and images depicting atrocities unleashed by Pakistani occupation forces on Bangalees on the fateful night of March 25.

Raushan Ershad said the Pakistani army carried out the barbaric atrocities on March 25 killing thousands of people in a bid to destroy the Bangalee nation.

SESSION PROROGUED
The 14th session of parliament was prorogued last night having 32 sittings that began on January 22.

Parliament on March 9 unanimously passed the thanksgiving motion on President Abdul Hamid's speech in the House. A total 231 lawmakers from treasury and opposition bench took part in the discussion for over 64 hours on the motion moved by Chief Whip ASM Feroz on January 23.

President

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Through many pleas, petitions and protests, they stated that it was never a good idea to keep any room for marriages prior to one's adulthood in a country where one of the world's highest percentage of child marriages take place.

The "special circumstances" would permit parents and in the absence of parents, a girl's or boy's guardians, to get a court order and marry their wards even before they reach the minimum marriageable age.

Those working for the cause of preventing child marriages argue that such a leeway in the name of "special circumstances" would jeopardise the whole purpose of the law and people would tend to abuse the provision in getting girls married early.

Three lawmakers from the opposition Jatiya Party sought to bring in some amendments and elicit public opinion before the passage of the bill, but their pleas were turned down in majority voice vote.

system had collapsed in the areas where the Moghbazar-Malibagh flyover was being constructed.

"We are going to hold a meeting with all relevant service providing organisations on Sunday [tomorrow] to solve the problem," he said.

On March 30, 2015, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first part, stretching from Saatrasta intersection to Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Avenue (Moghbazar), of the 8.7km Mouchak-Moghbazar flyover.

In September last year, another part of the much-awaited flyover was opened to traffic. The work on the third and last part of the flyover covering Mouchak, Rajarbagh and Shantinagar is scheduled to end by June next.

One more

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uncovered box culvert in the capital's Paltan area.

In December 2014, Jihad, a three-year-old boy, died after he fell into a 600-foot-deep open shaft at Bangladesh Railway Colony in Shajahanpur.

Four people including three railway engineers have been jailed for 10 years each in connection with the incident.

**SUSPECTED THEFT
Man beaten
dead by mob**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man died after being beaten up viciously by an angry mob at Bandar area in the port city on suspicion of being a thief.

A murder case has been lodged accusing locals with Bandar Police Station yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Babul, 37, son of Abdul Rashid of Kalshi Dighir par area.

Quoting locals, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Moinul Islam of Bandar Police Station said on Friday morning locals caught Babul for "stealing from a local stationery shop". They tied him to a tree before viciously beating him up.

After he was released, the severely injured Babul managed to get back home in the evening. He asked his family members for water and passed away immediately afterwards.

Faruque, brother of Babul, lodged a murder case with Bandar Police Station in this connection. He said the victim was so badly injured that he could barely speak by the time he reached home.

He said his brother was not involved in any theft. Locals started beating Babul after a hue and cry was raised with the false allegation, Faruque claimed.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case Sajad Kamal said they have heard that Babul was beaten over an incident of theft.

"We are looking into whether any other reasons are involved behind the incident," the IO said.

Meanwhile, police recovered the body in the early hours of Saturday and sent it to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Lungs of steel

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When it was time for Junhai to show off his bizarre skill, he got into a half-squat position, put the hose to one of his nostrils, blocked the other with his thumb, and started pumping air into the tube. You can see the blood veins on his forehead popping out as he struggles to push the air out of his lungs and into the tyre tube, but eventually, he pulls it off.

Luckily, Tong's performance was captured on video and shared on Chinese social media, where it quickly went viral. Local media soon caught up with him to find out how he did it. The 44-year-old said that he had watched a kung fu master pull off the same stunt when he was a child, and was inspired to condition his lungs in order to imitate him.

Junhai added that it took him 10 years to hone his skill, which he now uses to impress people around China. "People love my outdoor performance, so I'm happy too," he told Shanxi News.

Interestingly, Tong Junhai isn't the world's only "human air pump". There are several of them in China alone. Four years ago, Xie Quanguo of Chengdu, also made news headlines for his ability to fill up a tyre tube with his nose, with only 15 breaths of air.

And then there's Nie Yongbing, who three years ago pulled off an even more impressive stunt. He inflated four large tyre tubes at the same time, using only one nostril, and it took him just 20 minutes to do it.

Lions tame Tigers

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team in a rebuilding phase. Four and a half days of Test cricket later, they had lost the match by 259 runs -- their third-highest defeat to Sri Lanka in terms of runs, excluding innings defeats.

For all the talk of progress, yesterday's defeat marked the fourth successive Test in which Bangladesh entered the fifth day with a realistic chance of a draw, before implosions of varying degrees handed the match to the opposition. Yesterday's was an implosion of the most spectacular kind.

The task could not have been more innocuous when part-time bowler, owing to play being called off on the previous day due to bad light during his over, lumbered up to bowl his slow-medium off-cutters in the first over of the day to opener Soumya Sarkar, batting on a 47-ball 53. Bangladesh had resumed the day on 67 without loss in 15 overs, needing to bat out a maximum of 98 overs to force a draw after Sri Lanka declared their second innings on 274 for six the previous day, setting an unlikely target of 457.

Soumya's first shot -- an ill-advised sweep, the top-edge off which would have looped into short leg's hands had he not taken evasive action -- turned out to be a portent of things to come. He was bowled off the next ball, and amusingly tried to request a review thinking that the Sri Lankans were celebrating a caught-behind. Mominul Haque then came and went in a fashion identical to his first-innings dismissal for a 15-ball five in the 19th over. He played back to a Dilruwan Perera off-spinner and was trapped in front.

In Perera's next over, Tamim Iqbal pushed out at an off-stump ball and

was caught at slip for a 55-ball 19. Mushfiqur Rahim and Shakib Al Hasan then put on 21 runs to take the score to 104 for three when Shakib lunged at a Herath delivery that landed on middle and off, and the resultant edge was caught brilliantly by Dimuth Karunaratne at leg slip. Mahmudullah Riyad lasted just one ball before being trapped in front by an arm-ball that he just did not get in line to play.

Bangladesh had lost half their side for 37 runs in the first hour.

Much like he did in the first innings, skipper Mushfiqur Rahim batted solidly and, in the company of wicketkeeper Liton Das, took the team to lunch without further damage with the score on 157 in 47 overs. All hope of a stirring rearguard, however, was flushed down the drain when Liton Das batted. Mushfiqur chased the second ball after the break sent down by chinaman bowler Lakshan Sandakan and tickled the ball through to the keeper to fall for a resolute, if ill-ended, 98-ball 34.

Three overs later, after a change of ends, Herath soon had his record-setting wicket when Liton Das threw caution to the wind and tried to loft the master spinner over the in-field, only to be caught at cover for a 62-ball 35 to leave the team at 166 for seven. Three more easy wickets for Herath followed when he had Taskin Ahmed caught off the bat and pad at short leg and Mustafizur Rahman bowled, before Miraz ended the match in the appropriate manner, with an unnecessary shot to be out for 28.

The second Test, Bangladesh's 100th, will start at the P Sara Oval in Colombo on March 15.

'Disturbed Intruder' held

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job," the president said to reporters during a lunch meeting with cabinet officials at the Trump National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia.

"It was a troubled person. It was very sad."

Asked about confidence in the secret service, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer reiterated to reporters the good job it does, and said they have full confidence in the agency.

Earlier, the man carrying a backpack was arrested Friday night after breaching security at the White House complex and was discovered by a secret service officer by the south entrance to the executive residence, officials said.

The incident happened just before midnight while President Donald Trump was at the White House.

A secret service source said the intruder might have entered the White House grounds on the east side before making his way near the residence's south portico entrance.

The White House was placed under security condition "orange," one of the highest levels of security for the Secret Service.

The suspect was arrested by the secret service and taken into custody.

The president was spending the weekend in Washington and was alerted to the incident late Friday night, an administration official said.

There have been numerous instances of people trespassing on the White House grounds over the last several years.

In one notable instance in 2014, 42-year-old Omar Gonzales, of Copperas Cove, Texas, made it through the north portico doors with a three-and-a-half-

inch folding knife in his pants pocket, according to the Secret Service. Gonzalez was apprehended just after making it inside the doors, the Secret Service said. The first family was not at the White House at the time.

In another, the Secret Service apprehended Joseph Caputo, of Stamford, Connecticut, on the North Lawn after he scaled the fence wearing an American flag-like cape while the first family was inside the residence celebrating Thanksgiving.

Happy

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difficult problems, long-pending disputes of local people in the last one year," Profulla said.

Describing Razzak as an honest, friendly and soft-spoken person, Shahadat Hossain Sumon, mayor of Mirzapur municipality, said it is an example that he runs a shop just like any other ordinary person even after becoming a public representative.

Razzak, however, sees it as nothing but a way of living honestly.

Asked why he runs the shop despite being a councillor, he said, "What shall I do then for a living?"

"I get Tk 4,000 a month in allowance as a councillor. But I earn Tk 12,000 to Tk 15,000 monthly if I run the stall regularly."

"I love my family of wife, son, daughter, two brothers and parents. I also love Awami League and I am the organising secretary of the ward unit of the party."

"Though I don't have sufficient money or influence like others, I have no bad reputation. I am happy with my dignified life," said a proud Razzak.

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