

It was illegal

SC asks govt to refund Tk 615cr collected from businesses during army-backed caretaker rule

SHAKHAWAT LITON and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government has to return Tk 615 crore to 17 companies and several businesspeople that were forced to deposit the amount with Bangladesh Bank as tax on their alleged hidden money during the last caretaker government's tenure.

The companies and businesspeople yesterday won a legal battle at the Supreme Court, which rejected the BB's appeals against 11 High Court verdicts ordering the government to return the money.

NAME OF COMPANY	AMOUNT (IN TAKA)
Bashundhara Group	256 cr
The Consolidated Tea & Land (Bangladesh) Ltd	237 cr
S Alam Group	60 cr
Eastern Housing Ltd	35 cr
Unique Group	27 cr

Housing Ltd and the Consolidated Tea and Land (Bangladesh) Ltd.

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Police wait outside as a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team conducts a raid on a militant hideout in Sitakunda's Premtala area yesterday morning. Four suspected militants got killed and 10 bombs were defused during the raid. The bomb disposal unit found three suicide vests in the den.

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Tigers revert to type

SAKEB SUBHAN from Colombo

Three wickets for six runs in seven balls. That was enough to undo all the hard work that Bangladesh had done for most of the first two days to get into the driving seat in their 100th Test match, the second of a two-Test series against Sri Lanka that Bangladesh trail 0-1. Sri Lanka had scored 338, which was powered by Dinesh Chandimal's 138 and to an extent the conservative tactics that allowed the home team to recover from an overnight score of 238 for seven. But Bangladesh, having gotten to 192 for two with 3.2 overs left in the day, displayed their inability to sustain a performance through a Test day as they collapsed to 214 for five to surrender all the hard-won initiative to Sri Lanka at the P Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.



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Bangabandhu's birthday today

UNB, Dhaka

The 97th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is being observed today.

The day is celebrated as the National Children's Day. It is also a public holiday.

On this day in 1920, the architect of

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'Huji militant' killed in B'baria police raid

STAR REPORT

An alleged member of banned militant outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) was killed in police firing during a raid in Brahmanbaria's Kasba upazila early yesterday.

Moreover, a suspected Huji member was arrested in Mymensingh hours later.

Deceased Tajul Islam Mahmud alias Mama Hujur, 45, is a resident of Sadullapur village in Habiganj's Nabiganj upazila.

Police said five of its members were treated at Kasba Upazila Health Complex for minor injuries. They are sub-inspectors Belal Hossain and Nurul Haq, assistant sub-inspectors Mohiuddin and Nazimuddin and constable Ibrahim.

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With four overs to go Bangladesh slumped from a strong 192-2 to 214-5, losing three wickets, including that of Sabbir Rahman, on the second day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at the P Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.

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Even divorce could not keep her safe

'Ex-husband' kills banker in her flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arifun Nesa Arifa married her childhood-friend-turned lover without her parents' consent and then quickly became disillusioned as she was subjected to abuse and torture. She finally divorced her husband to escape from the soured marriage.

Nearly six months later, the 25-year-old banker was seen bleeding from a stab injury to her neck yesterday in her Central Road residence in the capital.

As she was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, she died

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Arifun Nesa

NEWS ANALYSIS

Separation that never ends

SHAKHAWAT LITON

An unhappy Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha on Tuesday said that the judiciary was being held hostage by the government's non-issuance of a gazette notification regarding disciplines and conducts of lower court judges.

He made the remarks as the government's repeatedly asked for more time to issue the gazette notification.

Making the rules in line with the apex court's directives is one of the required measures for effective separation of the

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