

Security alert

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The Secret Service described it as an "ongoing criminal investigation."
At the time of the incident, President Donald Trump was at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, where he spends most of his weekends.
Earlier Saturday, another person was arrested after jumping over a bicycle rack in front of the White House. The man, who never made it to the White House fence, was carrying a document he wanted to deliver to the White House and did not have a weapon, a law enforcement official said.
The incidents come a week after a man breached the White House grounds — and was on the grounds for more than 15 minutes.

Take steps

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In the report, the IGP said two police officials had jointly conducted the investigation into an allegation brought against ASP Saiful. During the probe it has been proved that Saiful severely beat up Hafiz after taking him to the room of the officer-in-charge of Baufal police on February 12.
Later on February 20, the HC bench issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why the alleged incident of torture should not be declared illegal and why they should not be ordered to compensate the victim.
In the rule, the court also asked the authorities to show cause as to why appropriate legal action would not be taken against the police personnel involved in the torture.
The bench came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Hafizur's mother Josna Begum seeking necessary directives on the responsible police personnel.
She submitted the writ petition to the HC annexing a report published in the daily Janakantha on February 14 over the incident of police torture of her son.
According to the report, Sub-Inspector Ferdous arrested Hafizur and took him in custody on February 12.
At midnight, Hafizur was brought to the office room of the OC and beaten up with sticks, the report said, adding that OC Azam Khan was not at office at that time.
OC Azam Khan told the newspaper that ASP Saiful Islam interrogated Hafizur at his (OC's) office but did not torture him.
The HC yesterday disposed of the rule, DAG Tapas said, adding that ASP Saiful has been transferred to the police headquarters in Dhaka following the HC rule.

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Rab official.
During interrogation, the detainees admitted that they smuggled many consignments of yaba tablets, including that of eight lakh pills, into the country in February, Miftah said.
They also said owners of the six lakh yaba tablets are Hasan Majhi, 40, and his brother Saber Ahmed, 28, and their brother-in-law Hasan Mia, hailing from Anwara upazila.
The three went into hiding, said the Rab official, adding that the value of the seized yaba tablets would be Tk 24 crore.
Two such yaba smuggling gangs were busted in Chittagong by Rab-7 in October and November last year while they were smuggling yaba tablets into the country.
Rab-7 seized over 79 lakh yaba tablets since January 2016 from different areas of Chittagong.



Tonu's parents Anwara Begum and Yaar Hossian in front of their village home in Comilla yesterday after they offered fateha at Tanu's grave. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Sluggish probe delays justice

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But those did not match with the three DNA samples.
In the last one year, CID officials quizzed around 200 people, including army personnel and Tonu's friends, but there was no visible progress in the probe, which frustrated the family members and rights bodies.
Jalal Uddin, assistant superintendent of CID tasked with the probe since August last year, said though they got DNA reports of three spermatozoa, they were yet to get forensic reports of all evidence collected at the scene.
He said the interrogation of people was an ongoing process since names of people pop up whenever they quiz a person.
"We are trying sincerely. We are hopeful," the police official added.
About the allegation of forcing the

family members to remain silent, Jalal said they did not forbid anyone from speaking to the media.
"We asked them to speak on the basis of information and evidence," he said.
Terming the delay in identifying the killers regrettable, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said investigators should identify and arrest the killers immediately.
The murder sparked huge protest of people from all walks of life, particularly students, demonstrating in many districts, including Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Pirojpur and Gaibandha for days.
FATHER'S PLEA FOR JUSTICE
Talking to The Daily Star, Yaar Hossian said, "We want an audience with the prime minister. There has been no

progress in the investigation for the last one year. Just because we are poor, won't we get justice?"
He said the family members yesterday visited their village home in Comilla's Muradnagar where Tonu was laid to rest. They offered fateha there.
KEEPSAKES OF TONU
Tonu's mother said law enforcement and security agencies took away most of the mementos of her daughter soon after her murder. A small wooden boat that Tonu liked the most, a few vases and flowerpots were left.
"These items remind me of my daughter. Whenever I see those, the smiling face of my daughter comes to mind. I won't lose them as Tonu touched those."
Our Comilla Correspondent Khalid Bin Nazrul contributed to the report.

Netanyahu's rift with FM fuels talk of early Israeli election

REUTERS, Jerusalem
A dispute between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his finance minister over broadcast regulation sparked speculation yesterday that Netanyahu could seek an election two years ahead of schedule.
A national vote could delay any US peace moves under new President Donald Trump and also put off Netanyahu's possible indictment over suspected corruption.
The speculation came after Netanyahu said late on Saturday that he was abandoning an agreement with Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, a key coalition partner, on establishing a new public broadcasting authority to replace the existing one.
Netanyahu cited concerns over job losses for his abrupt change of heart.
The prime minister flew to China for a three-day official visit on Sunday, leaving behind talk of a coalition crisis and an early election in Israeli newspapers.
The Israeli media quoted Netanyahu as telling ministers from his Likud party that he would dissolve the government if Kahlon didn't fall into line. Kahlon heads the Kulanu party, a centre-right partner in Netanyahu's Likud-led coalition.
Some commentators said Netanyahu hoped a snap election would postpone a decision, expected within weeks, by the attorney general on possible criminal charges.
Others speculated that Netanyahu, after a visit by a U.S. envoy last week, was unsettled by the course the Trump administration might set in Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts and wanted to delay diplomacy.
Netanyahu, 67, is a suspect in two

cases, one involving the receipt of gifts from businessmen and the other related to conversations he held with an Israeli newspaper publisher about limiting competition in the news sector in exchange for more positive coverage.
No charges have yet been brought against Netanyahu, who was reelected two years ago and has denied wrongdoing.
Israel is not due to hold a general election until November 2019 but many coalition governments have not lasted a full term.
"A decision to call new elections will suspend the investigations and might even do away with them," commentator Nahum Barnea wrote in the Yedioth Ahronoth daily.
"If he survives (the ballot) he will argue... the people have cleared him of any wrongdoing. And then he will form the same coalition he has grown fed up with today," Barnea said.
Yariv Levin, a Likud cabinet minister, denied any link between Netanyahu's decision on the broadcasting authority and the police probes.
Under coalition agreements, Likud has the final word on communications issues, Levin told Army Radio. Two other Likud ministers voiced opposition to an early ballot.
In the Maariv newspaper, commentator Ben Caspit said a new election would buy Netanyahu another six to 12 months to gear up for an "ultimate deal" from Trump on peace with the Palestinians and the future of Jewish settlements.
"(Netanyahu) now realises just how misplaced the right wing's adulation over Donald Trump the Messiah was," Caspit wrote.

Why shouldn't

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Daily Star and Bangla dailies Prothom Alo and Kaler Kantho, to the court along with the petition seeking necessary orders on the authorities.
The HC took the media reports into consideration and passed the ruling, said Mohammad Belayet Hossain who moved the petition.
The secretary to the industries ministry, ACC Chairman Iqbal Mahmood and BCIC Chairman Mohammad Iqbal have been made respondents to the rule.
Referring to the petition, Belayet said the fertiliser sector is highly subsidised, and the subsidy comes from the revenue generated from taxpayers' money.
The government is doing great in the agriculture sector, but a corrupt syndicate might undo its achievement, according to the petition.
If the corruption continues, it may lead to fertiliser and food crises in the country and so the court should intervene, the complainant said in the petition.
The Daily Star had run a series of reports shedding light on the misappropriation of fertiliser by a syndicate involved in shipment and transport, and mismanagement by BCIC contributing to the corruption that has been costing the state Tk 100 crore each year since 2009.

Family stabs

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senior assistant superintendent of Savar police.
A number of policemen of Savar Model Police Station, led by SI Mehedi, went to Mozidpur to arrest one Khaza, against whom there was an outstanding arrest warrant in a drug case, he added.
Police arrested Khaza, but his family members attacked police and their informer with sharp weapons and tried to snatch the accused away, the police official claimed.
On information, additional police were sent to the spot and they took the injured to the hospital, he said.
Contacted, Shah Mizan Shafiqur Rahman, superintendent of Dhaka district police, said he heard about the incident.

27 hurt as AL

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College Hospital.
The injured policemen are: SI Kartik Devnath, ASI Nurul Islam, SI Md Zakir Hossain and constables Faruk Hossain, Md Hanif, Delwar Hossain and Abu Yusuf. They were all given first aid.
Officer-in-Charge Abdul Majid of Hatiya Police Station said they rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by 12:00 midnight after shooting more than 100 rounds of bullets.

Last legal bar

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Trial Tribunal sentenced Mufti Hannan, Bipul and Ripon to death. Two other members of the now banned militant outfit were given life time in jail. They are Muhibullah alias Muhibur Rahman alias Ovi and Mufti Main Uddin alias Abu Zandal.
Talking to The Daily Star, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said, "The jail authorities will start the execution process after receiving the Supreme Court order. I think all the relevant processes might complete within a week."
Helal Uddin Mollah, a defence lawyer, said the convicts were yet to decide about the presidential mercy and that they would make that decision later.
On December 7 last year, the SC upheld the death penalty of Hannan, Bipul and Ripon.
The trio filed for reviews on February 23 this year.
Earlier on February 11 last year, the High Court confirmed the capital punishments for the three and upheld the life sentences of Ovi and Abu Zandal.
Mufti Hannan and Bipul later filed appeals with the SC challenging the

HC verdict.
The SC appointed Helal Uddin Mollah to defend Ripon in the case as he did not submit any appeal.
Mahbubey Alam earlier told this correspondent that the life imprisonments of Ovi and Abu Zandal would remain in force as they did not move any appeal before the SC against their convictions and sentences.
Mufti Hannan is also an accused in 24 other criminal cases including those filed for the grenade attack on the Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka on August 21, 2004. Twenty-four people were killed and around 300 others injured in the grenade attack. Trials of these cases are now underway.
Anwar Chowdhury went to visit the shrine on May 21, 2004, only after 18 days of his assignment in Dhaka, for noon prayers.
As he was coming out of the shrine, a grenade attack jolted the whole area, injuring him and others.
Two people died instantly and another the day after.
The envoy was initially taken to a hospital in Sylhet but was later brought to the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka.

United they delivered

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included a massive six off a Lakshan Sandakan googly that thudded off the plexiglass windows of the press box. The batsman did not much regret missing out on the hundred after being third out with the score on 131.
"I didn't hurry, but this was my plan. I couldn't be very defensive. We were batting on the fifth day, and there could be a good ball here or there so I needed to keep scoring runs and keep looking for boundary opportunities," said Tamim after the match. "End of the day, we won. This 80 means a lot."
Shakib's loss after tea to an inside-edge off Perera that disturbed the furniture so gently that replays were necessary to confirm the dismissal, with 29 still to be scored, brought debutant Mosaddek Hossain, who scored 75 in the first innings, to the crease. He immediately hit his stride

knowing that the win was nigh and went after the bowling.
"What made me happy was how we understood the value of the match even when we were ahead or behind in the game. We tried to recognise these small things. The fact that we realised each and every bit of it was quite impressive," said Mushfiqur, who dedicated Bangladesh's ninth Test win to the fans who faithfully cheer them through thick and thin.
But the best quote of the day, fittingly, must go to Shakib who was sitting quietly by his captain's side during the press conference. Sri Lanka had won their last six matches at home, but a Sri Lankan journalist wanted to know if this is the worst Sri Lankan team Shakib has faced.
"They beat Australia 3-0," was the deadpan yet immediate reply. That, in a nutshell, is the enormity of the achievement.

What's in a name?

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shipping companies. His batchmates around the world have secured employment, but Saddam remains unemployed despite ranking second in his batch of 2014.
For the initial six months, Saddam was unable to decipher why he was being rejected. "I then inquired with the HR departments of the companies and some of them told me my name was the problem," he recounts. He was told that having a crew member with a name that arouses instant suspicion could be an operational nightmare.
A top executive of Delhi-based TeamLease Services, a leading recruitment consultant, agrees. "If the issue involves crossing the borders, then nothing can be done as border patrol and airport authorities are very process-driven and if there is a red flag, they will check out. If the person's job involves frequent travel abroad, he might just keep getting stuck or the company has to pull him out of the sticky situation, making the hire cumbersome," he points out.
Getting rid of the name is proving to be a bigger nightmare.

Once it hit him that his name was the impediment, Saddam legally got his name changed into Sajid and procured all relevant documents, including passport, voter ID and driving licence, under the name.
But his woes did not end there.
Prospective employers ask for his educational certificates, but his university has refused to change the name until he got his Class 10 and 12 exam certificates changed first. He approached the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for a name change, but the authorities have not acted yet.
Driven to desperation, Saddam, now Sajid, moved the Jharkhand high court with a plea to direct the CBSE to change his name. But since unscrupulous people often abuse the system by frequently changing names, the court acted with caution. Last week, it set the date for a considered hearing on May 5.
Saddam remains fond of his grandfather, though he feels he is paying for his folly. As one by one his batchmates set sail after securing jobs, Saddam is left to spend sleepless nights. "I am an innocent victim of somebody else's crimes," he says.

Mosul families go against the tide to return home

AFP, Mosul
Tens of thousands have flowed out of war-wracked Mosul in recent weeks, but Samir Hamid and 33 family members have decided to go against the tide to return home.
"We stayed with relatives for a week and now we're going back home," says the father-of-five, who has travelled with his extended family from a small town outside Mosul.
Iraqi forces have retaken several neighbourhoods in west Mosul from the Islamic State group since starting an assault last month to recapture the jihadists' last major urban bastion in the country.
More than 150,000 people have fled their homes in west Mosul, the Iraqi authorities say, of which two-thirds have found shelter in camps near the city where they receive food, blankets and foam mattresses.
But Hamid says he, his five brothers and their families -- 34 people in total -- are heading home to the Wadi Hajar district after finding there was no space for them in a displaced camp in the Hamam al-Alil area.
"We couldn't find any room at the camp," says the man in his thirties.
"There are too many people there -- three to four families per tent," says Hamid, dressed entirely in black and

his plastic sandals covered in mud.
As they approach a hill to climb on the city outskirts, Hamid's family grab small metal carts abandoned by civilians who have fled the city in the opposite direction.
They pile on their bags crammed with belongings.
A woman in the family, her face covered with a black face veil, struggles to advance under the weight of a dirty beige blanket she carries. She lifts the veil from her face.
"We'll be better off at home," says Hamid, who has brought biscuits, milk and butter in his bags.
When Hamid and his family fled Mosul, they escaped what they described as a living hell.

6 die as bus

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passengers on the spot and wounding 15 others.
The injured were taken to Gobindaganj Upazila Health Complex where two of them died. Five critically injured were later shifted to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra.
Soon after the accident, police and firefighters rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers trapped inside the bus.



Hooded participants throw back tear gas canisters as they clash with police within a demonstration called by the families of the victims of alleged police brutality, LDH, the Mrap, CGT and FSU against police brutality, discrimination and racism in Paris yesterday. PHOTO: AFP