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# No relief for two mayors

Before being suspended again, Sylhet mayor could sit in his chair for a while, Rajshahi mayor finds his office under lock and key

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The two pro-BNP mayors of Rajshahi and Sylhet city corporations regained their posts through protracted legal battles after a twoyear suspension.

But their good times were short-

Rajshahi Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul and Sylhet Mayor Ariful Huq Chowdhury were all set to rejoin office yesterday.

But the day turned out to be full of dramas over their resumption of responsibilities as people's representatives with the government suspending both once again.

**Ariful Haque** 

The LGRD ministry served a suspension order on Ariful yesterday, citing that a Sunamganj court on March 22 accepted a charge sheet against him in a case over a grenade attack on an Awami League rally in Sunamganj in 2004.

Another suspension order was issued on Bulbul, saying a Rajshahi court accepted charge sheets against him in two cases filed under the Explosive SEE PAGE 2 COL 1





QUOTE "No power of the world matches the power of the youths...there is a hero in each one

of you" NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE KAILASH SATYARTHI THE CITY'S SAINT JOSEPH HIGHER

SECONDARY SCHOOL

RAJIB MURDER

## Sermons must not go against law

Bulbul

Observes HC in appeal verdict in blogger murder case; death penalty for 2 upheld

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

While delivering the appeal's verdict over the murder of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider, the High Court yesterday came up with some observations about the roles the state, imams and parents should play so that youths cannot get involved in militancy.

Observing that parents should be more careful about keeping their children on the right path, the HC also noted that imams must not deliver any speech which goes against the laws of the land.

"An imam's duty is to conduct the prayers to religious Musullies [devotees] at a mosque and to give them the right guidance about Islam. He SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

#### PM's Trip to Delhi Thirty deals with India 'finalised'

ANISUR RAHMAN

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka yesterday finalised around 30 deals, including a Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral security and defence cooperation for five years, for signing during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India beginning April 7.

An inter-ministerial meeting at the foreign ministry with Secretary Md Shahidul Haque in the chair worked those out.

The much-talked about Teesta river water sharing agreement is not in the list, said meeting sources.

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### Lokman disappeared again and again

Police suspect him as 'Neo JMB' man from Dinajpur; all dead in Moulvibazar raid were his family members

KONGKON KARMAKER, MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and ROBIUL HASAN DOLLAR

Before being killed along with his wife and children during the police raid in Moulvibazar's Nasirpur last week, Sohel Rana alias Lokman remained missing for about a decade, friends and family members have said.

It was 2007, and the then caretaker government was cracking down on Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh

(JMB) operatives, already infamous for their terror attacks across the country. It's not clear if Lokman was a member of the banned militant outfit, but he suddenly left his Dinajpur home with his wife and three young daughters at the height of the anti-militant campaign.

Then in 2013, he briefly returned home and then went missing again with his wife and kids, said friends and relatives, describing him as a "religious man" who would invite people to offer their prayers.

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TOXIC PARACETAMOL Rid Pharma MD, wife get bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Managing Director of Rid Pharmaceuticals Ltd Mizanur Rahman and his wife Sheuli Rahman yesterday obtained bail after they surrendered before a Dhaka court seeking bail in the case filed over the deaths of 28 children in 2009.

Judge M Atoar Rahman of the Drug Court passed the order after they appeared before it as per the High Court order.

Earlier on March 9, the HC directed five officials of Rid Pharmaceuticals Ltd, who were acquitted in a case

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Police hand over the baby to his mother yesterday, a day after he was stolen from Bogra Government Mohammad Ali Hospital.

РНОТО: STAR

#### Stolen infant returned to mother

Smiles all around as police rescue the four-day-old boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

It was a happy moment for all at Bogra Government Mohammad Ali Hospital. Even the patients rejoiced yesterday as Hosne Ara was given back her newborn stolen on Saturday.

The 23-year-old woman, who kept fainting in despair since she lost the baby boy, couldn't hold her tears of joy as she received SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

## 20 tortured to death at Pakistan shrine

Psychotic custodian, two accomplices arrested

AFP, Islamabad

The custodian of a Pakistani religious shrine and two accomplices have been arrested for torturing and murdering 20 worshippers with knives and clubs early yesterday, police said.

Four women were among those killed in the attacks at the Sufi Shrine to Mohammad Ali in Punjab province. Victims were apparently given intoxicants before being slaugh-

tered and some of the bodies were nude. The motive was unclear but some officials said the chief suspect had mental

health problems and had used violence on followers before.

"The 50-year-old shrine custodian, Abdul Waheed, has confessed that he killed these people because he feared that they had come to kill him," regional police chief Zulfiqar Hameed told AFP.

Another local government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Waheed had told police that the saint buried at the shrine had been poisoned and he feared that his victims might kill him also.

"The suspect appears to be paranoid and SEE PAGE 2 COL 6



দেশের সকল খানা'র আর্থ-সামাজিক অবস্থার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করে একটি জাতীয় তথ্যভাগুর গড়ে তোলার লক্ষ্যে শুরু হচ্ছে খানা-শুমারি। শুমারির ১ম ধাপে ৪ থেকে ২৩ এপ্রিল ২০১৭ পর্যন্ত বরিশাল ও রংপুর বিভাগের সকল জেলা এবং ময়মনসিংহ বিভাগের জামালপুর, শেরপুর ও ময়মনসিংহ জেলার সকল খানার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা হবে। ২য় ও ৩য় ধাপে দেশের অবশিষ্ট জেলাগুলোতে শুমারি কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হবে।

#### শুমারির লক্ষ্য ও উদ্দেশ্য

- এ তথ্যভাগুর দেশের খানাভিত্তিক আর্থ-সামাজিক চিত্র ও উন্নয়ন অগ্রগতি সম্পর্কে পরিপূর্ণ ধারণা পেতে সহায়তা করবে এবং বিভিন্ন উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচি গ্রহণে সরকারকে প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়তা দিবে;
- সরকারের বিভিন্ন মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক গৃহীত সামাজিক নিরাপত্তা কর্মসূচিগুলো যথাযথ বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে দারিদ্র দূরীকরণে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ও নির্ভরযোগ্য সহায়ক হিসেবে এ তথ্যভাগুর ব্যবহৃত হবে;
- সরকারের অন্যান্য সেবাসমূহ দ্রুত জনগণের দোর-গোড়ায় পৌঁছে দেবার ক্ষেত্রে এ তথ্যভাগুর নির্ভরযোগ্য উৎস হিসেবে কাজ করবে।

#### যে সকল তথ্য নিয়ে এই তথ্যভাণ্ডার তৈরি হবে

খানা সদস্যদের নাম, মাতা-পিতার নাম, বয়স, শিক্ষা, পেশা, নিবাস ইত্যাদি ব্যক্তিগত তথ্যের পাশাপাশি খানার বাসগৃহের ধরন, মালিকানাধীন জমির পরিমাণ, ব্যবহৃত পায়খানার ধরন, পানীয় জলের উৎস প্রভৃতি।



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