



Left, flames billowing from an oil tanker after a head-on collision with a sand-laden truck on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Adhuria in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday morning. The oil tanker first caught on fire, which spread to the sand-laden truck. As a result, a tailback was created on both sides of the highway, causing public sufferings, right. At around 9:30am, fire fighters doused the blaze. Traffic situation became normal after the two trucks were removed.



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## ACC conducts drive over allegation against cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday conducted a drive at Adamjee EPZ to investigate an allegation against local police of extorting money from sand-laden vessel operators on the river Shitalakkhya.

During the three-hour-long drive starting at 11:30am, an ACC team interviewed the locals and victims. The team, however, did not find police personnel at that time.

An operator of a trawler, Abu Sayeed, told the ACC team that he used to transport sand from Narsingdi through the rivers Meghna and Shitalakkhya.

He alleged that he has to give Tk 50 to Tk 100 to policemen at least 21 places. But the demands of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) staff are higher.

"We have to give them Tk 2,000," he said.

During the inspection, the ACC team found that most of the goods-laden trawlers have no licences, route permits and fitness certificates; that is why, they gave the money to manage police personnel.

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## ACC chief for identifying reasons behind graft

UNB, Dhaka

Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Iqbal Mahmood yesterday stressed the need for identifying the reasons behind the widespread corruption to effectively fight the social menace in the country.

"Only arresting graft suspects and sending them to jail could not be a corruption investigation. But the reasons behind corruption should be identified and included in probe reports," he said.

The ACC chief made the remark during a meeting with a delegation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) at the Commission's head office in the capital.

UNODC Anti-corruption Adviser (South-East Asia and Pacific Zone) Zorana Marcovic led the delegation.

When the reasons behind the corruption can be identified, the way to establish good governance will be easier and thus corruption will come under control, said Iqbal Mahmood.

He said although the national anti-graft agency has some innovative initiatives in its prevention activities, there is no innovative thinking in its investigation and prosecution. The ACC chairman sought UNODC's help to complete its probes into graft allegations with the timeframe set by the Commission's rules and regulations.

"We just started relations with the UNODC. We seek cooperation from all national and international agencies in increasing our capacity," he said.

Zorana Marcovic assured that UNODC will provide all the necessary supports to the ACC to train its staff if they get specific and constructive proposals from the ACC.



## AL plans reception on PM's return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League will accord a grand reception to its president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina upon her return home on Saturday morning for her "remarkable achievements" at United Nations General Assembly.

She will be accorded the reception at the Shahjajal International Airport around 9:30am as she returns home wrapping up her three-week USA and UK visit.

Hasina left the country on September 16 for New York for attending the 72nd Session of the UNGA.

The party is planning to gather several lakh people on both sides of the street from the airport to Gono Bhaban to welcome her.

AL took the decision yesterday at a meeting held at the party president's Dhanmondi office with AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader in the chair.

At the meeting, the party also decided not to hamper traffic movement due to the reception.



Travelling on this muddy and pothole-riddled road in the capital's Malibagh Chowdhurypara has become a nightmare for the commuters. The sufferings worsen during the rainy seasons.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Form regional platform to combat militancy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Police at an international workshop in Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur yesterday proposed forming a common regional platform to combat militancy and terrorism.

Bureau of Counter-terrorism and Counter Violent Extremism, US Department of State organised the two-day workshop on "Addressing the challenges of ISIS's evolving threats and returning foreign terrorist fighters in Southeast Asia," according to a police headquarters press release.

On behalf of Bangladesh police, Md Moniruzzaman, assistant inspector general of police (intelligence and special affairs) joined the workshop and underscored the need for the common regional platform.

## Last tribute to Jasim Uddin

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Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, veteran journalist Kamal Lohani, eminent actor-director Mamunur Rashid and cultural personality Syed Hassan Imam were present there. National Awami Party, Swachchha Sebak League, Udichi Shilpi Gosthi and Hrishij Shilpi Gosthi were among many organisations that also paid their tributes.

Jasim Uddin's body was then taken to Dhaka University central mosque where his first namaz-e-janaza was held.

## Female 'JMB member' held

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from a renowned English medium school in the city in 2015, joined JMB being radicalised by her Australia expatriate husband Abu Atar alias Nowroz Rayat Amin.

Atar got introduced with Mehedi in 2015 and since then Mehedi maintained contact with the couple through secured apps like telegram and threema, said the Rab press release.

In another drive on Monday night, Rab arrested a suspected militant from a Mohammadpur hospital in the capital in a militancy-related case filed with Mohammadpur Police Station on September 9 under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

His body will be taken to his village home in Ishwardi today (October 4) and will be laid to rest in his family graveyard.

Paying rich tribute to the leader at Shaheed Minar, eminent journalist Kamal Lohani said, "Jasim Uddin was an idol amongst the progressive people as he never deviated from his ideology."

CPB President Mujahidul Islam Selim said, "He was one of the senior leaders of the anti-British movement and communist movement in the sub-continent."

The arrestee, Minhaj Yamim Jibrin, is a dentist at Decent Dental Care Hospital on Salimullah Road in Mohammadpur.

According to a prayer that Rab Sub-Inspector Moshir Rahman, also the investigation officer of case, placed before a Dhaka court yesterday, the arrestee is an active member of banned militant outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Jibrin's wife, who did not disclose her name, said a group of people identifying them as Mohammadpur police took away Jibrin from the hospital. "As we went to Mohammadpur Police Station, police asked us to visit court," she said over the phone yesterday.

## RAPE OF SISTER-IN-LAW Man confesses to abetting friend

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man yesterday confessed before a Dhaka court that he helped his friend rape his younger brother's wife.

Mohammad Mamun, a resident of Turag area in the capital, also admitted to have attempted to rape the victim afterwards.

Police arrested Mamun and his friend Shafique, a Dakkhin Khan resident, on Monday and sent the duo to the court yesterday. They committed the crime at Shafique's house on Sunday night.

Shafique has allegedly raped a 25-year-old garment worker at his house, said Tapon Kumar Saha, officer-in-charge of Dakkhin Khan Police Station.

Mamun convinced the victim to go with him at Shafique's house to be a marriage witness. When she complied, Shafique raped her there, said Tapon.

Shafique then left the house and Mamun made unsuccessful attempt to rape her, according to the OC.

The victim's husband filed a case with Dakkhin Khan Police Station on Monday.

## NEWS IN brief

### PM shocked at Las Vegas shooting

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her deep shock at the tragic loss of more than 50 lives in a mass shooting in Las Vegas on Monday.

In a condolence message to US President Donald J. Trump shortly after the incident, the prime minister conveyed her heartfelt sympathy to the president, to the American people, and particularly to the members of the bereaved families, according to a press release received from Bangladesh Embassy in Washington yesterday.

### Man gets life for killing brother

CU CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for killing his elder brother in the district's Hathazari upazila in 2011.

On October 25, 2011, Motafer Hossain, of Alipur village, stabbed his elder brother Nurul Absar to death over a dispute over distribution of their family pond's fishes. Victim's wife Salma Akhter and his son Ahsan Habib Sohel were critically injured when they went to save Absar.

### Brac opens math learning centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brac yesterday opened a learning centre for children in the capital's Dhanmondi to develop a comprehensive method of leaning mathematics.

Named after Japanese mathematics teacher Toru Kumon, the centre titled "Kumon Centre" will hold classes twice a week -- in two batches for children age from 4 to 14. A student will be provided with exercises with simple maths in a time frame.

At present, Kumon Centre will be run with 30 students in pilot phase in the next two weeks. Another centre of Kumon will open in Uttara next month.

### €1.2 m EU aid for flood-hit victims

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

European Union will provide €1.2 million as emergency relief funding to assist the flood affected populations in Bangladesh.

This is in response to the widespread floods that have swept across large parts of Bangladesh in the recent weeks, said a press release of the European Commission yesterday.

### Bangladesh-Turkey Foreign Office Consultations held in Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Turkey have positively assessed the developments in bilateral relations and agreed to enhance cooperation in the field of trade, investment, disaster management, education, counter terrorism and air connectivity.

High officials of the two countries during the 2nd Bangladesh-Turkey Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Dhaka on Monday also exchanged views on the Turkish cooperation for the distressed Rohingya people.

The next FOC will take place in Ankara in 2018, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

### Woman found hanging

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A woman was found hanging in her Horindhara house in Savar, outside the capital, early yesterday.

Savar model police said they were not sure whether Mazeda Khatun, 25, wife of Jashim Uddin, committed suicide or she was murdered.

Some injury marks on the body indicated that Mazeda was beaten before her death, added police.

Mazeda's father Shofi Uddin, a farmer, alleged that Jashim, 35, a local cloth-store owner, was a drug addict and used to beat Mazeda with the help of his brothers, Md Ali and Ahamed Ali, and acquaintances Liton, Dulal and Asadullah. Shofi filed a murder case against the six, who went into hiding.

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