

বিশ্ব বলেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলো- 'কেন না!'

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BURDWAN BLAST

Key suspect held in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested top "Neo JMB" leader Talha, a death row convict in a case filed for the countrywide series bomb blasts in 2005 and one of the main accused in Burdwan blast in India, in Bogra's Nandigram upazila early yesterday.



The arrestee, Abu Sayeed alias Talha, 35, is a Shura (supreme council) member of the militant outfit and the Southern Region chief of "Neo JMB", Md Asaduzzaman, superintendent of police in the district, told The Daily Star.

A joint team of Bogra police and LIC wing of Police Headquarters (PHQ) held Talha, alias Karim alias Shyamal Sheikh in Amarpurhat area of Bogra-Natore highway around 1.30am while he was on his way from Bogra to Rajshahi on a motorbike, said the district police chief.

One of Talha's associates, who was accompanying him, however, managed to flee, said Asaduzzaman, an additional deputy inspector general of police.

Police seized a 9mm pistol, ammunition, a knife and the motorcycle from his possession.

Talha, a close relative of Nurul Islam Marzan, reportedly took charge as the outfit's regional leader after he came back to Bangladesh from India two years ago. Before this, the Indian National Investigation Agency (NIA) had announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh for information leading to his arrest. He is one of the most wanted accused in the Burdwan blast case.

Talha

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Vishwa Mohan Bhatt performs the Mohan Veena, an instrument designed by himself, on the closing night of the Bengal Classical Music Festival on Abahani ground in the capital yesterday.

CLASSICAL MUSIC FEST Chaurasia billed to charm on final night

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Curtains came down on the sixth edition of Bengal Classical Music Festival this dawn at the capital's Abahani ground, as tens of thousands thronged the final night of the grand festival.

Much of the interest was centred on Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia, indubitably the festival's biggest attraction, as he was billed to close the festival in what has become a tradition for the Bengal Foundation-organised event, lauded as the biggest classical music festival in the world.

Renowned Odissi dance exponent Vidushi Sujata Mohapatra opened the final day's performance, with her graceful presentation of dance piece "Ardhanarishwara", and a depiction of the Ramayana.

The festival's closing ceremony followed, where BRAC founder and chairman Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

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No New Year celebrations outdoors

DMP slaps ban also on rooftop revelries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has banned holding any programmes in open spaces, including roofs of buildings, on the New Year eve.

"All forms of gathering and celebration outdoors and even on rooftops will be prohibited from dusk on December 31. Indoor programmes can be organised but the police need to be informed in order for police to ensure security," DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said yesterday.

A large number of law enforcers, both

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'We will not go home'

Teachers, employees of non-MPO edu institutions defy education minister's call to end demo, start hunger strike today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The teachers and employees of non-MPO educational institutions yesterday vowed to continue with their demonstration rejecting the education minister's call to end their agitation.

The teachers and employees have been demonstrating for their demand to be enlisted under the government's MPO facilities.

They will start their fast unto death programme this morning after holding five straight days of sit-in under the banner of "Non-MPO Shikhya Pratishthan Shikhyak Karmachari Federation" in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

"We have rejected his [education minister's] call. We will start our hunger strike unto death at 9:00am tomorrow [today] and will not go home until our demand is met," Principal Golam Mahmudunnabi, president of the federation, told The Daily Star last night.

Earlier, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid urged them to end their agitation and return to their homes.

"We are fighting for you [the non-MPO teachers] to ensure MPO facilities. We are not negligent about this. Please leave the streets and return home," the minister said while replying to a query during the press conference on JSC results yesterday.

He said they have already informed the finance minister about the matter.

"We sought money from him [the finance minister] and have told him to come up with a policy to determine the criteria for getting MPO," Nahid said.

He said a committee, led by State Minister for Finance MA Mannan, had been formed to formulate a policy on Monthly Pay Order (MPO) facilities.

"We want that all teachers get their salaries. They are the family members of the education ministry."

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Cardboard tents for homeless

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Homeless people in Brussels will be given portable cardboard tents as part of a new charitable project being pioneered in the Belgian capital.

The ORIG-AMI project will allow rough sleepers to transport the tents with them on their backs as

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'Missing' BNP leader Sadat shown arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Sadat Ahmed, a central BNP leader, who had allegedly been missing for around four months, was shown arrested last night.

A team of Detective Branch of Police "arrested him at Rampura Bridge around 10:00pm" and showed him arrested in a case filed in 2015 with Ramna Police Station in connection with carrying out subversive activities, Deputy Commissioner of DB (South) Md Shahidullah told The Daily Star.

He would be produced before a court today, he said.

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Teachers and employees of non-MPO educational institutions demonstrating in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding their institutions be given MPO facilities. They are to start their fast unto death today.

LALMONIRHAT BORDER Bangladeshi shot dead by BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENTS, Lalmonirhat

A Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force along Doikhowa border in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila in the early hours of yesterday.

BSF took away the body into the Indian territory for a post-mortem after the incident took place near pillar-905 at Gotamari union around 4:30am, said BCB officials.

The Indian force also allegedly picked up a Bangladeshi farmer, Saber Ali, 62, son of late Kandura Miah at Mogholhat border in Lalmonirhat sadar upazila, from his maize field around 9:00am yesterday. Two hours later, BSF of Gidaldah camp returned the farmer at a flag meeting between BSF and BGB at Falimari no-man's land area.

The deceased Bangladeshi cattle trader was identified as Shafiqul Islam, 30, son of Jaynal Abedin of Amjhol village of Doikhowa border area.

Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) of Doikhowa camp official sources said, a patrolling BSF team of 100 BSF Battalion's Paglimari camp opened fire on five Bangladeshi cattle

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'The world is watching'

Trump slams Iran over anti-govt protest arrests; Tehran says US support deceitful

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump on Friday condemned the arrest of protesters in Iran, telling Tehran that "the world is watching" as officials reported fresh demonstrations over the country's struggling economy.

Fifty-two people were arrested in Iran's second city Mashhad on Thursday, the first day of the protests, which also took place in other areas and spread to the capital Tehran as well as Kermanshah the following day.

"Many reports of peaceful protests by Iranian citizens fed up with regime's corruption & its squandering of the nation's wealth to fund terrorism abroad," Trump tweeted.

"Iranian govt should respect their people's rights, including right to express themselves. The world is watching! #IranProtests."

US President Donald Trump has repeatedly taken aim at Iran, denouncing its government as a "fanatical regime" and accusing it of violating an international agreement aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear program, refusing to certify its compliance with the deal.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert also addressed the protests.

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JAMAAT	6-05	1-15	4-15	5-30	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

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এমতাবস্থায়, সম্ভাব্য আর্থিক ও আইনগত ঝুঁকি এড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে বিটকয়েনের ন্যায় ডার্টুয়াল মুদ্রায় লেনদেন বা এসব লেনদেনে সহায়তা প্রদান ও এর প্রচার হতে বিরত থাকার জন্য সর্বসাধারণকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।