Youth injured

in police firing

A 22-year-old youth was

injured in a police firing

near Dhaka Udyan in the

capital's Adabor area early

However, police claimed

With bullet injuries in the

right knee, Sujan Mia is

undergoing treatment at

Dhaka Medical College

Doctors said he had had a

Shahinur Rahman, offi-

cer-in-charge of Adabor

Police Station, said, "A

police patrol car stopped

near gate 3 of the park

around 4:30am sensing

suspicious movement of a

team signaled them to halt,

they launched an attack on

police with machetes and

"As soon as the police

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Hospital (DMCH).

successful surgery.

bunch of youths."

sticks," the OC said.

that they had fired in "self-

in capital

yesterday.

defence".

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MONEY LAUNDERING SC extends stay on three Apan owners' bail till Jan 8 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended till January 8 its earlier order that stayed a High Court verdict granting bail to three owners of Apan Jewellers -- Dildar Ahmed, Gulzar Ahmed and Azad Ahmed -- in three

money laundering cases. It passed the order following three petitions, filed by the government seeking stay on the HC bail order passed on December 14 last year.

The apex court also asked the government to submit three leave to appeal petitions to the court against the HC order by January 8. According to the case

statements, the owners imported around 15 maunds of gold and diamonds by "dodging tax".

The Appellate Division on last December 18 stayed the HC bail order. Three days later, it further extended the stay order till yesterday.

The owners of Apan Jewellers cannot get released from the jail following the SC order, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Motaher Hossain Sazu told The Daily Star.

Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate sued the three on last August 12. Dildar Ahmed Selim is

the father of the double-rape case accused Shafat Ahamed.

ACC quizzes

FROM PAGE 3 Shamim Ahmed Chowdhury and the chief of the bank's Financial Institutions and Treasury branch Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal were also

interrogated by ACC. Wahidul Haque, along with AB Bank's vice chairman and a director, resigned from the bank's board of directors on December 21 when the bank faced criticism over its alleged laundering of around Tk 165 crore to the United

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina among the participants of a cultural programme on the occasion of National Social Welfare Day and Social Welfare Fair at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital yesterday. State Minister for Social Welfare Nuruzzaman Ahmed, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare Ministry Dr Mohammad Mozammel Hossain and Social Welfare Secretary M Zillar Rahman were also present. PHOTO: PID

Back in business

Nasim assures agitating health workers of meeting their demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government health workers, who carried out a countrywide strike demanding an increase in salary and other facilities, have decided to join work, as heath minister yesterday assured them of meeting their demands.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim also formed a committee, headed by the ministry's Health Services Division Secretary Serajul Huq Khan, in this regard, said a press release.

The minister took the decisions during a meeting with representatives of the health workers and the ministry officials at the secretariat in the capital yesterday.

Earlier, on Monday, the health workers in different upazilas across the country started work abstention demanding that the government increase their salary, introduce risk allowance, and recruit more health workers.

As a consequence of the strike, health services, especially immunisation programmes, remained halted.

Mohammed Nasim, at the meeting, said the health workers have a significant contribution to the country's immunisation programmes.

Therefore, necessary measures will be taken to meet their logical demands, he said.

The minister also directed the concerned bodies of the ministry to make the training activities of the health workers faster.

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS); and Rezwan Ahmed Toufiq, adviser of Bangladesh Health Assistants Association; among others, were present.

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Don't get dependent on Stop drug abuse to safety net allowance

Says PM while inaugurating National Social Welfare Day

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her administration is providing various allowances under the social safety net programme so that no one is left starving but the programme is not to make people dependent on allowances.

"We have a goal to provide allowances, but no one has to be dependent on it... capable persons should earn his or her own livelihood...," she said.

The premier said this while inaugurating National Social Welfare Day and Social Welfare Fair at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC).

She said capable persons can work and increase his or her income. "This will contribute to our socio-economic development, we've fixed the amounts of the allowances keeping that in mind," Hasina said.

Criticising a section of civil society members who are cynical about the amount of the social safety net allowances, the PM said they hardly think practically as their thoughts are centred on hypothetical grounds.

"They see everything only with their hearts but never see anything practically; I heard some of them saying that a family cannot be run with the allowance being given. But, this is not the responsibility of the government to run all the families. Everyone has to run his or her own family," she said.

Hasina mentioned that it is the responsibility of the government to take care whether one is left starving and neglected. "I'm formulating a system so that no one is left starving and neglected," she said.

nation... we're focusing on utilising everyone's skill and work potential."

The government has undertaken a "Cash Transfer Modernisation (CTM)" project so that the beneficiaries can receive their allowances electronically from their homes by the year 2021.

She said a "Lifecycle Base" programme has been undertaken based on the principle of "equality of rights", which enables a person concerned to avail social security from the state from the beginning of life up to death.

Hasina elaborated various steps of her government, including providing allowances for the welfare of elderly people, widows and women abandoned by husbands, and insolvent disabled people.

Hasina said her government, since taking

office in 2009, has been implementing various programmes to infuse dynamism into the rural economy and ensure durable social safety. She said the government is giving the elderly allowance to 35 lakh people at a rate of Tk 500

every month in the current fiscal year, while the widow allowance (Tk 500 per month) is being provided to 12.65 lakh women. She mentioned that the government is providing Tk 759 crore in this sector every year, and

said her government has framed various laws to ensure the rights and welfare of the poor. Hasina mentioned that "Disability Information System Software" has been developed to preserve their information and said her government is giving National Identity Cards to the disabled persons.

Newly registered disabled persons will also be provided identity cards, she added. She said over 15.41 lakh disabled persons have so far been identified and a survey on disability identification is on. Transparency has been ensured alongside taking social services to the doorsteps of people aiming to empower disabled persons in the private

sector under registered organisations. Putting emphasis on inclusion of the distressed children into their families, she said a project titled "Child Sensitive Social Protection in Bangladesh" was implemented in 20 districts from 2012 to 2016, "We don't want to see building an idle while the second phase of the project is awaiting approval for the next five years.

Later, she inaugurated the "social services fair" arranged at the Department of Social Services compound at Sher-e Bangla Nagar

through a videoconference from the BICC. State Minister for Social Welfare Ministry Nuruzzaman Ahmed, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare Ministry Dr Mohammad Mozammel Hossain and Social Welfare Secretary M Zillar Rahman also spoke at the event.

protect youths

DNC discussion told

BSS, Dhaka

Drug abuse has to be uprooted from the society in order to protect the vulnerable group of the population, specially the youth, from the venomous effects of the menace, said speakers at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

"Drug abuse should not only be controlled but also be eliminated from the society. All concerned should work concertedly for this with a zero tolerance policy," Primary and Mass Education Minister Advocate Mostafizur Rahman said at the programme marking the 28th founding anniversary of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) at its headquarters at Tejgaon.

Now, both male and females are doing drugs, said the minister, hoping that the government would be successful in stopping drug abuse in the way it had curbed terrorism and militancy in the country.

Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry for Home Affairs Tipu Munshi said as many as 70 lakh people are addicted to drugs in the country and the figure

will increase gradually, if drug abuse cannot be contained. Only DNC or the government alone cannot stop the

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forged passports and resident documents for illegal residents in India.

During investigations, the name of Yusuf Ali had come to light for obtaining a fake passport for himself and for being an active member of the gang, Arun said.

A number of fake documents, including driving licence, voter identity card, and residence proof, photo copy of passport, cheque books, and ATM cards were recovered from Yusuf Ali, he added.

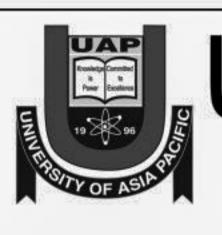
The ATS is also investigating several entries of Rs One lakh deposited into Yusuf's bank account from Saudi Arabia, the spokesman said.

A laptop, printer, scanner, finished and unfinished forged documents and photographs were recovered from the other two, he said. During interrogation,

Yusuf confessed to preparing forged documents, the ATS spokesman said adding that they charge big amount for such documents. Stern action will be taken

against the revenue department employees and policemen facilitating the unlawful act, ATS spokesman added.

The arrested persons will be brought to Lucknow, capital city of Uttar Pradesh, on transit remand, Arun added.



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