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# 2 'Neo JMB' leaders held

## One is key financier of the outfit; another 'supplied arms, explosives for Gulshan attack'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday claimed to have arrested a key financier of a militant group and an arms supplier for Gulshan café attack in 2016.

Of the two, Akram Hossein Khan Niloy, 26, allegedly used to fund "Neo JMB" and was involved in all its activities. He also masterminded the Hotel Olio International blast in the capital's Panthapath on August 15 last year, said a counterterrorism official.

The other arrestee, Hadisur Rahman Sagor, 36, allegedly supplied arms and explosives used in the Gulshan attack. He is also said to be the brother-in-law of Nurul Islam Marzan, a top "Neo JMB" operative who was also a planner of the café siege.

Marzan was killed in a "shootout" with the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of the DMP on January 6 last year.

A team of Bogra police arrested Niloy and Sagor from Shibganj area of the district around 2:00am yesterday and handed them over to CTTC personnel, said Mohibul Islam Khan, deputy commissioner of the unit.

From the arrestees, police recovered two cell phones that "show evidence of their connection with militancy", officials say.

Later in the day, CTTC officials produced them before two separate Dhaka courts, seeking 10-day remand for each. The courts granted six days for Niloy and seven days for Sagor.

Metropolitan Magistrate Aminul Haque passed the order

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Potato farmers in Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan upazila working on their fields. Although the area is famous for its potatoes, this year the yield has been much less than before. *Inset*, potatoes being transported to nearby cold storages. Farmers are selling their potatoes for Tk 6 per kg although their total cost of production comes to Tk 11 per kg, making heavy losses. The photo was taken yesterday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# NEPAL PLANE CRASH

## Last three bodies brought to Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of the three remaining Bangladeshi victims of the US-Bangla aircraft crash arrived in the city yesterday.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight carrying the bodies touched down at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 4:50pm.

The victims are Nazrul Islam, 62, of Rajshahi, Molla Alifuzzaman, 30, of Khulna and Pias Roy, 23, of Barisal.

According to the victims' family members and relatives, Nazrul was identified from a tag of a tailoring shop, Alifuzzaman from his broken teeth and Pias from his mobile phone.

On March 19, bodies of 23 other Bangladeshi victims were flown home. But the three could not be brought in as their identities were not confirmed.

The March 12 crash of US-Bangla flight BS211 killed 49 people, including 26 Bangladeshis. At least 20 passengers, including 10 Bangladeshis, survived the accident.

Yesterday, victims' family members had been waiting at gate-8 of the airport since noon to receive the bodies.

Pias' father Sukhendu Bikash Roy said, "My son was supposed to start his internship within two months as he completed his MBBS final exams. I had a dream that he would serve the people as a doctor. But the fatal plane crash has shattered my dream. How will I console myself? How will I comfort his mother?"

Pias was a student at Sheikh Sayera Khatun Medical College in

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# Garo women murdered for money

## Confess 4 arrestees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The murders of two Garo women were planned a month ago to loot their house in Gulshan for money and valuables, Rapid Action Battalion said.

"The killers had a plan to celebrate the festival ahead with the loot," Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab's legal and media wing director, told reporters yesterday after the arrest of four suspects at Jhenaigati upazila in Sherpur on Wednesday afternoon.

Sanjib Chiran, nephew of one of the victims, planned the murders with three other arrestees -- Razu Sangma alias Russell, 24, Prabin Sangma, 19, and Shuvo Chisim alias Shanto, 18.

The four arrestees belonging to the same community were planning to escape the country by trespassing the border in Sherpur. "They admitted their involvement in the killings," Mufti said.

Based on their information, Rab recovered a knife from near Abdullahpur bus stand where they dropped it before leaving Dhaka after the killings.

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# I am really sorry

## Under fire Facebook CEO admits 'major breach of trust' amid inappropriate use of 50m data in Trump campaign

REUTERS, San Francisco



Facebook Inc Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg apologised on Wednesday for mistakes his company made in how it handled data belonging to 50 million of its users, and promised tougher steps to restrict developers' access to such information.

The world's largest social media network is facing growing government scrutiny in Europe and the United States. This follows allegations by a whistleblower that British political consultancy Cambridge Analytica improperly accessed users' information to build profiles on American voters that were later used to help elect US President Donald Trump in 2016.

"This was a major breach of trust. I'm really sorry this happened. We have a basic responsibility to protect people's data," Zuckerberg told CNN, breaking a public silence since the scandal erupted at the weekend.

Zuckerberg said in a post on Facebook the company "made mistakes, there's more to do, and we need to step up and do it."

He said the social network planned to conduct an investigation of thousands of apps that have used Facebook's platform, restrict developer access to data, and give members a tool that lets them disable access to their Facebook data more easily.

His plans did not represent a big reduction of advertisers' ability to use Facebook data, which is the company's lifeblood.

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CONGRESS, BJP IN WAR OF WORDS OVER FB DATA LEAK -- PAGE 8

# Obesity dulls the sense of taste



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Researchers have identified how obesity dulls the sense of taste, driving people to eat larger quantities of calorie-rich foods to satisfy their cravings.

More than one third of American adults are obese and that number is growing rapidly, creating an urgent need for a better understanding of the disease and how it can be treated.

Obesity has been linked to a reduced taste sensitivity that leads people to seek out foods that are richer in sugar, salt and fat to get the same amount of satisfaction.

Researchers at Cornell University have identified the mechanism behind the dulled sense of taste, revealing a possible new avenue for treatment.

Previous studies have found that weight gain

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**PRAYER TIMING MARCH 23**

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	4-55	12-30	4-45	6-16	7-45
JAMAAT	5-30	1-15	5-00	6-20	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION





# TERRIFYINGLY BEAUTIFUL

A beautiful spotted moray eel peeks out of his burrow. The picture was taken near St Martin Island. The same photographer first spotted the eel back in 2012 before finding it again in 2018. Though they are found across the world, the huge number of tourists in the island and lack of awareness have contributed to ruining the coral reef biodiversity, thus impacting the fish population.

PHOTO: SARIF SARIWAR

# US, China trade war fears grow

## Beijing vows retaliation as Trump prepares sanctions

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump was poised to unveil sanctions against China yesterday for what he called the theft of US intellectual property, fuelling fears of a trade war as Beijing vowed to retaliate.

White House spokesman Raj Shah told AFP that Trump will announce actions following an "investigation into China's state-led, market-distorting efforts to force, pressure, and steal US technologies and intellectual property."

According to his schedule, released by the White House on Wednesday evening, he will sign "a Presidential Memorandum targeting China's economic aggression."

The Chinese commerce ministry issued a pre-emptive warning, saying in a statement yesterday that Beijing "will certainly take all necessary measures to resolutely defend its legitimate rights and interests".

It is just weeks since Trump short-circuited White House deliberations and announced a raft of sanctions on foreign-produced steel and aluminium off the cuff.

That move prompted the resignation of top economic advisor Gary Cohn, a global stock market selloff, legal disputes and threats of retaliatory measures.

On Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell warned that the prospect of a trade war was a growing threat to the world's largest economy.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang urged Trump on Tuesday to not act "emotionally," but the impulsive president is showing no sign of backing down.

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