



Man loses 6yrs amid confusion

Still in prison despite HC acquittal; procedural lapse created as SC order yet to reach jail



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Six years ago, the Supreme Court issued an order creating the scope for his release from jail. But Azaher Ali Raza could not walk free.

The man, now 40, has been languishing in the condemned cell of Dinajpur District Jail since he was convicted

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FOOTPATH FOR WHOM?

One may wonder if this is really a footpath or a thoroughfare. All types of vehicles -- bicycle, motorbike, rickshaw, and even CNG-run auto-rickshaw -- are seen using the pavement while the pedestrians for whom it is built have become outnumbered. The photos were taken in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday.

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Govt to make first-ever gold policy

Aims to make gold import easier

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The government is going to introduce a gold policy to make import and export of the precious metal easy, and ensure transparency and accountability in its trade inside the country.

The commerce ministry has already sent the draft policy to the Cabinet Division for approval.

The existing rules allow import of gold, subject to permission from Bangladesh Bank. But in reality, gold has never been imported through legal channels since the country's independence.

The draft says the country's annual demand for gold hovers between 20

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Govt firm on eradicating drugs trade

Says PM

UNB, Dhaka

Expressing her government's firm stance against drugs, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said it would completely eradicate the menace from the country as it did in the case of militancy.

"We've contained militancy. Now, we've taken an initiative to save the country from drug menace.

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'Shootout' spree on

6 more including 4 suspected drug dealers killed

STAR REPORT

Seven suspected criminals were killed in what law enforcers said were incidents of "shootout" amid a crackdown on narcotics in the last one day.

Of them, five were suspected drug dealers, while one was an alleged robber and the other a suspected mugger, according to police and Rab.

Another suspected drug dealer, according to police, drowned in a canal trying to flee arrest on Saturday night.

The incidents took place in different parts of the country.

Early yesterday, four suspected drug dealers were killed after being hit by bullets during "shootouts" in Jessore, Feni, Mymensingh and Dinajpur.

Police have begun a crackdown on narcotics since Friday.

Police claimed the alleged mugger and the suspected robber were killed in Barisal and Tangail after being shot during "gunfights" with police.

Since May 4, when Rab started its own country-wide anti-narcotics drive, nine other suspected drug dealers were killed. Six of them were killed on Friday and Saturday.

Rab claimed that the individuals were top drug dealers, who were shot during gunfights.

The Police Headquarters (PHQ) have recently instructed all police units across the country to conduct a special 10-day countrywide

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