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Handcuffed and tied to each other, young men, who according to Rab are suspected drug dealers, sit on the side of a road in the capital's Geneva Camp area from where the elite force detained them yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

## 10 more killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

There seems to be no end in sight of the "gunfights" that are leaving alleged drug peddlers killed during the ongoing anti-narcotics drive across the country. Ten more people were shot to death in the so-called shootouts in eight districts yesterday, taking the tally of those killed in such incidents to 73 in the last 12 days.

Of the 10, two each were killed in Dinajpur and Comilla while one each in Joypurhat, Kurigram, Pabna, Mymensingh, Chandpur, Thakurgaon. The recent spate of "shootouts" began on May 15 when two alleged drug peddlers were killed. This has been going on despite concern from rights activists who termed those extrajudicial killings. In Dinajpur, alleged

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## 77 jailed, 76 held

Locals say identified drug traders fled Geneva Camp before Rab raid; another 54 detained in Korail, TT Para slum drives by police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 1,000 Rab personnel from different battalions with dog squads and a bomb disposal unit cordoned off the Geneva Camp in Mohammadpur yesterday morning.

At about 10:30am, they put barricade at all entrances to the camp, considered a major drug hub of the capital. Some officials went up to the nearby four-storey Mohammadpur High School and kept

watch over the area with a drone.

Their aim was to arrest the drug traders in the camp and recover narcotics.

Rab members went inside many of the small rooms and shops with their dogs trained to sniff out drugs.

The raid went on for over two hours. They picked up a lot of people, arrested many, and seized drugs, but the drug lords "slipped away".

A police raid at TT para slum produced

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"Anyone whose name is in the list of Department of Narcotics Control will face the same consequence,"

OBAIDUL QUADER SAYS AS DRIVE AGAINST NARCOTICS CONTINUES

## Dhaka's 'drug queen' 10yrs in drug trade, Gendaria woman owns 10 buildings

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Born and brought up in Chhoba Patti in Dhaka's Gendaria, Rahima Begum used to sell small packets of ganja and heroin inside the squalid slum.

Two decades down the line, she now



Rahima

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## JMB's robbery exposed again

Its operatives robbed Tk 17.50 lakh in Rajshahi last year; four arrestees confess; police say the outfit using looted money to regroup, fight cases

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Fazlur Rahman never worries about carrying cash in Rajshahi but he remains cautious. When he needs money for paying workers' wages at his Rahman Jute Spinners Private Ltd, he sends more than one official to withdraw the cash from a bank in the city. They carry it in a vehicle back to his factory 12 kilometres away at Mahendra.

On October 5, 2017, his accountant Mominul Islam and field officer Aninda

Kumar Chowdhury withdrew Tk 17.50 lakh from a branch of the National Bank in the city for paying 1,000 workers. They were then heading back to the factory on a pickup van.

Hardly 1km from the factory and near the brick kilns where the road seldom gathers traffic, a group of six armed people pointed guns and asked them to stop.

Rahman's men found nothing to fret about when they noticed the six men wearing the jackets of Detective Branch of

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**18 DAYS TO GO**  
FIFA WORLD CUP 2018



## Fans invade Brazil training

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Fans eager to see Brazil's penultimate practice session before the squad leave for World Cup warm-up games in Europe invaded the training ground on Friday, although police stopped them reaching the players, witnesses and news reports said.

The supporter invasion came at Brazil's long-time training complex just outside Rio de Janeiro.

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## A different call of duty

Comilla cop rescues 'mentally ill' mother, her newborn

KHALID BIN NAZRUL

A woman gave birth to a baby girl under the open sky near Amtoli Mosque beside the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at 4:00pm yesterday.

Acting upon information, Inspector Mahmud Hasan Rubel, in-charge of Nazirabazar Police Outpost, rushed to the spot.

After failing to get an ambulance, police brought the mother and her baby to Mainamoti General Hospital in a police van.

Two locals-- Khorshed Alam Kalu, a member of Durgapur Union Parishad and Swapan,

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## Silence on Teesta

Hasina holds closed-door meeting with Mamata; discusses trade, economic ties



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee talk to each other at the Hotel Taj in Kolkata yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

STAR REPORT

On Friday, two prime ministers and a chief minister shared the stage for four hours at Shantiniketan, the institution set up by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. But in the end, silence spoke the loudest.

None of them mentioned Teesta, the issue that remains unresolved for decades.

And yesterday, Bangladesh Prime Minister Shiekh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held a

closed-door meeting for about an hour at a five-star hotel in Kolkata.

Although they discussed a lot of issues such as education, trade and economic ties, the much anticipated Teesta water-sharing deal did not figure in this all important meeting, according to Indian media reports.

"We have discussed several things in the meeting as we share same relation, same culture and same tradition," United News

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