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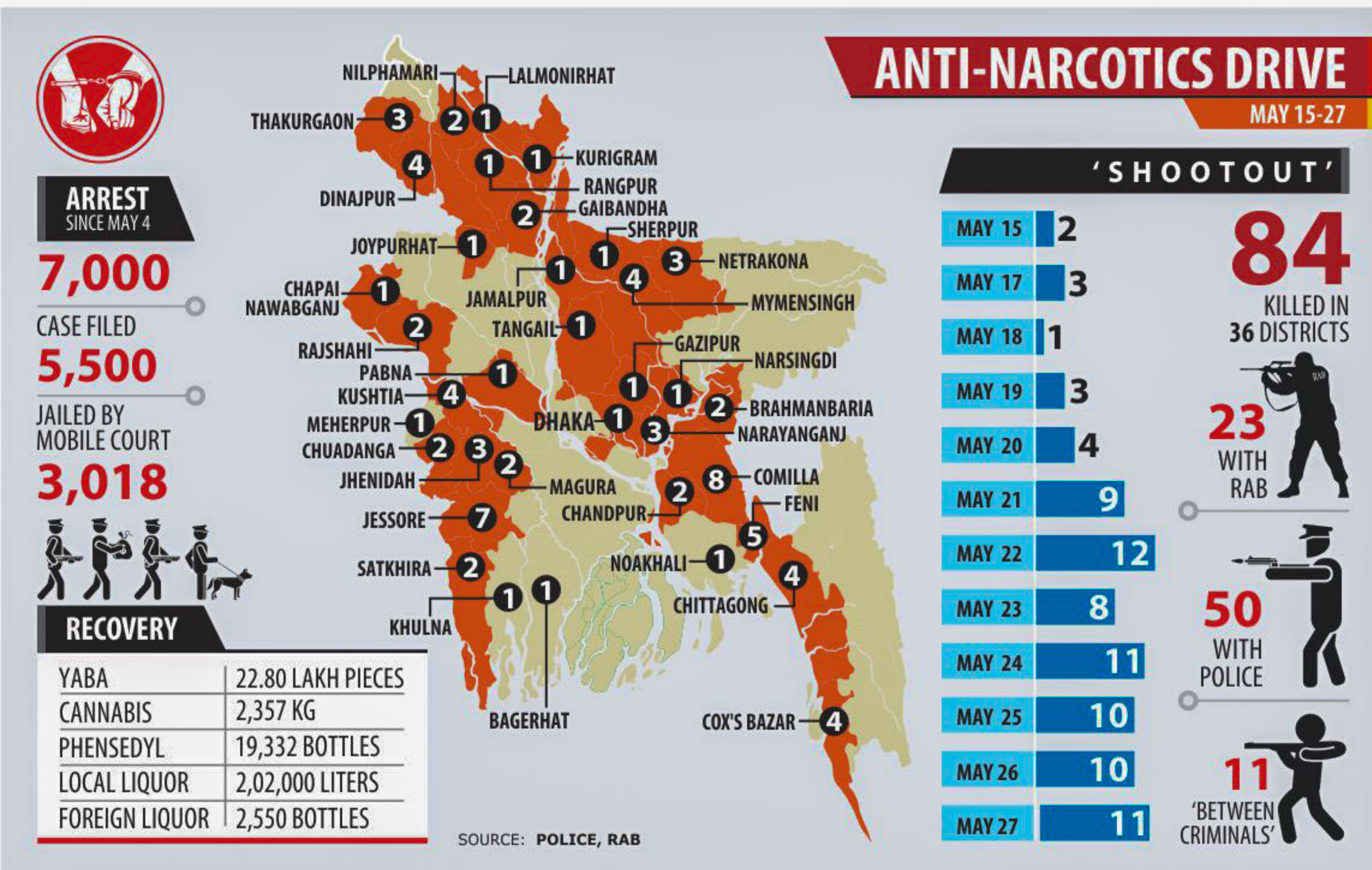
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Imran Khan vows to oust 'corrupt' Pakistani rulers in July 25 polls

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Super Shane wins CSK's 3rd

STAR SPORT DESK

The 11th edition of the Indian Premier League came to an end yesterday with Shane Watson striking a sublime century to power Chennai Super Kings to their third trophy with an eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

The win was even more special for Chennai as this season marked their return to the IPL after serving out a two-year ban for spot-fixing.

Hyderabad, with Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan in their ranks, mustered 178 for six after being asked to bat by the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led Chennai but a chase that looked challenging at the halfway stage turned into a cakewalk once Watson embarked on

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RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT Chemical or DNA tests mandatory

Police must record complaint without delay, says HC



ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Chemical or DNA tests must be conducted in all rape or sexual assault cases, and the DNA and other samples should be sent to lab within 48 hours of the occurrence.

Besides, the officers-in-charge of the police stations have

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Poura councillor killed in Teknaf

Rab, police give contradictory versions about his involvement in drug trade; 10 others killed in 'shootouts'; home minister says drive to continue

STAR REPORT

A ward councillor of Teknaf municipality and local Awami League leader was killed in what Rab claimed was a "gunfight" between the elite force and drug peddlers in Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

Rab said councillor Ekramul Haque, who had been Teknaf upazila Jubo League president for 13 years, was a top-listed drug dealer. But his family members, relatives and people who knew him vehemently refuted

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A farce of a raid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was 1:30pm. Some 1,000 policemen started gathering near Karwan Bazar kitchen market in the capital yesterday. The mobilisation of so many cops drew a huge crowd, curious to know what was happening.

Some policemen told bystanders why they were there: within an hour, they would conduct an anti-narcotics raid at Karwan Bazar railway slum, just a few steps from where they took position.

Presently, they were waiting for their bosses to come and instruct them on

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RMP lists drug dealers, addicts

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) has prepared a list of 2,446 dealers and addicts of yaba, heroin and other contraband substances.

Of the listed people, some 999 have been

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POWER TARIFF HIKE HC questions its legality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the Bangladesh Energy Commission's move to raise power tariff at wholesale and retail.

The court issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks as to why the order, on November 23 last year, on hiking the power tariff should not be declared illegal.

The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) chairman, and secretary to the power division under the ministry of power, energy and mineral resources have been asked to respond.

The HC bench of Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraful Kamal came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition challenging the legality of the power tariff hike.

Convener of Consumer Association of Bangladesh Mubassher Hossain filed the writ on May 23, saying that the BERC issued the order on raising power tariff at wholesale and retail in violation of the law.

From September 25 to October 5 last year, the BERC held mass hearings on the tariff, but it did not issue any order after the hearing, he said.

According to the section 34 (6) of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission Act, 2003, the BERC has to issue an order within 90 days on the decisions of the mass hearings but the commission did not issue such order, Jyotirmoy Barua, lawyer for the writ petitioner, told The Daily Star.

He said raising the electricity tariff without issuing the order was a violation of the law.

Much to the chagrin of consumers, rights groups, and

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I'm confident of going to Russia: Salah

AFP, London

Egypt's Mohamed Salah is "confident" of being fit for the World Cup despite suffering a shoulder injury in Liverpool's Champions League final defeat against Real Madrid.

Salah was forced off in tears during the first half of the 3-1 loss in Kiev on Saturday, sparking fears he wouldn't make it to next month's World Cup.

The 25-year-old sustained the problem when he was dragged awkwardly to the turf following a challenge with Sergio Ramos, leading some to claim the Madrid defender had deliberately tried to injure Liverpool's star forward.

Speaking after the final, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp had described the injury as "serious" amid

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Rohingyas brace for monsoon

AFP, Cox's Bazar

Marooned on a dusty slope in the world's largest refugee camp, Osir Rahman looked to the hill where a Rohingya girl was buried in a landslide just days earlier and contemplated his chances should the earth give way beneath his feet.

"Our families would be killed. There are children everywhere around here. We constantly fear that rain could trigger a landslide," the 53-year-old told AFP on the steep embankment where he lives with nine family members in a bamboo shack.

For the 700,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled to southeast Bangladesh in the past nine months, the approaching monsoon season poses the most serious threat since they were violently expelled from Myanmar.

Close to one million of the stateless Muslim minority live in the Cox's Bazar district but the new arrivals, stranded on unstable hills in bamboo and plastic shacks, are especially vulnerable.

A massive operation to shore up the camps against disaster is in overdrive, with bulldozers levelling hills and refugees bunkering down however they can.

But as the rains approach, the young girl's death this month in a torrent of mud and rock has heightened fears of a much greater tragedy.

There is a dearth of safe land to relocate the estimated 200,000 refugees in direct danger of floods and landslides, and just 21,000 have been moved so far.

"We could literally have lives lost as people slide down hillsides and valleys are flooded with water," Kevin J. Allen, head of the UNHCR refugee agency's operations in Cox's Bazar, told AFP.

"They could face yet again another emergency, this time driven by mother nature."

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A passenger jumps off a moving train moments before it reaches the station at Tejgaon. Many passengers choose to risk their lives in this way in hopes of beating the disembarking rush or even to dodge ticket-inspectors, often resulting in loss of lives.

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