

## Foreign liquor worth Tk 5cr seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) seized 3,000 bottles of foreign liquor of different brands, worth around Tk five crore, from Uttara Club in the capital yesterday evening.

"We seized the liquor as the authorities of the club failed to show valid documents for the liquor," said Shahidul Islam, director general of CIID.

Cases will be filed under the Customs Act and the Narcotics Control Act against the responsible persons after investigation, he added.

The official said the staffers of the club did not assist their team when the raid began around 2:00pm.

Breaking the lock of the club, the team entered it and seized the liquor.

The Daily Star could not contact the club authorities immediately.

## 7 schoolgirls

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Hospital, said Nasrin, also invigilator of the exam.

Another examinee Laboni Akter, who narrowly escaped injuries, alleged that they did not want to sit in the classroom as its ceiling plaster was vulnerable to collapse.

She also alleged that they had told their headmistress several times that the ceiling plaster of the classroom could collapse anytime, but she never paid heed to them.

Contacted, Firoza Begum Lota, headmistress of the school, said it was just an accident. She declined to comment on the complaints received before.

Police and officials of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Rangpur visited the classroom.

Md Samsuzzoha, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Rangpur, said around 80 square feet plaster from the classroom ceiling fell.

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scene while Rubel, 25, who was in the truck, died at Banshkali Upazila Health Complex, said police.

Three other men on the truck Salamat Ullah, 40, Nurul Alam, 20, and Nurul Kabir, 28, sustained burn injuries. They are treated at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Sub-inspector Liton Chakma of Banshkali Police Station said.

The pickup carrying fish feed was heading for Cox's Bazar. Witnesses told police that before the collision, the truck was emitting a thick cloud of black smoke leading to poor visibility behind it.

The motorcycle, going in the same direction, rear ended it around 12:30pm. Both vehicles fell off the road after the crash and caught fire, the officer said, quoting witnesses.

The dead victims were significantly burnt, the officer added.

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Another person injured in the attack was taken to hospital, the report said.

The security authorities have begun investigations on the crime and any new developments would be announced, the spokesman added.

## Four more Thai boys

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rising waters more than a fortnight ago.

The extraction of the four yesterday followed a similar pattern to the previous day, with the youngsters emerging in quick succession just before nightfall after navigating a treacherous escape route of more than four kilometres (2.5 miles) that included extremely narrow and flooded tunnels.

Although the rescued eight were all presumed to be the boys, aged between 11 and 16, authorities did not reveal their identities nor confirm whether the coach remained inside the cave.

Asked if the remaining five would be shuttled out together, rescue operations chief Narongsak Osottanakorn said it was up to the divers whose meticulous plans, including stashing extra oxygen tanks along the route, are "set for four people, if we bring five we have to change the plan".

The rescue mission was stood down at nightfall to allow officials to replenish oxygen supplies, and has again stood down last night to begin again today.

In a late-night press conference Narongsak Osottanakorn also delivered a message from Thai premier Prayut Chan-O-Cha, a gruff former general:

"The Prime Minister wants this to be a lesson, this should not happen again in Thailand," Narongsak said.

The saga has dominated global headlines, with the team spending nine days unaccounted for inside the cave, before British divers found them - emaciated and dishevelled -- huddling on a muddy bank above the flooding.

Authorities then struggled to determine the best way to save the "Wild Boars", with the group stuck on a shelf above the floodwaters in pitch darkness.

Among the ideas were drilling an escape route through the mountain, or leaving them for months until the monsoon season ended and the floodings subsided.

But with oxygen levels inside dropping to dangerous lows and the prospect of heavy rains flooding the area completely, authorities decided they had to move quickly and take the group out through the water-filled tunnels.

**DEADLY DANGERS**

Narongsak described Sunday's initial rescue bid as "D-Day" when it was launched, and there were fears that any one of many potential pitfalls could prove deadly.

Among these were that none of the boys had scuba diving experience, and that they could easily panic while swimming underwater across twisted passageways in darkness.

Dozens of foreign divers and other experts from around the world were brought in to help the rescue effort, working alongside the Thai Navy SEALs.

But the death of a former Thai Navy SEAL diver who ran out of oxygen in the cave on Friday underscored the danger of the journey.

The first successes on Sunday offered hope of a fairytale ending to the ordeal.

Rescue chief Narongsak on Sunday described their journey out, escorted by the elite divers, as "smooth".

Crucially, round-the-clock pumping to ease some of the flooding paid off and threatened heavy rains did not arrive.

That led an upbeat Narongsak to promise more "good news" yesterday afternoon that materialised a few hours later with the emergence of the

other four.

But although the eight were rescued, there were concerns they may have contracted an illness while in the cave.

Narongsak said after the first four boys were rescued that they would be quarantined "for a while because we are concerned about infections".

And rain could still re-emerge as a threat for the remaining five, particularly if there are complications that could delay the extraction further.

Authorities have repeatedly said the rain could re-flood crucial parts of the cave complex that have been drained and make the escape route much harder or even impossible to navigate.

Weather forecasters warned heavy rain could hit the area through the week.

Premier Prayut visited the rescue base yesterday night to deliver his congratulations to all those involved, but also to offer a note of caution.

"Everyone should be proud. (But) the mission is not over yet," Prayut said.

## A cracker

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"We have a tough game against France. And a win will take us to the final. We will be proud if we can do that," Martinez told reporters.

Out in the middle, it will be a battle within a battle. It will be Kylian Mbappe's time to take his growing reputation one notch higher after his exploits against Argentina. Belgium's Romelu Lukaku will try to emulate the speed and guile of Mbappe. It will be a classic battle between Antoine Griezmann and Eden Hazard, a clash between Paul Pogba and Kevin De Bruyne, a fight between Vincent Kompany and Raphael Varane.

More importantly, it will be a clash of titanic proportions for the tournament's two most impressive goalkeepers -- Thibaut Courtois and Hugo Lloris.

Four years after the Brazil disappointment, Belgium have matured and that will probably be their biggest strength against a French side who have got more depth in attack and defence. But whoever wins, it promises to be a cracker of a semi-final, even for those who have lost their appetite for the World Cup following the departure of the two South American rivals -- Brazil and Argentina.

## China chilli fest

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"He finished them at an amazing speed, barely after the emcee had finished speaking," said Sun Minying, an employee at the theme park, called the Tanhe Ancient City.

The Tabasco pepper has a rank of 30,000-50,000 on the Scoville Heat Scale that measures the piquancy of chillies, which puts it somewhere between a jalapeno and a habanero.

The peppers bobbing in the pool, however, were of a far weaker variety, partly to avoid irritating the contestants' skin.

Smiling contestants wearing shorts and T-shirts -- some armed with small bottles of water -- waded into a vast pool of bright red peppers before attempting to clear their plates of chillies.

One man floated on his back in the pool of chillies, chomping happily on the fiery fruits.

Hunan cuisine is marked by its spicy peppers and richly coloured dishes and is considered among China's eight great food traditions along with Sichuan, Cantonese and other cuisines.

The festival lasts until the end of August, with a fresh chilli-eating contest held daily.

## Correction

In yesterday's issue of this newspaper, a headline on the front page read "VC-iuos wisdom!". It should have been "VC-iuous wisdom!". On the back page, the word "birthday" was misspelt in one of the headlines. We regret the errors.

## Gold trader's remains found in septic tank

He went missing in N'ganj 21 days ago

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Detectives have found the remains of a gold trader, who had been missing for 21 days, in a septic tank in Narayanganj city yesterday.

The body of Probir Chandra Ghosh, 35, was cut into five pieces.

Pintu, a suspect arrested after the victim went missing, provided interrogators with information that led to the discovery, said Sharfuddin, additional superintendent of police in Narayanganj.

The remains were found in several bags in the septic tank of a building in Amlapara area, he added.

His grieving family members and several rights organisations have been urging the authorities to find him since he disappeared shortly after leaving home on June 18.

## May in trouble

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Downing Street swiftly appointed eurosceptic housing minister Dominic Raab to Davis's job, and said May was looking forward to working with him to deliver Britain's departure from the EU in March.

The resignation of Davis, with a stinging warning that Britain was "giving too much away too easily" in Brexit talks, was a blow to May just days after she declared a truce among her warring ministers.

**NEXT MOVE**

All eyes are now on the next move by Brexit hardliners in her centre-right Conservative Party.

But the appointment of Raab, a leading Brexit supporter, suggests Tory Brexiters are divided.

Davis himself said it would be "wrong" if his departure led to a full-fledged rebellion, insisting that "of course" May would survive.

May will address parliament later to explain her proposal for Britain to adopt EU rules on goods after Brexit, and is also expected to speak to Conservative MPs.

The plan was agreed by cabinet ministers during marathon talks on Friday, where even those wanting a clean break from the EU fell into line.

The deal meant that for the first time since the vote for Brexit in June 2016, Britain has a detailed proposal to take to Brussels, and still hopes to agree a deal by October.

May's spokesman told reporters: "There was an agreement reached on Friday and we look forward to taking that agreement forward in negotiations."

He added: "We believe it will deliver a positive Brexit, that's what we're focused on."

European Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said the change of ministers was not a problem and that the EU was ready to negotiate "24/7".

The EU "will continue to negotiate in goodwill, bona fide, with Prime Minister May and the UK negotiators in order to reach a deal", he said.

May spoke to Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker, EU president Donald Tusk and the leaders of Ireland, Sweden and Malta over the weekend to discuss her plans, and is meeting Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz in London.

## Myanmar must

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countries to do the same.

Asked about imposing sanctions on Myanmar to compel it to take back Rohingyas, Rae said Canada has implemented targeted sanctions on some Myanmar military generals who were involved in crimes against humanity.

He said targeted sanctions carried out by some countries and organisations, including the European Union, were very successful. But several countries, including China, Russia and some of the neighbours of Myanmar, were not prepared to impose economic sanctions.

He said though it was not easy to find legal ways to hold people accountable, he was hopeful that it could be done.

About probable radicalisation of the large number of Rohingya youths, he said there were lots of young people in the refugee camps who have nothing to do and nowhere to go and nobody knew what they were watching on cellphones and what information they were getting.

He stressed the need for working together to make sure that the Rohingya youths could not be radicalised. He said it was very difficult to ensure education, livelihoods and work opportunities for Rohingyas during their stay in Bangladesh.

On the repatriation of Rohingyas, he said conducive conditions needed to be created in Rakhine State for their safe return. "We can't morally and legally send people back to a condition that is not safe."

Rae said the Rohingya crisis would not be solved overnight and it was going to take a lot of time and efforts to resolve the decades-old crisis. He, however, wished that people could return to Myanmar as quickly as possible.

**SHIFT IN PLANS MUST:** UN

The UN special rapporteur for human

rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, yesterday said the Myanmar government's failure to redress discriminatory laws against the Rohingyas made it impossible for them to return home anytime soon.

"There must therefore be a shift to medium and longer term planning in Cox's Bazar," said Lee who ended her 10-day visit to Dhaka and Cox's Bazar on Sunday.

She said the Rohingya refugees would not be returning to Myanmar soon as it was clear that the Myanmar government made no progress or shown any real will to dismantle the system of discrimination in the country's laws, policies and practices, and to make Rakhine State safe, reports UNB.

"The refugees I spoke with in Cox's Bazar expressed deep concerns, disappointment and anger over the lack of consultation on their fate so far," she was quoted as saying in a statement received from Geneva.

The special rapporteur said three things were urgently needed to ensure the future of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. They are: access to education; meaningful livelihood opportunities and vocational training for women and men; and freedom of movement.

Lee expressed dismay that the democratic space in Myanmar continued to deteriorate, with repressive laws continuing to be used for suppression.

In the northern states of Kachin and Shan, she said, the Tatmadaw was violating international humanitarian law by allegedly using civilians trapped in conflict zones as human shields, and increasingly constraining humanitarian relief for civilians in need. "This must be stopped immediately."

She also reiterated her call on the international community to establish an accountability mechanism for Myanmar.

## Ctg pvt clinics

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including Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), witnessed a rush of patients since morning.

Dilshad Begum brought her son, aged about 17, to Popular Diagnostic Centre around 8:30am to have a colonoscopy performed on him. To her utter dismay, she found the diagnostic centre shut. Security guards told her that an indefinite strike was underway at clinics and diagnostic centres.

She said she paid in full up front on Sunday and the centre staff members asked her son to come by 8:00am yesterday for undergoing the test.

"We have spent Tk 600 to travel to Chittagong city from Chandanais upazila .... My son took all preparations to undergo colonoscopy. Where will we go now?"

After waiting at the diagnostic centre till 10:00am, Dilshad along her son left for home.

Rekha Barua, aged about 28, came to Chevron Diagnostic Centre around 8:30am for undergoing an endoscopy, but found its main entrance closed.

"My physician advised me to undergo an endoscopy at this diagnostic centre.... The same physician was supposed to conduct the test.... I didn't eat anything since morning as part of preparation for undergoing the test."

Rekha said such strikes by doctors and clinics only cause suffering to patients.

**RUSH AT CMCH**

With private clinics and hospitals on strike, the number of patients at Chittagong Medical College Hospital almost doubled yesterday.

Tariqul Islam brought his younger brother Helal Uddin to the hospital's emergency department around 10:00am, hours after Helal slipped on the bathroom floor at his home. He had been feeling pain in his left leg since then.

"We rushed him to Surgiscope Hospital in the city's Panchlaish area, but they refused to have my brother admitted," said Tariqul.

Finding no other alternative, they went to the public hospital.

Banhi Chakraborty, an emergency

medical officer at CMCH, said they usually treat around 600 patients daily at the emergency department, but the number went up to around 1,100 till 1:00pm yesterday.

"Since we have enough manpower, we don't face any problem to deal with the increased number of patients," she said.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Jalal Uddin said they put additional doctors on duty at some busy wards, including at gynaecology and obstetrics, cardiology and orthopedics departments.

Visiting the hospital yesterday, this correspondent found many patients lying on the floor in front of an ortho pedics ward. Doctors at the ward said they would offer treatment to all the patients regardless of their number and would try their level best to cure them.

Jahirul Islam, in-charge of CMCH Police Camp, said they deployed extra policemen at different floors of the hospital to avoid any untoward situation as the number of patients increased.

SM Nazer Hossain, vice president of Consumers' Association of Bangladesh, termed the strike by private clinics and diagnostic centres inhuman.

The strike deprived the people of their constitutional rights of receiving treatment, he said.

"Medical professionals cannot go on strike holding the people hostage," Nazer told The Daily Star.

On Sunday, the Rab conducted mobile courts at four hospitals, including Max Hospital, already under fire over the death of three-year-old Raifa Khan.

Daughter of a senior journalist in Chittagong, Raifa died of medical negligence at Max Hospital on June 29. Soon after the incident, there came demands for punishment of doctors whose negligence was proven in an investigation conducted by a committee, led by the Chittagong civil surgeon.

Another probe body of the Directorate General of Health Services found that the hospital was plagued with irregularities and anomalies.

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## Minister blames

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limbs while some had injury marks all over their bodies. Many of them alleged that they were raped by their employers and their other family members.

Some of the returnees said their husbands were also not accepting them.

"Our stories of torture are so harrowing that we won't be able to tell [them]. Many women are tortured and abused. I request you, beg you to bring them back," Sarabon Begum, a returnee migrant said in a recent programme in the capital, describing how her employer once beat her unconscious for refusing to eat stale food.

Despite these cases, the Bangladesh government did not come up with any initiative to take legal actions against those employers. And now, the minister has denied that the women are being tortured.

"It's true that some female workers are returning home from Saudi Arabia. But the reason behind their return is that they don't understand Saudi language. The Saudi food also does not suit their food habit," he said.

"Sometimes, especially during the Ramadan, our female workers cannot take the heavy work load," he said.

He claimed that the Bangladesh government was "cautious" so that Bangladeshi workers did not face any oppression at their workplace abroad.

In the notice, Mahjabin, an MP from the reserved seats for women, said many poor and helpless female workers were going to the Arab country to work hard and change the financial condition of their families.

"However, as they reach there, they are oppressed in different ways. They are not getting the promised salaries," she said.

Mahjabin called upon the expatriates' welfare minister to take necessary measures to improve the situation.

She also suggested that the government take strong measures against the brokers who deceive such women.

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