



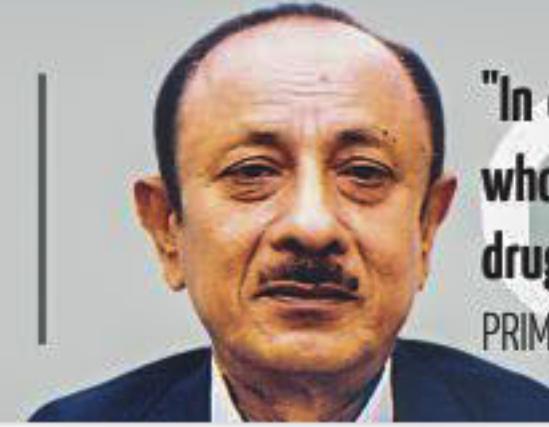
"He [Justice SK Sinha] has become a former [chief justice]. Heart aches when you are out of power. This happens... it's natural... we don't want to comment."

OBайдل قادر ABOUT THE NEW BOOK BY THE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE. (PAGE 20)



"The main spirit of the constitution, especially the rights to freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of the press, has been snatched away."

RUHUL KABIR RIZVI ABOUT THE DIGITAL SECURITY ACT. (PAGE 3)



"In every district, they will be shot by a firing squad... whoever's children they may be -- be them carriers [of drugs] or whatever."

PRIMARY EDUCATION MINISTER MOSTAFIZUR RAHMAN (PAGE 20)

Where is JUSTICE?

Bangladeshi migrants question as they face humiliation, arbitrary detention amid crackdown in Malaysia



PORIMOL PALMA, back from Kuala Lumpur

Hasan had applied for a work permit nearly six months before the Malaysian authorities' rehiring programme for undocumented foreign workers ended on June 30. He had all the documents to prove that, but those meant nothing to the immigration police.

On September 3, the police detained him and dozens of others from Bukit Bintang area of Kuala Lumpur, forced them to sit in handcuffs for hours and then took them to an immigration camp.

Hailing from Munshiganj, Hasan (not his real name) languished at the crowded camp at Bukit Jilil for nine long days. He finally managed to get out after his uncle, who has been living in the Malaysian capital for almost a decade, allegedly bribed some police officials 6,000 Ringgit (around Tk 12,000).

The 26-year-old Bangladeshi said all the detainees were unclothed and crammed inside the camp. "There were all kinds of workers -- those with and

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Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, centre, had his share of the spotlight in an Asia Cup dead rubber against Afghanistan yesterday. But it was completely overshadowed by Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan, who with a brilliant all-rounder show fashioned a massive 136 run win at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

PHOTO: AFP

Holy Ashura today

UNB, Dhaka

Holy Ashura, commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), is being observed in the country today with due religious fervour and solemnity.

On this day in the Hijri year of 61, Imam Hussain (RA), the grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), along with his family members and 72 followers embraced martyrdom at the hands of Yazid's soldiers at the desert of Karbala to uphold the teachings of Prophet (SM).

The day is a public holiday.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the occasion.

Shia community members will bring out Tazia processions in the city marking the day. A Tazia

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

Today, September 21, is the holy Ashura and therefore,

The Daily Star offices will remain closed in accordance with the decision of NOAB. There will be no issue of this paper tomorrow (Saturday).

Nothing to worry about

PM tells House on Digital Security Act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists need not worry about the passing of the Digital Security Bill as it would not gag them, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in parliament yesterday.

"We have seen several noted editors, journalists and wise people of the society give opinions against the law. Their only concern is about them being gagged. But they have not been gagged," Hasina said while delivering the valedictory speech of the 22nd session of the 10th parliament.

She said that had their voices been



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Danger to freedom of expression

Rights bodies decry passage of Digital Security Bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several local and international rights organisations have expressed grave concerns over the passing of the Digital Security Bill 2018 and demanded that the government reconsider its controversial sections.

The organisations include Amnesty International, ARTICLE 19, Ain o Salish Kendra and Transparency International Bangladesh.

"This law imposes dangerous restrictions on freedom of expression," said Saad Hammadi, Amnesty's South Asia campaigner, yesterday.

The Digital Security Bill was passed on Wednesday with a harsh provision allowing police to search or arrest anyone without any warrant.

In a statement, Hammadi said instead of learning from the lessons of the past, the law seeks to repeat them.

"Given how the authorities have arbitrarily arrested hundreds of people in the past six years under the Information and Communication

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Police charge truncheons on leaders of leftist political parties near Sonargaon hotel in the capital as they were marching towards the office of the Election Commission. The parties were going to lay siege to the commission demanding a democratic and impartial environment during election.

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