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## 63 workers deported from KL

### 'Miscommunication' between recruiting agencies, employers

Malaysian immigration department barred the entry of 63 Bangladeshi workers and deported them on Saturday, two days after their arrival in Kuala Lumpur International Airport, though all of them had valid travel documents.

The Bangladesh government could not explain the reasons behind the deportation, but the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA) said it was because of "miscommunication" between the hiring company and the recruiting agencies.

"We don't know why they were denied entry and then deported. They all had visas and immigration clearance," said Tanvir Hossain, an official of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

BMET Director General Selim Reza could not be reached for comments immediately as his phone was switched off.

"[The] visa period expired the day our

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## PM ON PADMA BRIDGE

# A befitting reply to 'conspirators'

Terms opposition unity 'a platform of killers and opportunists'



AGENCIES

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said by constructing the Padma bridge the government would give a befitting reply to those who are trying to tarnish the country's image and obstruct its development.

She made the comment while addressing a rally in Munshiganj after unveiling the name plaque of the bridge and Padma Bridge Rail Link Construction Project, UNB reports.

The PM also saw the work of the bridge on the Mawa side, inspected the progress of the Dhaka-Mawa and Pachchar-Bhanga parts of the N-8

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## 'GHOSTLY CASE'

# 16-yr-old boy in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested a teenage boy along with his father and uncle on September 19 for holding a "secret meeting" at their house in Dinajpur's Birganj upazila to plot subversive activities, but locals say no such meeting took place there.

Talking to this newspaper, two of the five people mentioned as witnesses in the case said police didn't tell them that they were made witnesses.

Both of them said they were not present at the scene and were unaware of any "secret meeting" taking place there.

The teenager, Mamun Ur Rashid, who according to his mother is 16 years and three months old, has been languishing in Dinajpur jail since his arrest 26 days

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## India's top court showed the way

SHAKHAWAT LITON

A landmark verdict by the Indian Supreme Court scrapping a section of country's IT law that authorised police to arrest people for posting something "offensive" or "menacing" on social media and many of its previous judgments on the freedom of press offers some food for thought in the current context.

Widespread misuse of powers by police under section 66A of the IT Act 2000 led the Indian SC to strike the draconian provision down three and a half year ago, on grounds that such a law struck at the root of liberty and freedom of expression -- two cardinal pillars of democracy.

The court ruled that such arbitrary powers to arrest people for social media posts was unconstitutional.

According to Indian media reports, section 66A of the law had been widely abused by police over the years in various states to arrest innocent persons for posting critical comments about social and political issues and politicians

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"The freedom of press is regarded as the 'mother of all other liberties' in a democratic society."

## Doors still open for discussion

Inu on editors' concern over Digital Security Act

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said discussion with the Sampadak Parishad (Editors' Council) on the newly enacted Digital Security Act was not over.

"Time for discussion on the Digital Security Act is not over yet and we are very much in talks on the issue," he said at a press conference at the secretariat.

Inu called "disheartening" a recent remark from the Parishad that three ministers failed to keep their promise to place the editors' concerns over the law before the cabinet.

Despite protest and concern at home and abroad,

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## OBITUARY FOR ADMIRAL M. H. KHAN

### A GENTLEMAN AND LEADER

Admiral Musharraf Husain Khan a beloved husband, an incredible father, a loving grandfather passes away peacefully at CMH Dhaka on 12th of October. He was 87 years old. He was the son of late Muazzam H. Khan, who was Director General of Intelligence in the 1950's. Admiral M. H. Khan will always be remembered for being a Gentleman of immense ability, kindness, grace and consideration for all. Admiral M. H. Khan was a dedicated sailor and was the 1st Chief of the Naval staff of Bangladesh appointed by Bangabandhu in 1973 and much of his contribution stands today. He was known for his exceptional professionalism in all the Navies that he served in, starting his career in 1950 after graduating from Dufferin naval school in Bombay. He was in Britain's Royal Navy (Royal Naval College Dartmouth and Royal Naval College Greenwich) serving, amongst others, on the aircraft carrier H.M.S Eagle, he later attended HMS Winterbourne Gunner for nuclear defense in 1964. He also served in the Pakistan Navy and of-course the Bangladesh Navy. He was a skilled diplomat and led Bangladesh successfully and forcefully in the water sharing talks against India in the 1970's. He was an exceptional leader beyond the Navy having made significant contributions as Minister for Shipping, Communications and Water resources. Subsequently he conducted ably a successful career in business, leaving an indelible mark in jute, shipping, fisheries, tea and real estate. His recent memoirs 'Turbulence in the Indian subcontinent' was published in 2016. He founded the research and academic institution NOAMI( National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute) in 1978 and founded the Chartered Institute of Transport of Bangladesh in 1998 and ran the Deaf Federation of Bangladesh for several years. All those who had the good fortune of knowing him will recall his gentleness, warmth and unparalleled dignity at all times. May ALLAH bless his soul and may he rest in eternal peace.

Admiral M. H. Khan is survived by his wife, son and two grandsons.

Maruf H. Khan Noorpuri, Son of Admiral M. H. Khan



### SCHEDULE OF DOA & JANAZA FOR ADMIRAL M. H. KHAN

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October' 2018

- TIME AND LOCATION:**
- 1000 Hours : DOA at "The Mooring" New DOHS, Mohakhali
  - 1430 Hours : JANAZA at BNS Haji Mohsin Dhaka Cantonment
  - 1530 Hours : DOA at MHK Terminal 110 K.N. Islam Avenue
  - 1630 Hours : JANAZA at Jamme Mosque Bangla Motor K.N. Islam Avenue
- Followed by Burial at "FAMILY GRAVEYARD" K.N. ISLAM AVENUE, RAMNA, DHAKA.

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## BNP replies to Star report on Tarique

The BNP has sent a statement on an analytical report carried by The Daily Star on Tarique Rahman, acting chairperson of the party, published under the headline "Crown to Crime" on October 11.


Following is the full text (unedited) of the statement, undersigned by BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, sent on Friday:

"Our attention has been drawn to a commentary entitled Crown to Crime, written by your staffers Inam Ahmed and Shakhawat Liton, and carried by your daily on 11 October 2018.

We believe, any newspaper has the right to analyse any event it feels relevant but when the analysis becomes highly biased and instrument of muck raking it hurts people concerned. That is why we are constrained to question the contents of the analysis.

The writers commented that our Acting

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