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# Now in 'cop custody', now found dead

Families claim plainclothes men picked up the 4 victims from home

SANAD SAHA, Narayanganj

Taslima Begum, wife of one of the four found shot dead in Narayanganj, claimed that her husband Faruk Hossain was in the district's Bhulta Police Camp where she had even given him juice, water and a piece of cake on Saturday night.

The next morning, four bodies, including Faruk's, were found. Police, however, maintain that they never picked up any of them.

Contradicting this claim, Taslima said that around noon on Saturday a bus owner, whose name she did not disclose, informed her that Faruk was at the camp.

After she went there, police did not allow her to talk to her husband. "When I wanted to talk to him, the police asked me what I wanted to talk about and that they would shoot if we tried to talk," Taslima told The Daily Star yesterday.

"I begged them to let me buy Faruk something to eat and they finally allowed it. I bought cake, and bottles of water and juice around 9:30pm which he took in front of the police. He then asked me to go back home saying nothing will happen to him since he is not accused in any case."

According to her, she went to visit him again the next morning but found nobody there. Worried, she asked a man about Faruk and was told that police had taken five people out of the camp around 3:00am saying they would be taken to court.

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A shell-shocked Suborna still cannot believe her husband Jahirul Islam is dead. He was one of the four men who were found shot dead in Narayanganj on Sunday. A bakery worker by profession, Jahirul was the only breadwinner in his family. The photo was taken in front of his house in Pabna's Dharmagram village yesterday.

PHOTO: AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU



## Who gave the orders?

Erdogan asks; rejects Saudi account of Khashoggi's killing

AFP, Ankara

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday said that the "savage murder" of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul was meticulously planned, demanding that all those linked to the killing face punishment.

Erdogan had promised that his speech in Ankara would give the "naked truth" about the killing and he gave a host of new details while still saying Turkey wanted answers to key questions, including who gave the orders.

Hours before Erdogan  
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## DEFAMATION SUIT

# Mainul sent to prison

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent barrister Mainul Hossain to jail after rejecting his bail petition in a defamation case filed for slandering female journalist Masuda Bhattacharya on a television programme.

Detectives produced him before the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Kaisarul Islam and appealed for sending him to jail. He was arrested in the capital's Uttara on Monday night.

Meanwhile, at least three more cases were filed against Mainul in Chattogram, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

## 'GHA' UNIT EXAM

# DU finds proof of question leak

Decides to retake the exam, but only for those who passed; date to be announced later

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday decided to retake tests of around 18,500 students who cleared the "Gha" unit admission tests, citing they found proof that the questions were leaked.

The move came 10 days after the authorities had denied the leak following the exam.

The decision was made at a meeting of Deans' Committee held at the vice-chancellor's office around noon, DU VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman said at a press conference at his residence later in the day.

"As the probe body formed over the incident found proof that the question

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## Muhith says he won't seek another term

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith will retire after his current term and will not run in the upcoming election.

"I am going into retirement.... I will not be able to carry out my duty again as finance minister," he told parliament yesterday.

He, however, said "I am not off, I am around."

Speaking on a thanksgiving motion, Muhith, 84, also said he

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## HUMANITARIAN, LEADERSHIP AWARDS

# Lawmakers shower Hasina with praise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament last night unanimously adopted a thanksgiving motion greeting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for brightening Bangladesh's image globally by winning two international awards, in a four-and-a-half hour long discussion.

Whip Md Shahiduzzaman Sarker moved the motion in the House, which was adopted by a voice vote after a marathon discussion.

The PM received the two awards -- the "Humanitarian Award" from Inter Press Service, UN and the Global Hope Coalition's "Special Distinction Awards for Leadership" -- during her recent visit to the USA to attend the 73rd session of the United National General Assembly.

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## Woman harassed at police checkpoint

Video goes viral

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A video showing on-duty policemen harassing a young woman at a checkpoint in the capital has triggered outrage on social media.

The incident took place around 2:30am yesterday in front of Rampura TV station.

At least two policemen were seen in the footage stopping a three-wheeler auto-rickshaw carrying the woman, who was travelling alone, and seeking to check her handbag.

As the cops started using offensive language, an altercation broke out between the woman and the policemen.

The law enforcers were heard hinting that she was a prostitute (you just came out of a hotel) as she was travelling late at night.

As the cops constantly

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## World's oldest intact shipwreck found

AFP, London

An ancient Greek trading ship dating back more than 2,400 years has been found virtually intact at the bottom of the Black Sea, the world's oldest known shipwreck, researchers said yesterday.

The vessel is one of more than 60 shipwrecks identified by the Black Sea Maritime Archaeology Project including Roman ships and a 17th-century Cossack raiding fleet.

During the three-year project, researchers used specialist remote deep-water camera systems previously used in offshore oil and gas exploration to map the sea floor.

"A small piece of the vessel has been carbon dated and it is confirmed as the oldest intact shipwreck known to mankind," the project said in a statement.

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## Upbeat hosts look to seal series

MAZHAR UDDIN from Cig

Bangladesh will not only eye their tenth series win over their once archrivals coming into a potentially series-deciding second of the three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe today, they will also want to become a more consistent side at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

Considered a lucky ground for the hosts where they have won 10 of 17 games, they remain invincible against Zimbabwe here, having won five of six

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