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# Jailer held with drug, huge cash

Prison authorities vow action

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested a jailer with over Tk 44 lakh, fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) and Phensedyl from a train heading for Mymensingh in Kishoreganj's Bhairab.

The arrestee is Sohel Rana Biswas, a jailer of Chattogram Central Jail, reports our Mymensingh correspondent, quoting Abdul Mazid, officer-in-charge of Government Railway Police (GRP) in Bhairab.

Sohel was going to his home town Mymensingh by Bijoy Express from Chattogram.

On information, police raided the train at Bhairab Railway Station around 1:30pm and recovered 12 bottles of Phensedyl from a travel bag, said the OC.

"When police seized the bag and found the Phensedyl bottles inside it, Sohel came forward and showed his identity card that he is the jailer of Chattogram Central Jail."

Police then took him to Bhairab Railway Police Station and recovered Tk 44.43 lakh, FDRs of around Tk 2.50 crore deposited with different banks and bank cheques issued in favour of him worth Tk 1.30 crore from the bag, said the OC.

Soon after the arrest, he fell sick and was admitted to Bhairab Upazila Health Complex.

Later, Sohel was interrogated at Bhairab Railway Police Station, the OC said.

Two cases were filed with the police station under the money laundering and the narcotics control acts.



Sohel Rana

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With the end of rainy season, the Kaliganga river in Ghior upazila of Manikganj started to dry up like several other water bodies that run through the district. Now rickshaw vans can ply the riverbed. The dearth of water in the rivers is not only hampering farming in the area but also putting the livelihood of local fishermen at stake. The photo was taken from Tara bridge on Wednesday.

PHOTO: ZAHANGIR SHAH

# Shamsher Mobin, two others join Bikalpadhara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury, who had retired from BNP politics as its vice-chairman in 2015, yesterday joined Bikalpadhara Bangladesh ahead of the 11th parliamentary election.

Apart from Mobin, Bikalpadhara Bangladesh, led by former president Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, has got two former state ministers -- Golam Sarwar Milon and Nazimuddin Al-Azad -- as its new members.

Mobin served as the foreign secretary during the BNP-Jamaat alliance government. In 2008, he joined the BNP after serving as the Bangladesh envoy to the US for two years. He was made a vice-chairman after the BNP's national council in 2009.

He was arrested in early 2015 during the BNP-led alliance's nonstop blockade and later released on bail.

He joined hands with the Bikalpadhara by presenting a bouquet to Badruddoza at a programme of Jubo Dhara, youth front of the Bikalpadhara, in Dhaka yesterday.

Badruddoza, who was the founding secretary general of BNP, had formed the Bikalpadhara Bangladesh, in March 2004 quitting the BNP.

Of the two former state ministers, Golam Sarwar Milon was the first elected president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, while

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# BUS-TRUCK COLLISION 10 killed in Panchagarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Ten people, including two women and two children, were killed and 15 others injured when a bus collided head-on with a goods-laden truck at Dashmile Bazar in Panchagarh Sadar upazila yesterday evening.

The deceased are Lovely Begum, her son Yeasin, Rezaul, Farid, Anitya, Russell, Layla, Lutfor, Mozammel and Monir. They are aged between 7 and 38.

All the victims were bus passengers. Sudarshan Kumar Roy, assistant superintendent of Panchagarh police, said the accident happened on the Panchagarh-Banglabandha highway around 7:30pm when the Panchagarh-bound electric poles-laden truck hit the bus coming from the opposite direction.

Five people died on the spot. Three others were declared dead after being taken to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital, while two more died on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH), he told this correspondent over the phone.

The accident turned fatal as the poles penetrated into the bus and badly damaged it, the official said.

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# Gonoshasthaya Kendra attacked

Limon Hossain, who was maimed in Rab shooting and now a student there, hurt; valuables 'looted'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Vandals broke the windows, doors and looted office equipment of a building of Gonoshasthaya Kendra in Savar yesterday, amid cases being filed against its founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury.

They also beat up students and broke the right arm of Limon Hossain, a law student of Gono University, who has physical disabilities.

Since October 15, five cases have been lodged against Zafrullah, accusing him of land grabbing, extortion and stealing fish and fruits of locals.

Gonoshasthaya employees yesterday said the vandals started attacking in the morning and continued throughout the day.

"About 100 people, led by those who recently filed the cases against Zafrullah Chowdhury, entered our PHA Bhaban and started breaking the windows, and taking away the computers, TVs, and CCTV cameras. They hurled abuse at our women colleagues and tried to break into a female students' dormitory," Sheikh Alamgir, administration officer of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, told The Daily Star in the evening.

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# 'Drug peddler' killed in clash at Teknaf

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A suspected drug peddler was killed in what police claimed was a tripartite clash involving the law enforcers and two gangs of yaba dealers at Teknaf early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Hasan Prakash Lulu, 40, said Prodig Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station.

He claimed that a team of police was returning to Teknaf after conducting an anti-drug drive in Hnila area when they heard gunshots beside the Naf river in Damdamiya area around 4:30am.

"The team approached the source of the gunshots. Sensing the presence of police, the gangs opened fire on them, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate," the OC added.

At one stage, the gangs

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# Farmer couldn't fly a plane, so he built one



AFP, Beijing

When a Chinese garlic farmer's dream of flying an airplane didn't pan out, he decided to build one instead.

The full-scale replica of the Airbus A320 built by farmer Zhu Yue is now nearly finished, permanently taxied on a short piece of tarmac surrounded by wheat fields in northeast China.

Zhu didn't finish middle school, and started out farming onions and garlic before moving on to welding work in a factory in the small city of Kaiyuan.

Last year he realised he may never be able to fly a plane.

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# Indian police raid Amnesty Int'l office

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian authorities have frozen the bank accounts of Amnesty International after a raid on its country office, the human rights watchdog said yesterday, accusing the government of treating rights groups "like criminal enterprises".

The Enforcement Directorate, India's financial crime investigating agency, searched Amnesty's Bengaluru office in southern India for 10 hours on Thursday on suspicion that it had violated foreign direct investment guidelines.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationalist government has tightened surveillance on non-profit groups over the past four years, saying they act against India's interests. Thousands of foreign-funded groups have had licenses cancelled or suspended on charges such as misreporting of donations.

Amnesty, which regularly accuses India of

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People hold posters picturing Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and lightened candles during a gathering outside the Saudi Arabia consulate in Istanbul, on Thursday. Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributor, was killed on October 2 after a visit to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

# Who gave order to kill Khashoggi?

Erdogan asks Saudis, warns Turkey knows more about case than it has disclosed; Russia backs Riyadh

REUTERS, Istanbul

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan yesterday urged Saudi Arabia to disclose who ordered the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, as well as the location of his body, heightening international pressure on the kingdom to come clean on the case.

Erdogan said Turkey had more information than it had shared so far about the killing of Khashoggi, a prominent US-based critic of powerful Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, that has pitched the world's top oil exporter and pivotal Middle East strategic partner of the West into a serious crisis.

The kingdom, Erdogan added, also must reveal the identity of the "local cooperator" whom Saudi officials earlier said had taken charge of Khashoggi's body from Saudi agents after his killing inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on October 2.

Saudi Arabia's public prosecutor said on Thursday the killing of Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist, was premeditated, reversing a previous official statement that it happened accidentally during a tussle in the consulate.

The kingdom's shifting explanations of what happened to Khashoggi when he entered the consulate to get papers for his divorce have stirred scepticism and calls for Saudi transparency to determine who was ultimately responsible for the murder.

"Who gave this order?" Erdogan said in a speech to members of his AK Party in Ankara. "Who gave the order for 15

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