

Charity swindlers caught

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29 last year. CID also arrested Helal and two others – Enamul Haque, 28, and Nazmul Habib, 54.
Syeda Zannat Ara, special superintendent of CID, said they found out about it after interrogating the three.
Gleaning information from them, the CID team arrested three more after conducting drives in different parts of the capital on Monday.
While addressing a briefing at CID Headquarters yesterday, Syeda Zannat did not disclose the arrestees' identity as the mastermind behind the gang might go into hiding.
She mentioned that the three arrestees are influential people. She said the gang not only made fake signature of the prime minister, but also created fake signs and seals of prominent persons including the Bangladesh Bank governor, ACC chairman, NBR chairman and NSI chief.
Newton Kumar Datta, sub-inspector of CID, who conducted the drive, told The Daily Star that Helal completed his graduation from Dhaka University in 1985 in English and got a job at Mongla port as a customs official.
He was sacked in 1997 on corruption charges. He was arrested in 2005 and jailed for 27 months in a case filed by the ACC.
Getting out of jail, Helal started working with his relatives in Laxmipur. He met Nazmul, an Alico official, in Dhaka in 2015.
Nazmul, who graduated from Jagannath College in 1988, used to provide Helal with the fake bank documents, said the sub-inspector.
They formed the gang after meeting Enamul and soon started adding more people.
"We are trying to identify the mastermind and bring all the gang members to book," said special superintendent Zannat.



A month-long craft fair, organised by Bangladesh Folk Arts and Crafts Foundation, began on its premises in Sonargaon area of Narayanganj yesterday. A total of 170 stalls have been allocated for craftsmen from different rural areas and Dhaka. State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid inaugurated the event. Clockwise from left, items are displayed for sale in stalls. A man busy making pottery items in another stall. The venue of the fair.

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ESKATON DOUBLE MURDER Court to deliver verdict on January 30

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday set January 30 for the delivery of verdict in the Eskaton double-murder case.
The case was filed in 2015 against Bakhtiar Alam Rony, son of former Awami League lawmaker Pinu Khan.
Judge Md Monjurul Imam of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's court fixed the date.
Defence lawyer Kazi Nazibullah Hiro argued that the prosecution has failed to prove the charges against his client and sought Rony's acquittal.
On the other hand, Additional Public Prosecutor SM Zahid sought capital punishment for Rony, saying that all charges brought against him were proven.
Earlier, on April 10 last year, another Dhaka court had set May 8,

2018, for delivering verdict in the case.
Later, the case was transferred to the court of Judge Md Monjurul Imam as the previous court "felt embarrassed to hear the case".
On April 13, 2015, a heavily intoxicated Rony fired gunshots from his car on Dilu Road of New Eskaton in the capital, injuring rickshaw-puller Abdul Hakim and auto-rickshaw driver Yakub, who succumbed to their injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 15 and April 23.
Hakim's mother Monowara Begum filed the case.
On July 21, 2015, detectives pressed murder charges against Rony, while clearing his driver from the charges.
Rony landed in jail after a Dhaka court on July 2, 2015, rejected his bail plea.

Prosecution seeks

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tamper with witnesses of the case. So his bail should be cancelled for ends of justice, Apu added.
On the other hand, the defence counsel for Shafat told the court that his client is still sick, adding his client will not obstruct continuation of the trial.
Judge Khademul Kayes of the tribunal fixed January 22 for hearing on the petition submitted by the prosecution.
All the five accused except for Nayem Ashraf, a friend of the Shafat, are now on bail in the case.
Charges were framed on July 13, 2017 against all the five accused, in a case filed over the rape of two university students at a Banani hotel.
Invited to Shafat's birthday party on March 28, 2017, the two girls went to the hotel around 9pm. After the party ended around midnight, Shafat and Nayem raped them in two rooms, alleged one of the two girls who filed the case with Banani Police Station on May 6 the same year.
Billal filmed the rape, Rahmat intimidated the girls while Sakif refrained from informing the hotel authorities and the police about the incident, she alleged, adding that all the five accused were drunk.

App-based services

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messages, his vehicle followed him for a short distance on the opposite side of the road.
People all over the country will realise that if they follow traffic rules, their sufferings on roads will be reduced, he said, adding "We will try to give leaflets and booklets to people to raise awareness of their responsibility in following traffic rules."
"We will also try to make people aware about the necessity of using over-bridge and underpass. Everyone should use footpaths while walking and drivers and pedestrians must not use mobile phones while driving [or walking]," the minister added.
The DMP Commissioner said they have taken elaborate measures to bring back discipline on roads, after the nationwide students' agitation demanding safe roads last year following death of two students in road accident.
As a result of the tremendous efforts of around 4,500 officials of DMP, a major change have come in road discipline; problems like driving on the wrong side of roads and motorbike riders without helmets have almost come to an end, he said.
A number of foot-over bridges and underpasses in the city were not suitable for use earlier, but now police have made those useable and city dwellers are using those more, he said, adding that they have also marked 130 bus stop-pages and steps have been taken by the city corporation to make those effective.
Volunteers from Red Crescent, Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) and scouts will work with traffic police at 57 check posts in Dhaka to help people follow the traffic rules during the campaign, he said.
Once the programme ends, police will conduct a drive to free the city footpaths, said the DMP chief.
Due to various development works like Mass Rapid Transit, flyover and U-loop, city roads have become narrow, but police officials trying to bring traffic jam to tolerable levels for city dwellers, he said.
"We hope that we would able to meet the people's expectations after these construction works end."
Mir Rezaul Alam, additional commissioner (traffic) of DMP, conducted the inaugural programme.
On July 29 last year, students took to the streets after the deaths of two students of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College on Airport Road. They were seen managing traffic on major roads of the city for nine days. Police later welcomed the movement, and initiated traffic awareness programmes.
Since then, the DMP traffic department had conducted traffic discipline drives in three phases last year. The first drive was conducted from August 5 to 14, followed by the second one from September 5 to 30, while the third drive was conducted between October 24 and 31.



Journalist Abu Bakar Chowdhury dies

BSS, Dhaka

Abu Bakar Chowdhury, acting editor of daily Manabkhantha, passed away yesterday at a city hospital, following a cardiac arrest. He was 54.
Chowdhury breathed his last at 5:15am after he was rushed to the hospital from his Dhanmondi residence, family sources said. He left behind his mother and wife to mourn his death.
Chowdhury will be buried at Azimpur graveyard in Dhaka following a namaz-e-janaza today after Zohr prayers at At-takwa mosque on road-12/A in Dhanmondi.
Abu Bakar started his journalism career in 1991.
He had worked for the Weekly Protayon, Weekly Khabor, Ajker Kajog, Amader Somoy, Sokaler Khabor and Samakal before joining the Manabkhantha as its acting editor.
Newly appointed Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Abu Bakar Chowdhury. He said the nation has lost a dedicated and sincere journalist.



Oikyafront's demand

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statement is retracted," the law minister said.
"The government will not bring any change in running the country or its [government] policies. The Sheikh Hasina-led government is committed to upholding the rights of women. The commitment will be strengthened and the country will move forward; and it's the government's policy and belief," he said.
Acting director of NIASO Bikash Kumar Saha presided over the function, where Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal and its Joint Secretary Golam Sarwar also spoke.

Bangladesh's peacekeeping

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readiness to contribute troops and police in UN missions for strengthening peace and stability around the world.
He also urged the UN to consider recruiting a larger number of females from Bangladesh armed forces and police in UN contingents.
Paying tribute to all UN peacekeepers, including 145 from Bangladesh, who made ultimate sacrifice, Ambassador Belal reiterated that Bangladesh is committed to deploy its forces after necessary training.

NEWSIN brief

Woman found dead in her flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife was found dead in her flat in Azampur area of Dakkhinkhan in the capital yesterday.
The woman, Shompa Shahjahan, 28, might have died by suicide, speculated Shafiqul Gani Shabu, inspector (investigation) of Dakkhinkhan Police Station.
Police sent the body to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College morgue for autopsy to ascertain the cause of her death.
Shompa's husband called the police and said he had found her hanging from the ceiling around 10:00am when he returned home with breakfast, Inspector Shafiqul said.
Shompa had attempted to kill herself three times before, he also said, quoting her mother.

Dr Amzad Hossain achieves PhD

CITY DESK

Dr Md Amzad Hossain has achieved PhD in Implant Dentistry from Institute of Biological Sciences (IBSc) of University of Rajshahi, said a press release.

The title of his thesis was "Effect of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) on Osseointegration of Dental Implant".

The field of this research work was in Dhaka and the supervisors were Dr KAM Shahadat Hossain Mondal and Dr Motiur Rahman Molla. This is the first PhD in Implant Dentistry in Bangladesh, the release added.



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