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Forgery gang runs rampant at Ctg port

4,000 consignments released thru' scam by nexus of C&F agents, importers; one suspect arrested

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Ctg

A gang consisting of clearing and forwarding (C&F) agents and importers had at least 4,000 consignments released from the Chattogram port through forgery over the last two years.

The gang stole and misused the identities of two former customs officials of the Chittagong Custom House for the crime, CIID officials said. One of the two officials was on retirement while the other had been transferred.

The Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate officials said they identified seven active members of the gang. One of them was arrested from the capital's Kakrail area yesterday.

The arrestee is Mizanur Rahman, owner of M/S MR Trade International and Chakladar C&F Agent Limited.

CIID officials said they found evidence that the criminals entered the customs' server using the IDs of former revenue officer DAM Muhibul Islam, who went on retirement in 2015, and Fazlul Haque, currently working at the Dhaka Custom House.

Both the officials were posted to the Chittagong Customs House from 2013 to 2016 and they discharged various duties, they said, adding that the scam that surfaced had

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A man takes photos of raging flames at an unauthorised oil depot in Foujdarhat area of Chattogram yesterday afternoon. Firefighters could not ascertain the cause of the blaze.

PHOTO:
RAJIB RAHMAN

'Criminal' killed in 'gunfight' with cops

STAR REPORT

An alleged criminal was killed in a "gunfight" between police and his accomplices in Karar Beel area of Narail Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, 28-year-old Rumman Hossain Romeo, was accused in 13 cases for murder, robbery and other crimes, police said.

The bullet-hit body of an Awami League (AL) activist has meanwhile been found in Sathkira. Police claimed Maizuddin Ahmed Tulu, the 40-year-old AL activist, was killed in an internal fight of drug traders yesterday.

On the "gunfight", Ilias Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Narail Sadar police, said a team of law enforcers raided Karar Beel on information that a criminal group was hiding there.

Sensing the presence of police, the criminals opened fire on the team, forcing them to retaliate.

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20 missing as boat sinks in Meghna

STAR REPORT

At least 20 people are feared dead after a sand-laden boat sank in the Meghna river early Tuesday.

Officials said the boat carrying 34 labourers capsized after it collided with an oil tanker near Charjhaptia area of Munshiganj.

Of the missing people, 17 are from Bhangura upazila of Pabna, one from Sirajganj's Ullapara and two others are yet to be identified, said police.

Rescuers of police, coastguards, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authorities and fire services tried to find the missing people from dawn to dusk yesterday, said Faruk Ahmed, upazila nirbahi officer of Munshiganj.

In Bhangura, grieving family members yesterday said the authorities had not started the rescue operation when there was time.

Quoting survivors, UNO Faruk said the boat was going to Narayanganj's Boktoboli from Cumilla's Daudkandi.

After it capsized, 14 people managed to survive.

Habibur Rahman, another survivor, told reporters that he and several others had swam for almost an hour before they were rescued by another boat.

Another survivor Mahmud Ali said, "If police and administration took prompt action, some people could have been rescued."

Harun-or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Munshiganj's Gazaria Police Station, said police from Pabna first informed them about the incident.

"We informed it to the river police. But river police in the evening told us that they did not find any such incident."

"Around 9:00pm today [yesterday], a survivor named Shah Alam came to me and told me about the incident. But we could not start a search operation at night," he said.

Ashfaquzzaman, additional superintendent of police in Munsinganj, said they started the rescue operation around 8:00am.

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SUBARNACHAR RAPE Human rights bodies reject NHRC report

Local OC suspended

STAR REPORT

The Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB), a platform of 20 rights and development organisations, yesterday called for the cancellation of the National Human Rights Commission report that failed to find a correlation between the Subarnachar rape incident and the December 30 polls.

Terming the failure "mysterious" and "suicidal" for the commission, the forum also demanded that the commission's chairman accepts the failure and makes an apology in this regard.

Meanwhile, Officer-in-Charge of Noakhali's Char Jabbar Police Station Md Nizam Uddin has been withdrawn for "negligence in duty" over the rape incident, reports our district correspondent.

Elias Sharif, superintendent of police (SP) in Noakhali, said Nizam was withdrawn and attached to the district's police lines on Tuesday night following the

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Dogs detect blood sugar crashes



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Dogs trained to sniff out life-threatening blood sugar crashes in people with type 1 diabetes have been shown to effectively spot the condition, which can render patients unconscious, in the first large-scale trial of its type.

The University of Bristol research found medical detection dogs were able to spot 83 percent of more than 4,000 episodes of hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) and hyperglycaemia (high blood sugar), minimising the risk of harmful health complications.

They can be particularly effective in monitoring patients who might have unexpectedly low glucose levels at night or for young people who are less able

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4-year-old 'raped' in Sunamganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

A four-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a man in Sreepur area of Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila Tuesday evening.

The accused is Haris Mia, 50, a neighbour of the child.

The girl was going to one of her relative's house, a few yards away from her home, around 4:30pm. On her way, Haris allegedly picked her up and raped her in his house, police said, quoting locals.

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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 17

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5:30 12:45 4:15 5:40 7:00

JAMAT 6:05 1:15 4:30 5:44 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Amanullah
Kabir passes
away

UNB, Dhaka

Veteran journalist
Amanullah Kabir died at a
city hospital early yester-
day. He was 72.

The journalist, who had been suffering from various diseases, breathed his last at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) around 1:00am.

Amanullah was admitted to the intensive care unit of the BSMMU on January 2 with complications in kidney and liver.

He left behind his wife,

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Rescue efforts in the Meghna river as 20 people went missing after a boat capsized following a collision with a larger vessel early Tuesday near Charjhaptia area of Munshiganj. Inset, family members of one of the missing men break down in tears at their home in Pabna's Bhangura upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

প্রাণি খাদ্যে ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ খাদ্য উপকরণ Meat and Bone Meal (প্রাণিজাত Protein meal এবং Protein concentrate সহ) বিদেশ থেকে আমদানি এবং ব্যবহার নিষিদ্ধকরণ বিষয়ে নিরাপদ খাদ্য কর্তৃপক্ষের

জরুরি গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, দেশের প্রাণি খাদ্যের গুণগত মান, উৎপাদন মূল্য, সামাজিক ও ধর্মীয় বিষয়াদি বিবেচনায় প্রাণি খাদ্যে ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ খাদ্য উপকরণ Meat and Bone Meal (MBM) বিদেশ থেকে আমদানি আবশ্যিকভাবে বন্ধ রাখার জন্য মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয় সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করেছে। এমতাবস্থায়, মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয় এর সিদ্ধান্ত এবং নিরাপদ খাদ্য আইন, ২০১৩ বলে দেশে MBM এর আমদানি, প্রক্রিয়াজাতকরণ, সরবরাহ, মজুদ, বিক্রয় ও ব্যবহার নিষিদ্ধ করা হলো।

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