

YABA TRADE IN TEKNAF

# Surrender has little impact

While drug lords in jail, family members, agents oversee narco business

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, back from Teknaf

The surrender of 102 drug lords on February 16 now seems merely an eyewash as the yaba empire in Teknaf remains mostly intact with some of their family members and paid agents taking care of the illegal trade.

The Daily Star got the picture through an independent investigation in Teknaf, a coastal town bordering Myanmar, about one and a half months after the surrender of the yaba godfathers and dealers.

Take the case of yaba dealer Md Jubayer Hossain, 30. Previously wanted in half a dozen narcotics cases, he is now in Cox's Bazar District Jail.

Son of Md Osman Gani, Jubayer owns a luxurious mansion at ward-9 of South Jaliapara union of Cox's Bazar's Teknaf, on the west side of the Naf, a



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# Sohel dies a hero

The firefighter, injured trying to save people from FR Tower blaze, breathes his last

RAFIUL ISLAM

Four years ago, a poor family in Kishoreganj dreamt of better days as their eldest son, Sohel Rana, had joined the Fire Service and Civil Defence as a fireman.

The education of his two younger brothers, the funds for which had dried up, resumed once again. Everything was on the right track and plans for a more financially-secure future were being thought up.

Two days before Sohel, 25, was supposed to visit home to buy an

auto-rickshaw for one of his brothers, he sustained severe injuries while rescuing people trapped in the Banani FR Tower fire on March 28.

After fighting death for 11 days, he succumbed to his injuries early yesterday at Singapore General Hospital at 2:17am, fire officials said.

His body reached Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 10:45pm, said his brother-in-law Jashim Uddin.

His family members and top fire service officials, including its Director General Brig Gen Sazzad Hossain,

received the body and placed wreaths on the coffin.

The body was taken to the Combined Military Hospital morgue. Family members would take the body to his village for burial after a namaz-e-janaza at the fire service headquarters around 11:00am today, officials said.

As the light of his life went out, so did the dreams of his family. Their sole bread-earner was gone.

"Who will look after my parents and brothers now?" Sohel's elder

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Firefighter Sohel Rana stuck in a hydraulic ladder during the rescue efforts at FR Tower in the capital's Banani as the deadly fire raged at the building on March 28. His colleagues managed to bring him down minutes after this picture was taken at 2:43pm. He died of his injuries yesterday.

FILE PHOTO:  
RASHED SHUMON

23.4kg gold seized from Biman plane  
200 gold bars hidden at toilet; no one arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate officials recovered some 200 gold bars weighing about 23.4kg from two toilets of a Bangladesh Biman Airlines aircraft at Shah Amanat International Airport in the port city yesterday.

Shahidul Islam, director general of CIID, told The Daily Star that acting on a tip off, a team of CIID conducted a drive at flight BG-128 of the national flag carrier in the morning, immediately after the flight from Abu Dhabi landed at the airport around 6:00am.

"The bars were found in two boxes hidden inside the sink cabinets of two toilets in the aircraft," he said.

The official expressed suspicion over the

# Five Bangladeshis killed in Malaysia road accident

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

At least five Bangladeshis were among the 12 people killed when a bus crashed into a storm drain in Malaysia's Sepang Sunday night.

Thirty-four others, including seven Bangladeshis, were injured, said a police statement in Kuala Lumpur.

Four Indonesian women, two Nepali men and the Malaysian bus driver were also killed, said Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) district police Chief Assistant Commissioner Zulkifli Adamshah.

According to the New Straits Times and Foreign Ministry officials, the five Bangladeshis are Md Razib Munsi, 26, Md Sohel, 24, Al Amin, 25, Mohin, 37 and Golam Mostafa, 22. Their addresses could not be known yet.

The bus driver and eight migrant workers died at the scene and three others at different hospitals.

The New Straits Times reports, the injured Bangladeshis Md Nazmul Haque, 21, Md Rozbul Islam, 43, and Imran Hossain, 21, are undergoing treatment at Serdang Hospital. Jahid Hassan, 21, Samim Ali, 32, Mohammad Yunus, 27, and Md Rakib, 24, are being treated at Putrajaya Hospital.

According to the Bangladesh foreign ministry, Sohel and Alamin are from Chandpur; Mahin and Md Rajib Munshi from Cumilla and Golam Mostafa is from Noakhali.

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A student gives finishing touches to the colourful masks that are an integral part of the Mangal Shobhajatra on Pahela Baishakh, which is less than a week away. The picture was taken at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University yesterday.

HSC exams on 13 subjects rescheduled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Higher Secondary Certificate examinations on 13 subjects under the eight general education boards have been rescheduled due to the observance of holy Shab-e-Barat, said an official.

The exams scheduled for April 17, 18, 22 will now be held on May 9, 11 and 12, while the tests on May 4 and 6 will begin at 2:00pm instead of 10:00am.

The second paper exams on Physics, Accounting, Logic, and Business Organisation and Management scheduled for April 22 will now be on May 12 at 10:00am.

"We brought the changes in the exam schedule ahead

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# Four set fire to Feni madrasa student

Says the victim now on life support; PM asks authorities to send her to S'pore; 7 held

Star yesterday, quoting the victim.

At one stage, she was taken to the roof of the madrasa's three-storey administrative building. She saw four people wearing veils, burqa and hand gloves there.

Talking to doctors on Sunday, she said they had asked her to withdraw the case, filed against madrasa Principal Maulana Siraj Ud Doula, over sexually harassing her late last month. They also pressed her to give a statement saying that the allegation was false.

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Ctg power plant partially shut after fire

STAR REPORT

A fire broke out at Raozan Thermal Power Plant in Chattogram last night, causing a shutdown of one of its two 210 megawatt units.

Purna Chandra Mutsuddi, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, said the fire broke out at the engine room at 7:55pm as the temperature of an engine increased excessively.

Three fire engines

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