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Terror attack kills 26 in Somalia

Journalists, foreigners among dead; 56 injured as Al-Shabaab jihadists' siege on hotel ends after 12 hours

AFP, Mogadishu

Twenty-six people were killed and 56 injured in a 12-hour terror attack by Al-Shabaab jihadists on a popular hotel that ended early yesterday in the southern Somali port city of Kismayo.

A suicide bomber rammed a vehicle loaded with explosives into the Medina hotel on Friday before several heavily armed gunmen forced their way inside, shooting as they went, authorities said.

It was the largest coordinated attack by the Shabaab in Kismayo since 2012 when it lost control of the city.

The victims included several foreigners and a prominent Somali-Canadian journalist, Nodan Halayeh, who perished along with her husband.

Three Kenyans, three Tanzanians, two Americans, one Briton and one Canadian were among the dead, president Ahmed Mohamed Islam of the semi-autonomous Jubaland region told a news conference.

"There are also two wounded Chinese citizens," he added.

The hotel was packed with politicians and prominent businessmen as meetings were underway for upcoming presidential elections in Jubaland, due in August.

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A man looks at the remains of a tin shack wrecked by a landslide amid continued downpour in Arefin Nagar area of Chattogram yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Myanmar border force picks up 3 Bangladeshis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Three Bangladeshis, including a class-IV student, were picked up allegedly by Myanmar's Border Guard Police (BGP) from the Naf river near Teknaf Upazila on Friday.

The three are Zunayed, 10, a student of Hoaikong Government Primary School, and fishermen Siraj Ullah, 26, and Mohammad Rubel, 24. They are from Hoaikong Uttarpara in the upazila.

The three went to the river to collect Keora fruits, but mistakenly crossed Bangladesh's water boundary. A team of BGP took them from there, said Zunayed's mother Mamta Begum and family members of the fishermen.

Although the incident happened on Friday, the family members came to know about it from other fishermen yesterday evening, said Zunayed's father Gias Uddin.

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Won't stand corruption

PM warns at programme of government officials

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the top government officials to keep more vigil on corruption so that this menace does not affect the country's development in any way.



"We'll never tolerate this [corruption], all will be held responsible for their own duties, and all will have to perform their duties properly. All must keep it in mind that development must not be affected in any way because of graft," she said.

The PM was addressing a function at her office yesterday marking the signing of the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) of ministries and their subordinate bodies.

She asked the senior secretaries and secretaries to various ministries and divisions to give directives to their colleagues on graft and make them aware in this regard.

Hasina said Bangladesh is currently formulating its annual budget with its own resources. "To resist corruption, there

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PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION LAPSES

Facebook fined \$5b

AFP, Washington

US regulators have approved a \$5 billion penalty to be levied on Facebook to settle a probe into the social network's privacy and data protection lapses, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The newspaper said the Federal Trade Commission approved the settlement in a 3-2 vote, with the two Democratic members of the consumer protection agency dissenting.

According to the report, the deal, which would be the largest penalty ever imposed by the FTC for privacy violations, still needs approval from the Justice Department before it is finalised.

Although details have not yet been released, the deal will likely include restrictions on how Facebook is able to use personal data.

Representative David Cicilline, a Democrat and chair of a congressional antitrust panel, called the \$5 billion penalty "a Christmas present five months early," reported.

"This fine is a fraction of Facebook's annual revenue. It won't make them think twice about their responsibility to protect user data," he said.

The outlook was more optimistic at the Center for Democracy and Technology, whose president Nuala O'Connor said the fine underscored the importance of "data stewardship" in the digital age.

"The FTC has put all companies on notice that they must safeguard personal information," O'Connor said.

Facebook did not immediately respond to an AFP query on the agreement.

The FTC announced last year it reopened its investigation into a 2011 privacy settlement with Facebook after revelations that personal data on tens of millions of users was hijacked by the political consultancy Cambridge Analytica, which was working on the Donald Trump campaign in 2016.



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FF's body recovered from river

He went missing from Tangail town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered a partially decomposed body of a freedom fighter from the bank of the Louha-jang river in Tangail town yesterday.

The dead was identified as Miah Mohammad Hasan Ali Reza, 76. He was a central committee member of Krishak Samik Janata League and a practicing lawyer.

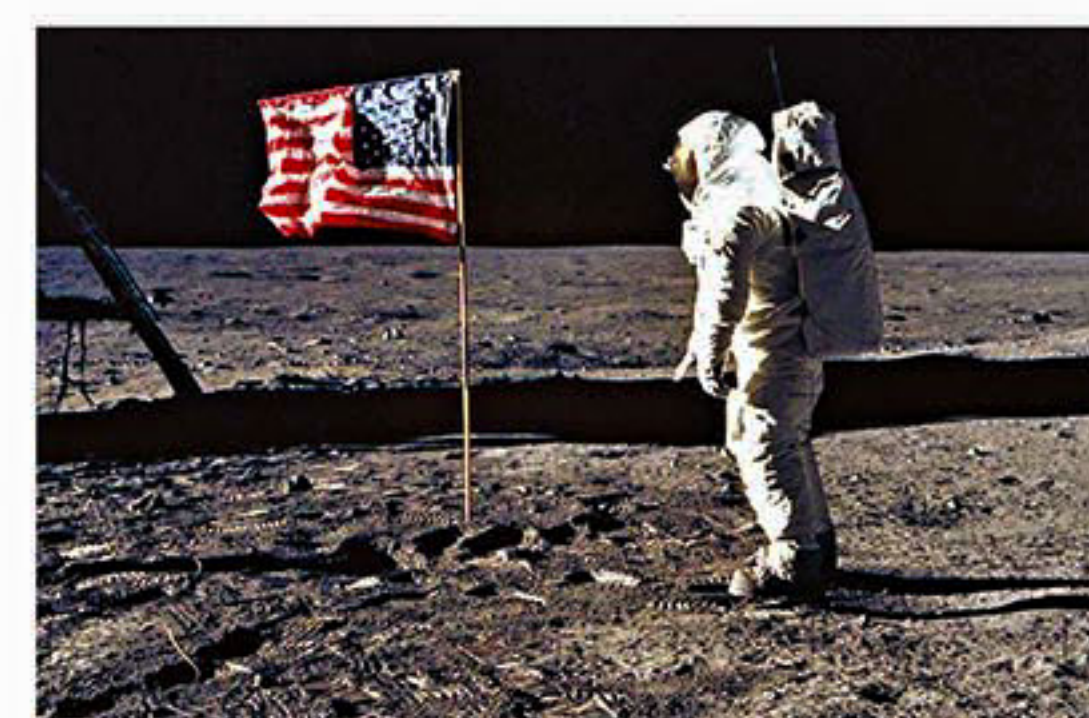
Saidul Haque Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Tangail Model Police Station, said Reza had been missing since Monday.

Reza's younger son Mahmudul Hasan Litu filed a general diary with the police station suspecting abduction of his father on Tuesday.

The next day, Litu filed an abduction case with the same police station in this connection.

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Nasa and the 'lost' moon landing tapes



FOX NEWS ONLINE

Nasa has responded to recent reports of "lost" Apollo 11 moon landing tapes, but is adamant that no footage of the historic mission has been lost.

"With the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing approaching, reports have resurfaced that Nasa lost some precious video footage of that first moonwalk," the space agency explains, in a statement on its website. "There is no missing video footage from the Apollo 11 moonwalk," it adds.

July 20th marks the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

A set of "original videotape recordings" of the Apollo 11 moon landing that were bought for \$217.77 at a government surplus auction by a former Nasa intern in the 1970s will be auctioned on July 20.

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Man killed in 'gunfight' with cops

He was accused in 15 cases, say police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A man was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Natore's Lalpur upazila early yesterday, police said.

Md Sumon alias Manik, 48, was a resident of Purbatengri Sherpara area in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila.

Natore police, in a press briefing yesterday, told the journalists that Manik was accused in 15 cases

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 14


Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-10	12-45	5-00	6-55	8-17
JAMAAT 4-45	1-15	5-15	7-00	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A battery-run three-wheeler plying the Beribadh road in the capital's Hazaribagh. Although such vehicles are prohibited, a section of transport-worker leaders takes money from the drivers and allows such vehicles on road. Inset, a windshield marked with codes that serve as clearance for plying. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



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সম্প্রতি দু-একটি ইলেকট্রনিক ও প্রিন্ট মিডিয়ায় "ন্যাশনাল ইনস্টিটিউট অব নিউরোসায়েন্সেস ও হাসপাতালের" ২০১৮-২০১৯ অর্থ বছরের বিভিন্ন মালামাল ক্রয়ে অনিয়ম শিরোনামে প্রকাশিত সংবাদটি মিথ্যা, বানোয়াট ও উদ্দেশ্য প্রণোদিত ভাবে তৈরি করা হয়েছে। যাহা অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের ভাবমূর্তি ও অর্জিত সুনাম ক্ষুণ্ণ করেছে বলে কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট প্রতীয়মান হয়।

উল্লেখ্য যে, অত্র হাসপাতাল-টি পরিচালনার জন্য ২০১৮-২০১৯ অর্থ বছরে বিভিন্ন মালামাল ক্রয়ে পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ এর সকল বিধিবিধান অনুসরণ পূর্বক সমস্ত মালামাল ক্রয় করা হয়েছে। এখানে উক্ত মালামাল ক্রয়ে কখনই কারো কোন প্রকার অনিয়ম বা দুর্নীতি করার সুযোগ নাই। কারণ সমস্ত ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক নির্ধারিত মূল্যের মধ্যে প্রতিযোগিতা মূল্যে ক্রয় করা হয়েছে। এখানে উল্লেখ্য যে, একই জিনিসের **Country of Origin** এবং **Manufacturer's** গুনাগুন ও ব্যবহার উপযোগী ভেদে মূল্যের ব্যাপক তারতম্য হয়ে থাকে। যা অনেকেই অজানা। প্রকাশিত সংবাদে সঠিক তথ্য যাচাই না করেই সংবাদটি প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। যাহা সাংবাদিকতার রীতিনীতির বর্হিভূত। আমরা আশা করি ভবিষ্যতে অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের যে কোন রকমের সংবাদ প্রকাশের ক্ষেত্রে সঠিক তথ্যের উপর নির্ভর করা হবে। এ ব্যাপারে স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বদা বিধি মোতাবেক সহযোগিতা করিবে। কারণ কেউই স্বচ্ছতা ও জবাবদিহিতার উর্দে নয়।

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