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5 killed in clashes over land disputes

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed in separate clashes over land disputes in Mymensingh and Sunamganj yesterday, while another was killed in a clash in Gazipur on Sunday.

In Mymensingh, three people were killed and five injured yesterday morning in an altercation over setting up a poultry farm in Ishwarganj upazila.

The dead were identified as Hashem Uddin, 70, his son Johirul Islam, 25, and his nephew Azibul Islam, 35, all from Kathaldangi village in the upazila.

Quoting the victims' family members, Shaker Hossain Siddiquee, additional superintendent of police (Gouripur Circle),

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China moving troops near HK

Says Trump, urges calm as Beijing slams protest violence as 'terrorism'

REUTERS, Hong Kong

China's Hong Kong Liaison office said yesterday that anti-government protesters were no different to "terrorists", as US President Donald Trump said Chinese troops were moving to the border with Hong Kong and urged calm.

The Beijing-based Hong Kong and Macau Affairs office said extremely violent crimes must be severely punished in accordance with the law.

The strongly worded statements by China's central government follow violent clashes between black clad protesters and riot police at Hong Kong's international airport, which saw hundreds of flights halted for a second day in one of the world's busiest transit hubs.

A few dozen protesters remained at the airport yesterday while workers scrubbed it clean of blood and debris. Check-in counters reopened to queues of hundreds of weary travellers who had waited overnight for their flights.

Ten weeks of increasingly violent clashes between police and pro-democracy protesters, angered by a perceived erosion of freedoms, have plunged the Asian financial hub into its worst crisis since it reverted from British to Chinese rule in 1997.

China's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office said it strongly condemned the "near terrorism criminal actions"

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Kamal casts doubt over more NBFIs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The financial health of four more non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) could be bad as their funds might have been dubiously diverted, said Finance Minister AHM Mostafa Kamal yesterday.

"We suspect that funds from three to four non-bank financial institutions were not used for business purposes. We will have special audits, after which required measures would be taken," he told reporters after a meeting with managing directors and chairmen of 34 NBFIs.

Asked whether the financial health of the NBFIs in question was as bad as that of People Leasing and Financial Service Ltd (PLFS), he said, "We have already taken action against People Leasing and Financial

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26 killed on roads during Eid holidays

STAR REPORT

At least 26 people were killed and several others injured in road accidents across the country during the three-day Eid vacation from Sunday.

Besides, four more were killed and 20 others wounded in road crashes yesterday.

Of the dead, five each were killed in Bagura and Rangpur, four in Sirajganj, three each in Dhaka, Dinajpur and Gopalganj, two each in Munshiganj, Cumilla and Narayanganj, and one was killed in Natore, reports our district correspondents.

At least six accidents occurred when

buses hit pedestrians on highways. Motorcycles and CNG-run three-wheelers were involved in four other incidents.

Road safety experts blamed an increased number of motorcycles and three-wheelers on roads and poor monitoring of the traffic system after the Eid for the loss of so many lives.

The number of casualties could be higher as many accidents, especially those on regional highways and district roads, go unreported.

Meanwhile, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday told

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BUSINESS NOTICE

We are not bringing out Star Business today and tomorrow as economic activities are yet to pick up following Eid-ul-Azha holidays.



PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 15

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:25	12:45	4:45	6:38	8:00
JAMAAT 5:00	1:15	5:00	6:41	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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