

Three held with 47 lakh Indian rupee

Police yesterday seized around 47 lakh Indian rupees, and detained three people from Dhaka's Kakrail, said Shiblee Noman, additional deputy commissioner (Motijheel zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Tipped off that a consignment of Indian currency was being brought to Dhaka using SA Paribahan courier service, police launched a drive in Kakrail around 4pm and seized the currency.

Police also detained two receivers of the currency -- Hasan and Yakub -- and CNG auto-rickshaw driver Rubel, while they were loading a luggage filled with the currency to the auto-rickshaw, in a bid to go to Jatarbari.

During primary interrogation, Yakub told police that the currency was brought through Osmani airport in Sylhet from Dubai, said Noman.

BNP against allowing casinos for foreigners

BNP's senior leader Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday strongly opposed the government's reported plan to allow casinos for foreigners in exclusive tourism zones, saying it is an "immoral move".

"I've seen in the newspapers that the government has a plan to allow casinos for foreigners. How did the government reveal this plan amid the huge uproar over casinos in the country? How can the government take such an immoral step?" he said.

The BNP leader came up with the remarks while speaking at a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club arranged by Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, demanding the release of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia.

Earlier at a press conference on Tuesday, Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Md Mohibul Haque said, "There'll be exclusive tourist zones in Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira and Cox's Bazar. We have a plan so that foreigners can go to casinos at the exclusive tourist zones with their passports like other countries," the secretary said.

He, however, supported the ongoing drive against illegal casinos in Dhaka.

Moyeen said setting up casinos for foreigners cannot be a justified decision as it will have negative impacts on the locals' character.

He said the ruling party leaders are involved in casino business and various misdeeds as the government has no accountability.

He said people want to know how the government developed the country when crores of taka and huge stashes of gold are being recovered from the houses of ruling party leaders.

Another BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan said the allegations of corruption are surfacing against ruling party leaders while some of them are being arrested with crores of "ill-gotten" money.

He criticised prime minister's political affairs adviser HT Imam for his remarks that those arrested on charges of operating casino business are infiltrators, and questioned why the government allowed them to make money illegally and gave them important posts of Awami League and its associate bodies.



A worker repairs the broken blade of a cargo ship's propeller to later weld a replacement part into place. The photo was taken at Barishal city's Nasir Super Market yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Maj Nezamul Islam dies

Maj Md Nezamul Islam, a retired army official, died at the age of 54 in Chattogram on September 9.

He was a member of Retired Armed Forces Officers' Welfare Association, Bangladesh (Raowa), said a press release.

His janaza was held at the central mosque of Dhaka Cantonment after Asr prayers, following which he was buried at the Military Graveyard.

Raowa members, officials and employees deeply mourned his death and prayed for the salvation and eternal peace of his departed soul.

Seminar held on recruitment in Japan

The Association of Japanese Language Institutes in Bangladesh yesterday organised a seminar on the export of efficient manpower to Japan, says a press release.

Speakers at the seminar held at National Museum auditorium discussed workers' qualifications for recruitment and the importance of learning Japanese.

Speakers also talked about the minimum eligibility to work in Japan and relevant training.

Japan and Bangladesh recently agreed to open recruitment of Bangladeshi workers through 26 agencies.

US urges Myanmar

FROM PAGE 3 affected communities in Myanmar, reports UNB.

"We welcome the contribution that some Member States have made to this humanitarian response in recent months, and we encourage them to do more and call on other countries and stakeholders to contribute," read a statement issued by the Department of State.

US assistance provides protection, emergency shelter, food, nutrition, health, psychosocial support, education, and water, sanitation, and hygiene support for people affected by the crisis, among other activities, it said.

This funding also includes programmes to improve disaster preparedness and bolster access to education for Rohingya in Bangladesh, which will be key to preventing instability in the camps and preparing Rohingya for voluntary repatriation when conditions are conducive to such returns.

The United States commended the

Bangladesh government's generosity in responding to this humanitarian crisis and appreciates its continued efforts to ensure that assistance reaches the affected populations.

The US government said it remains committed to ensuring that humanitarian and development assistance continues to reach the Bangladeshi communities who have so generously hosted Rohingya refugees.

The latest funding is expected to help address emergency needs of some of the more than 900,000 Rohingyas in Bangladesh, many of whom are women and children from Rakhine State in Myanmar, as well as the related needs of Bangladeshi host communities.

The funding will also provide life-saving assistance to internally displaced persons, including Rohingya, and members of other affected communities in Myanmar, including those affected by the fighting between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army. The United States remains the leading contributor to

the humanitarian response to this crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh, providing more than \$669 million since the outbreak of violence. Bangladesh is now hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas, most of whom entered Cox's Bazar since August 25, 2017.

MILLER ADDRESSES FACEBOOK LIVE

Meanwhile, US Ambassador Earl R Miller spoke in a Facebook Live session yesterday morning from his Dhaka office, announcing the new US contribution to address the crisis. He lauded the people of Bangladesh "who opened their hearts to host the refugees", and the UN and humanitarian partners "for their tireless and admirable commitment to assisting refugee and Bangladeshi communities".

Miller further said \$89 million of the announced funding will go to programmes in Bangladesh, assisting both Rohingyas and the host community.

'Mugger' killed

FROM PAGE 3 and took away Tk two lakh and four-five tola of gold.

Asked how they got the money, Subarna said Sushan had been saving up for a long time.

Rab official Mohiuddin Faruque said they conducted a raid at Sushan's house but denied taking any money or gold.

"Some vanity bags, imitation jewellery and laptops were recovered from his house. Those were the items he mugged," he said.

The Rab official claimed Sushan is a professional mugger and had a team of 8-10 members who operated from Chankharpool to Mirpur-12 on bike.

No case was filed till writing this report at 7pm, said Abul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station.

Putting a face on crime

FROM PAGE 3 image of a criminal. But they failed to get desired result this way, said a PBI official.

"We have to update the software continuously to use the system and it also needs a trained operator. That's why we are now proposing to appoint sketch artists," said PBI chief Majumder.

PBI DEMANDS MORE WORKFORCE

In the proposal, PBI also sought to increase number of the force for speeding up investigation, settling cases quickly (after arresting the accused) and enhancing the force's efficiency.

Established in 2012, PBI now has a manpower of 2,029 officials with a deputy inspector general (DIG) as chief. The specialised unit has so far solved 36,648 complicated cases -- 7,273 filed with different police stations and 29,375 with courts.

Most cases were reinvestigated as other agencies were unable to unearth the mystery behind those incidents, according to PBI officials. Due to manpower shortage,

Take action

FROM PAGE 3 High Court for necessary order if they do not respond.

The legal notice also said that Md Muhibul Haque, secretary to the ministry of civil aviation and tourism, decided on September 24 in presence of Mahub Ali, state minister for civil aviation and tourism, that they will set up casinos for foreigners. The decision is unconstitutional, Akond said in the legal notice.

Eunus Ali Akond sent the same legal notice to Rashed Khan Menon, state minister for civil aviation and tourism and its secretary, and Md Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, MP and whip of Jatiya Sangsad.

Complainants claim

FROM PAGE 3 Prof Mian Lutfur Rahman, one of the college governing body members, raised allegation against the lecturer at the meeting addressed by three members -- Prof Shamsad Shahjahan, Maosufa Ferdousi and a guardian representative Shamima Sultana.

On July 29, The college authorities included two more persons in the existing committee and made a separate full-fledged committee, keeping two persons in both.

The newly included members are: lawyer Shagorika and Selina Ahmed. Maosufa Ferdousi and Selina were absent in the last two meetings of the committee.

When asked, Shamsad Shahjahan, member of both the bodies, said that two separate committees will soon submit reports after investigating the two separate issues.

Prof Saidur Rahman, who could not be reached by this correspondent, recently put up a status on Facebook claiming that he is "innocent". He claimed that the allegation are conspiracies against him.

The college principle Dr AFM Shafiqur Rahman declined to comment. "I alone cannot solve anything, as there is a governing body and a probe body. But I hope the reports will be published soon," he said.

Apart from the college committee, the allegation no: 9229/19 has also been submitted to Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) in this regard.

BMP HOLDS HUMAN CHAIN

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday demanded investigation into the allegations of sexual harassment against Prof Saidur.

The women's rights organisation also urged the concerned authorities to suspend Prof Saidur Rahman, the chairman of Bangla department, while conducting the probe -- stating that his presence can influence the investigation.

BMP formed a human chain in front of the college in the capital's Mirpur.

Around 50 members of the organisation took part in the protest including Laila Khaleda, movement affairs secretary; Rekha Saha, international affairs secretary, and the organisation's members Advocate Maksuda Aktar and Brishty Sikdar.

ACC prosecutor

FROM PAGE 5 life for five days, she died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 10. The same day, Moazzem was withdrawn from his post, as Nusrat's family alleged that they were not getting his cooperation.

Fourth-grader

FROM PAGE 5 Koyra Rabiul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Moya Police Station told The Daily Star that assistant teacher Ruhul Kuddus allegedly hit the student's private parts with a stick during class period on Monday.

Md Rabiul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Moya Police Station told The Daily Star that after filing a case under woman and child repression act, police arrested the teacher from his home. "Ruhul was sent to jail yesterday afternoon," the OC said.

RU student rescued

FROM PAGE 5 from the hospital after gathering samples for various laboratory tests, said the OC.

Then the girl, accompanied by her relatives, classmates and teachers went to Motihar Police Station to file her complaint.

Shyamol said he is unemployed and "aspires to be a monk", the OC said, adding that he confessed to the police of abusing her "in his sleep".

Our RU Correspondent contributed to this report.

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FROM PAGE 3 Besides, Dr Momen said pledges were made on behalf of the respective governments to provide a total of USD 270 million this year as financial assistance for the Rohingyas through UNHCR. Another event like this will also be held in December, the minister added.

About the foreign minister-level tripartite meeting among China, Myanmar and Bangladesh held at the UN on Monday, Dr Momen said Myanmar has agreed to a Chinese proposal of forming a joint commission to solve the problems on the ground.

He said the Chinese side assured Bangladesh of working on all fronts to make the repatriation process a success. "China will facilitate on the ground so that the repatriation starts."

He said China has taken such initiative following the talks among Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Chinese president and prime minister in Beijing in July.

The foreign minister said China has realised that Myanmar lacks sincerity in repatriation of the Rohingyas and that is why Beijing is creating pressure on Myanmar over the issue.

He said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also held meetings with newly-elected Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, who is also the UN Secretary General's special advocate for inclusive finance for development, at the UN headquarters on Tuesday.

During the meeting with the Thai premier, Hasina said Bangladesh wants to develop its agro-based industries further. In reply, the Thai PM said his country is willing to work with Bangladesh in a collaborative way.

Chan-o-cha hoped that the trade between Bangladesh and Thailand would reach two-billion dollar mark.

Regarding the meeting between the PM and Queen Maxima, Dr Momen said the Dutch queen also expressed her keen interest to cooperate in establishing agro-based industries in Bangladesh.

At the press briefing, State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam, Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim were also present.

Former BAF chief Mumtaz Uddin dies

CITY DESK

Air Vice Marshal Mumtaz Uddin Ahmed, former chief of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF), passed away on Sunday at the age of 75.

Mumtaz, a member of Retired Armed Forces Officers' Welfare Association, Bangladesh (Raowa), breathed his last at Combined Military Hospital at 4:30am, said a press release.

His janaza was held at BAF Central Mosque after Zohr prayers. He was buried at BAF Shaheen graveyard the same day.

Raowa members, officials and employees deeply mourned his death and prayed for eternal peace of his departed soul.

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