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SOARING ONION PRICES

## Shady traders at it again

*Make the most of supply crunch*

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Ctg

Chattogram-based Alam Traders received a consignment of 59,880 kilogrammes of Burmese onions at Cox's Bazar's Teknaf land port on November 11. The importer paid about Tk 43 for each kg, show its documents.

On the same day and the next, per kg of the bulbs was sold for Tk 110-120 in wholesale markets in Chattogram and Dhaka.

The prices kept going up every day and on Friday hit a staggering Tk 180-200 a kg at the Khatunganj wholesale market in the port city.

This indicates how some unscrupulous traders jacked up the prices of the essential cooking ingredient, cashing in on the supply crunch at the domestic market, said market observers.

The crisis stemmed from the Indian ban on onion export and dwindling stock of locally-grown onions, they said.

Over the last week or so, especially after Cyclone Bulbul hit the southern part of the country, onion prices went up by over Tk 100 a kg, causing public outcry. Many cut short onion consumption.

For the last two days, the retail price in

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Women pick "saleable" onions from a heap of half-rotten ones at a wholesale store in the capital's Shyambazar yesterday. Each kg of these sold for about Tk 120, almost half the price of good onions. Before the prices shot through the roof, these onions would have been dumped.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



## Bangladesh whimper to crushing loss

ABDULLAH AL MEHEDI from Indore

Bangladesh were handed a thumping innings and 130-run defeat by a strong India outfit in the first Test at Indore after the visitors were bowled out for 213 runs in their second innings.

The difference in experience and ability between the two sides was obvious and following the defeat, skipper Mominul Haque said that

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INDIA VS BANGLADESH  
FIRST TEST BRIEF SCORE

**BANGLADESH:**  
First Innings 150 all out  
**INDIA:**  
First Innings 493 for 6 declared  
**BANGLADESH:**  
Second Innings 213 all out in 69.2 overs (Mushfiqur 64, Mehedi 38, Liton 35; Shami 4-31, Ashwin 3-42)  
**Result:** India won by an innings and 130 runs.  
**Player-of-the-match:**  
Mayank Agarwal

## Crooked cop kept in service

*He got bail in criminal case, became OC; allegedly forged FIRs to protect suspects and ran extortion gangs*

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Police inspector Shakil Uddin Ahamed evaded suspension for over one and a half years even though he had been accused of forgery, land grabbing, and even attempted murder.

He was made an officer-in-charge of a police station violating service rules during this time. He had also been accused of tampering with the first information report of a murder case to protect his political-leader ally. He also allegedly ran an extortion gang.

Shakil was posted in Pabna as a district intelligence officer when he was charged with forgery, land grabbing, and attempted murder in a case filed by his mother-in-law

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## MANIPULATING FIR Judicial probe finds 5 cops responsible

ASHUTOSH SARKER

A judicial probe has found five police officials, including three additional superintendents of Rajshahi police, responsible in the manipulation of the first information report (FIR) of workers' leader Nurul Islam murder case in June this year.

The officials are: Additional Superintendents of Police Md Mahmudul Hasan (administration and crimes), M Matiur Rahman (DSB) and Md Abul Kalam Saahid (Puthia circle),

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## OBITUARY



**Mrs. Razia Samad**  
Left for her heavenly abode on the 13 November 2019

Mrs. Razia Samad, Founder Member, Board of Trustees of East West University; eldest daughter of Renowned Child Specialist late Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury; wife of Secretary of Defense (Mujibnagar Government) Late Abdus Samad, has passed away on November 13, 2019, Wednesday at 7 am (Bangladesh time 6 pm) in Washington DC, USA (Innalillahi Wa Inna Ilahi Rajiun). She was suffering from cancer. The first Namaz-e-Janaza of Mrs. Samad will be held at 11 am in the premises of East West University and the second one at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohr prayers on Monday, November 18, 2019. She will be buried next to her husband in the Banani Graveyard. Her family members, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend her Namaz-e-Janaza and pray for the salvation of the departed soul. She has left behind a daughter Salma Samad and a son Joy Samad and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers.

## Biman's Pride - Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner

*Would Perform Scintillating Aerial Display at the Dubai Airshow (17-21 November 2019)*



With this Dreamliner, Biman would Operate Seven (07) Flights a Week to **Manchester and Heathrow** from 05 January 2020

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