




Cop involved in robbery

Arrested only after 'a phone call between his family and investigators leaked'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former CID sub-inspector was arrested yesterday, nearly 11 months after he was accused of leading a gang to rob a migrant worker who was on his way to the Dhaka airport to go to Dubai.



SI Aksadzaman

The incident came to light on Tuesday as part of an investigation by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Detective Branch.

That day, a phone call was leaked containing negotiations allegedly between the family of the offending CID official and a "senior DB official", with the aim of the conversation being to let the culprit off the hook.

The Daily Star has heard the record of the conversation. Additional Commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, AKM Hafiz Akter told The Daily Star that there was a highway robbery near Kawla in the capital last October.

The victim was Md Roman, who lost different currencies worth Tk 4.78 lakh in the robbery. He filed a robbery case with the Airport Police Station the next day.

According to the first information report filed by the victim, on October 19, 2020, the autorickshaw he was in was intercepted by a microbus.

"Two individuals got down from the car, introduced

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Stagnant water at a construction site, adjacent to Willes Little Flower School in Kakrail, can add to the number of dengue cases in the capital. Experts have warned that schools and their surrounding areas must be cleaned before their reopening to reduce the risk of dengue spreading.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Eyewitness tells court how Sinha was killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Former officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das kicked Maj (ret'd) Sinha Rashed Khan and stomped on the victim's neck when Sinha fell on the ground.

Eyewitness Shahidul Islam said this while testifying before the Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday, said a court source.

Hailing from Cox's Bazar Moheshkhali upazila, Shahidul works as the Imam of a mosque situated close to the spot where Sinha was shot and killed.

"Shahidul told the court that he was staying inside the mosque on that night. He suddenly heard the sound of a bullet firing. Instantly, he went to the mosque's roof to see what was happening," said the source.

"He saw that police inspector Liaqat Ali was standing with a firearm in his hand. Within few moments, he heard the sound of firing another bullet. Then, he saw a man fell on the ground," said the source quoting Shahidul.

"A few moments later, another police team led by

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For 5 years she was locked up, tortured, raped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She was confined, tortured and forced into sex work for more than five years.

She was never even allowed to go out or talk to her family members.

A victim of sex slavery narrated her ordeal at the Police Bureau of Investigation office in Dhaka's Banasree area on Tuesday.

"They tortured me more whenever I wanted to talk to my mother even for a minute," the young woman, now 21, told The Daily Star yesterday.

In April 2016, her aunt had sent her to a house in Dhaka's Bhatara area to work as a domestic help. Just days after, she was confined.

She ended up in the hands of a gang that forced girls and women into sex work, said Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, superintendent (Dhaka Metro South) of the PBI.

Her captors, however, released her

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangladesh Liberation Front formed

SEPTEMBER 9, 1971
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

5-PARTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FORMED
A broad democratic front comprising the five main political parties of Bangladesh was formed today to conduct the liberation struggle. A consultative committee of eight members was set up to advise the Bangladesh government and to issue guidelines to the Mukti Bahini.

The formation of the Front was announced at the end of a two-day meeting of the leaders of the parties which was presided over by Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed.

The parties comprising the Front were the Awami League, National Awami Party (Bhashani group), National Awami Party (Muzaffar group), the Communist Party of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh National Congress.

A spokesman for the Bangladesh government said the formation of the committee would ensure a sense of participation in the liberation struggle among all sections of the people actively fighting the "colonial and imperialist exploiters of Bangladesh".

He added: "The formation of the committee reflects the

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Incorporate Bangabandhu's March 7 speech in textbooks

HC directs govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to include Bangabandhu's historic March 7 speech in the textbooks for students of school, college and university so that they can learn about the significance of the speech.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered his historic speech on March 7, 1971, inspiring the nation to go for the Liberation War. In his fiery and soulful address at the then Race-course Maidan (now Suhrawardy Udyan), Bangabandhu called on the freedom-loving Bengalis

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Ant bites intense as their teeth are made of zinc



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Ants teeth are so strong because they are comprised of zinc atoms that are laid out in such a way that allows them to cut through leaves and not suffer damage, a finding that may have implications for consumer electronics, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the US Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 9

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:30 6:20 7:45
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:45 6:25 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

A bridge too low

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

An under-construction bridge on the Kapotaksha river in Jashore has been built with low vertical clearance, which will obstruct the movement of medium-size vessels, says a BIWTA official.

This is one of the two three-lane bridges financed by Jica under the Cross-Border Road Network Improvement Project of Roads and Highways Department (RHD). The construction of the second bridge is yet to begin.

"In a recent visit to the construction

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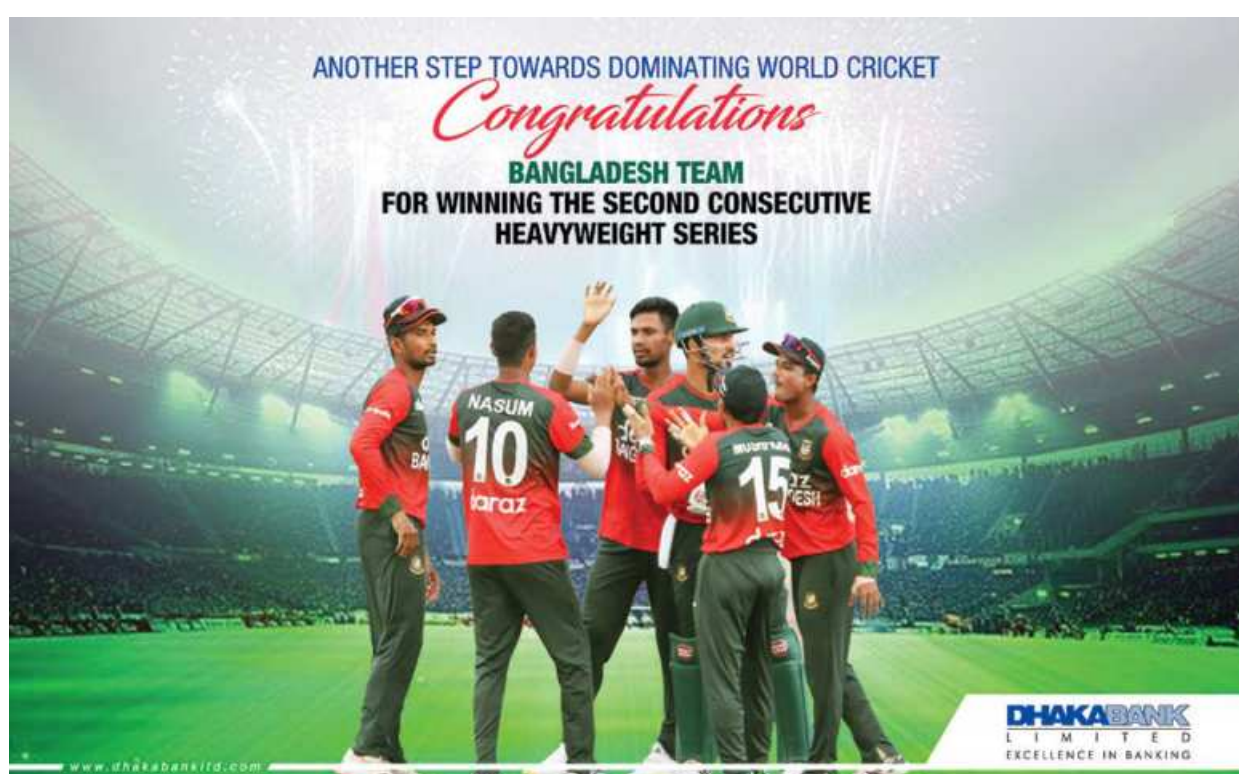
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The bridge, constructed with poor clearance in Jashore's Jhikargachha bazaar area, makes it impossible for medium-size vessels to pass.

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here, INSIDE."

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