

# The Ball





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# World leaders' hidden **ASSETS EXPOSED**





The secret dealings and hidden wealth of 35 current and former world leaders, more than 330 politicians and about 130 billionaires were revealed yesterday in the biggest trove of leaked offshore data in

Branded the Pandora Papers, the cache includes 11.9 million files from companies hired by wealthy individuals to create offshore structures and trusts in tax havens such as Panama, Dubai, Monaco, Switzerland and the Cayman Islands. They exposed the private financial

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Bigger leak than Panama Papers

330 current and former politicians, 6 from India and 7 from Pakistan, named

- 130 Forbes billionaires named
- Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Ambani, Shakira, Pep Guardiola named
- Metropolitan Museum of Arts in New York has highest number of looted antiquities

ICIJ analysis identified 956 companies in offshore havens tied to high-level politicians and public officials, including country leaders, cabinet ministers, ambassadors and others.

#### **ICIJ OBTAINED 11.9 MILLION CONFIDENTIAL FILES**

Files came from 14 offshore service providers

More than **600** journalists of **150** outlets worked on them for **2**yrs

### TK 1,100cr Eorange Scam

# Blame-shifting fails

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The truth always comes out, and this is what the top brass of Eorange, one of the many Evaly imitations, has found out recently.

When the walls were closing in on the crafty e-commerce platform following the avalanche of customer and vendor complaints about unfulfilled orders and dues amounting to Tk 1,100 crore, it conveniently passed the blame on to its former chief operating officer, seven vendors and three others.

Eorange, where absconding police inspector Sohel Rana is a director, claimed the 11 had embezzled Tk 663 crore, due

to which the customers could not get their products or their refunds and the merchants could not get their dues.

But after primary investigation, the detectives have found out that they have been wrongfully accused.

On August 12, Md Amanullah Chowdhury, who became Eorange's COO in July, filed a case with the Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station against Md Nazmul Alam Russel, the former COO of the two-year-old e-commerce platform, seven vendors and three others.

Between January and June, Russel had purchased 36,281 motorcycles with Tk SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

BHABANIPUR POLLS Mamata keeps CM's post after victory

Our Correspondent, New Delhi

Banerjee yesterday cemented position as Chief

Minister of West Bengal for the third consecutive time by winning the bypoll

in Bhabanipur assembly constituency in Kolkata SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

#### Comments on Bangabandhu

## AL serves mayor Zahangir showcause notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League has issued a show cause notice on Gazipur City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Zahangir Alam over his controversial

comments on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the number of martyred freedom fighters The notice, undersigned by Awami

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## **BNP** wants clean slate

Decides to go for fresh committees for front, associate bodies ahead of 'movement'

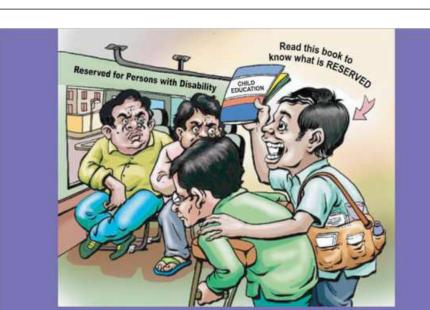
MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The BNP has decided in principle to dissolve all its front and associate bodies and form new ones with fresh blood, keeping the next parliamentary

The party, which has been stumbling in politics, moves to re-organise its different tiers as part of its plan to wage movement for an electiontime neutral government and neutral Election Commission ahead of the national polls to be held in 2023, said party insiders.

The decision was made following a series of recent meetings at the party chairperson's Gulshan office.

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#### Perpetrators will be tried

Says home boss; 2 suspects on remand, another held

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said those involved in the killing of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah will be brought to book soon.

"Investigation is underway to find out the main reason behind Mohib Ullah's murder and all suspects will be brought to book soon," he told reporters after a meeting on Sharadiyo Durga Utsab security arrangements at his ministry's conference room.

"The construction is underway to erect a barbed wire fence around the Rohingya camps. It will

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