

## JMB's 'Boma

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executed in another case.

Judge Abdul Halim of Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Chattogram delivered the verdict in presence of Javed while Mizan is absconding.

Constable Rajib Barura and one Shahauddin, from Sitakunda upazila, were killed and 16 others injured in a suicide bomb attack at the police check post on the court building premises.

Following the attack, two cases were filed with Kotwali Police Station -- one was a murder case while another filed under the Explosives Act.

The then former Inspector of Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police Hla Ching Pru, now additional superintendent of police, submitted the charge sheet to the

court, accusing five JMB leaders on May 18, 2006 in the murder case.

A Chattogram court later framed charges against the militants on April 16, 2007 in the case.

Mizan is now in an Indian jail after a special court in Kolkata sentenced him to 29 years' imprisonment in a case filed over explosion at a house in West Bengal's Burdwan in October 2014.

## President

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neutral government, but your leader once said that no one is neutral except those who are mad and children."

The AL leader further said for BNP, neutral means "getting a guarantee to win the election".

"I, on behalf of the government, would like to say that all elections are held under the Election Commission. So, there will be a fair election and have trust on the president. Elections in Bangladesh will be held the same way as they are held in other democratic countries across the world."

"Our democracy has become more matured now," he added.

During the programme, the minister distributed lease documents of 20 plots, out of 823. The rest will be given successively.

## 13,942 arrested

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Like yaba, crystal meth, popularly known as ice, is mostly smuggled into the country from Myanmar. It enters the capital after being carried by smugglers who keep a low-profile.

DMP also seized 40 pieces of Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), a hallucinogenic drug.

Apart from these, DMP seized 5,898kg of cannabis, 61kg of heroin, 10kg of opium, 44,426 cans of beer, 40,554 bottles of phensedyl, and 13,746 ampoules of injection.

In addition, they recovered 3,746 bottles of foreign liquor, 6,718 litres of local liquor, 10,521 litres of distilled spirit, 8,171 pieces of Tapentadol tablets, four pounds of snake venom, 25 bottles of dandy, 129 bottles of Eskuf syrup and more.

According to DNC, there are at least 3,500 drug dealers including 95 godfathers running the illicit trade in Dhaka division.

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remand hearing of other accused will be held after determining their age, court sources said.

Meanwhile, police are yet to trace the missing college girls, all of them 12th graders and aged around 15.

On Friday, the three teenage friends left their homes without saying anything to their families. One of them took Tk 6 lakh in cash, another took 2.5 tola of gold ornaments and the other took Tk 75,000. They also took SSC certificates, birth certificates and several mobile phones from their houses.

Elder sister of one of the missing teenagers filed a case with Pallabi Police Station, under the Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, against 10 people on Saturday -- citing the names of the four. She feared that the girls were trafficked abroad.

According to the case statement, the three missing students were known to the accused and used to hang out together. After the students went missing, the plaintiff visited the accused houses, but did not find them.

The statement added that the trio were "abducted" in a white microbus.

After the incident, mother of one of the girls filed a complaint with the police station on Friday. Following the complaint, police arrested the four and interrogated them in custody.

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against him."

However, police arrested Touhid late last night.

Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali Police Station Nurul Islam said there was a dispute between the attackers and Alam over land.

Barishal Reporters' Unity protested the attack and demanded punishment of the attackers.

This paper could not reach Uzjal for comments.



A woman climbs a hill with a child to see the Cumbre Vieja volcano as it continues to erupt in Tacande de Arriba on the Canary Island of La Palma, Spain, on Saturday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Blame-shifting fails

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663.49 crore of different brands from seven vendors on behalf of the company, according to the case statement.

The vendors were paid through wire transfer from two bank accounts of the e-commerce platform, which came to the public's reckoning over dizzying offers on motorcycles. But Russel never furnished any invoice against the payments, according to Eorange.

In other words, Chowdhury said Russel in connivance with the vendors had embezzled the sum from the e-commerce platform by providing fake customer.

The other accused are Sultan Uddin, Mahadi Hasan, Partha Pratim Roy, Mahadi Abid, Tanvir Hasan, Akbar Md. Fahim, Shahnaj Parveen Keya, and Russel's father Khalilur Rahman, wife Faria Subha and brother Manjurul Alam Parvez.

Weeks after an investigation into the case, the detectives have found that the charges brought by the complainant are not true.

"We have checked the sales invoices and bank documents. Those proved the charges brought by the complainant is fake," an officer of Tejaon Division's Detective Branch told The Daily Star requesting anonymity as the case is still under investigation.

The vendors also furnished proof of

delivery of the products to the Eorange customers, who also confirmed receiving the motorcycles.

Besides, the Eorange database also shows that almost all the motorcycles have been delivered, the officer said.

"Amanullah was ordered by the Eorange management to file the case -- this was just a tactic to divert the attention of the protesting customers," he added.

Russel, who is said to have left Eorange in April, was arrested over the case and is still behind the bars.

Contacted, Wahidul Islam, deputy commissioner of DB Tejaon Division, said: "We are looking into the case -- we will ensure a fair investigation."

Meanwhile, one of the seven vendors, Bajaj Collection, a sales agent of Indian two-wheeler and three-wheeler giant Bajaj Auto, is yet to receive payment of Tk 2.48 crore for its last fulfilled order.

"We are innocent -- we have been implicated as part of a conspiracy by the Eorange management," Masud Alam, manager of the store in the capital's Mohammadpur.

The store became a vendor of Eorange in December last year.

The business relationship was coasting along nicely until June, when a cheque provided by Eorange for an order bounced.

The order was placed in May by Sonia Mehjabin, the chairman of Eorange, and all but 27 of the motorcycles were delivered in June.

The 27 motorcycles remained undelivered as the customers did not turn up to take their delivery. "And this was updated on Eorange's database, too," Alam said.

Bajaj Collection's cheque bounced around the time when aggrieved customers of Eorange began to pepper the Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection with complaints about unfulfilled orders for which they had made payments.

Between July and August, 2,500 complaints were lodged, and in August, many customers staged demonstrations in front of its office for refunds or products.

Finally, on August 16, an aggrieved customer Abu Taher filed a case on behalf of 37 customers with Gulshan Police Station against the owners and staff of Eorange over embezzlement of about Tk 1,100 crore.

The accused include Mehjabin; her husband Masukur Rahman, who is the chief executive officer of Eorange; Chowdhury; Bithi Akter, the wife of Rana; Kausar.

The following day, Mehjabin and Rahman surrendered to the police, while Chowdhury was arrested from the capital's Gulshan two days later.

Later, another victim filed a case against Rana, an inspector of the investigation department of Banani Police Station and a director of the e-commerce platform, and nine others with a Dhaka court.

Following a travel ban issued by a court against Rana, he tried to flee the country, but India's Border Security Force detained him from Changrabandha border area in Cooch Behar district in India on September 3.

In another development yesterday, an aggrieved customer Nasim Prodhan on behalf of 26 other victims sued Mehjabin, Rana, Rahman, Akter, Chowdhury, Russel and Mohammad Zayedul Firoz, Eorange's director for HR and admin, for embezzling about Tk 9.54 crore from them.

Prodhan filed the case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Morshed Al Mamun Bhuiyan.

The magistrate took cognisance of the case, recorded the complainant's statements and directed the officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station to register the complaint as a regular case.

Meanwhile, an investigation report by one of the law enforcement agencies found that Eorange's two bank accounts have been drained, with no trail of where the money went.

## Russia against escalation of Bangladesh situation

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interest of the people of East Pakistan. The Soviet people resolutely stood for the creation of conditions to enable millions of refugees to return to their homes, he added.

He condemned straight away the persecution and repression of the people of Bangladesh by the military junta of Pakistan and demanded immediate release of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

**ON THE WAR FRONT**  
In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed a Pakistani

patrol near Ballabpur area killing two enemy soldiers. Mukti Bahini captured two enemy soldiers with rifles in Rongra area.

In the Rangpur-Dinajpur- Rajshahi sector, one enemy jeep was blown up near Bhotemari area by the explosion of a mine that the Mukti Bahini laid. Mukti Bahini encountered occupying troops at Chirirbandar of Dinajpur District. In this action, freedom fighters killed four enemy soldiers and recovered one rifle from them. In another operation, Mukti Bahini ambushed enemy troops and irregulars

near Subrampur. They killed two regular and seven irregular soldiers.

Mukti Bahini ambushed a big launch carrying Pakistani army personnel of the Third Punjab Regiment near Kasba in Cumilla district today. A fierce fight took place in which many enemy soldiers were killed. The launch was drowned along with a large quantity of arms and ammunition. Another Mukti Bahini group ambushed enemy troops in Panchara and Koteswar area, killing eight enemy soldiers.

**FINLAND STUDENTS FOR**

**BANGLADESH FREEDOM**

The Students' National Union in Finland said the only way to ensure safe return of the Bangladesh refugees from India was the establishment of an independent republic of Bangladesh. The union at its recent executive board meeting condemned the "brutal slaughter" of thousands of innocent people by the "fascist Yahya regime" and said it was the main cause of the flow of eight million refugees into India. *Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com*

## Ad-free feeds available, yet they're not transmitting

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Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) going on a protest after October 4, the minister said, "Talking about such protest is illogical.

"I hope no one will be involved in any kind of activity that goes against the country's interests, and the government won't bow down to any pressure."

Mahmud said, "We didn't stop airing the programmes of any channel and did not ask anyone to do so either. The sky of Bangladesh is open and anybody can broadcast programmes through their channels following the country's law."

According to the law, the foreign

channels' programmes can be aired without ads, and many countries follow the law, he added.

"We had given them enough time as we started talking about it two years ago and we took initiatives to implement the law earlier. If they want, they can sit with us but the main focus will be on compliance," he said.

Mobile court drives to stop the transmission of foreign channels' programmes without clean feed will continue, he added.

**LEGAL NOTICE SERVED**

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice on the authorities concerned asking them to resume

broadcasting of the foreign television (TV) channels in the country in the next seven days.

Khundkar Hasan Shahriyar sent the legal notice to Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mokbul Hossain and COAB Convener SM Shamsur Rahman Shimul.

The lawyer said that he would take necessary legal steps, including moving a writ petition before the High Court, against the notice receivers if they didn't resume broadcasting the foreign TV channels in seven days.

In the legal notice, he said crores of people in Bangladesh pay necessary fees for watching foreign TV channels

but they are now being deprived due to the malafide decision of the notice receivers.

This is a clear violation of the constitution, he mentioned.

Khundkar said in the legal notice that most of the people in Bangladesh enjoy entertainment from foreign TV channels as the functions of local TV channels are substandard.

Children cannot watch cartoons, women cannot see programmes relating to cooking and sports and men cannot see news, serials and reality shows due to stooping broadcasting foreign TV channels, he added in the legal notice.

## Don't give up

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are not optimal for muscle growth. It's due to the glycogen stores in the muscles. When muscles have a limited storage of glycogen, they have less energy and less ability to stop protein breakdown.

Fat loss, however, is where low-carb diets work. Switching to a low-carb diet means you're consuming fewer calories and fewer calories equate to weight loss. Foods like rice and bread are easy to make, cheap and convenient. Many of us don't seem to eat them in moderation or burn off the extra calories. This lifestyle contributes to fat gain and the difficulty in losing it. Lowering the intake of refined carbs is not only healthy but is also one of the quickest ways to cut calories and lose weight.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

Carbs alone don't cause weight gain, excess calories do. If you're not physically active but would like to lose weight, cut back on white rice, white flour, refined sugar. This, however, doesn't mean you have to give up carbs altogether.

## Students

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the city corporation areas."

She made the comments after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at least twice told the parliament last month that her government has plans to bring students aged 12 and above under the vaccination programme gradually.

Dipu Moni and Health Minister Zahid Maleque on a number of occasions also made similar comments.

The health department has been allowing students aged 18 and above to register for vaccination since August 20. For others, the minimum age for registration is 25.

Meanwhile, a Covid-19 vaccine drive for Dhaka University teachers, students, officials and employees will begin today at a temporary set-up at the university's Martyred Intellectual Dr Muhammad Murtaza Medical Centre.

The campaign, which will continue till October 17, will be inaugurated at 9:30am. DU students, teachers and officials will receive the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine based on some conditions, according to a press release.

The drive for the second dose will begin on November 1.

According to the conditions, DU teachers, students and staff will be allowed to get the first dose of vaccine through on-spot registration by showing their NID or DU ID cards.

Those who have already registered to receive the Covid-19 vaccine at centres under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) like Dhaka Medical College Hospital, BSMMU, Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute but could not get the vaccine, can take the first dose at the DU centre showing their ID or vaccine registration cards.

## BTRC blocks

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Sales receipt of the phone and the passport number of the user among other details will be needed to register a handset, BTRC officials said.

People buying new phones can check whether it is registered by texting KYD (space) 15-digit IMEI to 16002, they added.

The IMEI numbers are printed on the box, and can also be viewed by dialing \*#06# on every device.

While traveling to the country from abroad, an individual can bring eight handsets for personal use. Of those, two are allowed without duty.

From this month, anyone selling unregistered handsets to unsuspecting customers must return the money to the buyer or face legal action.

## Rome votes in mayoral polls dominated by rubbish and boars

AFP, Rome

The people of Rome began voting yesterday to elect a new mayor who will have the daunting task of tackling poor public transport and disastrous rubbish management in the Italian capital, dubbed one of the dirtiest cities in the world.

## Piyasha to be quizzed on PBI remand

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Piyasha introduced the victim to Bashundhara Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir -- the prime accused in the case -- and knew about the rape and murder of the victim from the very beginning, the IO said.

So, she needs to be placed in remand in order for police to get vital information about the incident, the IO said in the remand application.

Piyasha's lawyer submitted a petition seeking bail along with cancellation of the remand application, saying Piyasha was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass her.

The magistrate placed her on a two-day remand.

On September 29, the High Court refused to grant anticipatory bail to Anvir in the case.

The HC, however, granted six weeks' anticipatory bail to Anvir's wife Sabrina Sayem as there was no specific allegation against her. Sabrina has been asked to surrender to the trial court concerned after expiry of her bail.

After police recovered the body of the 21-year-old college student in a Gulshan flat on April 26, her elder sister filed a case with Gulshan Police Station against Anvir on charge of abetting her death by suicide.

On July 19, Abul Hasan, investigation officer of that case and also Gulshan Police Station's officer-in-charge, submitted the final report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

On August 18, a Dhaka court accepted the final report and relieved Anvir from the case. However, the college student's elder sister

on September 6 filed another case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka accusing Anvir of the rape and murder of the victim.

Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam, chairman of Bashundhara Group, model Piyasha and five others were accused in the case.

## Two new killer

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-- the largest terrestrial meat eater that ever lived.

One has been named Ceratosuchops inderodios -- which translates as "horned crocodile-faced hell heron."

Its brow was adorned with a series of low horns and bumps -- and it stalked like today's wading bird.

বাংলাদেশ ত্রিকোট রোটে পরিচালনা পর্ষদ নির্বাচন-২০২১

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