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## ‘LEGAL’ FRONT for illegal arms!

Authorised dealer among 4 held  
by counter-terror unit; arms  
coming from Myanmar, India



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An authorised arms dealer used to smuggle illegal firearms and ammunition from India and Myanmar, through arms smuggling syndicates, and sell those to various criminal groups in Chattogram and Cox's Bazar at high prices.

Officials of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) arrested four firearms traders, including a legal arms dealer, from Dhaka's Jatrabari area around 7:00pm on Sunday. Five firearms and 301 bullets, including bullets of AK-47 rifle, were also seized, said Asaduzzaman, chief of the DMP's CTTC unit, at a press briefing at the DMP Media centre yesterday.

The arrestees are Md Hossain, 55, an authorised arms trader in Chattogram; Lal Tan Pankhoa, 41, headman of Saichal Pankhoa area in Rangamati; Ali Akbar, 55, and Adilur Rahman Sujon, 38, from Chattogram.

"Hossain, from his legal firearms shop, used to collect illegal arms from smugglers and sell those to criminal groups in different areas, including Chattogram and Cox's Bazar, at high prices," the CTTC chief said.

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**A truck and a CNG flipped over after the driver of a fertiliser-carrying truck lost control and hit around 15 vehicles, including eight CNG-run auto-rickshaws, from the side while speeding for about 1.5km. At least 20 people were injured in the incident in Munshiganj. The accident caused the Dhaka-Mukhtarpar road to be closed off for several hours yesterday.**

PHOTO:  
SAJJAD HOSSAIN

## PBI to probe case against Meghdol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has directed the Police Bureau of Investigation to probe into a case filed against seven members of popular band Meghdol.

The case was filed after they recently performed a song called 'Om' at a concert against the recent communal violence. The song has allegedly "hurt religious sentiment".

The seven Meghdol members are Shibu Kumar Shill (vocal), Mezbaur Rahman Sumon (vocal), Rasheed Sharif Shoaib (guitar-vocal), MG Kibria (bass guitar), Amzad Hossain (drums), Tanvir Dawud Rony (keyboard) and Saurav Sarkar (flute).

The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Mainul Islam passed the order on Sunday after Advocate Imrul Hasan filed the case with the court on October 28.

The case was filed under sections 295 (A) and 109 of the Penal Code, court sources said.

The magistrate then took cognisance of the case and recorded the complainant's statements.

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## ASSESSING ROHINGYA NEEDS UN visit begins in Bhasan Char

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A UN team yesterday began a four-day visit to Bhasan Char for needs assessment before starting humanitarian assistance to the Rohingyas in the island.

The joint needs assessment mission, comprising officials of the UN Refugee Agency and World Food Programme, will look into the needs of the 18,000 plus Rohingyas.

The development comes following the signing of an MoU on October 9 between the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management and the UNHCR to establish a common protection and policy framework for humanitarian response to the Rohingyas in Bhasan Char.

"This will also help evaluate what will be the needs of the one lakh Rohingyas once they are relocated to Bhasan Char from Cox's Bazar," a UN official told this correspondent yesterday.

During the four-day visit, the UN mission will also assess the logistical needs of the UN and other international agencies once they begin their operations in the island, under Noakhali, where Bangladesh Navy built a housing facility to ease the congestion and other challenges in Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps.

About a million Rohingyas live in the Cox's Bazar camps and more than 7 lakh of them had fled a military crackdown in Rakhine State of Myanmar in 2017.

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### ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## Yahya agreed to pullback military unilaterally

NOVEMBER 2, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

### FARLAND'S TELEGRAM

The US ambassador in Pakistan, Joseph Farland, in a telegram sent today to the US State Department, informed that Pak president Yahya Khan had agreed to unilaterally withdraw military units from the India-Pakistan border as the first step in defusing explosive situation in the subcontinent. Farland called on the president today and had an hour-long discussion.

Yahya, according to Farland, said, "this doesn't mean that I would pull the troops back into the barracks but I will gladly promise to make the first move back from a forward military position."

**PAKISTAN BARS 53 ELECTION CONTESTS**

The Pakistan government announced today that 53 of the National Assembly seats taken away from the members of the Awami League in East Pakistan would be filled without contest. That meant only 25 vacated seats would be contested in the special by elections in December 1971.

**ON THE WAR FRONT**

Mukti Bahini today raided Bhayadanga under Sreebardi Police Station in Sherpur district, killing 10 occupation soldiers. Another group of Mukti Bahini raided Chatlapur area of Mymensingh district killing 6 enemy soldiers. A freedom fighter was wounded in this action. In another encounter with the occupation troops, Mukti Bahini killed 8 enemy soldiers in Anandapur.

Mukti Bahini launched a mortar attack on occupation troops in

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## 2013 VIOLENCE 3 handed 10 years in jail

*They spread anti-Islam images, framed a Hindu boy*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The cyber tribunal in Rajshahi yesterday sentenced three people to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for sharing a derogatory image of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on Facebook that led to communal violence in Pabna's Ataikula in 2013.

The convicted accused are Aminul Ehsan, Zahirul Islam and Khokon Uddin.

Khokon had hacked into the social media account of Rajib Saha, a class X student of Bangram Miapur High School, and posted a distorted image of the Prophet (PBUH) along with obscene comments using the computer of Islam, who ran a cyber cafe.

Ehsan, who ran a photocopy and stationery shop, then printed the image and distributed them among villagers.

As words spread that

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## Scientists uncover secret of giant panda colours



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The secret of precisely why giant pandas are coloured black and white has been uncovered by a team of scientists from Britain, China and Finland, a question that has puzzled experts for generations.

While the bears' distinctive high-contrast colouring means they stand out in the unnatural surroundings of a city zoo, where most humans encounter them, the opposing shades of their fur actually plays a counterintuitive but crucial defensive role in the mountain forests where they would normally reside, the new study found.

"The giant panda uses black-and-white pelage as a form of crypsis to avoid detection in its natural habitat," the scientists from the University of Bristol, the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the University of Jyväskylä wrote in the academic journal Scientific Reports, concluding that the combined extremes allow them to camouflage themselves more effectively against different

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## CUMILLA MAYHEM 2 arrested in DSA case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Two people, operating an online portal, were shown arrested yesterday in a case filed for releasing a video inciting violence in Cumilla during the Durga Puja festival last month.

The case was filed under the Digital Security Act yesterday.

The arrestees are Sajjad Hossain Shimul, editor of Cumilla Times, an online portal, and its Executive Editor Faisal Mobin Palash. They were detained on Sunday night.

Anwarul Azim, officer-in-charge of Cumilla Kotwali Model Police Station, said, "CID's Cumilla Inspector Md

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### PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 2

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:55 12:45 4:00 5:30 7:15  
JAMAAT 5:30 1:15 4:15 5:34 7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION




**A farmer sprinkling fertiliser on his land ahead of winter to get maximum yield of seasonal vegetables. During the cooler seasons, the country gets an abundance of certain vegetables like spinach, cauliflowers, different types of gourds and more. The photo was taken in Barishal's Bakerganj upazila recently.**

PHOTO: TITU DAS

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

"Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will Return"



**Md. Saiful Islam (20 June 1944 - 26 October 2021)**

We announce with profound sorrow and deep sadness the passing away of Md. Saiful Islam, pioneer businessman in Shipping and Private Sector Dredging and former President of Dhaka Club, on Tuesday, the 26th of October at Evercare Hospital. He was under treatment for aspirational pneumonia and septicemia. He was 77.

Mr. Islam left behind his devoted wife Sultana Shaheda Islam, a leading real estate developer and former President of Gulshan Club, endearing daughter Tahmina Rahman Lipi and her husband Omar Chowdhury and caring daughter-in-law Sheba, the wife of his late lamented son Wasim Sajjad. He was blessed with six grandchildren Sanju, Anzar, Damir, Daniyah, Arish and Ayaz. Also his beloved younger brother Ambassador Shirajul Islam (Rtd) and four sisters.

Mr. Md. Saiful Islam was the eldest son of Late Principal Shafiqur Rahman, an educationist and agricultural economist.

Mr. Saiful Islam was laid to rest at Banani Graveyard on the evening of his death. May Allah SWT in his eternal mercy absolve him of his earthly sins and grant him the highest place in Jannah. Ameen.

**The bereaved family of Late Md. Saiful Islam**