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## Two Iranians hurt, 'robbed' in mob attack in the city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two foreign nationals were injured and allegedly robbed of cash and mobile phones during a "mob attack" in the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area yesterday afternoon.

The duo later identified themselves as Iranian tourists and said they had arrived in Bangladesh two days prior with plans to stay for a month.

The incident occurred near Bashundhara's main gate area around 4:45pm, when they got into an argument over the exchange rate with local currency exchange brokers they had arranged on the phone.

Bhatara Police Station Assistant Sub-Inspector Chhonton Chandra Das said he arrived at the scene after responding to a 999 call from a pedestrian.

"I found a crowd surrounding the car with the two Iranians inside. I told the driver to pull to the side and asked the two passengers to come with me to the station so we could understand what was going on."

However, the driver, also Iranian, attempted to drive away, hitting three rickshaws. This further enraged the crowd, who then vandalised the car,

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Chase-master Virat Kohli raises his bat to celebrate his fifty as Australia skipper Steve Smith watches on during their ICC Champions Trophy semifinal in Dubai yesterday. Kohli became only the second player, after Sachin Tendulkar, to complete 8000 runs in run-chases during a 98-ball 84-run knock

PHOTO: REUTERS

## India break Australia jinx, book CT final

AFP, Dubai

India broke the Australia jinx and punched their ticket to the final of the ICC Champions Trophy with a convincing four-wicket win over the Aussies in the first semifinal at the Dubai International Cricket yesterday.

Virat Kohli once again led the way in a crucial run chase for India with a responsible knock of 84 off 98 balls while Shreyas Iyer (45 off 62), KL Rahul (42 not out off 34) and Hardik Pandya (28 off 24) chipped in with crucial contributions as India reached 267-6 in 48.1 overs.

Leg spinner Adam Zampa looked the most threatening of the Aussie bowlers, finishing with 2-60, and Nathan Ellis (2-49) bowled some tight overs in the final phase but it was not enough to ensure victory for the Aussies.

Batting first, skipper Steve Smith made 73 off 96 deliveries and Alex Carey hit a 57-ball 61 as Australia made 264 all out in 49.3 overs.

India pace spearhead Mohammed Shami stood out with figures of 3-48 while spinners Varun Chakravarthy

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## China, Canada retaliate to US tariffs

Markets fall in Asia, Europe; Mexico vows to hit back with duties of its own

AFP, Washington

Mounting trade wars between the United States and its largest economic partners deepened yesterday as huge US tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China kicked in, sparking swift retaliation from Beijing and Ottawa.

Markets fell in Asia and Europe in response to what analysts said were the steepest tariffs on imports since the 1940s.

Trump had announced -- and then paused -- blanket 25 percent tariffs on imports from major trading partners Canada and Mexico in February, accusing them of failing to stop illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

He pushed ahead with them yesterday, citing a lack of progress on both fronts.

The duties will hit over \$918 billion in US imports from both countries, and are set to hamper supply chains for key sectors like automobiles and construction materials.

Canada responded with its own retaliatory 25 percent tariffs, while Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said there was no justification for the US move and vowed to hit back with duties of its own.

Trump also inked an order Monday to increase a previously imposed 10 percent tariff on China to 20 percent -- piling atop existing levies on various Chinese goods.

Beijing condemned the "unilateral imposition of tariffs

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Reshuffle in police top order  
CID, ATU chiefs transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle, 18 police officials, ranging from the rank of superintendent of police to additional inspector general, have been transferred.

The transfer includes the chiefs of the Criminal Investigation Department, the Anti-Terrorism Unit, and the principal of the Sardah Police Academy.

The home ministry yesterday issued a notification signed by its Deputy Secretary Mahbubur Rahman in this regard.

Additional IG Motiur Rahman Sheikh, the CID chief, Additional IG Khondkar Rafiq-ul-Islam, the ATU chief, and Additional IG Masudur Rahman Bhuiyan, the police academy principal, have been transferred to the Police Headquarters.

Besides, four SPs, who were withdrawn from Jashore, Sunamganj, Cox's Bazar, and Nilphamari on February 17, have also been moved to the PHQ.

They are Muhammad Rahmat Ullah from Cox's Bazar, Ziauddin Ahmed from Jashore, Morshed Alam from Nilphamari, and AFM Anwar Hossain Khan

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## NID SERVICES, BIRTH REGISTRATIONS One authority to serve them all

Govt planning to establish Civil Registration Commission that will deal with marriage, divorce, adoption records too

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR and  
AHMED DEEPTO

The government is planning to streamline vital citizen services by bringing National Identity cards, birth and death registrations, and other essential services under a single authority.

The draft ordinance said that the name of the separate entity would be Civil Registration Commission. It will be a five-member commission and one of them will be its chairman. A commissioner should be female.

According to a draft ordinance prepared by the Cabinet Division, a dedicated body will be established to oversee NID cards, birth and death registrations, marriage, divorce, and adoption records, as well as determining causes of death.

The draft also proposes the implementation of a robust unique ID system, integrating it with various service delivery processes. Officials said the Cabinet Division reviewed the draft during a meeting on Monday.

This initiative aims to reduce public hassles and enhance service efficiency, said officials.

Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin yesterday said that NID services should remain under the Election Commission. "We are preparing for a national election. I don't think any hasty decision will be made in this situation."

"Our commission has an opinion ... There will be more meetings. We will present our views there and also submit them in writing," he said while talking to reporters at the EC office yesterday.

Cabinet Division officials said that

they prepared the draft aiming to streamline and synchronise the civil registration processes that are now being overseen by different bodies.

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Currently, NID-related services are being provided under the Election Commission, which has developed the NID database containing information of 12 crore citizens aged above 18.

NID services encompass issuing secure national identity cards to citizens, overseeing related activities, maintaining a national citizen registration database, and delivering identity verification services to qualified public and private organisations.

A fully-fledged NID wing was established following the passage of

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## Manikganj youth builds aircraft, flies it

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ZAHANGIR SHAH

With determination and hard work, even the most difficult tasks become possible. A young man from Manikganj has demonstrated this by building his own aeroplane and successfully flying it.

Julhas Molla, 28, of Shaitghar Teota village in Shibaloy upazila, flew his self-made aircraft this afternoon on the banks of the Jamuna river in the Jafarganj area.

The deputy commissioner, along with senior officials from the district and upazila administration, attended the event, while thousands of curious locals gathered to witness the flight.

Julhas's father, Jalil Molla, originally hailed from the Baghutia area of Daulatpur upazila.

However, due to river erosion, the family relocated to Shaitghar Teota.

Julhas, the fifth of six brothers and two sisters, completed his SSC from Jionpur BKS High School but could not pursue further education due to financial constraints.

An electrician by profession, he works on a contract basis in various institutions in Dhaka and spent his weekly holidays building the aircraft.

According to Julhas, he conducted three years of research and spent another year constructing the aircraft, with a total cost of around Tk 8 lakh.

The structure is made of aluminium and iron, and it is powered by a seven-horsepower water pump engine.

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A resident is seen at a site of an apartment building hit by a Russian drone strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Odesa, Ukraine yesterday.

**PRAYER  
TIMING  
MARCH 5**

Faz	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-02 12-45	4-30	6-04	7-30	
JAMAAT 5-12	1-15	4-45	6-19	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

RAMADAN	MARCH	SEHRI	IFTAR
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5	6	5:00	6:04
6	7	4:59	6:05

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**ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন  
সম্পত্তি বিভাগ**

**গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মালিকানাধীন সকল মাঠ/পার্ক জনসাধারণের জন্য উন্মুক্ত। প্রায়শই লক্ষ করা যাচ্ছে যে, মাঠ/পার্কসমূহ ডিএনসিসির অনুমতি ব্যতীত বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক খেলাধূলার প্রীতি ম্যাচসহ সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান আয়োজনে ব্যবহার করে আসছে। যাহা আইনত দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ।

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