

Faridpur law student dies in DB custody

Family alleges torture; cops deny claim

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A law student died yesterday while in the custody of the Detective Branch (DB) of police in Madhukhali upazila, Faridpur.

Mirza Ishtiaq Ahmed Pranto, 27, a student of Faridpur Law College, was picked up from in front of his house by DB officers on Saturday evening. His family alleged he was tortured following the arrest, while police denied the claim.

His relatives said a team of 12-13 DB personnel arrived in a microbus around 5:00pm, assaulted Ishtiaq in front of his mother, searched the house, and behaved rudely when she tried to intervene.

When asked about Ishtiaq's political affiliation, his uncle Mithu Mollah said, "He was free to support



Ishtiaq

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Iran goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand makes an acrobatic save during his side's Group G FIFA World Cup clash against Belgium at Los Angeles Stadium today. Beiranvand produced a string of crucial saves as Iran withstood sustained Belgian pressure to earn a goalless draw. Belgium played the final 23 minutes with 10 men after centre-back Nathan Ngoy was sent off in the 67th minute.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Yamal-inspired Spain thrash Saudi Arabia

REUTERS, Atlanta

Inspired by Lamine Yamal, Spain strolled to a 4-0 win over Saudi Arabia in Group H yesterday, where Mikel Oyarzabal restored his reputation with two goals and Luis de la Fuente's side found their groove after an underwhelming World Cup opener.

Yamal opened the scoring in the 10th minute and Oyarzabal, who failed to register a touch in the opening half hour in Monday's scoreless draw with Cape Verde, scored twice in quick succession as Spain had the game wrapped up by halftime.

An own goal shortly after the interval failed to re-open the floodgates, as Spain used the opportunity to make changes and rest their scorers.

De la Fuente celebrated his 65th birthday in style, and Yamal, whose only football in the last two months came as a substitute against Cape Verde, sparked life into the team that returned to Atlanta Stadium.

A huge cheer greeted Yamal's first touch, twisting and turning his marker before playing a teasing cross which was cleared by Abdulrahman Al-Faraj, the scorer of Saudi Arabia's goal in their 1-1 with Uruguay.

The opening goal came with Oyarzabal sending an inviting ball across the box and Yamal was there sliding in at the back post to score his first World Cup goal.

Having toiled in vain in their opening game, the goal relaxed Spain, who began to carve open the Saudi defence at will, and the second goal came from a corner.

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5 Bangladeshis killed in Qatar road crash

All victims from Kanaighat upazila in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five Bangladeshis from Sylhet's Kanaighat upazila were killed in a road accident in Qatar yesterday morning as the pickup van carrying them to work crashed.

News of the deaths reached their relatives in Bangladesh around 12:00pm (local time).

Mehedi Hasan Shakil, upazila nirbahi officer of Kanaighat, confirmed the deaths, citing the local union chairman.

The deceased were identified as Mushtaq Ahmed, 30, and Jubayer Ahmed, 30, of Majtaluk village in Jhingabari union; Jasim Uddin, 30, of Agtaluk village; Jibal Ahmed, 36, of Amarpur village; and Kadir Ahmed, 24, of Gachbari Nayagram in Dakhin Banigram union.

The UNO said, "The local union parishad chairman has been sent to the families of the deceased. Once he speaks with the families and gives us the details, we will do whatever is needed on our part to bring back the bodies."

Meanwhile, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury expressed grief over the deaths.

"The sudden and tragic death of our remittance warriors, who contribute to the country's economy, is deeply painful. I pray for the salvation of the departed souls and express deep sympathy for the bereaved families," the minister said in a condolence message.

He said, "Steps were being taken through the Bangladesh embassy in Qatar to repatriate the bodies quickly and provide necessary assistance to the affected families."

BNP MP's son detained over extortion allegations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday detained Khairul Islam Sajib, senior joint convener of Narayanganj district Jubo Dal and son of BNP's Narayanganj-3 (Sonargaon-Siddhirganj) MP Azharul Islam Mannan, over allegations of extortion.

He was taken to the Detective Branch (DB) office of Dhaka Metropolitan Police for questioning, the DMP media wing said in a message yesterday.

Sajib was taken into custody from his house in Dhaka's Bashundhara residential area in the afternoon with assistance from DB, said Narayanganj Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime) Tarek Al Mehedi.

He was later brought to the office of the superintendent of police in Narayanganj around 5:00pm for questioning.

"We have received complaints of extortion against him. Following



Khairul

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War of words as talks kick off in Swiss town

Trump threatens Iran with strikes if talks fail; Tehran says troops ready for action

AGENCIES

Iran yesterday warned the United States to "be careful" after President Donald Trump threatened to strike the Islamic republic over its support for Hezbollah, even as the arch-foes held talks in Switzerland seeking a deal to permanently end the Middle East war.

The negotiations to end a war that sowed chaos across the

armed forces are ready to respond to them in a different manner. No matter what they say, we are the ones who act," Iran's chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said.

US President Donald Trump had threatened to strike Iran if it did not "immediately stop their highly paid PROXIES in Lebanon from causing trouble".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meanwhile reiterated

or be suspended.

It said the focus had been on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between Tehran and Washington, and the situation in Lebanon, adding that the Iranian delegation refused to begin the meeting until journalists left the room.

US Vice President JD Vance had earlier expressed hope of turning a "new leaf" during the talks.

Flanked by US negotiators Jared

Hormuz remain closed as Tehran says no final deal without peace in Lebanon

Iran says not seeking nuclear weapon or relinquishing enrichment rights

US VP Vance hopeful that talks will produce results

Israel PM says troops to stay in south Lebanon 'as long as necessary'

Middle East and rattled the global economy are meant to trigger a 60-day period to settle broader issues that have dogged US-Iranian relations for decades.

But disagreement over key sticking points and the threat of renewed fighting in Lebanon weighed on the talks, with Washington and Tehran exchanging threats in parallel with the negotiations.

"They would do better to be careful with their statements; our

that troops would remain in south Lebanon "as long as necessary".

Netanyahu also repeated vows that he would "not allow Iran to acquire nuclear weapons", while Iran's state broadcaster said the nuclear programme had not been discussed yesterday.

"No negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear programme took place during the 80-minute first round of talks," the broadcaster said, adding that it was not clear whether the talks would continue

Kushner and Steve Witkoff in the luxury Swiss resort Burgenstock, Vance hailed "a historic meeting", adding: "The question before us now is how much more can we accomplish together?"

"Can we turn over a new leaf? Can we change relations in the Middle East permanently?"

"Or do we go back to doing things the old way, which is not our preference, but it's certainly very much something that can happen."

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Rare manuscript of Mozart found in France

AFP, Paris

Musicians this weekend will for the first time publicly interpret music for flute and harp that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote as a 22-year-old while teaching an aristocratic French student.

The unprecedented concert on Sunday at France's National Library (BnF) comes after what it has called a "major discovery."

Francois-Pierre Goy, a curator in the library's music department, stumbled across the treasure as he examined a pile of anonymous manuscripts he wanted to get through before retirement.

"I never imagined what I was about to find," he told AFP.

The 44-page notebook includes a dozen daily exercises the Austrian prodigy gave Marie-Louise-Philippine de Bonnières de Guines from May to July 1778, as well as seven pieces for flute and harp, he said.

She was an excellent harpist and the daughter of the Duke of Guines, himself a renowned flutist.



Two farmers level a muddy cropland with a makeshift banana-log harrow to prepare seedbeds for Aman paddy in Uttar Karapur village of Barishal Sadar upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS



Entrepreneur, ex-MP Selima Ahmad dies

STAR REPORT

Selima Ahmad, founder and president of the Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI), passed away at a Bangkok hospital yesterday. She was 65.

Selima, also vice-chairperson of Nitol-Niloy Group, had a brain surgery a few months ago, and she was recently taken to Bumrungrad International Hospital in Bangkok for further treatment, said Mahub Alam, deputy general manager of Nitol-Niloy Group.

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