

BANGLADESHIS EXECUTED IN KSA

Jeddah mission thought they're serving time

Foreign ministry tells JS body

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Officials at Bangladesh's mission in Jeddah believed that two Bangladeshis executed in Saudi Arabia faced prison terms ranging from six months to 15 years, rather than the death penalty, the foreign ministry told a parliamentary committee yesterday.

The information was shared at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The ministry told the committee that the way prisoners were categorised on a list from Saudi Arabia had led officials to believe that.

The ministry has sought answers from the Saudi authorities. The committee asked the ministry to brief the body once the response arrives.

The committee also sought a report on whether there had been any negligence at the Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah, what action had been taken if lapses were found, and what measures were being taken to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The two Bangladeshi nationals were executed in Saudi

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Iron rods of a BIWTA jetty project protrude from the Shitalakkhya riverbed near Demra Bridge in the capital. The construction work remains halted for more than a year. Locals say there was no need to encroach on the river to build a jetty since there is a large jetty just a few kilometres downstream near Kanchpur Bridge. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Tarique to meet Takaichi tomorrow



DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman left Dhaka for Tokyo early today on a four-day official visit to Japan at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart, Sanae Takaichi.

The two leaders will hold a summit tomorrow.

A Biman flight carrying Tarique, his wife Dr Zubaida Rahman and other members of the entourage left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 12:15am, the Prime Minister's Office said in a Facebook post. He is due to arrive in Japan this morning.

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UNREST IN EUROPE

Arrests in overdrive in France, Spain, Portugal

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Police in France, Spain and Portugal made more arrests yesterday as Europe grapples with unrest driven by the cost-of-living crisis, soaring food and fuel prices, a housing shortage, rising rents, declining public services and underfunded schools.

French police arrested 1,314 people in weekend protests across France, the interior ministry said yesterday, adding that 53 officers were hurt in clashes.

It was the second consecutive weekend of unrest in France, which is heading to presidential elections in April and May to choose a successor to Emmanuel Macron, who is reaching his two-term limit.

COUNTRY	ARRESTS SINCE SATURDAY
France	1,314
Spain	128
Portugal	31
Total	**1,473**

The interior ministry said police responded to 75 fires during Saturday's protests, adding that 24 shops were looted, reports AFP.

"Several investigations have been opened," it said in a statement, without giving details. It said that the rest of Saturday night, after the clashes had died down, was "calm".

In Spain, police made 128 arrests overnight in Barcelona for acts of "vandalism", damage to public property" and "looting", the regional Catalan police said yesterday.

Seventy-three of those arrested were minors, with the reports due to be sent "to the juvenile prosecutor's office", Catalan police chief Silvia Cata told Spain's 3CatInfo media outlet.

Footage on social media showed

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NEWS IN FOCUS

EXTORTION ATTEMPT

Two DGFI men among 6 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested six people, including two personnel of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and an Ansar member, for allegedly confining a motorcycle trader in Dhaka's Mohammadpur, demanding Tk 10 lakh as extortion, and assaulting him.

The arrestees are Sergeant Al Mamun, 39, and Lance Corporal Md Nuruzzaman, 31, of DGFI headquarters; Ansar member Sohel Rana, 32; Mukul Gazi, 26, a security guard at Log Area Security Company; Mahfuzur Rahman, 22, a resident of Kafrul; and driver Ziaul Islam, 35.

All six were sent to jail after police produced them before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka seeking their detention, a court staffer said.

According to a forwarding report submitted to the court, motorcycle trader Mohammad Sharif's neighbour Ansar member Sohel offered to help him buy a motorbike in Chandrima Model Town in Mohammadpur.

On Saturday, Sohel took Sharif to a fifth-floor flat of a building in Chandrima Model Town, saying his sister lived there.

After a while, Sohel left the flat, telling Sharif that he was going to

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Mob kills 2 over alleged theft

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Two men were beaten to death by a mob on suspicion of stealing a battery-run auto-rickshaw in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila early yesterday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Ejarul Haque, alias Rezaul Kana, 46, of Kachua Sardarpara village, and Sadikul Islam, 25, of Kolkond union.

The incident occurred in the Pukur Khurir Dola canal area of Bagpur Bagherhat village under Barabil union.

Abdus Sabur, officer-in-charge of Gangachara Model Police Station, said the bodies would be sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsies to determine the exact

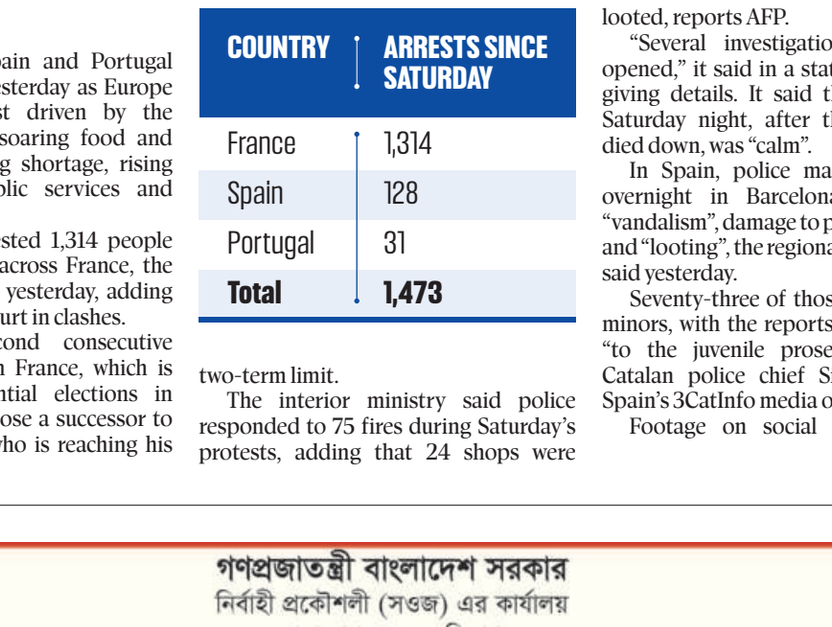
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Comilla univ student found dead in N'ganj home

Husband taken into custody

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Police recovered the body of a postgraduate student of Comilla University from a rented house in Narayanganj's Fatullah upazila on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Farzana Islam, 24, who was pursuing postgraduate studies in the university's pharmacy department. She hailed from Banchharampur upazila of Brahmanbaria.

Sub-Inspector Gazi Sumon Mahtab of Fatullah Police Station said police, acting on information, recovered Farzana's body hanging from a ceiling fan inside the house in the Bhui Ghar area. Her body was sent for autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Her husband, Nazmul Islam, has been taken into custody for questioning, and the investigation is underway, he added.

Her family alleged that she was murdered and

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