

Rohingyas getting foreign help in passport forgery

PBI investigation finds; one arrestee confesses details to court about attempt to enter Turkey

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A foreign organisation of Rohingyas is assisting some Myanmar nationals -- who took shelter in Bangladesh following the military crackdown in Rakhine State -- in passport forgery, according to Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) in Chattogram.

This came to light after police arrested three Rohingya youths on September 6 last year along with Bangladeshi passports. They were on their way to Dhaka to go to Turkish embassy for visa purposes, Inspector Sontosh Kumar Chakma of PBI told The Daily Star recently citing their confessional statements before court.

He said European Rohingya Council (ERC), an association of Rohingyas residing in Europe, helped finance and guide the youths through local contacts.

"Local brokers helped them get national ID cards, citizenship certificates, birth registration numbers and police verifications from relevant government offices while the organisation funded it," said Inspector Sontosh.

One of the arrestees gave a confessional statement before a Chattogram court on January 23 this year, detailing the process of forging the documents, he added.

The arrestees are Mohammed Yusuf (25), his brother Mohammed Musa (20)

and cousin Mohammed Aziz (25). Police arrested them from Uttar Kattali area of the port city and filed a case with Akbar Shah Police Station.

Yusuf gave his statement before the court of Chattogram Metropolitan Magistrate Safi Uddin under section 164 of CrPC, said Inspector Sontosh, also the case's investigation officer. Yusuf gave the statement in English, he added.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the case document and the statement.

According to the statement, Yusuf, his parents and six siblings (five brothers, one sister) fled to Bangladesh in August 2017 and took shelter in a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar.

Later, he joined a volunteer organisaiton there.

Yusuf said he met a donor from Turkey, who introduced himself as RC. After learning about their plight, RC said he would help Yusuf's family.

RC gave Yusuf an e-mail address through which they kept in touch. Later, he came to know that it was an e-mail address of European Rohingya Council. They told him they would not be able to assist him without a passport.

The ERC then gave him number of one

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There's been an unprecedented boom in the country's hilsa market this winter, with enough fish being caught to fill up one truck after another. This photo was taken at Notun Bazar in Chattogram's Chaktai recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

What's the barrier?

Nasim on proper execution of Road Transport Act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Mohammad Nasim yesterday in parliament raised question as to why the Road Transport Act is not being executed properly.

Participating in a thanksgiving motion on the president's speech in the House, Nasim demanded full execution of the law immediately.

"Road accident has emerged as a serious problem. We enacted law and formulated guidelines but why aren't those being implemented? What's the barrier?" he asked.

"Why can't we execute the law and who are stopping it? We've to think about it...", he said.

"[Execution of the law] is not only ours but also the demand of people," said Nasim.

Will light up every house by Mujib Borsho: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government will "light up every house across the country" within the Mujib Borsho (birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman) by bringing all under electricity coverage.

"Some 40 out of our 64 districts are now under full electricity coverage. We've been able to ensure cent percent electrification of villages in 410 upazilas. We'll light up every house in Bangladesh by bringing the remaining districts and upazilas (under cent percent electrification) by the 'Mujib Borsho', and we've been working to achieve this goal," she said.

The premier said this while inaugurating cent percent electrification in seven districts and 23 upazilas of 18 other districts, and a 114MW heavy fuel oil-fired power plant in Feni.

Through videoconferencing from Gono Bhaban in the capital, she also opened the Sheikh Kamal IT Incubator and Training Centre constructed at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hi-tech

Park in Rajshahi.

The seven districts which came under electricity coverage in their entirety are: Dhaka, Feni, Gopalganj, Natore, Pabna, Joypurhat and Meherpur.

The 23 upazilas that came under cent percent electrification are: Bagerhat Sadar, Nasirnagar in Brahmanbaria, Alamdanga in Meherpur, Debidwar and Monoharganj in Cumilla, Khansama in Dinajpur, Madarganj in Jamalpur, Jashore Sadar and Manirampur in Jashore, Terakhada in Khulna, Mirpur in Kushtia, Raipur in Lakshmipur, Kamalganj and Juri in Moulvibazar, Badalgachhi and Patnitala in Naogaon, Araihaazar in Narayanganj, Jaldhaka in Nilphamari, Nakla and Jhenagati in Sherpur, Ghatail in Tangail, Ranisankail in Thakurgaon and Chhatak in Sunamganj.

Talking about the newly-opened Sheikh Kamal IT Incubator and Training Centre, the PM stressed the need for having technological knowledge among the young generation, so that they can sustain in the competitive world. "We want

to educate our new generation in such a way so that they can move keeping pace with the competitive world. So, technology education is a must," she added.

Hasina said her government wants to establish a technology-based society. "This is why we've taken various steps, including providing computer education and setting up multimedia classrooms in educational institutions, so that the new generation gets attracted to technology education."

The 72,000 square-foot Sheikh Kamal IT Incubator and Training Centre building has multipurpose training facilities, rainwater harvesting and renewable energy sources.

Bangladesh Hi-tech Park Authority under the ICT Division is implementing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hi-tech Park on 30.67 acres of land at Nabinagar in Poba upazila of Rajshahi.

Over 50 percent physical infrastructure development work on the hi-tech park has already been completed, which provide incubation

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RU student jailed over rape of fellow

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University student who was prime accused in the rape case of a female student of the same university was sent to jail yesterday.

Sub-inspector of Motihar Police Station, Imran Hossain, confirmed the matter and said, Mahfuzur Rahman Sharod (22) was sent to jail by a Rajshahi court after two days in remand. The other four accused were sent to jail earlier, he said.

On January 27, a student of RU filed a case against six people for raping and blackmailing her. The main accused Sharod is a second-year student of economics at the university.

He, along with his accomplices Rafsan and Plabon, were arrested on the day of filing the case. Two other accused -- Jibon and Joy -- were picked up from the city's Kazla area on February 7. The other accused Bishal is on the run, said police.

Rafsan and Plabon were sent to jail on January 28, while Jibon and Joy were jailed on February 8.

According to the case statement, on January 24, Mahfuzur Rahman took the girl to a hotel and raped her while his associates filmed it. They then tried to use the video clip to blackmail Tk 50,000 from her.

Meanwhile, the victim's family said yesterday, "Sharod and Rafsan's families repeatedly called the girl's number. They are trying to force us to drop their sons' names from the case. We feel unsafe following the matter, so our girl had to leave the campus."

The case's investigation officer Abdur Rahman said the crime was pre-planned.

STUDENTS DEMAND JUSTICE

Meanwhile, several hundred students demonstrated on Rajshahi University campus yesterday, demanding exemplary punishment for the accused.

They placed six demands after forming a human chain in front of the central library around 12:45pm.

The demands include expulsion of the prime accused, formation of a sexual harassment prevention cell, women-friendly campus, and restricted entry for outsiders. The demonstrators brought out a procession as well.

Hridy Kabir, a master's student of the university, said, "It is the state's responsibility to protect us from harm... but women are harassed and raped even at university, a place of higher education."

"Justice must be ensured for every rape victim," she added.



PHOTO: TITU DAS

Barishal Central Shaheed Minar aglow in white and red as a worker paints it ahead of International Mother Language Day, to be observed on February 21. On the day, Barishal residents will pay tribute to the 1952 Language Movement martyrs at the monument. This photo was taken at Sadar Road on Monday.

Road accidents claim 8 lives

STAR REPORT

At least eight people were killed and three injured in road accidents across the country in the last two days, report our correspondents and news agencies.

In Bagerhat, four-year-old Mahia was killed on the spot after a speeding truck hit her in front of Gowlmath Girls' School on Bagerhat-Pirojpur highway yesterday.

The accident occurred while Mahia was crossing the road holding her mother's hand, said Officer-in-Charge Shariful Haq of Kachua Police Station.

The truck driver fled the scene after the accident, he said.

In Kishoreganj, Mohor Uddin (35), a farmer, was killed after a motorbike hit him IN Dhekia area of Hossainpur upazila around 11am yesterday, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

Police said the accident occurred while Mohor was crossing the road, leaving him critically injured.

Locals rescued and rushed him to

the upazila health complex. Doctors referred him to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) as his condition deteriorated.

He died at MMCH in the afternoon.

Soon after the incident, police detained motorbike rider Rifat (17) and seized the bike. A case was lodged.

In Sylhet city, rickshaw-puller Rafiqul Islam was killed on the spot after a truck hit his rickshaw in Surma Market area around 7:30am yesterday morning, said police.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

In Rajshahi, two people were killed on the spot and three injured after a pickup truck crashed into a stationary truck at Razabari intersection of Godagari upazila around 8am yesterday, said police.

One of the deceased is Zahidul Islam (18). The other could not yet be identified.

The injured were taken to the upazila health complex.

In Narail Sadar upazila, a 60-year-old man was killed after a bus ran him over in Mulda area around 7:30pm yesterday, said police.

Identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

The accident left the man critically injured. Locals took him to Narail Sadar Hospital, where the on-duty doctor declared him dead. Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee, they added.


In Gaibandha, a woman and her daughter were killed after a bus and truck collided on Rangpur-Bogura highway in Gobindaganj upazila around 11:30pm on Tuesday, said witnesses.

The deceased are Rahela Begum and Shefali Begum.

The two were critically injured after the accident.

Rahela succumbed to her injuries while they were being taken to Palashbari Hospital.

Shefali died yesterday morning, said police.



বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান অ্যাভিয়েশন অ্যান্ড অ্যারোস্পেস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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Invitation for Tenders

No: BSMRAAU/Regi/163/2020/34

Date: 13 February 2020

Ministry/division	Ministry of Education.				
Procuring entity name	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU).				
Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.				
Tender invitation for	Procurement of Computers and Accessories for BSMRAAU.				
Invitation reference No.	BSMRAAU Open Tender No: OTM-03/2019-2020				
Date	13 February 2020.				
KEY INFORMATION					
Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National).				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh.				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
Tender last selling date & time	04 March 2020; 16:00pm.				
Tender submission date and time	05 March 2020; 12:30pm.				
Tender opening date and time	05 March 2020; 01:00pm.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer must possess a valid trade license, updated VAT and TAX certificate, up-to-date bank solvency and other document as per tender document.				
Lot No.	Item description	Quantity	Location	Tender security	Completion time
Lot-1	Desktop Computer	06	BSMRAAU	2% of the quoted price by the bidder	Within 10 days after awarding purchase order/contract
Lot-2	All-in-one PC	54			
Lot-3	Laptop	20			
Lot-4	Colour Printer	05			
Lot-5	B&W Printer	15			
Lot-6	WiFi Routers, Networking items etc.	As per TD			
Tender document price	Tk 2,000.00 (Taka two thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU), Agrani Bank, BAF Branch.				
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
Name designation of official involving	Registrar, BSMR Aviation and Aerospace University, Bangladesh.				
Address of official inviting tender	Registrar Office, BSMRAAU, Old Airport Building, Dhaka-1215.				
Contact details official inviting tender	Tel No: 55065054 Mobile: 01769995060			Web: www.bsmraau.edu.bd Email: procurement@bsmraau.edu.bd	
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