

'Human trafficker' arrested in M'singh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Detectives arrested an alleged member of a human trafficker gang in Gouripur upazila of Mymensingh early yesterday.

The arrestee -- Dulal Mia (45) -- is from Ichhulia village in Gouripur.

Four people -- Shahidul Islam (32), Humayun Kabir Sujon (24), Sohel Mia (26), and Abdul Khaleque (46) from the upazila -- went to Saudi Arabia for jobs four months ago, according to law enforcers.

Each of the four gave Dulal Tk 6 lakh for this purpose, Shah Kamal Akanda, officer-in-charge of DB, Mymensingh, quoted their families as saying.

Now they are being harassed in the KSA as they were sent there with fake documents, said the OC.

Being informed, Superintendent of Mymensingh Police Mohammad Ahmar Uzaman directed the detective branch (DB) of police to investigate the incident and took necessary actions, he said.

On Sunday night, Abdul Hamid, father of Shahidul Islam, filed a case with Gouripur Police Station accusing Dulal, who was arrested at his relative's house in the area, said the police officer.

A Mymensingh court placed Dulal on a one-day remand after he was produced before it with a seven-day remand prayer, said OC Shah Kamal.

Untrained contact

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Even though the volunteers working there were trained, the health department staff members have no training on how to deal with Covid-19 patients, said RCC chief health officer Dr FAM Anjumand Ara Begum.

"Sample collection doesn't require much training. It's the people who aren't aware of physical distancing or continue to ignore the rules -- eventually cause the most damage," she said.

Supported by only one ambulance and a handful of volunteers, the health department began contact tracing in April and identified more than a thousand infected people in all the 30 wards of Rajshahi city till date, she said.

According to WHO, contact tracing is the process of identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to a disease to prevent onward transmission. Contact tracing for Covid-19 requires identifying people who may have been exposed to Covid-19 and following them up daily for 14 days from the last point of exposure.

"Rajshahi Medical College Hospital had opened four booths for contact tracing. But those never worked (forcing the corporation to begin the process)," Dr Anjumand said.

Hundreds of people visit the corporation daily and the corporation had installed a disinfection booth at the entry, but it did not help much.

"There are more Covid-19 patients in the

city. We cannot test enough. With the given support, we can test less than five people a day," she said.

Ety Rahman, who works as a health worker of the corporation, was found Covid-19 positive recently. Talking over phone, she said she cannot determine how she got infected.

Asked, she admitted that the city corporation gave her PPE, but she hardly used it. "I had to stay at work for eight hours. It is impossible to work such long hours wearing PPE during the heat," she said, adding that she did wear mask.

"People were rushing in to have them tested. I guess I was infected by one of them," she said. She mentioned that she never received any training before joining the work of contact tracing.

Contacted, Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton said the corporation agreed to do the job out of its social responsibilities. He said during a divisional meeting for coordination of coronavirus care, no other institution took up the challenge.

"At first, we were going door-to-door, which turned out quite risky as some of our health workers became infected," he said. Liton said they have plans to open several centres across the city and train up staff members to deal with rising number of infections.

At least seven people have died in Rajshahi district so far while the authorities collected around 3,000 samples and detected 513 Covid-19 patients.

ARMS CASE

Rab presses charges against Papia, husband

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday pressed charges against Jubo Mohila League's expelled leader Shamima Nur Papia and her husband Mofizur Rahman in an arms case. Sub-inspector Arifuzzaman, who is also the case's investigation officer, submitted the charge sheet against the couple to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

In the charge sheet, 12 people have been made witnesses. The IO said the charges brought against the two were primarily proven and they should be brought under trial.

Rab-1 arrested Papia, her husband -- a former Chhatra League leader -- and two accomplices from Dhaka airport on February 22 when they were trying to leave the country. Rab members seized seven passports, Tk 2,12,270, fake notes of Tk 25,600, USD 11,481, 420 Sri Lankan rupee, 301 Indian rupee and two debit cards from their possession.

The elite force later raided Papia's Farmgate flats and recovered a foreign-made pistol, two magazines, 20 bullets, five bottles of foreign-made liquor, Tk 58,41,000 cash, credit and debit cards of different banks from there.

Three cases -- two under the Arms and the Special Powers Acts while another under the Special Powers Act- 1974 -- were filed.

On February 24, Papia and her husband were placed on a 15-day remand each in three cases after they were produced before two separate Dhaka courts.

According to the remand prayers, the investigation officers said the accused amassed considerable wealth through business of illegal weapons, drugs trade, smuggling, trading of fake currencies, extortion, lobbying and land trade.



Liberation War Affairs minister's wife Laila Banu dies of Covid-19

BSS, Dhaka

Layla Arjumand Banu, wife of Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, died of coronavirus this morning. She was 71. She breathed her last at Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka, at around 7:45am, said a press release.

The minister and his wife were admitted at the hospital on June 13 with Covid-19. The minister returned home after recovery but his wife continued receiving treatment at the hospital as her condition deteriorated.

She is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and a host of well-wishers. Her namaz-e-janaza was held near Gazipur City Corporation graveyard after Asr prayer.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed profound sorrow at her death, in separate condolence messages.

2 more airlines to operate regular flights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government approved two more foreign airlines -- Turkish Airlines and Air Arabia -- to operate regular flights to and from Dhaka.

Besides, two other foreign airlines are waiting to get the government's nod.

"We have permitted the two airlines to transport passengers, but Turkish Airlines will start flights from July 2 or 3 and Air Arabia from July 1," said Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) Chairperson Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman.

Malaysian Airlines and Malindo Air have also applied to operate direct flights to and from Bangladesh.

The CAAB chairperson said the government may primarily give them permission to operate transit flights.

Prof Shamsuzzaman

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Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan served as Director General of Bangla Academy for 10 years. He is renowned for editing a book series on folk culture of 64 different districts in 64 volumes, and collections of folklore series in 114 volumes.

He was awarded Bangla Academy Literary Award in 2001, Ekushey Padak in 2009 and Independence Day Award in 2017.

He also served as the director general of the Bangladesh National Museum and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan was also appointed as 'Bangabandhu Chair' Professor at Islamic University and was nominated as a syndicate member of Dhaka University.

Nearly 1m

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"The land we owned was a hillock. They [the UP chairman] cut it to make way for the college building," he said.

Similar comment came from another accused Shahed Hossain.

Puranghor Union Parishad chairman Mahbubur Rahman Sikdar said he did not know who cut the hills.

"Like many others, I am just involved with the initiative to build a college. Someone was assigned to provide earth for construction by filling up the low land. We don't know who razed the hill," he said.

Zamir Hossen, deputy director of DoE, said they already recommended the DoE director to summon the four.

Columnist

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It was published in weekly magazine Sugondha during the anti-autocracy movement of 1990s. The column had gained popularity within a short time.

He was the chief editor of Sugondha magazine. Road transport and bridges minister Obaidul Quader expressed deep shock at the death of Mozammel, who was also a former central committee leader of Chhatra League.

Livestock dept

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75,000 from selling calves per year. During the shutdown, she too faced trouble but the transportation solved her financial crisis.

Talking to The Daily Star, Dr Monjur Mohammad Shahjada, director of NATP-2, said they engaged over two lakh farmers through their projects.

"We not only facilitated farmers selling their products but also arranged regular vaccination programmes," he said, adding that farmers who are not members were too provided vaccination facilities during the shutdown.

Monjur said, "DLS is working on a proposal to institutionalise ideas like 'market on wheels' to help farmers sell their products in crisis situations like Covid-19."

Sherina Tabassum, country programme officer of IFAD, said they are working closely with national-level institutions, such as DLS and Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation.

In response to the pandemic, NATP2 will finance up to 90 percent of the total cost of equipment to support farmers, she said, adding that they will provide grants to farmers to buy equipment and machines to produce animal feed to reduce their dependency on feed from external sources.

This will help them survive in a crisis period, Sherina said.

"Me and two other female farmers who live in my neighbourhood used to collect 200-litre milk each day and sell those in at least five nearby villages," she said.

With assistance from NATP-2 programme, Kanika and her neighbouring farmers received battery-run auto-rickshaw for collection and distribution of milk.

"I get 35 liters of milk every day. Most was wasted as I couldn't sell. We went through miserable times," she said over the phone recently.

The project is funded by International Development Association (IDA), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

It covers research, extension and supply chain development in three sub-sectors of agriculture -- crops, livestock and fisheries -- and it is being operated in 270 upazilas of 57 districts in the country. The first phase of the programme was operated between 2007 and 2014.

A beneficiary of the project, Biporna Biswas, learned cattle farming in 2009. She started with one cow and now expanded her farm with six cows. She earned Tk 2.65 lakh annually from selling milk and Tk

came to a standstill, leaving many livestock farmers in the lurch.

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WFP, Australian High Commission hand over PPE to DGHS

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) and Australian High Commission jointly handed over personal protective equipment to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) yesterday.

The equipment, comprising 150,000 goggles, 80,892 N95 respirator masks and 65,000 face shields, was funded by the Australian government and will be used in the Covid-19 response.

"The Australian High Commission appreciates the dedication of frontline health workers and the challenges they face. We are delighted that, through WFP, we have been able to support the Bangladesh government in the fight against Covid-19," said Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer in a statement.

To date, Bangladesh has recorded a total of 137,787 Covid-19 cases, which includes at least 1,170 doctors, 1,120 nurses and 200 health technologists.

"This equipment comes at a critical time, especially as the number of Covid-19 cases is increasing. We want to thank the Australian government and WFP for their continued support," said Prof Dr Abul Kalam Azad, director general at the DGHS.

"Health workers are at the frontline of the Covid-19 response. They need the right supplies to keep themselves safe and perform their jobs effectively," said Richard Ragan, WFP representative and country director in Bangladesh.

In addition to providing food assistance to vulnerable families, WFP is providing logistical support to curb the spread of the virus.

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION
Board of Directors of AB Bank Limited in its 691st Meeting held on June 29, 2020 adopted Un-audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the 1st Quarter ended (January - March) 2020.
Financial Highlights of the Bank:
Particulars AB Bank Limited (Consolidated) AB Bank Limited (Solo)
January - March 2020 2019 2020 2019
Taka in Crore
Profit Before Tax & Provision 23.21 58.68 19.73 48.67
Profit After Tax (PAT) 6.68 7.90 4.20 1.51
Net Asset Value (NAV) 2,405.04 2,395.82 2,283.43 2,266.65
Amount in Taka
Earnings Per Share (EPS) 0.09 0.10 0.06 0.02
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) (33.55) (5.68) (33.91) (5.96)
Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS) 31.72 31.60 30.12 29.90
Dated: Dhaka, 29th June 2020
AB Bank Limited
BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
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By order of the Board
Sd/-
Manzurul Ahsan FCS
Company Secretary

Ten die

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The 60-year-old came to the upazila health complex and gave samples for testing on Sunday noon, but breathed his last around 9:20pm.

He was buried at a local graveyard as per guidelines yesterday morning, Ashif said.

At Patuakhali General Hospital, a 70-year-old man from the district's Sadar upazila died on Sunday evening, shortly after being admitted, said Abdul Matin, the hospital's superintendent.

According to hospital sources, he was admitted around 4pm on Sunday with fever, sneezing and coughing, and died within 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, a retired schoolteacher of Galachipa upazila town died while undergoing treatment at the hospital around 4:30pm yesterday.

Compensate

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The petition was filed as a public interest litigation, seeking HC directives on the authorities concerned to give Tk 5 crore to each victim family and to take necessary action against the persons responsible for the incident.

The lawyer added that the HC yesterday did not pass any order over the probe reports on the incident of deadly fire at the isolation unit of the hospital as it is evident that there was negligence on part of the hospital in preventing the fire and deaths of the patients.

Following an HC order, Rajuk, fire service, police, and hospital authorities submitted separate probe reports to the court through attorney general's office on June 11.

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