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With them, nine Neo-JMB members have been arrested in connection with the blast.

On July 24, the outfit members left an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the capital’s Paltan which exploded later, but no one got hurt.

The CTC unit later in a special operation called “Elegant Bite” in Sylhet arrested five members of a Neo-JMB cell, including its chief Sheikh Sultan Mohammad Naimuzzaman, on August 11.

Interrogating the five, the investigators came to know about Mamun and three others and made the arrests,said DC Saiful Islam.

“We also got evidence of communications between Naimuzzaman and Mamun,” he added.

Besides the Paltan incident, the cell members on July 25 kept a fake IED with a motorbike of a police sergeant in the capital’s Gulistan just to spread fear among police personnel, said CTC officials.

On July 31, the cell members blasted a small crude bomb at a temple in Naogaon, but no one was injured, they added.

Mob beats

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recovered the body yesterday morning on information and sent it to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital morgue to autopsy.

Police will take action against those involved in the murder, the OC added.

The law enforcers, however, did not detain anyone and were waiting for the victim’s family to act.

The victim had several cases filed against him including of robbery, the OC said.

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be the world’s oldest, are expected to make more discoveries at the site in coming days.

In a Twitter post, Khaled El-Enany, Egypt’s minister of tourism and antiquies, said it was “an indescribable feeling when you witness a new archaeological discovery.”

UP member

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A Noakhali court sent the arrestees to jail yesterday.

According to the case statement, the victim had a quarrel with her husband over family affairs around a week ago before the rape incident. She then went to her father’s house in Companiganj upazila.

Later, the woman informed her husband’s friend Didar about the matter over mobile phone. After hearing everything, Didar asked her to meet him in a park of Feni city on September 5, saying that he would talk to her and help settle the problem with her husband.

She went to Feni and met Didar, who told her that he would take her to her husband’s house in Senbagh at night.

Around 10:00pm, Didar took the woman to a secluded place in Kazirkhil area of Beejbagh and he along with three others raped her, the victim alleged.

Two others also assisted them. When the UP member, Abu Bakar Siddique, came to know about the incident, he held a village arbitration the next morning.

At the arbitration, he called the woman of “loose character”, beat her up and sent her back to her father’s house in Companiganj, according to the case statement.

The victim went to Senbagh Police Station on Thursday and filed the case against 11 people, said the OC.

Six are accused in connection with the rape and five others, including the UP member, for holding the arbitration, the police officer added.

The victim was sent to Noakhali General Hospital for medical tests.



A migrant pulls girl asleep on a box on the road near Mytilene on the Greek island of Lesbos, yesterday, a few days after a fire destroyed the Moria refugee camp. Ten EU member states have agreed to take in a total of 400 unaccompanied minors left homeless after the fire laid waste to the biggest migrant camp in Greece. PHOTO: AFP

Two lots of Bangladesh

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Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, USP 750 mg was tested and showed results for N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) levels in excess of the Acceptable Daily Intake Limit and recommended recall of the one tested lot,” said the announcement.

“Bayshore has agreed to recall this lot, and out of an abundance of caution, the company has tested samples from eight lots of Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets manufactured using the same API [Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient] of the failed lot. Out of eight lots, one lot of Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, USP 750 mg and one lot of Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, USP 500 mg have showed NDMA levels in excess of the Acceptable Daily Intake Limit (ADI),” it added.

NDMA is classified as a probable human carcinogen based on results from laboratory tests, added the announcement.

FDA suggests that consuming up to 0.32 parts per million (ppm) of NDMA per day is safe. European Medicines Agency (EMA) however revised this limit to 0.030 ppm, and from 2021, this will be considered the new safe level.

Beximco Pharmaceuticals said NDMA came to be in their drug from an impurity in the raw material.

“Our scientists have confirmed that the problem is not related to our formulation or manufacturing process but highly likely to be linked to the API [the raw material] or its manufacturing process,” said Rabbur Reza, chief operating officer of the company. “We source the API from a company called Wanbury Ltd in India. Perhaps the NDMA was formed during the purification process.”

FDA explained in its “Control of Nitrosamine Impurities in Human Drugs: Guidance for Industry” report that NDMA is formed when reagents containing nitrites are used in the manufacturing process of compounds containing amines.

However, while the FDA came down on NDMA and Beximco recalled their products internationally, the Directorate General of Drug Administration is yet to make a decision about the local market, which contains 427 registered formations of Metformin Hydrochloride.

“After the FDA issued an alert about metformin, we collected samples from several companies and we are in the process of sending it to Singapore for testing. Once those results come back, we will be able to decide what to do with the local products,” said Ayub

Hossain, Director at DGDA.

“We do not have the capacity to test for NDMA domestically. Nobody tests for NDMA here,” said Dr Akter Hossain, Deputy Director at Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA).

Reza said Beximco invested in testing facilities and has tested the local formations of Metformin Hydrochloride Extended Release, but found no anomalies and so have not recalled any drugs from the domestic market. However, he declined to share the test results with this newspaper.

“We will share the test results of our drugs with the relevant authority here should they ask,” he said, and also claimed that the drugs recalled in the USA had a “marginally high level of NDM”.

“In addition, only the ‘extended-release’ drug was recalled, because FDA did not give any alerts about the ‘immediate-release’ drug,” said Reza

“We should test all drugs in the market, because metformin is a very popular drug for diabetes control. If NDMA is found, appropriate action can be taken,” said S M Shafiuazzaman, secretary-general of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries. He informed that only one company makes the API of metformin hydrochloride domestically, while the rest import it from abroad.

Five Canadian pharmaceutical companies recalled certain metformin drugs as early as June this year. Meanwhile, in December 2019, European Medical Association concluded that metformin drugs in the European Union have not been affected with NDMA.

In November 2019, DGDA suspended production, distribution, sale and export of heartburn drug ranitidine following detection of NDMA in its raw materials.

Show-cause

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the Bangladesh government. Timber will reach Bangladesh by train very soon, adds the deputy commissioner.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SEARCH FOR FALSE RATION CARD

Door-to-door search will be conducted throughout Dhaka city shortly to find out false ration cards, declares deputy commissioner of Dhaka. He says that 19,74,000 ration cards were hitherto issued in the capital. A notice would soon be circulated for surrendering spurious ration cards within a specified time. As soon as the specified time is over, a door-to-door search would be started and those found in possession of such cards will be severely punished, he adds.

SOURCES: September 13, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

US’s Pompeo welcomes ‘historic’ Afghan peace talks

REUTERS, Kabul

United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo welcomed long-awaited “historic” peace talks between the Afghan government and the insurgent Taliban while on his way to the opening event in Qatar’s capital of Doha, late on Thursday.

The United States has been attempting to ease negotiations between the two warring sides since signing a troop withdrawal deal with the militants in February, but the process was hit by delays over disagreements about the release of prisoners.

“It’s taken us longer than I wish that it had to get from February 29 to here but we expect Saturday morning...to have the Afghans sitting at the table together prepared to have what will be contentious discussions about how to move their country forward,” Pompeo told reporters shortly after taking off from Washington on Thursday evening. “(It’s) truly historic.”

His arrival in Doha would coincide with the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States that triggered U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan against the Taliban, who harboured Osama bin Laden, the al Qaeda militant leader who plotted the attacks.

US judges

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The White House and the Department of Commerce, which oversees the census, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Thursday’s decision is a fresh census-related legal setback for Trump, who has made curbing immigration a focus of his presidency and reelection campaign.

His directive came one year after the Supreme Court blocked his attempt to add a citizenship question to the census.

“President Trump’s repeated attempts to hinder, impair, and prejudice an accurate census and the subsequent apportionment have failed once again,” New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement.

In defending the directive, government lawyers said Trump had broad discretion to decide who to count, and that any harm was speculative.

The plaintiffs countered that the directive would cause irreparable harm by dissuading immigrant households from census participation and reducing political power.

Census data is also used to allocate billions of dollars of federal funds.

“The law is clear - every person counts in the census,” said American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Dale Ho, who represented the nonprofits.

The panel consisted of Circuit Judges Richard Wesley and Peter Hall, both appointed to the bench by Republican President George W Bush, and District Judge Jesse Furman, an appointee of Democratic President Barack Obama.

Toxic water from India

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Akhaura municipality area before the main part and two of its branches -- Jaji Khal and C & B Khal -- flow into the Titus River through different points, according to the DoE official.

The villagers who depend on Senarbadi for their lives and livelihoods are bearing the burden of this cross-border pollution.

In a recent visit to the area, this reporter saw polythene and various food packets, discarded plastic, glass bottles and other items floating in the pitch-black foul-smelling water.

People living in villages along that five-kilometre stretch of the canal have long faced innumerable sufferings due to this pollution, which worsens during the dry season, said locals.

They said they can’t even use the water for irrigation, let alone for household purposes. They also said many people in these villages have been suffering from waterborne diseases.

“The Senarbadi canal was once a source of sweet water. But now we call it Kalandi [canal of black water] as its water has turned almost black due to pollution,” said Abul Kalam Bhuiyan, a member of ward No 8 of Akhaura Dakkhin union.

There are around 1,500 hectares of agricultural land in these bordering villages, which depend on the canal water for irrigation in preparation for their yearly crop.

But due to excessive presence of heavy metals and other harmful chemicals in the water, the agriculture department advises the farmers not to use the water for irrigation.

Shahana Begum, Akhaura upazila agriculture officer, said, “A couple of years ago, the Soil Resources Development Institute in Dhaka found harmful chemicals in the water. Since then, during field meetings the agriculture department often requests the farmers to not use the water.”

Akhaura Dakkhin Union Deputy

Assistant Agriculture Officer Ziaur Rahman said nitrogen levels in the canal connected to Tripura were quite high.

“Usually from December to February, the farmers of the area draw water from the canal. But many of them complained that their paddy saplings rot during irrigation,” he said.

High nitrogen levels in water used for irrigation affect plant growth and quality.

In the water body itself, it causes the growth of excess aquatic plants and algae which eventually deprive the water body of oxygen -- leading to the death of fish stocks and harming people who drink or come in contact with the contaminated water.

Akhaura UNO office sources said the toxic black water adversely impacts the environment in Sadar Dakkhin and Mugra unions of the upazila and a part of the municipality.

Md Shahnewaz, former chairman of Akhaura Dakkhin union, said people in the area are often afflicted with various skin and respiratory diseases.

Shafiqul Islam, general secretary of Import-Export Association at Akhaura land port, said, “Businessmen and people of the bordering villages have been demanding a solution to the black toxic water for long.

“But nothing has happened. Such a situation cannot continue.”

In its meeting at Pilkhana tomorrow, the Border Guard Bangladesh will raise this issue with its Indian counterpart, the Border Security Force, said BCB officials.

BCB’s Director (operations) Lt Col Fayzur Rahman told The Daily Star, “The entry of waste from India through Akhaura-Agartala ICP [check post] will also get priority in the talks as we have been trying hard to stop the inflow of such waste.”

The official said chemical waste was flowing in via the canal even though India had been claiming that it was only human waste.

34 more die, 1,792 test

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Bangladesh reported its first case on March 8 and the first death on March 18.

Among the deceased, 3,638 are men and 1,030 women.

Of the 4,668 victims, 2,335 are aged above 60 years, 1,274 between 51 and 60 years, 610 between 41 and 50 years, 280 between 31 and 40 years, 109 between 21 and 30 years, 40 between 11 and 20 years and 20 others who died are aged below 10 years.

So far, 2,258 have died in Dhaka division, 989 in Chattogram, 312 in Rajshahi, 396 in Khulna, 180 in Barishal, 210 in Sylhet, 223 in Rangpur and 100 in Mymensingh.

Across the country, 18,245 people are in isolation and 50,445 people are currently quarantined.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Global COVID-19 cases have exceeded 28 million, according to the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU).

The global case count reached 28,054,276, with a total of 908,017 deaths worldwide, CSSE data showed on Friday morning.

The United States reported the highest caseload and death toll with 6,395,904 cases and 191,753 deaths.

In terms of COVID-19 cases, India has become the second worst-hit country as it reported 4,465,863 cases while the death toll from the virus reached 72,062.

Besides, Brazil’s COVID-19 death toll surpassed 129,522 on Friday while the country’s total caseload counted 4,238,446.



World Health Organization
Bangladesh

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**The World Health Organization
United House (ground floor to 3rd Floor)
10 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka 1212**

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২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ সুপার, কক্সবাজার।
৪	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহবান	কক্সবাজার জেলা পুলিশ সদস্য সহ অন্যান্য সংস্থার সদস্যদের জন্য উন্নতমানের মত্তর ডাল/বিএসটিআই কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত ব্রান্ডের সয়াবিন তৈল ত্রয় এবং খালি বস্তা নিলামে বিক্রয়।
৫	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৬	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত	রাজস্ব খাত।
৭	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের (আদেশের) তারিখ	১০/০৯/২০২০খ্রিঃ।
৮	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	০১/১০/২০২০খ্রিঃ।
৯	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তাং ও সময়	০৪/১০/২০২০খ্রিঃ, দুপুর-১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১০	দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১০/২০২০খ্রিঃ, দুপুর-১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১১	দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন সভার তারিখ	০৪/১০/২০২০খ্রিঃ, দুপুর-১৩.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপার, কক্সবাজার এর কার্যালয়।
	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	পুলিশ সুপার, কক্সবাজার এর কার্যালয়।
	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিস	পুলিশ সুপার, কক্সবাজার এর কার্যালয়।
	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	পুলিশ সুপার, কক্সবাজার এর কার্যালয়।
১৩	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা/আবশ্যিক	ব্যাংক ড্রাফট, হাদনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিআইএনসহ আয়কর সনদপত্র, ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, ব্যাংক স্বজ্ঞততার সনদপত্র, এগ্রিকালচারাল সনদপত্র, সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, জাতীয়তা সনদপত্র, ফার্মের মালিকানা সনদপত্র।

১৪	আইটেম ভিত্তিক বিবরণ	পরিমাণ কেজি/লিটার	দরপত্রের মূল্য (টাকা) (অফেরতযোগ্য)	নিরাপত্ত জামানত (টাকা)	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময়
ক)	ছোটদানা বিশিষ্ট উন্নতমানের মত্তর ডাল।	চাহিদা মোতাবেক	৭৫০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক
খ)	বিএসটিআই কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত ব্রান্ডের সয়াবিন তৈল।	চাহিদা মোতাবেক	৭৫০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক
গ)	রেশন ষ্টোরে মজুদকৃত খালি ছোট চটের ও গ্রান্টিক বস্তা।	যেখানে নেই অবস্থায় আছে	৪০০/-	৫০,০০০/-	কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক

১৫ দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম জনাব এ বি এম মাসুদ হোসেন, বিপিএম (বার)।

১৬ দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী পুলিশ সুপার।

১৭ দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, কক্সবাজার।

১৮ দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম ফোনঃ ০৩৪১-৬৩২৭০

১৯ বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ

ক) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

খ) সরবরাহযোগ্য ডালের বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।

গ) মত্তর ডাল সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে উন্নতমানের স্বচ্ছ পলিপ্যাগে সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক প্যাকেটজাত করে সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

ঘ) দরপত্র পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন/২০০৬, পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৮ মোতাবেক শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হইবে।

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