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Top Huji leader held in Sylhet

Police claim he heads Huji's UK unit, convicted in arms case

KAILASH SARKAR

The Detective Branch of police arrested the alleged UK unit chief of outlawed Islamist outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami Bangladesh in Sylhet on Thursday 14 months after he came out of jail on a High Court bail. The DB yesterday took the Bangladesh-born British citizen, Golam Mostofa, 55, who is also an Afghan war veteran, on a four-day remand for interrogation.



Golam Mostofa

London police levelled charges of financing militant groups against Mostofa and have seized various documents relating to militancy in several drives, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque at a press briefing yesterday. "Coming out of jail on bail, Mostofa was carrying out militant activities in the country and tried to get other arrested militant leaders freed," he

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CU student murdered

BCL men go on rampage in protest; exams suspended; strike called

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong University student, who was stabbed Thursday night by a few villagers, died yesterday afternoon at Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Md Asaduzzaman, a 2nd-year BBA (Accounting) student, was an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) CU unit. Sources said Asad with severe external injuries was rushed to the CU medical centre and then transferred to the Intensive Care Unit of CMCH as his condition was deteriorating. The doctors declared him dead at 5:45pm. Meanwhile, the agitating BCL men brought out a procession carrying Asad's body and held barricade at the Probortak intersection in the city. They also called an indefinite strike on campus pressing home their demands, which include the release of arrested BCL activists.

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Jamaat's stance in '71 was impractical
Says Nizami; terms int'l crimes tribunal act a black law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami's stance on the Liberation War of Bangladesh was different since it sincerely tried to keep Pakistan united, which was impractical, party chief Motiur Rahman Nizami said yesterday. "Jamaat wanted to resolve the crisis at that time by keeping Pakistan united and we didn't try to conceal our role in 1971," Nizami said while addressing a conference of party's district chiefs at city's Al-Falah auditorium. There might be opposing

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Making money out of Baishakh festivity

BCL men arranged concerts, set up make-shift shops on DU campus

RAKIB AHAMMED

A section of Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders of Dhaka University pulled in big bucks by organising musical concerts and setting up shops on Dhaka University campus on the day of Pahela Baishakh. Chhatra League leaders arranged three musical concerts and set up around 35 shops sponsored by some private companies including two cellphone operators on Wednesday, campus sources said. They earned about Tk 10 lakh and the

money was distributed among almost all the leaders of DU unit of Chhatra League, sources in the student wing said. Of the three concerts those at Mall Chatter and in front of Arts Faculty were held without proper permission from the university administration. Hundreds of advertisements of products of three private companies on the campus tainted the traditional image of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year. Besides, a number of former leaders

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From left to right, Persona Managing Director Kaniz Almas Khan, recipient of Outstanding Woman in Business Award; Green Delta Insurance Company's Managing Director Nasir A Choudhury, recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award; Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman; Pubali Bank Managing Director Helal Ahmed Chowdhury, who received the Best Financial Institution Award on behalf of his bank; Square Pharmaceuticals Director Anjan Chowdhury, who received the Best Enterprise Award for his company; and Western Marine Shipyard Chairman Md Saiful Islam, recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award, pose for photographs at the Bangladesh Business Awards ceremony at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka last night.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Business heroes honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An award is not just a trophy. It means recognition of innovations, an inspiration that will make some local businesses confident to compete with global giants. So said the winners of Bangladesh Business Awards 2009, given by The Daily Star and DHL Express yesterday.

Stepping into the 10th year of recognising the corporate luminaries in Bangladesh, The Daily Star and DHL Express honoured three individuals and two business enterprises in five categories at a packed gala function at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka. The winners said the awards would help them deliver better towards the nation.

Pubali Bank, the country's largest private sector bank in terms of assets and network, won the prestigious 'best financial institution' award. The award celebrates the bank's efforts to take banking services to the masses through its 386 branches across the country and its role in socioeconomic, industrial and agricultural development.

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One killed in nor'wester

Season's first storm in Dhaka; crops ravaged in several dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nor'westers in Dhaka and a few other districts claimed the life of one, injured many, destroyed crops and a significant number of homes between late Thursday night and yesterday. A large number of dwellings and crops on vast tracts of land were destroyed and innumerable trees uprooted in Dhaka, Manikganj Rajshahi, and Chapainawabganj as nor'westers swept through those districts. The storms brought heavy rains in different parts of the country, which was facing a drought-like situation. Many parts of the districts plunged into darkness as electric poles fell and power lines got snapped. DHAKA One person was killed and eight others were injured at Kathalbagan in Dhaka during the nor'wester that struck the city in the wee hours of yesterday. Bricks from a 14-storey under-construction building fell on two corrugated iron sheet houses causing the death and injuries. The victim was identified as Dhanu Mian, 43, a pushcart man and a resident of Free School Street.

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