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Big haul of fake nat'l ID cards

Gang using photos collected from crooked studios, agencies to print fake cards; 2 held with 53,100 cards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths operating from Tongi had been selling fake national identity cards for the last one and a half months.

Police nabbed the duo on Friday night and seized 53,100 forged NID cards, Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam of Dhaka Metropolitan Police said yesterday.

According to police, this was so far the largest haul of forged NID cards.

The detainees, Mohammad Aminul Islam alias Mamun, 23, and Mohammad Tawfique Islam, 25, were also found possessing photographs of 36,300 people for purposes of producing the forged documents.

"The photos were obtained from unscrupulous studios and job placement agencies which receive scores of curriculum vitae," said Monirul during a press briefing at the DMP media cell.

The youths have confessed that they mainly distributed the fake NID cards via retailers selling phone SIM cards, said Inspector Abul Kalam Azad of Kadamtali Police Station.

"These retailers assist unscrupulous people to obtain SIM cards without proper authentication. These SIM cards could be used to conduct illegal activities without leaving a trace."

These fake cards sold from Tk 25 to Tk 30 each.

A police team led by Krishna Chandra Mitra, a sub-inspector of Kadamtali Police Station, caught Mamun with 4,650 fake NID cards during a raid at East Dholaipar in Kadamtali of Dhaka around 10:15pm on Friday.

"After quizzing Mamun, we raided a house on Sher-e-Bangla Road in Arichpur of

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Photographs and prints of fake national ID cards that would have been cut into shape and laminated.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Hot summer brings power cuts again

Electricity demand suddenly shoots up

STAR REPORT

The country has been left bone dry and hungry for electricity to cool off due to an alarming drop in rainfall and a mild heat wave sweeping through several districts.

The first month of Bangla new year Baishakh, beginning on April 14, ushered in no nor'westers or

rainfall in Dhaka. The Met office sees very little possibility of rain in the next three-four days in and around Dhaka. Mercury might rise even higher.

Meteorologist Abdur Rahman of Bangladesh Meteorological Department said lack of rain over the last few days was the main reason for the hot weather but it was not "unusual".

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66% less than average rain in Dhaka in March

Rain in the capital in the next few days unlikely

Power disruption despite enough electricity production

Continuous high demand for power heating up sub-stations

Phase out quick rental plants

WB suggests in report on Bangladesh

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The World Bank has recommended phasing out the quick rental power plants and stopping payment to firms out of production to ease the government's subsidy burden as it has started renewing the contracts with the firms.

"To date some contracts have been renewed on a 'no power no payment' basis, while some rental prices have come down, more should be done to reduce the cost of rental power and eventually phase it out," said the bank in its latest Bangladesh Development Update released earlier this month.

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Trying to cope with the heat wave, a chital dips in a tank inside its enclosure at Dhaka Zoo yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Hamid Mir injured in gun attack

AGENCIES

Unknown gunmen on motorbikes opened fire yesterday at a prominent Pakistani television anchor on a busy road in the southern port city of Karachi, officials said.

Hamid Mir, who hosts a popular talk-show on Geo News, was travelling to his office from the airport



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INDIAN POLLS CAMPAIGN

Modi uses Hindu migration issue

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bharatiya Janata Party's prime-ministerial candidate Narendra Modi yesterday raised the issue of "illegal migration" from Bangladesh during his election campaign and drew a distinction between Bangladeshis and Hindu Bangalees.

Addressing an election rally in Assam state's Bongaigaon, which shares a border with Bangladesh, he blamed India's ruling Congress for indulging in "vote-bank politics".

He claimed that it was due to that Bangladeshis were given importance in Assam while Hindu Bangalees, who had to flee

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Gold looted from city jewellers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robbers took away around 160 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 7.5 lakh in cash from a jewellery shop in the capital's Farmgate early yesterday.

The robbers entered Kalpana Jewellers on the first floor of Farm View Supermarket, boring a hole in the wall from an adjacent shop, Madhab Pal, owner of the shop, told The Daily Star.

He said the robbery was

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NEWS ANALYSIS

ABDUCTIONS

What the state must do

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

One is relieved at the safe return of Abu Bakar Siddique from the clutches of his captors. There is little question that frantic efforts made by his wife Syeda Rizwana Hasan, direct intervention of the prime minister in the drive for Siddique's rescue and intensive operations launched by the law enforcement and security agencies have been instrumental in saving his life.

The need for the state will now be to ensure that Siddique, his wife and children remain safe and are able to emerge from their trauma and return to normal life.

There are other worries as well. Two decades ago, rights activist Kalpana Chakma was abducted and was never heard

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MOTIVE OF ABDUCTION

Police still clueless

STAR REPORT

Police are yet to find any clue about the kidnappers or their motive behind the abduction of apparel business man Abu Bakar Siddique, who was freed on Thursday night, about 33 hours after the abduction.

Law enforcers could neither find the place where Siddique, husband of prominent environment lawyer Syeda Rizwana Hasan, was kept confined nor locate the blue microbus used in the

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

We Mourn



We are deeply shocked at the sad demise of Mr. M. A. Qasem, Founder Director of Beximco Group, who passed away on April 19, 2014 at 11.15 am at the United Hospital, Dhaka (Inna Lillahe-Wa-Inna-Il-laihe Rajeun). He was 85. He left behind his wife, three sons and one daughter.

The Board of Directors of Beximco recalls with appreciation and gratitude his contribution towards the establishment and growth of Beximco. We have no words to console his nearest and dearest ones at this moment. We extend our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the bereaved members of his family.

We pray to the Almighty Allah to grant him Jannah and salvation of the departed soul and to give the members of his family the strength to withstand the irreparable loss with courage and fortitude.

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