GONOJAGORON MANCHA, BLOGGERS' NETWORK

Imran's leadership questioned

10 students' bodies involved in mancha decide to give the platform formal democratic structure; faction of Blogger and Online Activist Network expresses "no-confidence" in its convener

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 students bodies involved in Gonojagoron Mancha have decided to reorganise the anti-war criminal platform and give it a formal structure following allegations of undemocratic practices by the mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarker.

The decision came at a meeting on Friday, attended by representatives from Chhatra Union, Chhatra Federation, and other student organisations.

Over the same allegations, some members of Blogger and Online Activist Network (BOAN), of which Imran is the convener, yesterday expressed "no-confidence" in his leadership at a press conference in Dhaka Reporters Unity and said they reorganised the network.

Blogger Atiqur Rahman, who was present at the conference, told The Daily Star that they had "relieved" Imran from the convener post because he failed to organise the network by creating a committee as he had promised a year back.

A statement of the faction reads that since February 22, 2013, BOAN members have repeatedly asked Imran to form a working committee, plan activities to eliminate confusions about bloggers, protest arrest, torture and the threat of using the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act against bloggers.

But none of the expectations were met, it said, adding that Imran was also asked to prepare a list of the early members of the network last June.

Imran said BOAN had around 100 members, who had been with BOAN since its founding towards the end of 2012, and the people including Kaniz Aklima, Animesh Rahman and Atiqur Rahman, who called the press conference, were not among them.

He, however, said there was no formal membership list of the organisation.

In fact, the official fan page of BOAN yesterday read that the press conference was not called by any BOAN members.

"Animesh and Atiqur had been involved

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Accomplices of 'master of genie' arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion has arrested two brothers for swindling money for a fraud, who claims to be a master of a genie.

A team of Rab-2 arrested Abu Mia, 22, in the capital's New Market area around 6:30pm on Friday and recovered a bKash receipt of Tk 4 lakh from him. Based on his statement, a team of Rab-13 arrested his brother, Milon Mia, 24, at Gobindaganj in Gaibandha early yesterday.

The gang of 10 people including the siblings has deceived over 100 people in different areas across the country in the last two years, Rab-2 Commanding Officer KM Azad told a press briefing yesterday at its headquarters in the capital.

Quoting Abu, the Rab official said one Azmal was the gang leader, who used to call people over the phone posing as a master of a genie.

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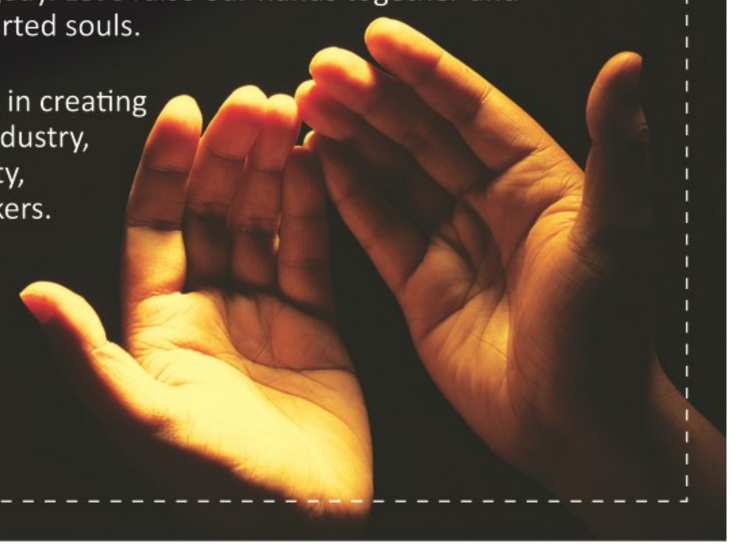

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