

# IS suspect denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected the bail petition of Samiun Rahman alias Ibn Hamdan, a Bangladeshi origin British citizen, who came here for allegedly recruiting jihadists for the Islamic State, in a case filed for conspiring to establish an IS group in Bangladesh.

The HC passed the order considering that the petition was not submitted properly before the court.

Additional Attorney General Murad Reza told the court that Samiun could not get bail since there were some serious allegations against him.

Citing from the charge sheet, he told the court that Samiun entered Bangladesh to recruit and motivate young people to join ISIS for fighting in Syria.

Samiun was made accused under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Detectives arrested him on September 28 last year in the capital's Kamalapur following information from some people arrested earlier over alleged links with militancy.



The road in front of Siddheswari University College in the capital has been in this terrible state for a month now but it seems there is no authority to address the public sufferings. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# 2 Bangladeshis die in Libya gunfight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi migrant workers were killed and two of their compatriots injured when they fell in a gunfight between two tribal groups in Libya on Tuesday evening.

The deceased were Mosleh Uddin, 30, son of Abdul Basir of Lakhai upazila in Habiganj; and Arifur Siddique, 28, of Barisal, ASM Ashraful Islam, counselor (labour) at Bangladeshi embassy in Tripoli, confirmed The Daily Star yesterday.

Saiful Islam from Sirajganj and Raja Ahmed from Tangail, who sustained bullet injuries in the incident, are now out of danger after being treated in Kufra General Hospital, Libya.

"The incident took place at 7:30pm on Tuesday when two tribes named Tebu and Tuareg were fighting to establish dominance in Al Hara, near the city of Kufra in Libya and Sudanese border," said the counselor. The Bangladeshis were reportedly working as cleaners for Kufra City Corporation, Ashraful said. The skirmish ensued when they went to Al Hara Bazaar to buy their necessities, he added.

# Two on bail up to old tricks

## Yaba smugglers again arrested with 80,000 pills in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Although they were arrested once for Yaba smuggling, they did not learn their lesson. Rab personnel yesterday again detained two members of a Yaba smuggling ring who were up to their old tricks.

Md Jakir Hossain, 26, and Jashim Uddin Rana, 35, were detained in Nimgala Bisworoad of Chittagong city with 80,000 Yaba tablets and Tk 1.5 lakh in cash. The two belong to a syndicate led by Jahidul Islam alias Alo.

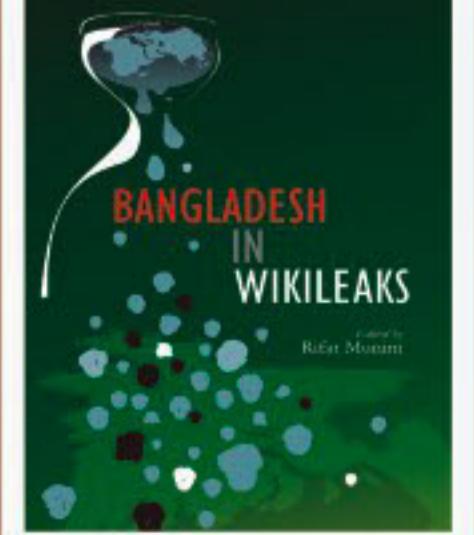
They along with other members of their gang were arrested in last December and were released on bail this May.

They were carrying the tablets hidden in the dashboard of a mini pickup van, said Sohel Mahmud, assistant director (media) of Rab-7. On December 26, 2014, Rab-7 arrested Alo and five of his associates, including the duo, with over two lakh Yaba tablets, a foreign pistol, three bullets, and Tk 19 lakh in cash in Halishahar area of Chittagong.

  
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# Climate alarm leads him to take global bicycle trip

*Daniel Price, now in Dhaka, sees Bangladesh's vulnerability worse than expected*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The alarm bell is ringing fast in the polar region. Society is far behind science. Society does not understand the urgency of the situation -- how fast the ice is melting in Antarctica.

This is the observation of Daniel Price, a scientist, who recently embarked on a global bicycle trip to raise public awareness about the impacts of climate change.

"As COP 21 is approaching, I decided to pursue a public awareness campaign. So I am cycling from Antarctica to Paris to make people aware about the situation," he said.

Dr Price completed his PhD at Canterbury, UK last year, focusing on research on techniques to monitor the Antarctic sea ice using satellites.

He talked about his journey titled "Pole to Paris", a 17,000km trip from Antarctica to Paris where the United Nations climate summit will be underway in December.

With the hope that his journey would inspire world leaders to reach an effective and significant agreement to reduce global carbon emissions, the 27 year old British scientist started off from South Pole on



"... [the world leaders] have to commit significant funding to help Bangladesh because people will be displaced and they have nowhere to go"

April 17 and reached Dhaka on July 11 travelling through Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand on his bicycle.

"When I was in Antarctica I used to think about the vulnerability of Bangladesh. So it is an incredible experience to visit Bangladesh from Antarctica," he said.

In the last two weeks, Daniel travelled many places of Bangladesh to witness first-hand the effects of climate change and how Bangladesh is adapting to global warming.

After visiting remote areas of Bholia on Wednesday, he sat for an interview with The Daily Star.

He said he visited the coastal district because he was trying to understand the situation on the ground. The only thing protecting those villages in Bholia is a two and half metre embankment, he said. "It is actually worse than what I actually thought."

Regarding the vulnerability of Bangladesh, Daniel said most people did not have education to understand what was really happening to them and why it was happening.

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# Voter list updating begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission (EC) will start the countrywide voter list update process tomorrow.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad will inaugurate the three-phase data collection for updating the list at 11:00am at Shilpkala Academy in Narsingdi town, said Director (Public Relations) of the EC SM Azaduzzaman yesterday.

Four election commissioners -- Abdul Mobarak, Abu Hafiz, Zabed Ali and Shah Nawaz -- and EC Secretary Sirazul Islam will be present at the programme, he added.

The EC will collect data of citizens born on or before January 1, 2000 during the door-to-door data collection from July 25 to September 22 this year.

Of them, only those who were born on or before January 1, 1998 will be registered as voters in 2016, while the remaining nationals in 2017 and 2018.

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# Extortionists kill man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Local thugs beat an elderly man to death as he refused to give them extortion money in Narayanganj's Siddhirganj upazila yesterday, said police.

Siraj Pathan, 65, a cellphone trader at Shimail, had been supervising the work of an under-construction building of his

brother-in-law Jakir Hossain, an expatriate in Saudi Arabia, at Mijmiji Batanpara.

Some extortionists, who had been trying to extort money from him for several days, stormed into the site and demanded money from Siraj, which triggered an altercation with them, said police and witnesses.

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PERMISSION BEFORE ARREST

Civil servants to get no special privilege under proposed act  
Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

No special privilege will be given to public officials through the proposed public servant act, so the debate over the law is unnecessary, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

The provision for seeking the government's permission to arrest a civil servant before submission of a charge sheet will be incorporated into the law so that the government can be informed about the allegation and can take necessary departmental actions against the person, he said.

The minister was talking to reporters after attending a function inaugurating a two-month training course for newly appointed assistant judges at the Judicial Administration Training Institute in Dhaka.

Anisul Huq said the Anti-Corruption Commission can file a case against a civil servant on corruption charges without any permission from the government.

The cabinet at its weekly meeting on July 13 approved the draft of the law styled "Public Service Act, 2015".

Earlier in the day, the law minister inaugurated, as chief guest, the 32nd foundation training of newly appointed assistant judges and urged them to discharge their judicial duties with honesty and sincerity to ensure justice for people in a short period of time.

JATI Director General Justice Khondker Musa Khaled presided over the function where Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal, among others, spoke.

Thirty seven assistant judges are attending the