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Six Bangladeshis charged with terror financing

Face trial in Singapore

STAR REPORT

A Singapore court yesterday charged six Bangladeshi workers with terror financing, over a month after they were arrested on the allegation of planning attacks back home to topple the government, according to media reports.

The six, aged between 26 and 34, were among the eight Bangladeshi men who the Singapore authority said were members of a group called Islamic State in Bangladesh (ISB).

Their goal was to set up an Islamic State back home and bring it under the self-declared caliphate of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), authorities said.

The six men, detained according to the Internal Security Act of Singapore (ISA), were charged with providing or collecting money for militancy under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act.

They are Rahman Mizanur, 31; Mamun Leakot Ali, 29; Miah Rubel, 26; Zaman Daulat, 34; Md Jabath Kysar Haje Norul Islam Sowdagar, 30; and Sohel Hawlader Ismail Hawlader, 29.

Through a court interpreter, five of the six said in Bangla that they intended to plead guilty, reports Reuters.

The sixth, Mamun Leakot, said he never contributed to funding any group's activities in Bangladesh.

"We just had an exchange of funds between ourselves," he said after the judge asked him about a transfer of money with another of the suspects.

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Right to left, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Indonesian President Joko Widodo, French President Francois Hollande, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, US President Barack Obama, Chad President Idriss Deby and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, among others, pose for a Group of Seven (G7) and "Outreach Partners" family photo at the G7 Summit in Shima of Mie prefecture, Japan, yesterday.

PHOTO: PTD

'Drug addict' kills schoolgirl

3 others injured as the youth attacks them with sharp weapon in Chapainawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj



Konika Rani

A schoolgirl was hacked to death and her three classmates were injured allegedly by a "drug addict" in Mohipur village of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

The dead, Konika Rani, 14, was the same village. She was a class-X student of Mohipur SM Dwimukhi High School.

The wounded are Tarin Afroz, 15, of Diar-Dhainagar village, Tanzima Khatun, 14, of Mohipur, and Moriom Akhtar, 14, of Behula village. They were undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Quoting victims' relatives and locals, Mazharul Islam, officer-in-

charge of Sadar Model Police Station, said the four girls were returning home after taking lessons from a tutor in Mohipur.

When they reached near Mohipur College around 9:15am, drug addict Abdul Malek swooped on the four and hacked them with a sharp weapon indiscriminately, leaving them seriously injured.

Locals took them to Adhunik Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared Konika dead. The three others were referred to the RMCH as their condition worsened.

Locals caught attacker Malek, 25, son of Abdul Latif of Balugaon-Diar of the same upazila, from the spot and handed him over to the police.

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Be generous to poorer nations

PM urges rich countries at G7 outreach meeting

BSS, Nagoya, Japan

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the developed countries, including the G7 nations, to be more gracious in transfer of technology, mobilising resource and building capacity of the poor countries to overcome the challenges of implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"She urged the developed nations to be more generous in transferring technology and extend their expanded assistance in resource mobilisation and capacity building in poorer countries," Foreign Secretary M Shahidul Haque told newsmen after the PM delivered her statement in the outreach meeting of the G7 Summit at Shima Kanko Hotel at Kashikojima Island here.

He said during the interaction with the leaders of major world economies on the sidelines of the G7 summit, the premier focused on Bangladesh's achievements and vision on various issues of SDGs.

"The issues she pointed out are -- quality infrastructure, health, women empowerment and climate change," Shahidul added.

She urged the world leaders to put emphasis on women in policy and politics, rights and dignity of women in society as well as health issues to achieve universal health coverage.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Press Secretary Ehsanul Karim also informed reporters about different aspects of Hasina's activities yesterday. Bangladesh Ambassador in Tokyo Rabat Fatima was present.

This was the second time since 2001 Hasina was invited to take part in the G7 outreach meeting, visibly in recognition of her capable leadership to move the country forward at

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More power sought for mobile courts

Top officials, magistrates for making courts more effective

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Judicial powers of mobile courts should be increased by amending several relevant laws to effectively maintain law and order, check crimes and safeguard public interest, a number of executive magistrates and their superiors said yesterday.

Some of the laws have ambiguities and shortcomings which should be addressed to make mobile courts more effective, they said.

The admin officials came up with the suggestions at a daylong workshop titled "Mobile Court Conduct: Public Security and Social Crimes Control" at the capital's Biam auditorium.

The Cabinet Division in association with Dhaka Divisional Commissioner's Office organised the programme around a couple of months after it asked the home

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Amendment of several laws to remove loopholes

Motivation side by side with punishment

Modern equipment for detection of adulteration

Taking expert opinion, if required, in delivering orders

Introduction of e-mobile court



A family member mourns for Konika Rani, 14, who was killed in an attack by a youth at Mohipur in Chapainawabganj yesterday. Left, Tanzima Khatun, who was injured in the same attack, is being taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR/COLLECTED

717 UPs go to polls today in 5th phase

Fear of violence remains

PRABIR BARRIA CHOWDHURY and PANKAG KARMAKAR

Some 717 unions of 45 districts will go to polls today in the fifth phase against the backdrop of deadly violence during electioneering over the last couple of weeks.

At least 20 people have been killed in poll-related violence since May 9 across the country, sparking panic among voters.

Fear of violence is particularly high at the unions where the ruling Awami League chairman candidates and its rebel aspirants are at logger-

heads over the polls.

As the rival candidates belong to the ruling party, they are desperate to secure win, even by using force. This desperation might trigger violence, said election experts.

Polls to around 725 UPs were held in the first phase, 639 UPs in second, 615 UPs in third and 703 UPs in fourth phase on March 22 and 31, April 23 and May 8. A total of 724 unions will go to polls on June 4 in the sixth and final phase.

The death toll and incidents of irregularities in the ongoing UP

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Mamata invites Hasina

Takes oath 2nd time as West Bengal CM

STAR REPORT

Just after taking oath as the chief minister of West Bengal for the second time yesterday, Mamata Banerjee invited Bangladesh's prime minister to pay a visit to Kolkata.

Mamata was sworn in at Kolkata's Red Road amid boycott of the ceremony by the Congress and the Left.

After taking her seat as the chief minister, Mamata paid a visit to Bangladesh's Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu, who was present at the oath-taking ceremony, and invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports our correspondent in Kolkata.

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