

SPs asked to go all out against militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police yesterday instructed its field-level officials to take all-out measures to dismantle militant networks across the country and prevent them from getting fresh recruits.

The superintendents of police of all the districts were given a list of 4,000 suspected militants in their areas and asked to hunt them down, say sources.

Those on the list are mostly members of banned militant outfits, including Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji), Shahadat-e Al-Hikma, Hizb ut-Tahrir and Ansarullah Bangla Team (later renamed as Ansar Al Islam).

Many of them are fugitive accused in militancy-related cases filed since 2004.

The list includes the suspected militants now out on bail and also others whose names came up during interrogation of arrested militants, the sources added.

"We have been instructed to do whatever we can to fight militancy," said the SP of a district in the northern region.

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A rickshaw painted black and yellow near the city's Gulshan-1 intersection yesterday. Only rickshaws of these two colours are now allowed on the streets of Gulshan and part of Banani area under a joint initiative by Dhaka North City Corporation and some local social welfare organisations. The move came in the wake of the recent terrorist attack at a Gulshan café. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Gulshan to get new rickshaw, bus services

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around a dozen air conditioned (AC) buses and 500 special rickshaws hit the streets of the capitals' Gulshan and Banani areas today.

The bus service will be run by private operators under the coordination of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

"Initially, around a dozen AC buses and 500 rickshaws will be introduced. The number will be increased if necessary," said DNCC Mayor Annisul Huq.

Of the buses, some will operate from Natunbazar to Kakoli while some others will ply between Police Plaza near Hatirjheel and Gulshan-2. Each passenger will have to pay Tk 15 for travelling on any of the two routes, he told The Daily Star.

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2 sisters 'went to Syria'; no trace now

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two sisters, who are said to have gone to Syria, have been out of contact with family members in Khulna since April last year.

While Saima Akter Mukta, 38, and Rabeya Akter Tumpa, 35, remain traceless, family members believe they are still in the war-torn country.

Saima's husband Saiful Islam Sujan, 40, was reportedly a top hacker of global

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Stranded for 7 months

25 Bangladeshi workers left without work, forced to stay in inhuman condition at a factory in Afghanistan

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB and ZAHANGIR SHAH

Twenty-five Bangladeshi workers have been stranded in a factory in Afghanistan for over seven months without work and salaries.

The workers at Afghan Foad Steel Mill Co Ltd have been living in miserable conditions. Strapped for cash, they hardly can meet their daily needs, let alone sending money home.

Some local workers at the factory help them manage their food. They have been asked by the factory authorities not to leave

the factory compound for security reasons.

The Bangladeshis had left home for Afghanistan on October 10 last year under the arrangement of an Indian national from West Bengal. He had pledged lucrative salaries to the workers.

The Indian who worked with some of the 25 in Dhaka had managed work visas for them from the Afghan embassy there.

"The Indian worked with us at different steel rolling mills in Dhaka for about six years. When he offered us to go to

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Gymnastics joy for Russians

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

An emotional Russian team were celebrating their podium return in the men's Olympics gymnastics team event for the first time in 16 years after a chaotic buildup to the Games.

The Russian gymnasts were only cleared to compete in Rio by governing body FIG the day before the Olympics got underway amid the fallout of accusations of state-run doping against their country.



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Keep tuition fee rise within 30pc

Education ministry asks non-govt schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Any private educational institution, wishing to hike salaries of its teachers and staff, cannot increase the monthly tuition fees of students more than 30 percent of the existing fees.

The institutions, whether they enjoy government's Monthly Pay Order (MPO) facilities or not, would also have to discuss with the guardians and consider their (financial) capabilities before raising the fees, said an education

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