

ISB planned 'jihad' from Panchagarh

Reveals document produced to Singapore court during trial of radical group's jailed chief Mizanur

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Islamic State of Bangladesh (ISB), founded in Singapore in March, planned to wage "jihad" in Bangladesh from the northern district of Panchagarh, according to a court document.

Its members discussed a timeline for attacks in Bangladesh and a list of targets including police personnel and people from Hindu, Christian and Buddhist communities.

The ultimate goal of the group was to overthrow the government and establish an Islamic State (IS)-sponsored caliphate in Bangladesh, said the document, produced in the court during the trial of ISB chief Rahman Mizanur earlier this year.

Mizanur, whose details could not be known, is now serving a five-year

jail term in Singapore for terror financing. He is one of the six Bangladeshi workers convicted of providing, collecting and possessing properties in relation to terrorism.

"To this end, it was agreed that the group would begin in Panchagarh district because of the large number of Muslims in the area, and violent action would be taken against people who did not agree with ISB's beliefs," reads the court paper.

The document didn't adequately mention why Panchagarh was chosen, but the northern region has always been a hotbed of militancy in Bangladesh.

According to the court document, ISB under the leadership of Mizanur had been planning to turn Bangladesh into a caliphate state

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Mizanur

Goal was to turn Bangladesh into a caliphate state

One Jahangir Alam in Bangladesh radicalised him

He then tried to radicalise 7 workers in Singapore



Container trailers are left on the road outside the boundary wall of Kamalapur Inland Container Depot in the city, causing traffic snarl-ups on the busy road. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

SP Babul Akter relieved of job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Superintendent of Police Babul Akter has been relieved of his job, bringing an end to confusion over his job status since he "tendered" resignation to the police headquarters three months ago.

The home ministry yesterday issued a circular in this regard, saying it took effect immediately.

"Babul Akter, additional deputy police commissioner CMP, appointed through 24th BCS (Police) (BP-7505109029), Chittagong, (Now superintendent of police and attached to the police headquarters), has been relieved of the job (police cadre) on the basis of his application," reads the circular.

The home ministry sent Babul's resignation letter to the president's office for consid-



eration in the third week of August and it was pending since then.

After "submitting" his resignation letter on June 24, Babul sent an application to the home ministry on August 9, requesting it to reinstate him in his post. The ministry sent the application, along with the resignation letter, to the president's office.

"Our honourable president has made the decision in response to a prayer of Babul Akter. And Babul has been relieved of his job," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told this correspondent yesterday.

The Daily Star tried to contact Babul over his cell phone in the evening, but found it switched off.

Talking to this correspondent around 11:30pm yesterday, Babul's father-in-law

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Damage to Sundarbans obvious Says national committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Demanding the government scrap the Rampal power plant project, green activist Sultana Kamal yesterday said they were protesting against the plant as it will damage the Sundarbans.

People who favour the plant are "driven by their own interests", she told a press conference at Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs in the capital.

"We can certainly understand who is talking in whose interest," said Sultana, also the convener of the National Committee for Saving the Sundarbans.

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DEBATE OVER RAMPAL POWER PLANT

The National Committee for Saving the Sundarbans (NCSS) yesterday responded to the answers to "10 questions" on Rampal power plant raised by Bangladeshi expatriate engineer Arshad Mansoor, senior vice president at Electric Power Research Institute, a US-based power company. Arshad raised those questions in an article published in a Bangla daily. The authorities of Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Ltd (BIFCL) replied to the questions recently. NCSS contacted several international experts about those questions and answers. The committee at a programme yesterday presented the responses from the international experts. Today we publish their responses along with those from NCSS. Italic part is the answers given by the authorities.

10 questions: authorities' answers, counter response

Question 1. Is SCR (Selective Catalyst Reactor) or some other low NOx technology being used to reduce NOx emission?

Power plant authority's answer:

Yes, BIFPCL is using an alternative proven technology to SCR for reduction of NOx emission. Maitree STPP will have low NOx emission (within the limit specified by International standards) by dint of this advanced technology adopted in boiler.

This will be achieved by controlling the combustion in such a manner that it results in low NOx generation. BIFPCL in Maitree STPP shall be utilizing French technology in the Boiler design to achieve this objective. In addition to this a low NOx

burner of proven design will be used which will further reduce the NOx generation.

Response prepared for Nation Committee for Saving Sundarbans (NCSS) by Dr. Ranajit Sahu, Ph.D, QEP, CEM, Air Pollution Control Expert and Consultant on Energy Issues with 28 years of experience:

It is simply not true that a low NOx boiler is an alternate or equivalent technology to Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) for NOx reduction. Fundamentally, low NOx emissions from coal-fired units are achieved by employing a combination of two strategies: first, NOx

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Growers put guavas on sale at Rawshanhat of Chandanaish upazila in Chittagong. Farmers in the area are happy about having a good crop this season. After buying the fruit, wholesalers send it to different districts across the country. The photo was taken last week.

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This is to notify all concerned that the "Board of Investment"-BOI and the "Privatization Commission", have been merged into the "Bangladesh Investment Development Authority"-BIDA as per BIDA Act and they ceased to function as of 1 Sept., 2016.

All activities of the erstwhile BOI and Privatization Commission are now carried out by the BIDA and all services rendered so long by the BOI and the Privatization Commission are seamlessly provided by the BIDA under a "SERVICE CONTINUITY PLAN". For detailed information on SERVICE CONTINUITY and other relevant issue, please visit BIDA website, www.bida.gov.bd

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