

He got passport

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In the machine readable passport, issued on September 10, 2014, the "militant" mentioned his father's name as Abdullah and his permanent address in Kushkhali of Satkhira sadar.

However, after initial investigation, Satkhira police found that the names and address were fake. That prompted Rab to contact the Department of Immigration and Passports in Dhaka and verify the information, said the Rab-4 CO Lutful Kabir.

He said they also communicated with the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and found that a driving licence was indeed issued in the name of Abdur Rahman. The address there was also fake.

The home ministry yesterday gave Rab the responsibility to investigate a case filed over the raid on the Ashulia building.

"We've taken charge of the case and will take the arrestees in our custody to glean information from them," the Rab CO said.

BODY HANDED OVER TO FAMILY

Mohiuddin Faruque, commander of Crime Prevention Company-3 of Rab-12, yesterday said the body of "militant" Ahsan Habib Shuvo was handed over to his father Altaf Hossain from Tangail Medical College morgue on Wednesday noon.

Ahsan, 25, along with another alleged militant, was killed during another Rab raid on a militant den in Tangail town on October 8.

Ahsan was a third-year student of English department at Rajshahi University. He had gone missing on July 15 last year. Days after Ahsan went traceless from a student mess in Boalia area, his father who hails from Raninagar in Naogaon filed a General Diary (GD) with Boalia Police Station.

The identity of the other militant could not be known. His body was kept at the same hospital.

The Rab official also said the investigation of the case was handed over to the elite force yesterday, reports our Tangail correspondent.

MILITANTS' IDENTITY

Five out of the nine suspected militants who were killed in separate raids in Gazipur on October 8 were yet to be identified.

Earlier, police disclosed the identities of three out of the seven "militants" killed in Patartek while Rab revealed identity of a "militant" who was killed along with another in Lebu Bagan area of Gazipur.

BGB detains 5

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border in Panchbibi around 4:00am and caught them before fleeing to India.

Lt Col Mostafizur Rahman, commanding officer of Joypurhat 20 BGB Battalion, said the Myanmar nationals entered Bangladesh through Teknaf of Cox's Bazar illegally and reached Koya border to flee to India.

The BGB handed them over to the police after interrogating them, said the BGB official.

Police produced the arrestees before a Joypurhat court which sent them to jail, said Ashrafal Alam, officer-in-charge of Panchbibi Police Station.

China a trusted friend

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"We are very happy and feel honored that President Xi is coming to Bangladesh. I believe that President Xi's visit will also be more important for South Asia," she told Xinhua at her official residence Gono Bhaban in Dhaka on Tuesday.

RELATIONS ARE UNDERPINNED BY 'FIVE PRINCIPLES'
Speaking highly of the Bangladesh-China ties, the prime minister pointed out that the relations between the two nations are underpinned by "the five principles of peaceful co-existence, spirit of good neighbourliness, mutual trust, confidence and non-interference into each other's internal affairs."

Hasina reaffirmed that Bangladesh strongly adheres to one-China policy and supports China on issues related to its core national interests and efforts to safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Chinese president's visit comes at a time in history when Bangladesh is about to break free from the clutches of low-level equilibrium trap and move into a brand-new frontier of investment,

industrialisation, ecological restoration and prosperity for all, according to Hasina.

"China has become our largest trading partner and we consider China as a trusted partner in realising our dreams too. China is the leading generator of many of our mega projects in terms of finance, capitalisation and technology," she said.

COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP IN ALL SECTORS

Noting that Bangladesh-China relations are now framed within a comprehensive partnership of cooperation that reaches into almost all possible sectors, she said, "We are planning to elevate the relationship to a newer height with the much-awaited visit of President Xi Jinping."

Hasina said cooperation between Bangladesh and China has gained maturity in past decades, but there are huge potentials for future expansion of the two countries' engagement in fields such as development of infrastructure and for that matter, investing in emerging sectors like ICT, agro-processing and electronics.

Hailing China-proposed Belt and

Road initiative, the prime minister said her country is now working to connect growth centres of the country with the rest of the region in South Asia and create a single economic contiguity between South Asia and Southeast Asia.

And this "would be host to greater integration with East Asia and connect the three ecosystems to the rest of the world through our seaports in the south," she added.

BANGLADESH APPRECIATES CHINESE SUPPORT

The prime minister expressed her appreciation for China's support to Bangladesh's efforts in attaining sustainable development while welcoming Chinese companies investing in the country's emerging sectors like textiles, leather, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, shipbuilding and agro-processing, among others.

"We are on the verge of launching the exclusive Economic and Industrial Zone in Chittagong that would be a landmark event in our economic, investment and trade cooperation. We would like to encourage Chinese investors to invest in these economic zones as a developer or

New NGO law worries EU

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But a parliament watch report by the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and its executive director's remarks on the role of the main opposition in the House in October last year irked lawmakers, who demanded punitive action against the TIB.

In its report, the anti-graft watchdog had pointed out a "low-level of participation" of MPs in lawmaking, question-answer sessions and discussions on important issues in the current parliament.

The TIB also called the Jatiya Party a "so-called opposition" in parliament and said it was rather working as the "B-team of the government".

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman at that time termed the main opposition's role "puppets show".

During the bill's scrutiny, the

parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry picked the issue and said it would propose inclusion of a provision in the bill for punishing offenders for making derogatory remarks on constitution and constitutional bodies.

The president yesterday also consented to five other bills, including the Zila parishad and the Supreme Court judges (leave, pension and privileges) laws, according to a release of the parliament secretariat.

EU'S CONCERN

In its press release, the EU Delegation to Bangladesh said heads of Mission of the European Union resident in Bangladesh have noted that parliament passed on October 5 the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Bill-2016.

The EU and its member states, in terms of grants, is the largest develop-

ment partner of Bangladesh. They acknowledge the role played by local and international NGOs in Bangladesh's development success story as well as the civil society's continued support for human rights, it said.

They recognise the need for regulating foreign development cooperation and welcome the intention to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism. However, they were concerned over the provision.

Heads of Mission of the EU consider that since the Bill has not yet been made into a law, their concerns could be accommodated in a manner that would allow NGOs duly supported by foreign partners to continue playing a major role in the development of Bangladesh and their freedom of expression to be preserved, said the release.

King Bhumibol of Thailand dies

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Thai television stations switched to a special announcement that began with black and white photographs of the king, before a formally dressed presenter read out the palace statement.

Bhumibol's death is a major test for the country's generals, who seized power in 2014 vowing to restore stability after a decade of political chaos, a turbulent period exacerbated by the king's declining health as jostling elites competed for power.

The military has deep links with the palace and many inside the kingdom saw the putsch as a move to ensure generals could stamp down on any instability during a succession.

It is difficult to overestimate Bhumibol's importance to most of his subjects. Backed by an intense palace-driven personality cult, he is revered as a demigod by many, seen as rising above the kingdom's notoriously fractious political scene.

It is not unusual to see Thais moved to tears when they talk of a future without him.

Officially known as King Rama IX, he descended from the Chakri dynasty which came to power in Thailand in the

late eighteenth century.

His subjects have had many years to get used to the prospect of no longer having Bhumibol -- their king has not been seen in public for months and has suffered prolonged ill health.

But his passing is still a huge shock to the nation.

His reign spanned a remarkable era in which Thailand transformed itself from an impoverished, rural nation into one of the region's most successful economies, dodging the civil wars and communist takeovers of its neighbours.

He built a reputation for criss-crossing the nation to visit the rural poor and sometimes intervened to quell key moments of political violence -- although other times he stayed silent and he approved most of the army's many coups during his reign.

Any criticism or effective republican sentiment has been erased inside Thailand by a draconian lese majeste law, use of which has surged since the military's latest takeover.

In recent years, and especially since the 2014 coup, the heir apparent Vajiralongkorn has made more frequent

public appearances inside Thailand and taken on a larger number of royal engagements.

He will inherit one of the world's richest monarchies.

During his reign Bhumibol, with his establishment allies, built up a multi-billion-dollar-empire spanning property, construction and banks under the banner of the Crown Property Bureau (CPB).

Analysts say the CPB's vast reserves allowed the crown to build a deep network among the Thai elite, helping insulate the king from the political pressures felt by monarchs who rely chiefly on state funding.

The palace's announcement that the king was gravely ill sent shudders through the stock market and pushed the baht currency to a two-month low earlier this week.

"The death of Thailand's highly-revered king will plunge the country into a state of mourning, and also deep political uncertainty," Capital Economics said in a note.

"There is a risk that political tensions flare up, triggering a slowdown in economic growth," it said. "All eyes now

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controversy may seriously damage the party.

'LIKE AN OCTOPUS'

Former businesswoman Jessica Leeds, 74, told The New York Times that Trump groped her on a flight in the early 1980s as they sat next to each other in first class.

About 45 minutes after takeoff, Trump lifted the

armrest and began grabbing her breasts and tried to put his hand up her skirt, she said.

"He was like an octopus," she told the daily. "His hands were everywhere."

"It was an assault," she added.

Rachel Crooks said she was a 22-year-old receptionist at a real estate company in Trump Tower in 2005 when she encountered Trump outside an elevator in the building one morning.

After she introduced herself, he "kissed me directly on the mouth," she told the daily.

"It was so inappropriate," Crooks added. "I was so upset that he thought I was so insignificant that he could do that."

"None of this ever took place," Trump angrily told The New York Times, calling the reporter a "disgusting human being." "I WAS STARTLED"

Among the accusations, Mindy McGilivray, now 36, alleged that Trump grabbed her at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida in early 2003, the Palm Beach Post reported on Wednesday.

"It was pretty close to the center of my b**t," she said of the incident that happened as she was working as a photographer's assistant at an event. "I was startled. I jumped."

None of the women reported the incidents to law enforcement.

The New York Times and Palm Beach Post spoke with friends and family of the women, who corroborated their accounts and knew of the incidents before the "hot mic" video was released last week.

Former Miss Utah Temple Taggart McDowell told NBC on Wednesday that Trump kissed her on the lips when she was a 21-year-old contestant in his Miss Universe beauty pageant in 1997.

Asked about last week's leaked tape, she suppressed tears, saying,

"I have a daughter now and it's really hard because you think of sending your little daughter out there with men like that who think like that."

More sordid allegations came from Miss Washington 2013, Cassandra Searles. Yahoo News reported that she had called Trump a "misogynist" in a Facebook post, and said in a comment that he had "continually grabbed my a** and invited me to his hotel room."

People Magazine also published an account late on Wednesday by a former staff writer who said Trump forced himself on her when she interviewed him in 2005.

"Trump shut the door behind us," Natasha Stoyoff wrote. "I turned around, and within seconds he was pushing me against the wall and forcing his tongue down my throat."

"CHARACTER ASSASSINATION"

The Trump campaign fired back, calling The New York Times article a political attack and demanding a retraction.

"This entire article is fiction, and for the New York Times to launch a completely false, coordinated character assassination against Mr Trump on a topic like this is dangerous," senior communications advisor Jason Miller said in a statement.

ABC News reported three senior-level sources as saying Trump is drafting a lawsuit against the newspaper for defamation.

"Your article is reckless, defamatory and constitutes libel per se," Trump lawyer Marc Kasowitz wrote in a letter to the daily.

"It is apparent from, among other things, the timing of the article, that it is nothing more than a politically-motivated effort to defeat Mr Trump's candidacy."

Truckers asked to remove illegal bumpers

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The government has asked truck operators to remove all the illegal parts, including extra bumpers, from their vehicles within the end of November for safety purposes.

The directive came during an inter-ministerial meeting at the conference room of the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges yesterday.

Most of the truck operators have "modified" the original structure of their vehicles by illegally including extra bumper, "side angle" and "hook" for carrying more weight. Such "modification" increases the risks of accidents and damages roads. So, the meeting decided that those illegal parts have to be removed within November 30.

Chaired by Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, the meeting was organised to discuss ways to prevent the operation of overloaded cargo vehicles.

The meeting, however, could not reach any decision on the maximum weight limit for six-wheeler trucks.

A committee, headed by State Minister for LGRD Moshirur Rahman Ranga, is working to set the limit. The committee will submit its report soon and the government would act upon it, said

Quader.

Prime movers or four-axle truck, having 14 wheels, are allowed to carry maximum 32 tonnes of goods.

But they will be allowed to carry maximum 42 tonnes if they add one additional axle or four more wheels, he told reporters after the meeting.

The minister then gave a six-month ultimatum to the owners to add the axle.

Prime Mover-Trailer Malik Sraniak Oikya Parishad enforced a five-day strike from September 26, protesting their "harassment by government staff in the name of controlling the operation of overloaded vehicles on highways."

They postponed the strike September 30 on assurance that the issue would be resolved. On October 4, another inter-ministerial meeting, chaired by Quader, was held but it could not reach any decision.

The owners association withdrew the strike following yesterday's meeting.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, Railways Minister Mazibul Hoque, Food Minister Qamrul Islam, Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin, senior police officials, representatives from different owners and workers associations of the road transport sector, among others, attended the meeting.

Bob Dylan wins Nobel

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This year's Nobel laurel for literature goes to a legendary musician whose name is attached with the history of the very emergence of Bangladesh as an independent nation in 1971.

Ending a two-year break, Bob Dylan made a on-stage comeback by joining the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by his friend former Beatles lead guitarist George Harrison and Indian sitar maestro Ravi Shankar.

Along with fellow artists George Harrison, Eric Clapton, Ravi Shankar, Leon Russell, Ringo Starr, Billy Preston, Ali Akbar Khan and Alla Rakha, Dylan performed at the benefit concert in New York's Madison Square Garden on August 1, 1971 in aid of the displaced refugees of the Bangladesh Liberation War, and set the model for future multi-artist rock benefits concert.

Dylan's surprise appearance at Harrison's 1971 Concert for Bangladesh attracted media coverage, reflecting that Dylan's live appearances had become rare. Harrison later described that he knew Dylan on the performers' list would guarantee sell-outs.

Dylan performed some of his greatest hit numbers: Blowin' in the Wind, A Hard Rain's-A-Gonna Fall, It Takes a Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry, Love Minus Zero/No Limit, and Just Like a Woman.

Dylan's joining the Concert for Bangladesh made the show a hit making the world aware about the genocide taking place in then East Pakistan.

Dylan's songs, such as "Blowin' in the Wind", "The Times They Are a-Changin'", "Subterranean Homesick Blues" and "Like a Rolling Stone" captured a spirit of rebellion, dissent and independence.

More than 50 years on, Dylan is still writing songs and is often on tour, performing his dense poetic lyrics, sung in a sometimes rasping voice that has been ridiculed by detractors.

Some lyrics have resonated for decades.

"Blowin' in the Wind", written in 1962, was considered one of the most eloquent folk songs of all time. "The Times They Are a-Changin'", in which Dylan told Americans "your sons and your daughters are beyond your command", was an anthem of the civil rights movement and Vietnam War protests.

Chevron mulls exit

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Chevron, which is the largest foreign investor in Bangladesh's energy sector, operates the Bibiyana, Jalalabad and Moulvibazar fields and sells all the production to state oil company Petrobangla, according to its website.

In 2015, its net daily production averaged 720 million cubic feet of natural gas, which is about one-third of the total production of Bangladesh.

It also produced 3,000 barrels of condensate, also known as natural gasoline.

The sales plan came despite the

company increased its production tenfold in the last decade.

In 2014, it announced the start of production at the Bibiyana Expansion Project involving \$500 million in investment, one of the largest foreign investment projects in Bangladesh's history.

The project, including two gas-processing trains, additional development wells and an enhanced liquids recovery facility, has a capacity of producing 300 million cubic feet of natural gas and 4,000 barrels of condensate per day. The liquid recovery

DMP to close one side

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enter Dhaka instead of using Abdullahpur route.

SPEED BUMPS REMOVED

Keeping security measures in mind and making the Chinese president's visit to the National Memorial in Savar smooth, all speed bumps from Dhaka-Nabinagar part of the Dhaka-Aricha highway have been removed.

The Roads and Highways Division removed the sleeping policemen yesterday.

Bangladesh Army's 9th Infantry Division in Savar Cantonment and Dhaka district police along with members of different intelligence agencies will provide security to the president during his visit to the National Memorial.

"We have removed 44 speed bumps from both sides of the road to make the Chinese president's visit smooth," said Ataur Rahman, executive engineer of Dhaka Road Division under the Roads and Highways Department.

He said they did it on the instruction from the Special Security Force (SSF).

Contacted, Mahbub Rahman, assistant superintendent of police at Savar Model Police Station, said Dhaka-Nabinagar highway would be off limits for vehicular movement from early morning tomorrow for the Chinese president's visit to the National Memorial.

He said Dhaka-bound vehicles would be diverted left from Nabinagar to use Ashulia-Mirpur-Beribadh road, while Nabinagar-bound vehicles would be

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