



CRACKDOWN ON

## Construction mogul busted

GK Shamim, known to be Jubo League leader, held along with 7 bodyguards; Tk 165cr FDR, 2cr in cash, 8 firearms seized

Rab members yesterday arrested SM Golam Kibria Shamim, a top government-listed contractor who is known to be a Jubo League leader, on charges of extortion and tender business.

The elite force raided his house and office in the city's Niketon in the morning and seized eight firearms, a huge amount of ammunition, Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) worth Tk 165 crore and around Tk 1.8 crore in cash, a large stash of US and Singaporean dollars and some foreign liquor, officials said.

Seven of his armed bodyguards were also arrested.

where he is seen alongside senior Awami League leaders, ministers and former and current police and Rab officials.

But Awami League and Jubo League leaders were quick to disown him.

Some central Jubo League leaders said Shamim, 50, had no post in the youth front of the ruling party. They said Shamim was in fact the vice-president of Narayanganj Awami League. But AL leaders in Narayanganj said he was a nobody in their committee.

Shafaath Hossain, marketing manager of his firm, GKB & Company (Pvt) Limited, told The Daily Star they were handling 15 big construction projects of the government at the moment involving around Tk 3,000 crore.

The projects include construction of the Rab Headquarters in Ashkona, the Revenue Building



GK Shamim, a contractor known to be a Jubo League leader, brings out bundles of money after being detained by Rab at his office in the city's Niketon yesterday. The elite force says he was held for his alleged involvement in extortion and tender business.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Jubo League expels Khaled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jubo League yesterday expelled its Dhaka South Organising Secretary Khaled Mahmud Bhuiyan, who was arrested for running a casino, for breaching the organisation's discipline and his involvement in anti-social activities, said a press release of the organisation.

The release added that the decision was made at yesterday's central committee meeting of the Jubo League, the ruling Awami League's youth wing. On Wednesday, Rab arrested Khaled

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## Everybody now disowns Shamim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SM Golam Kibria Shamim changed his political identity multiple times in the last two decades and used his political clout to expand his business as a contractor.

When Rab arrested him from his office in the capital yesterday with a huge stash of cash, fixed deposit receipts and liquor, he introduced himself as a leader of central Jubo League, the youth front of the ruling Awami League.

But the youth front said he is in no way connected with the organisation.

Talking to some media outlets yesterday, Jubo League Chairman Omar Faruk Chowdhury said Shamim does not belong to his organisation.

Mizanul Islam Mizu, education, training and library

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His firm, GKB & Company, is now handling 15 govt construction projects involving around Tk 3,000 crore. They include:

- The Rab Headquarters in Ashkona
- The Revenue Building in Agargaon
- Two 25-storey buildings at the secretariat
- The NGO Foundation in Agargaon

## DENGUE OUTBREAK 10-day survey on to ascertain Aedes density outside Dhaka

HELEMUL ALAM

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has launched a survey in seven districts to measure the density of Aedes mosquito there.

The 10-day survey, which began on Wednesday, will also help the DGHS give suggestions to the authorities to take necessary steps to destroy the breeding grounds of Aedes mosquito.

"Eight teams of Communicable Disease Control unit will conduct the survey in Satkhira, Barishal, Sirajganj, Rajshahi, Kushtia, Jashore and Khulna," said Prof Sanya Tahmina, line director of CDC unit at the DGHS.

She said the teams would work for 10 days, but the time would be extended, if needed.

Sanya said although dengue cases were reported in all 64 districts this year, they picked only seven for the survey due to a lack of manpower.

The number of dengue patients outside Dhaka has seen a sharp rise this year. In many cases, the disease was transmitted locally which was a matter of serious concern, said officials.

Although Aedes aegypti has been primarily associated with dengue fever, experts think that another species of Aedes mosquito might have

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## NID FOR ROHINGYAS

# They turn their house into fake 'EC office'

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Chattogram

Members of a syndicate were using a house in Chittagong's Hamzarbagh to make forged national identity cards for Rohingyas, police said yesterday.

Officials of Chattogram Metropolitan Police's counterterrorism unit said they raided the house in Momenbag Residential area early in the day and recovered an EC laptop and internet modems, among other devices.

Police and EC officials said the devices were being used to make dubious entries to the NID server.

Talking to the media at his office, Deputy Commissioner (counterterrorism)

Mohammed Shahidullah of the CMP said the raid was carried out based on information gleaned from Mustafa Faruk, a technical expert who lived in the house.

He said Faruk works under a temporary project of the Election Commission (EC) in Chattogram's Boalkhali. He was detained on Thursday night for his alleged involvement in the illegal syndicate.

"We came to know about Faruk's involvement in the forgery while interrogating Joynal, who has recently been arrested in a case over providing NID cards to Rohingyas," Shahidullah said, adding that two others were also held in the case filed with Kotwali Police Station on September 17.

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## Final dress rehearsal today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Chattogram leg of the ongoing T20I tri-series will come to an end with Bangladesh taking on familiar foes Afghanistan in a dead rubber at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium today.

Despite beating Afghanistan by seven wickets in their match

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