

Rab arrests 5 ‘Ansar Al Islam’ men

STAR REPORT

Rab claimed to have arrested five alleged members of banned militant group Ansar al Islam from Dhamrai in Dhaka district early yesterday.

They are: Mizanur Rahman Palash (35), Nurul Huda (44), Abdur Rashid (21), Rasel (37), and Abdul Hai (40). All of them are from Chapainawabganj.

A Rab-4 team conducted a drive in Dhuliabhita area and arrested them, Mozammel Haque, commanding officer of Rab-4, told our Savar correspondent.

During the drive, the Rab members also seized several books and leaflets on extremist ideology and mobile phone sets from their possession, said the CO. Sajedul Islam, senior assistant director of Rab-4, said the arrestees in primary interrogation admitted that they belong to the militant outfit. According to Rab, Palash, the coordinator of Chapainawabganj unit of the group, is a trader by profession. He was the admin of at least six social-media-based secret groups which propagate extremism.

He was a recruiter and fund collector, Sajedul, also a senior assistant superintendent of police, said.

A madrasa teacher, Nurul, joined the militant outfit seven years ago and became a motivator while Rashid, a mason, was an active member of the group.

Filing of a case was underway with Dhamrai Police Station against the arrestees.



A fire broke out at Meridian Chips factory in Chattogram city's Kalurghat industrial area around 5:30am yesterday. It took firefighters about five hours to douse the blaze. No casualty was reported, but materials inside the factory were incinerated.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

4 fraudsters including police constable held in Ashulia

Weapons, yaba and fake notes recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

In a drive at Ashulia on the outskirts of Dhaka on Sunday, Rab-4 detained four including a police constable on charges of robbery and extortion.

During the drive, Rab also recovered a microbus, locally made weapons, drugs, police ID card, police stickers and fake banknotes.

Jamir Uddin, acting commander and additional superintendent of Rab-4 informed the matter yesterday after filing four cases against the culprits.

The arrestees are Mominur Rahman (35), a constable of Ashulia Police Station; Hamid Uddin (32), Wahed (40) and Wajed Sheikh (23).

Rab-4 sources said, on July 25 at around 11pm, the four showed up at a pharmacy in Ashulia, displaying their locally made weapons. They identified themselves at Detective Branch (DB) Police and made the pharmacy owner Nur Uddin pay them Tk 63,000. Nur Uddin said the four also gave him death threats and demanded he pay them another Tk 50,000 the next day.

Following this, Nur Uddin filed a complaint with Rab and a team detained the four after conducting a drive at Nigar Plaza in Jamgora area. They found a white microbus that the culprits used for transportation alongside weapons, one walkie talkie, police ID card, some police stickers, one signal light, 190 yaba pills, 16 ATM cards of different banks, 12 cellphones, seven wallets, fake notes amounting to Tk 37,000 and Tk 28,815 in cash.

Rab official Jamir Uddin told The Daily Star that Rab has filed four cases and the pharmacy owner has also filed one with Ashulia Police Station. The arrestees were handed over to the police.

Rejaul Haque Dipu, officer in-charge of Ashulia Police Station confirmed that Mominur is a constable at the station. The accused were sent to a Dhaka court with remand requests.

Rabeya Khandakar passes away

CITY DESK

Rabeya Khandakar, mother of Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank Limited (EBL), passed away on July 26 at a hospital in Dhaka. She was 86, says a press release.

She had been suffering from old-age complications.

Wife of late Dr Md Ali Nawab, a professor of Dhaka University, Rabeya left behind her three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at Banani Graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after the Zohr prayers on Monday.

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We have a plan to form a board to make exams up-to-date," he added.

Zakir said extension of academic year to the February 2021 can be another alternative option.

When contacted, NAPE Director General Shah Alam told The Daily Star that they are working on to make the syllabus shortened to ensure that the students do not lose academic year.

"Exams will be held on completion of the syllabus. If we do not get any time to ensure classes we might reduce exam marks [now 100 for each subject]," he added.

At the webinar, Primary and Mass

Education Senior Secretary Akram-Al-Hossain and DPE Director General Md Fashiullah said the government is going to ensure education through radio and introduce a national toll free education hotline beside online and TV lesson, to recover academic losses.

Campaign for Popular Education Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury said the government should consider health safety of students and other issues before reopening of schools.

She also urged the government to sit with the authorities of kindergarten schools and give them interest free loan as they are facing financial hardship amid the coronavirus crisis.

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Momen said, mentioning that this week, for the first time, 50 containers loaded with FMCG cargoes and fabrics arrived in Bangladesh from India through Benapole-Petrapole rail link.

Last week, the first transshipment of goods (iron and pulses) from Kolkata to India's North-East took place though Bangladesh's Chattogram port.

Connectivity in the region will unpack numerous opportunities for the people of South Asia, said the minister.

RAILWAY COOPERATION

The handing over of these locomotives, under a grant assistance from India, fulfills an important commitment made during the visit of Sheikh Hasina to India, in October 2019, according to the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

In keeping with the requirements of Bangladesh Railway, the locomotives have been suitably modified by the Indian side, the High Commission said.

Speaking on the occasion, Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar highlighted the depth

of the time tested India-Bangladesh relations, based on mutual trust and respect.

He expressed happiness that the Covid-19 pandemic had not slowed down the pace of bilateral cooperation, and conveyed that he looked forward to more such milestones in the ongoing historic Mujib Barsho.

With 72 percent locomotives of Bangladesh Railways already crossing their economic life, the government took initiatives last year to hire locomotives from India for the first time.

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sidetrack the issue. The office told this correspondent that they inspect all the diagnostic centres and ensure that they're in line with guidelines.

DGHS Barishal divisional Director Basudeb Kumar Das said, "Applications are submitted online. After reviewing them, we go in for an inspection once the DG office issues a letter in this regard. Licences are given after the inspection."

Asked how the two incidents could have taken place if the inspection is so rigorous, the official backtracked and said it's difficult to carry out the process perfectly as there's only two doctors assigned to work as inspectors.

This correspondent spoke to owners of several diagnostic centres. They said some of the facilities did not have licences but they are in the process of renewal.

"Some of them [owners of diagnostic centres] do not follow rules and regulations. We welcome the authorities' drive against them," Liaquat Hossain, member of the board of directors of Bell View Clinic and Diagnostic Centre, told this correspondent yesterday.

Experts emphasised that the authorities must not shrug off its responsibilities in this regard.

Asked about it, Basudeb Kumar Das said, "After hearing of irregularities at some diagnostic centres, we have formed a three-member committee. The next step will be taken on the basis of their recommendations."

According to the Divisional Health Office and Civil Surgeon's Office, there are 700 diagnostic centres in the division. Among them, 128 are in the district, of which 118 are in the city.

Be part of

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The theme of the event is "Parity and Prosperity: For a Resilient Future".

Hasina said there is now one choice -- people could choose rigidity in economic and executive control or it could choose flexibility and dynamism for innovation and new ideas in the face of overwhelming obstacles.

"Probably, somewhere in the middle lies the proverbial 'golden mean'. The youth has the great opportunity to be part of this decision-making by engaging themselves with ideas and innovations to build a future which they think would be resilient and sustainable," she said.

Hasina said the Covid-19 pandemic has placed extraordinary demands on leaders everywhere -- governments, private sector, the international community and beyond.

"What leadership needs during a crisis is not a predetermined response plan but behaviors and mindsets of people involved in the process."

Terming Covid-19 crisis a watershed, she said its aftermath could see a paradigm shift in "restructuring the global economic order".

Firstly, she said, it intensifies the pre-existing signs of unease, expressed in calls for protectionism and more restrictive trade, immigration and visa policies. But it also highlights the need for global cooperation for the basic survival of humanity.

Secondly, signs and signals are clear that the Covid-19 could end up surpassing the financial crisis of 2008-2009 in economic damage. But it also opens new avenues for networked financing and wealth creation.

Thirdly, Hasina said, there has been economic intervention on a scale that has not been seen for decades.

The premier pointed that Covid-19 has also shown that vitality of the youth must be cherished.

On the Rohingya crisis, Hasina thanked the OIC and all the member states for extending their assistance

towards one of the most persecuted populations in the world.

"Despite systematic denial, we're trying to make arrangements for their safe, secure and dignified return to their motherland with the help of the international community," she said.

She said global assessment projects Bangladesh as one of the three fastest growing economies globally over the next three decades. Bangladesh is projected to become the 26th largest economy by 2030, and 23rd by 2050.

Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr Yousef Al-Othaimeen, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, State Minister for Youth and Sports Zahid Ahsan Russel, Youth and Sports Minister of Azerbaijan Azad Rahimov and President of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) Taha Ayhan also spoke on the occasion.

The launching ceremony of this event was originally scheduled to be held in Dhaka on April 12.

Families of

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Households are managing their day-to-day expenditure by taking loan, through income of other family members, support from others, and curtailing expenditure, it added.

It also said migrant households are going through different types of anxieties regarding their family members abroad while anxieties experienced by male and female migrant family members varied based on the gender of the migrant.

According to the report, female migrants experienced nonpayment of wages, increased workload, job losses and reduced communications with family. Male migrants faced challenges regarding health, mental stress and financial hardship.

The report found 100 cases of gender-based violence in migrant families during the pandemic.

The report recommended that there is need for extended cash support to the distressed families.

Addressing the e-symposium as chief guest, Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad said challenges of returnee migrant workers amid the Covid-19 pandemic are "extraordinary" and that every labour-sending country including Bangladesh is facing the challenge.

He said a series of inter-ministerial meetings on the emerging situation of migrants haven taken place.

As a result, several steps could have been taken including ensuring loan support for the returnee migrants,

their quarantine support and immediate food and cash support for overseas migrants, he added.

Kamal Uddin Ahmed, full-time member of National Human Rights Commission, said many countries repatriated migrant workers amid the pandemic which was in violation of the United Nations' call to protect everyone amid crisis.

RMMRU Chair Prof Tasneem Siddiqui said the government should announce more stimulus package for migrant workers.

Lawmaker Shameem Haider Patwary, BCSM Chair and Executive Director of RMMRU Prof CR Abrar, and BCSM Co-chair Syed Saiful Haque, among others, addressed the webinar.

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"Disclosure relating to un-audited Half-Year ended Financial Statements on June 30, 2020"

This is for information of the valued Shareholders that the Board of Directors of LankaBangla Finance Limited ("LBFL") in its 123rd meeting held on July 27, 2020 at 4.30 p.m. (by using digital platform) has approved the un-audited Half-Year year ended Financial Statements on June 30, 2020.

Summary of financial positions are as follows:

Financial Highlight	Consolidated (Tk.)		LBFL (Tk.)	
	30-06-2020	30-06-2019	30-06-2020	30-06-2019
Net Profit After Tax (million Taka)	72.94	262.91**	182.49	392.58**
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	0.15	0.50**	0.36	0.76**
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share *As on December 31, 2019	18.63	18.48*	19.68	19.52*
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	2.02	(6.62)**	0.86	(6.21)**

**IFRS 16 has been implemented in December 2019 for the whole year of 2019. In preparing the financial statements for the first half ended on June 30, 2020, comparative figures of first half 2019 have been restated as if IFRS 16 has been implemented in first half of 2019.

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