



JMB men lead 2 of 3 JMI factions

Find investigators quizzing militant

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Jama'atul Mujahideen India, the Indian wing of mainstream JMB, was divided into three factions over ideological conflicts among the leadership.

One faction is led by Salahuddin Ahmed alias Salehin, also the present ameer of the JMB. This group has a network in different states of India and its strongholds are in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The second faction is led by Jahidul Islam Mizan alias Boma Mizan, a top bomb expert of the outfit, and its strongholds are in Bardhaman. And the third one is led by Ezaj Sheikh, an Indian national, which mainly has strongholds in different districts of West Bengal.

Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) officials of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit claimed to have got the information of JMB's Indian wing from Rezaul Haque alias Reza, 37.

Reza, who was the in-charge of JMB in Bangladesh, arrested by BDU team from the capital's Badda on Saturday.

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Reza on a seven-day remand after SM Raisul Islam, an inspector of CTTC unit, produced him before the court with a 10-day remand prayer in a case filed under the anti-terrorism act with Bhatara Police Station in November last year.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Moinul Islam passed the order.

Rahmatullah Chowdhury, in-charge of BDU, told The

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A traffic jam in front of Gausia Market in the capital's New Market area as shoppers in large numbers gathered yesterday despite the restrictions on people's movement to contain the spread of Covid-19. Shops are allowed to open during the restrictions on condition that they follow the health-safety guidelines, which were hardly maintained.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



MITA HUQ 1962-2021

Voice for harmony, of melody goes silent

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Eminent Rabindra Sangeet exponent and Ekushey Padak awardee Mita Huq passed away at 6:20 yesterday morning in the capital's Bangladesh Specialized Hospital.

She was 59.

After fighting Covid-19, she had tested negative for it five days ago. However, her condition worsened and she was taken to hospital again.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and President Abdul

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UTTARA ABDUCTION

'It's pre-planned kidnapping'

Say investigators; 3 witnesses testify; victim, family hiding in fear

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The incident of abducting a man and demanding ransom for his release in the capital recently was pre-planned by the arrested elite force members, investigators said.

According to the plan, one of the arrestees hired a microbus the day before the incident. After the Rab members negotiated the ransom, they also rented an auto rickshaw to get the money from the victim's family members.

Police apprehended two Rab members when they went to pick up the ransom.

Yesterday, three witnesses, including the microbus driver and the auto rickshaw driver, made statements before a Dhaka court.

The three are: Ayub Ali, 35, driver of the auto rickshaw; Sumon Ali, 33, driver of the microbus in which the victim was kept; and Iqbal Hossain, 52, a distant uncle of the victim.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Atiqul Islam recorded their statements yesterday afternoon, court sources said.

On Thursday, police arrested three Rab members and a member of the air force for abducting and torturing Tamzid Hossain, 27, and demanding ransom for his release.

The arrestees are: Lance Corporal Dulal

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ROAD TO FREEDOM

THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

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APRIL 12, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

SITUATION IN OCCUPIED BANGLADESH

The Martial Law Authority in Dhaka announced today that government troops had destroyed all "subversive elements" in Chandpur and it promised that the lives and property of "minorities and other people" in the eastern wing of the country would be protected.

The declarations were made over the official Pakistan radio station, which called on government employees in East Pakistan to return to work. In addition, citizens in Dhaka were warned by the press and radio to take precautions in case there should be an outbreak of cholera.

The radio also reported that an army column had advanced unimpeded from Dhaka 70 miles northwest to Pabna. The troops "did not encounter any subversive or antisocial elements" on the way, the radio station said.

An Indian government spokesman said today that the Pakistani army continued to hold onto major towns and garrisons in East Pakistan, but that it had been forced by frequent ambushes to move down main roads in units of battalion size or larger.

Quoting from intelligence reports, the spokesman said although Chittagong was in army hands, the road leading north to Dhaka ran through territory was held by "insurgents" who had declared their independence from the western wing. He said the road was disrupted at several points and that ferry operators who had supported the "insurgents" had moved vessels away from crossing points. As a result, he said, supplies coming by sea from West Pakistan were being sent up the river to the town of Chandpur for unloading and conveying to Dhaka.

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Hefajat won't let madrasas be closed

MOSTAFA YOUSUF

Qawmi madrasa based organization Hefajat-e-Islam will convene Ulama Mashayek conference on May 29 at Hathazari upazila of Chattogram.

Juanyed Babunagari, amir of Hefajat-e-Islam announced the date from a press conference where he also urged government to stop mass arrest and harassment of Hefajat activist and supporters.

Babunagari warned the government not to put any barrier to hold aggregation for Tarabi prayers during Ramadan on the pretext of coronavirus. They will not put up with any decision to close Qawmi madrasa in the name lockdown.

"The aggregation for Tarabai prayers, Qawmi madrasa and mosque must be kept out the purview of lockdown. The religious people will not tolerate any move to close Qawmi madrasa on the excuse of coronavirus, he said.

However, deputy education minister Mohibul Haque Chowdhury Nowfel warned

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Scientists unearth skunk that walked among dinosaurs



REUTERS, Santiago

A fossil of a skunk-like mammal that lived during the age of dinosaurs has been discovered in Chilean Patagonia, adding further proof to recent evidence that mammals roamed that part of South America a lot earlier than previously thought.

A part of the creature's fossilized jawbone with five teeth attached were discovered close to the famous Torres del Paine national park.

Christened *Orretherium tzen*, meaning 'Beast of Five Teeth' in an amalgam of Greek and a local indigenous language, the animal is thought to have lived between 72 and 74 million years ago during the Upper Cretaceous period, at the end of the Mesozoic era, and been a herbivore.

Prior to its discovery, and the teeth of the *Magallanodon baikashkenke*, a rodent-like creature, in the same area last year, only mammals living between 38 and 46 million years ago had been found in the southernmost tip of the Americas, the team that discovered it said.

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UNION PARISHAD POLLS

Two killed as supporters of candidates clash

SUSHANTA GHOSH

Two supporters of rival Dakshin Ulania union chairperson candidates were killed in a clash in Barishal's Mehendiganj upazila early yesterday.

At least 10 people from the groups were also injured and eight houses were vandalised during the clash that took place in the union's Sultani village, said Abul Kalam, officer-in-charge of Mehendiganj Police Station.

An additional Superintendent of Police in Barishal Mohammad Shahjahan Khan led a police team to the spot to diffuse the tension, said Barishal Superintendent of Police Maruf Hossain.

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 12

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:45	4:45	6:24	7:45
JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	5:00	6:28	8:15

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