

Shadowy militant group claims latest UAE drone attack

AFP, Dubai

A little-known militant group has claimed the latest drone attack on the United Arab Emirates, raising the possibility of widening security threats after a wave of assaults from Yemeni rebels.

Alwiyat al-Waad al-Haq (True Pledge Brigades), which is believed to have ties with pro-Iran armed factions in Iraq, said it launched four drones at dawn on Wednesday

targeting the wealthy Gulf state.

"The people of the Arabian peninsula launched a strike against the state of the 'Emirates of evil'," the militant group said in a statement.

The UAE announced the interception and destruction on Wednesday of three "hostile drones", which follows three previous drone and missile attacks claimed by Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels since January 17.

Crashes claim seven

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of two students in the capital, yesterday took to the streets in Rampura area, protesting the recent death of a Rajshahi University student in a road crash.

The demonstrators also held placards urging the authorities concerned to meet their 11-point demand, including ensuring safe roads, speedy justice, and adequate

compensation for those killed in road accidents.

They will stage a sit-in in Modhya Badda area on February 11 to press home their demands, said Shohagi Samia, a student of Khilgaon Model College, who coordinated the protest programme.

[Our correspondents in Cumilla, Dinajpur and Pabna contributed to this report.]

'Honourable retreat'

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On the same day, angry protesters burnt down the office of Morning News.

A meeting of the state language action committee was held at the medical college hostel barrack on February 23. The future course of the Language Movement was discussed at the meeting. At one stage, Abul Hashim asked me, "Oli Ahad, how far do you want to go?" I replied, "honourable retreat." Our resources were limited.

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any control over it.

On February 23, some members of the action committee opined that a new committee should be formed to take the movement towards a constitutional direction.

Accordingly, Kamruddin Ahmed convened a meeting on the same day and a citizens' committee was formed. This move towards constitutionalism was nothing but an attempt to sabotage the movement.

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Pandemic shoots down labour export

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allowing foreign workers, including Bangladeshis, for public projects only, said an official.

This measure was adopted mainly in line with the Gulf country's steps taken to contain Covid-19 spread, the official said, preferring not to be named.

The official said Kuwait imposed a restriction on issuance of demand letters and it remained in force till July last year due to the pandemic. Besides, it suspended air communications with many countries, including Bangladesh.

Abul Hossain, labour welfare counsellor at the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, said they have started approving demand letters again. He expressed optimism that labour recruitment from Bangladesh would reach the pre-pandemic level soon.

An official at the Bangladesh embassy in Bahrain said the Gulf country had stopped issuing employment visas to Bangladeshis in 2018.

Although the Bahrain authorities did not specify reasons for this, they voiced concern at times over a large

number of undocumented Bangladeshi workers staying there, said the official, wishing anonymity.

"They wanted to reduce the number of undocumented Bangladeshis first before issuing new visas."

He said there were about 67,000 undocumented Bangladeshis in Bahrain in 2018. The number has now come down to about 25,000, thanks to regularisation of foreigners under the Bahrain government's initiatives.

M Tauhidul Islam, labour welfare counsellor at the Bangladesh embassy in Manama, said that they were working to resume recruitment of Bangladeshi workers.

An official of the Bangladesh mission in Brunei said the Southeast Asian country recently completed some mega projects. The job market in Brunei has now "reached saturation".

About 15,000 to 20,000 Bangladeshis live in the country now, the official said.

In Iraq, the authorities had stopped issuing employment visas to Bangladeshis in 2019, said

sources.

Although there was no official announcement in this regard, the authorities voiced concern over the "large number" of Bangladeshi workers there, they said.

According to the sources, political instability in the Arab country is another reason for the low rate of recruitment of foreign workers.

About 65,000 Bangladeshis now live in Iraq, said an official.

In Mauritius, many companies reduced their quota for foreign workers amid the pandemic, said an official at the Bangladesh mission there.

Besides, the government there has given priority to hiring locals who became jobless during the pandemic, he said.

However, a small number of Bangladeshi workers have landed jobs in the country since November last year after the resumption of air communications, the official added.

Sector insiders said the government needs to make effective diplomatic efforts and ensure an ethical recruitment process to regenerate labour markets

in those five countries.

They said the government also has to look into whether the job seekers are securing jobs as per contract.

Fakhru Islam, president of Recruiting Agencies Welfare Organisation of Bangladesh, said labour recruiting countries tend to pick workers from other countries if the number of migrant workers from a particular nation goes up significantly.

However, a manpower exporting nation can get priority over the others in such a situation through strengthening its diplomatic efforts, he said.

Fakhru said Bangladesh previously did not make much efforts in this regard compared to what it did to receive remittances from abroad.

Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Ovbashi Karmi Unnayan Programme, said labour-receiving countries are now more concerned about human trafficking.

"Once the ethical aspects in the recruitment process is ensured, Bangladesh will be able to attract the labour-receiving countries," he added.

Union member among 3 held over murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) has arrested three people, including a newly elected union member, in connection with the murder case of Farid Uddin, who was hacked to death by miscreants at Barakhewor village in Sylhet's Kanaighat upazila on January 31.

The arrestees are local union member Nazim Uddin, and his associates Kawsar Ahmed and Mostak Ahmed.

Lt Col Abdur Rahman, commanding officer of Rab 9, at a press briefing yesterday afternoon, said, "Nazim was arrested from Moulvibazar's Sherpur upazila, while his associates Kawsar and Mostak were held from different areas of Sylhet city on Thursday."

Quoting arrestees, he said, "Farid and Nazim were in two influential groups of the area and were involved in a long standing feud."

"After Nazim was elected a member in the union parishad, the feud intensified, and recently, Farid was threatened by Nazim's group."

"On January 31 around 3:00pm, two masked miscreants attacked Farid with sharp weapons while he was returning home on a motorcycle. The attackers chopped off one of his legs and left the place."

"Farid then died of excessive bleeding," the Rab official said, adding that Nazim planned the murder, and he was staying in Sylhet city.

On February 2, Farid's father filed a case with Kanaighat Police Station, accusing seven people including Nazim.

Friday rain

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Meteorologist Bazlur Rashid said the rain will stop Saturday noon but the country may face rain again after February 15 or 20.

He said the temperature reduced at day time slightly because of the cloud while the temperature will reduce at night after the rain 2 to 4 degrees Celsius.

Mild cold waves may sweep through Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions after the rain, he said.

Know your deshi

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help treat jaundice.

Its consumption can give relief to people with heart diseases. It may be used to lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

Horitoki works well as a mouthwash and may help with dental caries, bleeding gums and mouth ulcers.

Its paste when applied is found to be anti-inflammatory, and having purifying and healing capacity for wounds.

Gargling with it may provide comfort to a sore throat.

Its application may cure skin diseases, including effects of allergies on skin.

However, not much study has been done on the effects of horitoki on human health. It cannot be used instead of seeking medical help for the ailments and symptoms mentioned above. Too much of its use is also not recommended.

Forestland

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they filed a case against those involved.

"An influential local gang is causing the damage," he said, but would not give any names.

JP Dewan, UNO of Chakaria, said he joined the post only recently.

"I don't know anything as of now. But I will surely look into it," he said.

Mahbubul Islam, inspector of DoE Cox's Bazar, said they visited the spot and fined the perpetrators for extracting topsoil and damaging forestland.

Md Osman Gani, OC of Chakari Police Station, said they did not receive any complaint about destruction of the forestland.

"As I came to know about it from you, I will look into it," he added.

Deadly seven

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Of the 30 deceased, 19 were men and 11 women.

Of them, two were between 21 and 30, two 41 and 50, four 51 and 60, eight 61 and 70, ten 71 and 80, and four within 81-90, said the release.

The DGHS said among the total 28,524 Covid deaths, 12,499 occurred in Dhaka division, 5,768 in Chattogram, 2,094 in Rajshahi, 3,652 in Khulna, 963 in Barishal, 1,296 in Sylhet, 1,385 in Rangpur and 866 in Mymensingh divisions.

The Allure

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the camera. Still, watching them is delightful. With unpredictable movements and seemingly pointless frolicking, they get their food and move on. Compare that to watching a Great Egret standing on one leg waiting for a fish!

However, while you will get a good photograph of the egret nine out of ten times, the odds are much worse in the case of a little bird. But, like elsewhere in life, we run after that which is hard to get.

For the author's daily bird photos, please follow "ihitshamkabr" on Instagram.

Human chain protests acid attack on garment worker

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Residents of Manikganj brought out a human chain yesterday, protesting an incident of acid attack on a female garment worker at Dhanakora Ferajipara village of Satura upazila on January 26.

Prothom Alo Manikganj Bandhusabha organised the programme, where local social organisations Dishari and Jagarani Kishore Club were also present. Additionally, Shushasoner Jonno Nagarik (Sujan) and Pragati Lekhak Sangha took

part in the programme by expressing solidarity.

They strongly protested acid attacks on woman and demanded maximum punishment for the attacker.

The attack took place on January 26, when Naem Mallik of Manikganj Sadar threw acid at his ex-wife Sathi Akter, a garment worker in Dhaka's Dhamrai.

On Tuesday night, a team of Rab-4 arrested Naem. He was later handed over to Satura police and is now in the district jail, said police.

Won't back down

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Yet her father married her off to Rashidul Islam, a bulb seller, in 2009 when she was appearing for the ninth-grade second term examination.

"I cried a lot. But later realised that my husband was kind towards me," she said.

She thought the food crisis would be over at her in-laws' house. But they opposed her education from the start, and waged her access to food if she continued.

"They gave us a choice, either I stop my education or we leave their house. My husband took me out of his

parents' house to support me," she said, sitting at their rented house in the city's Meherchandi, where they live with their only son.

After she passed HSC in 2013, Md Shamsuddin, managing director of Barind Medical College, offered her free education

Haisya Bala's 27th death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Haisya Bala Malakar.



Haisya, mother of Dhiraj Malakar, managing director of Eastern Housing Limited, passed away on February 5, 1995.

at the college and her husband a job at the hospital.

Contacted, Md Shamsuddin, father of state minister for foreign affairs Mohammad Shahriar Alam, said his son had financed her education, with Shouli being one of 30 beneficiaries.

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Bangladesh

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The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

1. RFP/BAN/2022/004: Development of private sector engagement strategy for National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP), Bangladesh

Deadline for the submission of RFP: **14:00 hrs, 17 February 2022**

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Country Office for Bangladesh, House 1/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

No: BSMRAAU/Registrar/163/2022/Part File/OTM-05/03 Date: 05 February 2022

Ministry / Division	Ministry of Education
Procuring entity name	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU)
Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Tender Invitation For	Procurement of Satellite Communication Lab Items for BSMRAAU, Dhaka Campus.
Invitation Reference No	BSMRAAU Open Tender No: OTM-05/2021-2022
Date	05 February 2022

KEY INFORMATION

Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (National)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

Tender Last Selling Date & Time	20 February 2022; 04:00 PM (1600 Hrs)
Tender Submission Date and Time	22 February 2022; 02:30 PM (1430 Hrs)
Tender Opening Date and Time	22 February 2022; 03:00 PM (1500 Hrs)

Name & address of the office selling, receiving and opening tender document:
Registrar office, BSMRAAU, Old Airport Building, Dhaka-1215

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Eligibility of Tenderer	1. The Tenderer must possess a valid trade license, updated VAT and TAX certificate, up-to-date bank solvency and other documents as per tender document. 2. A pre bid meeting shall be held on 11:30 AM, 13 February 2022, tenderers are advised to use Covid-19 protective measures.
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Lot No.	Item Description	Quantity	Location	Tender Security	Completion Time (In days)
01	Satellite Emulation Training System	01	BSMRAAU Dhaka campus	3% of the quoted price by the bidder	90 Days for Delivery and 10 Days for Training /Installation in total 100 Days after signing of Contract
02	Signal Analyzer	01			

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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

Name Designation of Official Involving	Registrar, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University
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