

Gang of RMG thieves held

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Rapid Action Battalion claimed to have arrested four members of an inter-district gang that steals garment consignments from vans going to Chattogram port.

Besides, law enforcers recovered 457 cartons of exportable garments, worth Tk 4 crore, from Cumilla.

They also seized a covered van during a drive at Cumilla's Beltoli area on Wednesday night.

The arrestees are members of a gang led by one Md Sirajul. He was arrested in a similar drive in Narayanganj on August 14 last year, with 41 sacks and 506 cartons of garments, said Mozammel Haque, commanding officer of Rab-4, at a press conference yesterday. Sirajul got out of jail three months ago on bail and again started stealing the items.

On information, a Rab team launched the latest drive and arrested the four - Md Himel alias Dulal, Abul Kalam, Mohsin Ali alias Babu, and Md Al Amin.

Three to four other gang members managed to flee, he added.

"The arrestees admitted that sometimes, they loot whole covered vans full of exportable garments," claimed Mozammel.

Narrating the gang's strategy, the official said the criminals first build rapport with covered-van drivers. Then they convince the drivers to be part of the plan, saying that money would be shared among everyone.

The persuaded drivers then park their vans in a secluded area on Dhaka-Chattogram highway, as instructed by the gang. After that, the criminals take apart the vans' side, without damaging the padlock, and steal cartons of goods.

After taking the goods out, they again seal the cartons, filling them with jute and garment by-products, and put them back into the vans. Finally, they fix the side and send the vehicles to their destination. They do this so that weight machines at the port cannot detect the theft.

Later on, the criminals sell the goods in the local market quickly, as the demand for exportable garments is high, Mozammel added.

Long-awaited Workers bear

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The statement was signed by rights activists Sultana Kamal, Dr Hameeda Hossain and Khushi Kabir, Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh. Dr Iftekharuzzaman, DU Prof Dr Abul Barkat, Manusher Jono Foundation's Executive Director Shaheen Anam, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association's Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan, veteran rights lawyer Barrister Sara Hossain and Advocate ZI Khan Panna, Executive Director of Research Initiatives, Bangladesh Dr Meghna Guhathakurta, Executive Director of ALRD Shamsul Huda, and others.

Smart card

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Later, the project was revised. The extension line up to Kamalapur took up the project cost to Tk 33,472 crore, and deadline was extended till December 2025. Once completed, the metro will be able to carry 60,000 passengers per hour, reducing travel time from Uttara to Motijheel to below 40 minutes, from the current two hours.

The estimated time would change if the extension from Motijheel to Kamalapur is included.

573 workers

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markets for Bangladesh. Starting from 1978, Malaysia has so far hired about 10.57 lakh workers from Bangladesh.

As per the MoU, Malaysia is entitled to select Bangladeshi recruiting agencies, whereas, the Bangladesh expatriates' welfare ministry will give recruitment approval to agencies based on their submissions of documents for sending workers abroad.

According to the Malaysian government's new salary structure, migrant workers are expected to get a salary of at least 1,500 Malaysian ringgit per month.

In addition, they will be entitled to other benefits including overtime and accommodation.

According to BMET's latest data, 92,908 migrant workers have gone overseas in August for employment, which is an increase from 75,499 overseas employment in July.

In August, the highest 47,033 migrant workers have gone to Saudi Arabia, followed by 19,764 workers to Oman, 6,857 workers to Singapore, and 6,700 workers to the UAE. Kuwait rounds up the top five destination countries in August by intaking 2,730 workers.

In the first eight months of this year, about 7.83 lakh migrant workers have gone overseas for employment, says BMET data.

UGC declares

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closure of America Bangladesh University in 2006 due to its failure to comply with the conditions of the temporary permit and ensure quality education. The university authorities filed a petition with the HC against the order and continued its activities acquiring a stay order.

Govt won't

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He said the government will not tolerate any oppression on journalists and would definitely take action if they file any complaint.

"We would install a complaint box at sub-registrar offices within a month to tackle corruption and irregularities there," Anisul said.

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Contacted, the factory's general manager Abdul Hakim said the TGTDC authorities stopped supplying natural gas to JFCL without any prior notice.

"We have repeatedly asked Petro Bangla to resume gas supply to JFCL. But we did not get any reply to our letters," he said.

"Besides, the government has increased the price of natural gas. As a result, we will have to pay Tk 30 crore more per month," he added.

According to the factory authorities, it has the capacity to produce around 1,700 to 1,750 tonnes of urea daily, which can easily meet the demand of farmers in 20 districts.

If the factory's production is not resumed, farmers of these 20 districts, mostly in the northern region, will face

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a severe crisis of fertilisers, said Abdullah Al Mamun, agriculture officer of Sarishabari Upazila.

Meanwhile, the factory workers have been demonstrating demand for the resumption of gas supply and the factory's operation.

"Thousands of workers are in severe financial crisis due to the closure of the factory. The factory is also terminating workers amid all these," said Moazzem, a worker leader.

A Titas official, requesting anonymity, said the gas suspension at the fertiliser factories is a decision taken by the government. "If the government could increase the gas supply then it will be possible to supply gas to the company," he said.

This correspondent could not reach Titas MD Md Haronur Rashid Mullah over the phone despite repeated attempts.

Govt reconstitutes

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Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh Md Abdur Sabur, DU law department professor Salim Mahmud, Hasumonir Pathshala president Marufa Akhtar Poppy, Mahila Samity member Israt Jahan Nasreen, and Social Improvement Society executive director Mihir Kanti Ghoshal.

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IN MEMORY OF MR. A. S. H. K. SADIQUE



Today September 09, 2022, we remember again, our beloved father who departed this world in 2007. His memories linger on forever in our heart and in our prayers. He was a dedicated public servant and had served as a MP of Keshabpur, Jashore and Minister of Education, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. May Allah grant him eternal peace.

On this occasion, we request all his relatives, friends, colleagues and acquaintances to remember his departed soul in their prayers.

Tanvir Jamal Sadique
Naureen Sadique

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR HIRING SUB-AWARDEE.

Tender Ref. icddr/b/G&F/OTM/2022/001

Date: 9th September 2022

icddr,b is implementing "Prioritized HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for Key Populations in Bangladesh" project under the funding of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). icddr,b is inviting sealed proposals from interested organizations (private organization, trust, foundation, private media house/agency, nongovernment organizations, community-based organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, must be legally registered under the laws of Bangladesh) with a proven experience and also fulfill the criteria mentioned in the RFP for selection of sub-recipient. The RFP document contains all the necessary information for interested offerors. With the most proficient offeror, icddr,b will sign an agreement for the currently established scope.

Interested participants can download the RFP documents from the web address below with the title "Prioritized HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for Key Populations in Bangladesh"

<https://www.icddr.org/work-with-us/tender-notices>

Pre-bid meeting will be held on **September 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM BST on Microsoft Teams**. Please see the bid documents for details of location and contact.

Offerors shall submit their offers through hard copy in designated place as mentioned in the RFP document. Offers must be received no later than **2 October 2022 at 2:00 PM BST**. Please note that bid opening session will not be conducted as a public opening.

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