

Four ARSA
men heldSTAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Cox's Bazar

Rab yesterday arrested four members of Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), including one of its top commanders, from a Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar's Ukhiya.

On information, a Rab-15 team raided Camp-20 Extension Block-5 of Ghonarpara area and arrested Md Karim Ullah alias Master Kalim Ullah, 32; Md Akiz, 27; Mohammad Zubair, 29; and Saber Hossain alias Moulvi Saber, 35, said Lt Col HM Sajjad Hossain, commander of Rab-15 in Cox's Bazar.

A foreign pistol, a LG (gun), seven crude bombs, and six rounds of ammunition were also recovered from their possession, he added.

Karim Ullah is one of the commanders of ARSA in Bangladesh and also head of its finance branch, while Akiz is a bodyguard of Arsa chief Ataulah Jununi, said the Rab official.

The arrestees, accused of murder, kidnapping, extortion, among other charges, will be handed over to Ukhiya Police Station, he also said.

A total 103 ARSA terrorists have been arrested from the camp in the past one year, while 60 local and foreign weapons, more than 52 kg of explosives, and a large cache of ammunition were recovered from them, Lt Col Sajjad added.

COFFEE CULTIVATION IN MOULVIBAZAR

Farmers keen as yield shows promise

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Owing to its worldwide popularity, farmers have taken up coffee cultivation in the hilly terrains of Moulvibazar Sadar's Giasnagar union.

While many opted to coffee cultivation experimentally, Abdul Mannan and Humayun Kabir started cultivating it commercially on vacant lands in 2019.

During a recent visit to the upazila's Akbarpur village, this correspondent saw Abdul's orchard covered in coffee saplings – both native and foreign varieties.

Planting 500 saplings, brought from Akbarpur Regional Agricultural Research Center for Tk 10 each, 300 more complimentary saplings were provided to him by the government.

However, this orchard now has 700 plants of the Arabica and Robusta varieties, while a hundred of them died in phases, said Abdul.

Alongside his initial investment of Tk 4 lakh, he has to employ a couple of workers a monthly wage of Tk 8,000 each. Other costs, including pesticides and fertilisers, round up to Tk 10,000-15,000, annually, he mentioned.

"I have already collected 30 kg of fruits and plan to pick another 20 kg in the next few days. However, I am still waiting to have a processing machine, a resource I have requested from the agriculture department," he added.

Coffee farmer Humayun Kabir of Bortala village is also spending his days in hope as his Arabica and Robusta varieties have started yielding.

"I planted coffee saplings on my



five-acre land, hoping to reduce import of the crop and fuel its local production. The climate and soil of this region is suitable for the crop and thus, our prospects look good," he said.

Seeing their success, many others in the region, including Mujahid Mia, is now thinking of taking up this crop.

"Upon support from the agricultural department, I wish to cultivate coffee if it won't hamper the yield or growth of my main crops," he said.

According to Akbarpur Regional Agricultural Research Centre, research and expansion projects are being implemented under the

agriculture ministry's supervision to expanding coffee plantations across the district.

Planted on barren fallow lands, coffee takes about 2-3 years to bloom and can live up to 60 years. This makes it a considerable option for local farmers, said Samsuddin Ahmad, deputy director of DAE in Moulvibazar.

"Abdul is hardworking and is keen on advancement. His nag for technology further adds to his merits as a changemaker. We intend to lead by his example and will continue aiding his endeavours," said Nilufar Yasmin Monalisa Sweetey, additional deputy director of DAE in Moulvibazar.

CHILD PROTECTION
Govt, Unicef
recruit 1,200
social workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government in collaboration with Unicef has recruited more than 1,200 social workers in child protection services, said a press release of the Unicef.

A 3-day orientation training of trainers in Dhaka for the social workers, organised by the Department of Social Services and Unicef, concluded yesterday.

Addressing the event, Social Welfare Minister Dipu Moni said, "The recruitment of the new batch... is a testament to our commitment towards enhancing child protection system."

Charles Whiteley, EU Ambassador to Bangladesh; and Sheldon Yett, Unicef Representative to Bangladesh, also spoke.

Five members of
robber gang held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Posing as personnel of police's Detective Branch (DB), a robber gang was targeting people employed in different financial institutions in the capital's Motijheel area during Ramadan.

Following a month-long robbery, they were planning to return home during Eid with the looted money.

The gang even took shelter in a residential hotel in Moghbazar area to implement the plan.

However, their plan failed, as the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday claimed to have arrested five members of the gang from Motijheel and neighbouring areas of the capital.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (DB) of DMP, disclosed the arrest while addressing the media at his office in the capital's Minto Road.

The arrestees are Deen Islam, Md Sabuj, Sifat Islam Rajib, Mazharul Islam alias Mikel, and Abdus Salam Howlader.

On March 6, posing as DB personnel, the robbers waylaid Shahadat Hossain, manager of a law firm and IT association in Motijheel, on his way to a local bank's branch, forced him inside a microbus, and robbed Tk 71 lakh from him before dropping him in Narayanganj in an unconscious state, said Harun.

DB's Cyber and Special Crime Division (north) conducted a special drive and arrested the five on March 11 after Shahadat filed a case with Motijheel

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Finance Division, Ministry of Finance
Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS)
Scheme on Improvement of Public Financial Services Delivery through Implementation of BACS and iBAS++
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Invitation for e-Tender
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following:

Sl. No.	Tender ID, Reference No.	Procurement Nature, Title	Type, method	Publishing date, closing date
1.	959484, 07.00.0000.000.07.347.24-566	Goods, Supply, installation, commissioning and testing of IT Security Solution (PAM) and Related Support Services for iBAS++ Scheme.	NCT, OTM	14-Mar-2024 15:00:00 31-Mar-2024 14:45:00
2.	959356, 07.00.0000.000.07.349.24-565	Goods, Supply, installation, commissioning and testing of SOC & NOC Establishment Software and Related Support Services for iBAS++ Scheme.	NCT, OTM	14-Mar-2024 15:00:00 31-Mar-2024 15:00:00
3.	959356, 07.00.0000.000.07.348.24-564	Goods, Supply, installation, commissioning and testing of VA Tool (Nessus Expert) and Related Support Services for iBAS++ Scheme.	NCT, OTM	14-Mar-2024 15:00:00 31-Mar-2024 15:15:00
4.	957117, 07.00.0000.000.07.340.24-567	Procurement of Office Equipment for BACS & iBAS++ Scheme.	NCT, OTM	14-Mar-2024 18:00:00 31-Mar-2024 14:50:00

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Mohammad Saiful Islam
National Program Director

Russia proposes
Dhaka-Moscow
direct flights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Russia has expressed an interest in starting direct flights between Dhaka and Moscow so that tourists from both countries can easily travel between the two countries.

Alexander Mantyskiy, Russian ambassador to Bangladesh, expressed this interest during a meeting yesterday with Civil Aviation Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan at the Secretariat.

The Russian envoy also expressed interest in becoming a development partner for Bangladesh's aviation industry.

"If the number of Russian tourists in Bangladesh increases, it will contribute to the development of tourism industry and strengthen the friendship between the two countries," said Alexander.

The ambassador also said Russia is keen to provide any kind of assistance to Bangladesh's growing aviation industry, including technical assistance.

Faruk Khan said, "We sincerely welcome the desire of a friendly country like Russia to become a development partner in the aviation industry of Bangladesh and the interest of launching Dhaka-Moscow direct flights."

In this regard, a decision will be taken subject to discussions between the relevant authorities of the two countries.

Biman to

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professor from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University will serve as external members of the committee.

The Biman MD said the committee will submit a report to him with their recommendations soon.

According to Biman insiders, Biman has a plan to increase its fleet size to 45 aircraft from the existing 21 by 2031 to generate more revenue.

Earlier in September during the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron, Bangladesh had committed to buying 10 new A350 airplanes from Airbus as the two countries forge a new strategic partnership.

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud in January had said Bangladesh will buy 10 planes from Airbus when the country's economy permits.

In May, 2013, Dhaka and London signed a joint communique to establish an "Aviation Partnership" for necessary cooperation in developing Bangladesh's aviation sector, including the purchase of passenger and cargo aircraft from Airbus.

Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of The Director
Chittagong Medical College Hospital
www.cmch.gov.bd

Memo No: CMCH//Tender/ e-Gp/2023-24/3042 Date: 14-03-2024

Invitation for e-GP Tender

This is an online tender, where only e-tenders will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact support desk contract numbers. e-Tender are invited in e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan, Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chattogram for the Procurement of:

Sl. No.	Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/ Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal Closing & Opening Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal Opening Date & Time
1	962636	Procurement of Ultrasound & Color Doppler system for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
2	962637	Procurement of Anesthesia Machine with ventilator for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
3	962638	Procurement of Diathermy Machine for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
4	962639	Procurement of LED OT Light for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
5	962640	Procurement of Central Monitoring System For 10 Monitors for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
6	962641	Procurement of Arthroscopy Accessories for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
7	959332	Procurement of Autoclave Machine (Capacity 600 Liter & above) for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
8	962293	Procurement of Electric Sucker Machine with all standard accessories for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
9	959336	Procurement of Wall oxygen outlet, Nitrous oxide, Air outlet, Vacuum outlet, Line valve, Pipe line repair & maintenance in neurosurgery OT& Orthopedic OT for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
10	959337	Procurement of Central Oxygen, Medical air plant & Vacuum plant, Nitrous oxide manifold system repair & maintenance for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
11	962713	Procurement of ECG Machine (12 Channel) for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00
12	961973	Procurement of Liveries for the fiscal year 2023-24	31-March-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00	01-April-2024 14:00

For pursuer e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). e-tender will be accepted only as stated in above list, accepted tenders will be opened online as

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Operating Superintendent (East)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.

INVITATION FOR TENDER (RE-TENDER)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Railway's
2	Agency	Bangladesh Railway.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Operating Superintendent (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
4	Invitation for the Service's	
	Package No	Name of the Service's
	(i) NCS-1	(i) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-1)
	(ii) NCS-2	(ii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-2)
	(iii) NCS-3	(iii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-3)
	(iv) NCS-4	(iv) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-4)
	(v) NCS-5	(v) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-5)
	(vi) NCS-6	(vi) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.(Package-6)
5	Invitation for Tender no.	54.01.1500.108.04.187.24
6	Invitation reference No & date	(i) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(1).22, Date : 20-11-2023 (ii) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(2).22, Date : 20-11-2023 (iii) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(3).22, Date : 20-11-2023 (iv) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(4).22, Date : 20-11-2023 (v) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(5).22, Date : 20-11-2023 (vi) 54.01.1500.108.04.187(6).22, Date : 20-11-2023
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelop Method (OSTEM)
8	Tender publication date	14-03-2024
9	Budget and Source of fund	GOB Revenue.
10	Period and last date for selling of Tender Document	On all office days within working hour from 9-00 hrs. to 16-00 hrs. from the date of advertisement of the tender notice up to 27-03-2024
11	Time for submission of tender	Up to 11:00 hrs. on 27-03-2024
12	Time for opening of tender	At 11:30 hrs. on 27-03-2024
13	a. Name and address of the selling tender document (Principal)	Chief Operating Superintendent(East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
	b. Name and address of the selling tender document (Others)	(i) Office of Divisional Traffic Officer, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka. (ii) Office of Divisional Traffic Officer, Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram.
	c. Name & Address of the receiving Tender document.	Office of Chief Operating Superintendent(East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
	d. Name & Address of the Opening Tender document.	Office of Chief Operating Superintendent(East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDER		
14	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) Tenderer eligible to provided service according to PPA/2006 & PPR/2008 and other relevant laws of Bangladesh. (ii) Tenderer must have valid license from Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments for Manpower Supply. (iii) Other qualifications are stated in the tender document.
15	Brief description of the Service's	(i) NCS-1: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka. (ii) NCS-2: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka. (iii) NCS-3: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka. (iv) NCS-4: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka. (v) NCS-5: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka. (vi) NCS-6: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labour service for point operation, train formation, train shunting, other station and yard activities under Divisional Traffic Officer, Dhaka.
16	Price of tender document's (Taka)	Tk. 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only for each package Tender document (Nonrefundable).
17	Package No.	Identification of Package Location Tender security Amount (Taka) Completion time in months
	(i) NCS-1	(i) Dhaka (i) Tk. 1,26,200/-only (i) 06(Six)
	(ii) NCS-2	(ii) Dhaka (ii) Tk. 1,26,200/-only (ii) 06(Six)
	(iii) NCS-3	(iii) Dhaka (iii) Tk.79,500/-only (iii) 06(Six)
	(iv) NCS-4	(iv) Dhaka (iv) Tk.77,200/-only (iv) 06(Six)
	(v) NCS-5	(v) Dhaka (v) Tk.77,200/-only (v) 06(Six)
	(vi) NCS-6	(vi) Dhaka (vi) Tk.1,15,700/-only (vi) 06(Six)
		(In the form of Pay order/Bank draft with MICR shall be submitted in favor of FA & CAO/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram).
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
18	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shahidul Islam.
19	Designation of Official invitation Tender.	Chief Operating Superintendent(East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
20	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Chief Operating Superintendent(East), Room no. 106, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
21	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile : 01711-506109 e-mail : copse@railway.gov.bd
22	The procuring entity reserve the right to accept or reject all tender or part thereof.	
23	Special instruction	(A) If the office remains close on the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping and opening of the tender, the next following working day shall be deemed as the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping & opening of the tender respectively. (B) Bank Guarantee is not acceptable as tender security. (C) Tenderer may collect tender document from the place stated in 13(a) and (b) may submit it of the places stated in 13(c) of the notice.

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(Md. Shahidul Islam)
Chief Operating Superintendent(East)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.