

Syed Wasiful Islam made new Tabligh chief in Bangladesh

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Syed Wasiful Islam has been appointed the new ameer of Tabligh Jamaat Bangladesh. The announcement was made yesterday at the Indonesia Ijtima by the World Ameer of Tabligh Jamaat, Maulana Saad Kandhalvi during the global "Alami Mashwara", according to a press release signed by the organisation's media coordinator Md Sayem and sent from Jakarta.

According to the decision, Bangladesh's current Shura member Prof Yunus Sikder will continue serving on the Shura under the new leadership, the release said, adding that Maulana Monir bin Yusuf of Kairail and Hafiz Ojullah have been included in the Shura to assist the newly appointed ameer.

The appointment of Syed Wasiful Islam has sparked widespread joy among the members of Tabligh Jamaat in Bangladesh, the release said, noting that he has been a senior elder (murabbi) and a member of the Ahle Shura of Tabligh Jamaat Bangladesh since 1999.

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Workers bringing timber to the "bhashoman kaather haat" (floating wood market) in Pirojpur's Nesarabad upazila, a traditional river-based timber hub in the Kathmal area of the Sandhya River. From here, traders supply wood to different parts of the country, including Dhaka. Labourers earn around Tk 800-Tk 1,000 for a full day's work from morning till evening.

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Two shot dead at Khulna court gate

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a case, but the case has not yet been lodged."

Shamim Uz Zaman, a physician of the KMCH's emergency department, told The Daily Star that one of the deceased was brought dead shortly after 1:00pm. "He had two bullet wounds – one in the chest and another in the head."

Witness Alauddin, who along with others took Rajon to KMCH, said the assailants arrived on two to three motorcycles and suddenly opened fire.

"I was standing right beside Rajon's

motorcycle. The attackers shot and stabbed him with sharp weapons. They also attacked two others..."

CCTV footage from the court premises shows several men firing shots. After one collapses, an attacker hits him with a sharp weapon.

Moments later, on-duty police personnel and locals are seen chasing the attackers.

Talking to this newspaper, Babul Hawlader, member secretary of Khulna Nagarik Samaj, said, "... The police superintendent's office is just 300 feet away, the DC office is nearby, and the entire court area is always

crowded. If killings like this take place here, where is public safety? This incident shows how alarming Khulna's law-and-order situation has become."

Asked who might be involved, Sudarshan Kumar Ray, deputy commissioner (south) of Khulna Metropolitan Police, said, "We have found some initial clues. We are collecting more CCTV footage."

He added that Hasib's body, which his family took home after the incident, was later taken by police and sent to the KMC morgue for an autopsy.

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