Boro Sazzad's aide held over extortion demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Police arrested an alleged associate of listed fugitive criminal Boro Sazzad in Narayanganj on Friday night over accusations of demanding Tk 50 lakh in extortion from a businessman in Chattogram in August.

The arrestee, Sabbir Hossain, alias Sunny, 36, hails from Satkhira and had been living in the port city's Hamzarbagh for years.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Chattogram district Detective Branch arrested him from Siddhirganj, Chattogram Superintendent of Police Masud Alam said in a press release yesterday.

Police said Sabbir was an associate of Sazzad Ali, alias Boro Sazzad, who is absconding abroad and allegedly controls criminal activities, including murder, shootings and extortion, in Chattogram through his associates.

Two cases have been filed against Sabbir with Panchlaish and Hathazari police stations. Police said he had extorted money from several people, but most victims did not file complaints out of fear.



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Artistes perform at a cultural programme organised by the Mymensingh chapter of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad yesterday to mark the centenary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Mymensingh in 1926.

MALAYSIA-BOUND WORKERS

Medical test fee fixed at Tk 8,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has fixed the medical examination fee for Malaysia-bound workers at Tk 8,000, warning medical centres against overcharging or harassing jobseekers as medical tests began yesterday following the reopening of the labour market.

The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment said workers could undergo medical tests at any authorised centre, regardless of which recruiting agency was processing their employment. No medical centre would be allowed to operate under the exclusive control of any recruiting agency.

The ministry also barred recruiting agencies from obstructing workers wishing to switch agencies after obtaining medical slips.

The ministry clarified that obtaining a MiGRAMS slip requires no fee.

MiGRAMS, or Migrant Management System, is an online platform developed by Malaysian company Bestinet to manage foreign worker recruitment. Linked to Malaysia's Foreign Workers Centralised Management System (FWCMS), it facilitates worker registration and medical screening.

Workers facing overcharging, harassment or unnecessary delays at medical centres have been asked to lodge complaints at secretary@probashi.gov.bd.

The ministry said medical centres would be regularly monitored and inspected, warning of strict legal action against those involved in irregularities.

NOAKHALI TEXTILE ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Teacher shortage, poor facilities disrupt classes

ANWARUL HAIDAR, *Noakhali*

Academic activities at Noakhali Textile Engineering College have long been disrupted by an acute teacher shortage and dilapidated infrastructure, leaving students struggling to receive quality education.

Of the college's 35 sanctioned teaching posts, 18 have remained vacant for years, forcing the authorities to hire guest lecturers from Noakhali Science and Technology University to keep classes running.

Eight of the 11 administrative and technical posts are also vacant.

Students said irregular classes, inadequate residential facilities and poor infrastructure have severely affected their studies. They urged the authorities to address the problems immediately.

The college's academic and administrative activities are conducted in a building constructed in 1960, which is now in a precarious condition.

A faculty member, requesting anonymity, said rainwater leaks through the ceiling, while plaster frequently peels off the walls and ceiling.

There is no dormitory for male students, while the lone female dormitory lacks basic amenities and has limited capacity. The college bus remains idle due to the absence of a driver, and there are no staff quarters.

Pushpita Majumder, a student, said classes are not held regularly due to the teacher shortage. "Some classes are run with guest faculty, leaving us deprived of proper education."

"The only female dormitory on campus accommodates only 65 girls in overcrowded conditions, forcing the rest to manage accommodation outside campus," she added.

Another student, SM Moaj, said, "Since there is no residential hall for male students, we have to rent accommodation outside at high costs."

"Crucial subjects like Mathematics and Computer Programming do not have assigned teachers. Temporary teachers are brought in for some classes, but it offers little practical benefit," he added.

Khalid Hasan, a first-year student, said the campus also lacks sports and recreational facilities.

College Principal Md Abdur Rokib acknowledged the problems. "We have written to the higher authorities requesting recruitment of teachers and construction of a new infrastructure," he said.

Established in 1918 as a Weaving School, the institution was upgraded to a Textile Institute in 1994. It began offering degree courses in 2006 as a Textile Engineering College affiliated with the University of Chittagong under the Ministry of Textiles and Jute. It came under Bangladesh University of Textiles in 2013.

The college currently has 553 students, including 435 male and 118 female, enrolled in four-year BSc programmes in Yarn Engineering, Fabric Engineering, Wet Process Engineering and Apparel Engineering.



PHOTO: STAR

The college's academic building, constructed in 1960, is in a dilapidated condition.

Harun, 7 other cops dismissed from service

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has dismissed seven police officers, including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police additional commissioner Mohammad Harun-or-Rashid, and sent another into compulsory retirement over prolonged unauthorised absence, defiance of official orders and misconduct.

The disciplinary actions were taken following departmental inquiries, recommendations from the Bangladesh Public Service Commission and approval from the president, according to home ministry notifications.

The six officers are former additional DIG Shyamal Kumar Mukherjee, former DIG Md Anisur Rahman, former assistant police commissioners Farhana Taskin and Md Moniruzzaman Sarkar, former additional superintendent of Police SM Jahangir Hasan and former Laxmipur SP Tarek Bin Rashid.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Kazi Mizanur Rahman has been sent into compulsory retirement.

According to a notification yesterday, Harun, who was also the former DB chief of DMP, was dismissed for remaining absent from his workplace without permission for an extended period.

The notification, signed by Senior Secretary Manzur Morshed Chowdhury of the home ministry's Discipline-1 branch, said his dismissal would take effect retrospectively from August 6, 2024.

The government treated his unauthorised absence as "desertion" under the applicable service rules.

Harun was serving as DMP additional commissioner (Crime and Operations) when he stopped reporting for duty.

Despite repeated attempts to contact him at his current and permanent addresses and through email, he did not return to work, the notification said.

Police Headquarters subsequently sought departmental action against him, leading to a departmental case on April 15, 2026.

Harun neither responded to the initial show-cause notice nor sought additional time. He also failed to respond to a second notice issued on August 20.

The government then sought the PSC's opinion on his dismissal. The commission recommended the penalty on October 1, and the president approved it on October 25.



Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A father has appealed for financial assistance to save his 19-month-old son, who needs urgent heart surgery.

Raiyan Ahmed has been diagnosed with a large ventricular septal defect (VSD), severe narrowing of the pathway through which blood flows to the lungs, and other complications, according to his echocardiogram report.

His father, Abu Soheb Sumon, said around Tk 5 lakh is needed for the treatment. He plans to have his son treated at the National Heart Foundation Hospital but is struggling to arrange the money on his own.

Sumon has appealed to affluent individuals, charitable organisations and people at home and abroad to help fund his son's treatment.

Those willing to help can send contributions through bKash or Nagad at 01837791513, or Rocket at 01718243481. Donations can also be sent to Abu Soheb Sumon, A/C No: 20501120207419600, routing No: 125100377, Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, Bogura Sadar branch.

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1	1325355 QCBS	Ref : 22.02.0000.045.14.023.26-767 Package : SD-14 **Name of Service:** Consultancy on community mobilization for ecosystem-based management of Halda River and Morjat Baor ECA through beneficiary selection, VCG/Community biodiversity group formation, implementation and monitoring of AIG activities and providing training on AIG for the beneficiaries	01.11.2026 09:00 am	22.11.2026 10:00 am

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Signed/-
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