



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 15th April 2025 at seven premises in West Bengal under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the case of Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad, a Bangladesh National. During the search operation, several incriminating documents, digital devices and cash amounting to Rs. 13.45 Lakh has been seized. Consequently, Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad was arrested on 15.04.2025 and produced before the Hon'ble Special Court, Bichar Bhavan, Kolkata which granted 13 days custody to ED.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered against Ajad Mallik and Unknown others under Section 14 and 14A of Foreigners Act, 1946. Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad Son of Mona Mallik, a Bangladeshi national, is found residing in India without valid documents and is involved in making Indian Passport and other documents through fraudulent means for illegal immigrants in lieu of money.

ED investigation revealed that several bank accounts are being maintained in the name of Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad, his proprietorship concern M/s Mallik Trading Corporation and other accomplices; and are involved in the business of arranging fraudulently obtained identity documents like Voter ID card, Passport, Aadhar Card etc. for Bangladeshi nationals, through which Proceeds of Crime (PoC) were generated and laundered. It was further revealed that substantial cash was deposited in his personal accounts and his proprietorship firm during the period from 2018 to 2024.

ED investigation revealed that family of Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad, including his two sons namely Osama Bin Azad, Omar Faruk and his wife Maymuna Akhter, are still residing in Bangladesh and are citizens of Bangladesh. It is revealed that he frequently visits Bangladesh for meeting his family.

ED investigation further revealed that he was involved in Hawala transactions to siphon off the funds received by him in lieu of arranging Indian Government ID Proofs for Bangladeshi Nationals thereby generating POC. The investigation has also revealed that Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad is providing unauthorized currency exchange services to various individuals.

Further investigation is under progress.