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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed 1st Supplementary Prosecution Complaint against Indubhushan Haldar @ Dulal and four others in the case of Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad @ Azad Hossain, a Pakistani National, before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Calcutta on 11.12.2025. The Hon'ble Special Court, Bichar Bhavan, Kolkata has issued notice upon the accused persons.

ED initiated investigation in the case based on FIR registered against Ajad Mallik by West Bengal Police. Investigation has revealed that Azad Hussain, a Pakistan National was living in India under the assumed identity of Azad Mallik, son of Mona Mallik. He, in connivance with Indubhushan Haldar, was found to be involved in fraudulently obtaining Indian Identity documents for illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in lieu of money. Subsequently, Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad @ Azad Hossain was arrested on 15.04.2025 and Indubhushan Haldar alias Dullal was arrested on 13.10.2025. Both accused persons are presently in judicial custody.

During the investigation several searches were conducted at the premises linked with Ajad Mallik resulting in seizure of incriminating documents and records. During the investigation, it was found that Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad @ Azad Hossain is a Pakistani national living in India under an assumed Indian identity. He had procured multiple Indian identity documents such as Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, and Passport using forged information with the help of his accomplices. He also operated a hawala network to facilitate illegal cross-border remittances between India and Bangladesh, collecting payments in cash and UPI, before transferring equivalent amounts to Bangladesh using platforms like *bKash*.

ED investigation revealed that Azad Hossain had renewed his fraudulently obtained Indian passport in assumed identity of Ajad Mallik through Indubhushan Haldar @ Dullal. Azad Hussain @ Ajad Mallik had referred Bangladeshi clients, who expressed interest in obtaining Indian Passports to Indubhushan Haldar. Azad Hossain based on the forged and fabricated documents, used to apply for passport with help of his accomplice Indubhushan Haldar @ Dullal and get the passports issued based on the forged documents. They used to charge around @ Rs. 50,000 for making all Indian identity documents including passports and Azad Hossain and Indubhushan referred approximately 300–400 passport applications of their clients.

ED investigation has revealed that there were 29 passport applications in which Indubhushan Haldar had submitted copy of ITRs and income tax payment slips, which were found to be of exactly same type and were submitted without any stamp of Income Tax Authority. These documents were consistently "of same type" and uniformly lacked the required stamp and were evidently forged for the purpose of obtaining Indian Passport.

During the investigation, it was observed that some of the passport applications, along with their enclosures, referred to by Indubhushan Halder contained several discrepancies beyond imagination, which establish that the passports were issued using forged or fabricated documents. Investigation

revealed that in one instance, two brothers had dates of birth filled in the passport application form as 01.01.1988 and 01.04.1988 respectively, showing a difference of only three months, which is biologically impossible. In another instance, two brothers have dates of birth as 24.10.1975 and 24.05.1976 respectively i.e. a gap of only seven months, which is again dubious. Further, during the investigation, another brother of above two persons was found to be in possession of a Bangladeshi National ID Card issued in his name, showing him to be resident of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

ED investigation further revealed that M/s Goldenize Forex & Travels Pvt. Ltd. a licensed Full-Fledged Money Changer (FFMC) under RBI regulations and its Directors are indulged in unauthorized forex operations in clear violations of RBI guidelines. They permitted Ajad Mallik @ Azad Hussain, a Pakistani national, to operate the forex counter despite knowing his non-Indian Identity, who used to sell forex in Public without any supporting documents in lieu of his commission. Investigation has revealed that after purchasing the foreign exchange from other FFMC or AD-II Banks, Azad Hussain, M/s Goldenize Forex & Travels Pvt. Ltd and its directors sold the same illegally in domestic market without any legally required documents. Further for maintaining the documentation as per the RBI guidelines, they used to show fake/bogus sale in the name of several individual/entities by using their documents without their knowledge and consent.

The Directors of company systematically misused their company to launder illicit funds. Large sums of money, exceeding Rs. 80 Crore, were deposited into the company's bank accounts under the guise of foreign currency sales to multiple customers, while investigation has revealed that in reality most of these transactions involved forged documents, fake cash memos, and unauthorized use of individual identities of these numerous customers.

Further, a Prosecution Complaint under Section 44 read with section 45 of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 was earlier filed against Azad Hussain @ Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad (A Pakistani National residing in India under assumed identity of Indian National) on 13.06.2025. The cognizance of the prosecution complaint has already been taken by the Ld. Chief Judge, City Session Court under PMLA on 19.06.2025.

Further investigation is under progress.
