

Five traffickers held, 19 Rohingyas rescued in Cox's Bazar

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Online Desk: Police in a drive rescued 19 Rohingya people, including children, from a house and arrested five suspected members of a human trafficking gang in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar district on Friday night. The arrestees are –Zahid, 30, son of Selim, Jamal, 38, son of Hashem, Hazera, 50, wife of Amin Sharif, Yunus, 24, son of Ali zohr and Dwin Islam, son of Mohammad Shah.

Police, however, were not confirmed whether the Rohingyas were trafficked or entered the Bangladesh territory illegally through Teknaf border. Among the Rohingyas, six were women, six men and seven children. Officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Abdul Halim said acting on a tip-off, a team of police conducted a drive at the house of one Amin Sharif at Naitangpara in the upazila around 11:30 pm and detained them.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the alleged traffickers tried to flee the place but police arrested the five people in this connection. Legal procedure is under process, the official added.