

UAE deports 2nd Kashmiri for suspected IS leanings

Srinagar: The UAE has deported a second Kashmiri, Irfan Ahmad Zargar, on charges of being a “sympathiser of the banned IS” terror group. Last year, Azhar ul Islam, from Ganderbal in central Kashmir, had been deported from the UAE on the same charge. A third person, Afshan Parvaiz of Srinagar, was deported by Turkey on May 25 this year, again for being an IS supporter.

An engineering graduate, Zargar, 36, a resident of old Srinagar, was deported from Dubai on August 14 after the intervention of the Indian consulate general in Dubai, which acted on a request from Zargar’s family to foreign minister Sushma Swaraj to locate him after he was picked up by Dubai police at the airport on April 28 for interrogation, official sources said. Zargar had been entering Dubai from Oman when Dubai police arrested him and questioned him intensively about his activities on social networking sites.