

# A Life-saving

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*Every year thousands of ill Bangladeshis go abroad in the hope of getting better. This, in spite of the huge costs of travel, hospital care and surgery. This large-scale exodus of patients reflects the dismal condition of health care in Bangladesh. Wrong diagnosis and medical negligence are rampant even in the most prestigious hospitals. This has led to a deterioration of public trust in medical professionals. Many patients complain that doctors refuse to talk to them properly or explain what their ailment is or how they will be treated. Those who can afford it and those who manage to scrape up their savings or use whatever source of funding they have, opt for going thousands of miles away where they believe they will get the right treatment.*

*Doctor Lutfur Raham comes from a rare breed of medical professionals who want to change this trend by providing medical treatment that is just as good and sometimes even better right here in Bangladesh. With sheer determination and dedication he has successfully pioneered a special technique of heart surgery that is quickly winning the hearts of thousands of patients.*

Dr Lutfur Raham has proved that one does not need to go abroad for heart surgery.