

PRICE HIKE OF MASK, SANITISER

27 businesses in and around Dhaka fined

STAR REPORT

Mobile courts yesterday fined at least 19 stores, including pharmacies, in Dhaka city, Savar, Narayanganj and Manikganj for selling products such as surgical masks, hand sanitiser and different medicines at higher prices than usual.

Mobile courts under Dhaka north and south city corporations conducted drives in different parts of the city and fined 16 shops, including pharmacies, Tk 1.71 lakh for selling surgical masks and hand sanitisers at high mark-up.

Two executive magistrates of Dhaka South City Corporation inspected 1,000 shops in Mitford road, Nayabazar, Babubazar, Chawkbazar and New Market, and fined owners of 13 establishments Tk 1,46,500 for selling surgical masks at hiked prices.

Another court of Dhaka North City Corporation conducted drives in Gulshan, Banani and Mohakhali areas and fined three pharmacies Tk 25,000 for the same offence, Executive Magistrate Selina Parvin, who led the drives, told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile in Savar, a mobile court fined a branch of Lazz Pharma Ltd Tk one lakh for selling masks at higher prices, reports our correspondent.

"The pharmacy was selling masks at Tk 40, instead of the set price of Tk 5. We also found some foreign products in the pharmacy but they could not show

any import documents," said Executive Magistrate Abdullah Al Mahfuz, who led the drive.

The mobile court also detained two employees of the pharmacy. They were released after the fine was paid.

The drive was conducted at Thana Road area, upon a tip-off that some shops were selling masks at high prices and without receipts.

In Narayanganj, a mobile court sentenced Bishwajit Das, an employee of Nurul Medical Corner, to one-year jail for selling surgical masks at Tk 50 per piece instead of Tk 5, said Executive Magistrate Mehedi Hasan Faruk.

Three executive magistrates of Narayanganj district, along with the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA), jointly conducted drives in different pharmacies at Kali Bazar area of the town, reports our Narayanganj correspondent.

The court also fined eight other pharmacies Tk 1.5 lakh in the same area for storing medicine illegally.

Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection conducted a drive in Manikganj town and fined a clothing shop Tk 5,000 for the same reason.

Assistant Director of DNCRP Asaduzzaman Rumel fined Sujon General Store in the district for selling expired medicine and cosmetics.



A magistrate fines a pharmacy yesterday during a drive at Narayanganj city's Kali Bazar to stop illegal price hike of masks, hand sanitisers and other products, whose demands shot up after the first reports of coronavirus infections in the country.

PHOTO: STAR

CID claims

FROM PAGE 3

Rab seized counterfeit notes, foreign currencies and around Tk 2.5 lakh from their possession. The elite force later raided two lavish flats on Indira Road in the city's Farmgate and a presidential suite at a five-star hotel, and recovered around Tk 58 lakh in cash.

Apart from the flats, Papia (28) and her husband Mazfuz Rahman alias Sumon (38), a former Chhatra League leader, possess two more flats and two plots worth around Tk 2 crore in Narsingdi and several luxurious cars, Rab said at a press briefing earlier. Three cases were filed against Papia -- two with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station and one with Airport Police Station.

The investigation charge of these three cases, were transferred to Rab yesterday. Rab-1 commanding officer Lt Col Shafee Bulbul confirmed to the newspaper.

"Under the custody of the Detective Branch of police, Papia is now on remand, which will end tomorrow [Wednesday]. Once we get her in our custody, we have plan to take her on remand for interrogation," added the Rab-1 chief.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

4 bodyguards of GK Shamim denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected a bail petition of four bodyguards of GK Shamim in a money laundering case.

The court also ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to finish the investigation into the case in four months.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam passed the order after holding hearing on the petition filed by the four accused -- Zahidul Islam, Shahidul Islam, Kamal Hossain and Samsad Hossain -- seeking bail in the case.

Their lawyer Shamim Sarder told The Daily Star that the HC rejected the bail petition of his clients as the investigation into the case against them is going on and they have been in the jail custody for only five months.

ACC's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told this correspondent that the four bodyguards of GK Shamim have committed organised crime of money laundering along with GK Shamim, and that is why the HC rejected their bail petition.

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik represented the state at yesterday's hearing.

Rab arrested GK Shamim, a Jubo League leader and top-listed government contractor, on September 20 on charges of extortion and tender manipulation. His seven bodyguards, including the four, were also arrested at the time.

During a September 20 raid by the elite force at Shamim's house and office in the capital's Niketan, eight firearms, a huge amount of ammunition, fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) worth Tk 165 crore and around Tk 1.8 crore in cash, a large stash of US and Singaporean dollars and some foreign liquor were seized.

On September 21, Rab filed a case with Gulshan Police Station against GK Shamim. Later on, his bodyguards were shown arrested in the case.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

CARE Bangladesh holds events in three upazilas

CITY DESK

CARE Bangladesh observed National Disaster Preparedness Day in collaboration with the administrations in Cox's Bazar Sadar, Ramu and Moheshkhali upazilas.

On the occasion, 16 multi-purpose cyclone shelters (MPCS) were handed over to relevant administrations after carrying out refurbishment work, said a press release.

Funded by USAID, CARE Bangladesh in association with the government is implementing "Promoting Resilience to Risks of Natural Hazards (PRERONA)" in the three upazilas. The project is being implemented to improve MPCS.

In Moheshkhali, MP Ashek Ullah Rafiq, the chief guest, led a rally where children from different schools took part. Later, he attended a ceremony where refurbished Notun Bazar Govt Primary School-Cum Cyclone Shelter was handed over to local education administration. Moheshkhali UNO Md Jahurul Islam presided over the meeting.

Other refurbished schools were handed over to school authorities in a separate programme at the office of Cox's Bazar Sadar UNO Md Mahmud Ullah Maruf, where government officials and members of school management committee were present.

Major problems ignored

FROM PAGE 3

Dormitories at the university are still plagued with severe accommodation shortage, with many freshers and sophomores still living in congested gono (public) rooms, where over 30 students live in a room meant for four beds. Some even sleep in the corridors and rooftops, and mosques adjacent to the dorms.

Also, the "guest room" culture still prevails at the dorms, where ruling party men torture general students in the name of "teaching manners and etiquette".

On January 22, BCL men of DU's Sergeant Zahurul Haq Hall tortured four students at the guest room, drove them out of the dorm and subsequently handed them over to law enforcers.

Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Adhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad pledged to oust outsiders and non-students, and take measures to allot seats to freshers. They too failed to fulfil it. Ducus VP Nurul Haque Nur was confined at Salimullah Muslim Hall and assaulted on April 2 last year, after he went there to oust non-students and outsiders.

Talking to The Daily Star, Reza Islam Shuvo, a final-year student of marketing department, said Ducus leaders ignored the major problems that have been gripping the university for a long time and were busy in holding programmes which were of little value to students.

The BCL panel had also promised to introduce health insurance, monitor food quality and increase subsidy at canteens, establish a Liberation War Research Institute, introduce teachers' evaluation, renovate the central library and take steps to shut down evening courses at the university.

Health insurances were introduced at only three departments, prices of food items at canteens have been fixed but the quality has not been improved and no subsidy was given, while a Liberation War Research Institute has not been built.

Talking to The Daily Star, Ducus Assistant General Secretary from the BCL panel Saddam Hussain said, "Authorities have already taken initiatives to build

new dorms to resolve the accommodation crisis as per our demand. We have brought three departments under health insurance, and are working to bring all students under insurance. Several departments cancelled illogical development fees in light of our demands and pressed university authorities to shut down evening courses."

Admitting the "gono room" and "guest room" malpractices, he said the acute accommodation crisis is responsible for the problems, and it would be solved once new dormitories are built.

FATE OF FUTURE DUCSU POLLS

Since no visible steps were taken to arrange the next Ducus polls, and the tenure of the current committee will be completed in 11 days, the term of the incumbent committee is likely to be extended by 90 days, as per the charter.

Section C of Article 6 of the Ducus constitution says, "The elected office bearers shall hold office for 365 days. In case the election is not held in time, the elected office bearers shall continue for a further period not exceeding 90 days or till holding of the election, whichever is earlier, after which the union shall stand dissolved automatically."

Several Ducus representatives told The Daily Star they will hold a meeting to extend the deadline by 90 days.

VP Nur said they are yet to get any clear answer from the authorities regarding extension of current committee's tenure and holding the next election.

"After talking to the VC several times, I realised he is not interested at the moment in holding the polls. He told me huge arrangements are needed to hold the elections. Perhaps he is not getting the green signal as well from the government side in this regard," Nur told The Daily Star.

Contacted, DU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman said they are yet to pay any attention to the next election, and the issue is "a matter of discussion".

PM to open country's first

FROM PAGE 3

2016, with a budget of Tk 6,252 crore. The deadline for implementing the project was April 2019.

Later, the project was revised twice and total cost rose to Tk 11,003 crore -- making it the most expensive road (considering per kilometre expenditure) in the country, officials said.

Work of a link road under the project is expected to be completed within the extended deadline of June this year.

An expressway is a highway especially planned for high-speed traffic, usually having no or few intersections, limited points of access or exit, and dividers between lanes for traffic moving in opposite directions.

RHD Additional Chief Engineer (Dhaka Zone) Sabuj Uddin Khan said they will start collecting toll from expressway users when Padma Bridge will be opened to public.

When asked about the toll amount, Sabuj said an RHD committee is currently working to set the toll rate.

He said people will have to pay tolls for both the expressway and Padma Bridge, as the two structures are under separate authorities. The expressway is under RHD while Padma Bridge is under Bangladesh

Bridge Authority.

PM TO INAUGURATE 25 BRIDGES AND ANOTHER ROAD

Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate 25 bridges in Khulna, Barishal and Gopalganj zones of RHD tomorrow.

The bridges were constructed under Western Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project. A total of 82 bridges, including the 25, and approach roads would be constructed under the project at a cost of Tk 2,911.75 crore.

Project Director Abdus Sabur said they were tasked to construct 61 bridges at first, and 21 bridges were added to the project last year.

Although construction of the 21 bridges have not started yet, they are hopeful about completing them within the extended deadline of June 2022, Sabur said yesterday.

At the same programme, the PM will also inaugurate the eight-kilometre approach road of Third Karnaphuli Bridge in Chattogram.

The six-lane approach road, which includes two side lanes, was constructed under a Tk 396 crore project, Abu Hena Md Tareq Iqbal, the project director, told this newspaper yesterday.

HILL CUTTING

Finlay fined Tk 17 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Environment in Chattogram city yesterday fined Finlay Properties Limited Tk 17 lakh and suspended clearance of their site in Panchlaish, for cutting 17,000 square feet of hills illegally yesterday.

The fine was imposed after a hearing at DoE office at Khulshi area of port city.

Mia Mahmudul Haque, deputy director of DoE metro, told The Daily Star that Finlay was also fined Tk 12 lakh last year for the same reason at the same place.

Goldsmiths' life

FROM PAGE 3

regarding risk behaviours and screening programmes at regular intervals to ensure the early detection of NCDs among goldsmiths.

Addressing the programme as chief guest, Vice-Chancellor of BSMMU Prof Kanak Kanti Barua urged researchers to conduct the study with a larger sample.

Prof Syed Shariful Islam, chairman of DPHI, said the research is very short as they had no prior knowledge about goldsmiths.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor of BSMMU Prof Md Shahidullah Sikder, Prof Muhammad Rafiqul Alam and emeritus scientist of icddr, Md Yunus were present as special guests at the event.

Hold 'dalals' liable

FROM PAGE 3


of female migrant workers, said BILS Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan. He alleged those who are entitled to implement the laws lack the capacity to do so.

Laetitia Weibel Roberts, the chief technical advisor of International Labour Organisation's Programme Office in Dhaka, said her organisation has been providing technical support to the Bangladesh government to ensure safe and orderly migration.


Addressing the event as chief guest, Additional Secretary to Expatriates' Welfare Ministry Khadiza Begum said the ministry is committed to bringing changes in the laws and modernise those in the changing context of labour migration sector.

Land Purchase at Gulshan

Wants to buy 10-15 katha land or more at any prime location of Gulshan by **EXPATRIATE BANGLADESHI**. Only genuine Sellers are kindly requested to Contact. **(BD) 01911-360990 (UK) +447769179290**, E-mail: **syedmmurshed@gmail.com**



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
আইসিটি'র মাধ্যমে মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক স্তরে শিক্ষার প্রচলন প্রকল্প (২য় পর্যায়)
মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর
কক্ষ নং-১১২, শিক্ষা ভবন (১ম ব্লক), ১৬, আব্দুল গণি রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০, ফোন: ৪১০৫০১০৫-০৬
Web: www.ictedu.gov.bd, E-mail: pd-ict@dshe.gov.bd & pdict2@gmail.com



Ref No: DSHE/ICTP278/2019/100Date: 10/03/2020

e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for procurement of goods (NCT/OTM):


Invitation Reference No.	Description of Items	Tender ID	Tender publishing date & time	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
DSHE/ICTP2/0192020/Dev/GD6/001	10 Brand Computer, 10 UPS, 5 Laser Printer, 5 Scanner (Legal Size), 110 Laptop, 110 Wireless Modem with SIM, 668 Speaker, 668 Multi-media Projector with screen for 21 Training Institutions, 9 Zonal Offices, 64 District Education Offices and 490 Upazila Secondary Education Offices under Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education Bangladesh.	402020	10/03/2020 14:00	08/04/2020 16:00	08/04/2020 17:00	08/04/2020 17:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal, and, no offline/hardcopy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to the abovementioned date and time. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

GD-477

Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Sobur Khan
Project Director
Phone: 02 41050101

**Save the Children**

Date: March 11, 2020
Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children
Invitation for Tender
IFT Ref: IFT/SCI/BDCOI/FY-20/(Manual)/02

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting proposals from the interested service provider for Human resource service outsourcing for Save the Children International in Bangladesh. For details please see the RFP schedule, which is available on the following link (Information & Download): <http://procurement.scibd.info> (downloaded copy also acceptable for RFP Submission).

Hard copy of the RFP Schedule can be collected at free of cost from SCI's Country office from March 11, 2020 to March 31, 2020 during office hour (9:30 AM- 3:00 PM) at Save the Children Dhaka office, House No. CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

Pre-proposal meeting date & time: on March 23, 2020 at 11:00AM at Dhaka Office
Deadline for Submission: On or before April 01, 2020 on or before 2:00 PM

OIC of Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain
Save the Children International