

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF PATIENT Hospital staffer held, case filed in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police yesterday detained and filed a case against a hospital staffer who was accused of sexually harassing a Covid-19 patient from Khulna city's Hafiz Nagar area.

The incident took place on Saturday, when Nazrul Islam, a ward boy of Khulna Diabetic Hospital, reportedly sexually harassed a 25-year-old woman who was being treated there.

Md Momtazul Haq, officer-in-charge of Sonadanga Model Police Station, confirmed his detention to The Daily Star.

The victim lodged a complaint yesterday, and a case was filed under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Nazrul was scheduled to be presented before a court on the same day.

According to hospital sources, the woman was admitted to the hospital on June 6, after testing positive for Covid-19.

On the night of June 13, Nazrul went to the women's ward area and sexually harassed the patient.

After nurses noticed what was happening, Nazrul fled the scene. The victim later informed authorities citing the incident.

Khulna Diabetic Hospital is run by Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) authorities.

KMCH Director Munshi Md Reza Sekender said the patient was sent for home isolation on Monday, and Nazrul was sacked immediately after receiving verbal complaints from the patient's relatives.



This cremation site at Chattogram city's Kattali, which gets frequently overflowed with seawater, is being renovated so the deceased can be put to rest properly. The site was designated for those who died from Covid-19, but earlier, volunteers had to move bodies while traversing knee-deep water, inset. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



Chinese national dies falling from resort building

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Chinese national died after he had fallen from a six-storey resort building at Kuakata tourist centre in Patuakhali on Monday afternoon.

The deceased -- Li-Heng (32) -- was working as the business manager of an under-construction coal-fired thermal power plant in Taltoli upazila of neighbouring Barguna, said Additional Superintendent of Police (Kalapara Circle) Ahmed Ali.

According to Li-Heng's passport, he hailed from Heilongjiang area in Beijing, he said.

He was staying in Room-1011 of the building belonging to Sikder Resort and Villa on the northern side of the resort, he said.

An official of the resort company said he rented the room in November last year and used to go to Taltoli from Kuakata for work.

At noon on that day, the hotel staff heard a loud thud, and found the man lying on the ground, said the official, seeking anonymity.

ASP Ahmed Ali said the Chinese national died on the spot. An inquest report was made and the body was sent to Patuakhali General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Ctg police

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bikers, medicines will reach people's doorsteps.

CMP Deputy Commissioner (South) Mehedi Hasan inaugurated the service.

OC Mohsin told this newspaper, "Many unscrupulous pharmacy owners are hiking up prices artificially, leaving citizens helpless. To beat the syndicate, we have adopted this idea, so that people can get their required medicines from us at a reasonable price."

He said primarily, medicines will be provided in the city's Kotwali area at 15 percent lower than market price.

Police sources said currently, they have contacted 15 pharmacies to get medicine supply. Anyone wishing to avail the service can call the hotline: 01870700700.

Authorities in Ctg move against unlicensed hand sanitiser sellers

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Ctg

Multiple drives are underway in the port city against shops selling fake hand sanitisers. In many cases, the traders are making the product themselves and selling them, without approval of drug administration department.

On Monday, a perfume trader was selling hand sanitiser at Khatunganj area of the city, charging Tk 250 for a 500 ml bottle. When a mobile court team of Chattogram District Administration entered the lane, the man attempted to close the shop immediately, but the court got there in time and seized fake hand sanitisers.

The local administration has found that fake hand sanitisers are being sold at multiple areas of Chattogram city, including Kalur Ghat, Sadar Ghat, and Hazari Lane. A huge quantity of fake sanitisers has been seized and Tk 75,000 has been collected as fine from seven traders.

Executive Magistrate Shirin

Akter told The Daily Star, "Harmful sanitisers, raw materials and expired hand-washing products were seized during the raids. We conducted several drives and fined sellers for exploiting people amid a crisis."

"During the drive we found three perfume sellers in Khatunganj area selling fake hand sanitisers, although they have a license for selling perfume," said the magistrate.

"They produce and sell sanitiser but they don't use the right ingredients and they don't have permission from drug administration department to produce it," she added.

Omar Faruque, executive magistrate of Chattogram District Administration told The Daily Star, "Some seasonal traders have taken advantage of this opportunity to become hand sanitiser manufacturers themselves. Pharmacy owners, cosmetics traders, perfume traders are making these without license. We have

tested these fake sanitisers in the lab and found that they contain harmful ingredients which can be carcinogenic instead of disinfecting."

A mobile court on Sunday fined Rupsazza cosmetics shop in Hazari Lane Tk 20,000 for selling fake hand sanitiser.

Owner of the shop, Aminul Islam, told The Daily Star that the hand sanitiser was made using the right ingredients. "Due to the crisis in the market, we bought various chemicals and made them ourselves," he claimed. However, he admitted that they do not have a license to make hand sanitiser.

Hossain Mohammad Imran, assistant director of Directorate of Drug Administration, Chattogram, said, "A hand sanitiser is prepared in a laboratory by mixing different chemicals in certain proportions. If the proportions are not maintained, then it can prove harmful."

MONEY LAUNDERING Suspended jailer Sohel Rana granted bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to Sohel Rana Biswas, suspended jailer of Chattogram Central Jail, in a money laundering case.

The bail was granted until Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) submits charge sheet to the trial court, on condition that he must surrender his passport to the lower court.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder passed the order, after virtually hearing a petition filed by Sohel, seeking bail.

Law enforcers arrested Sohel from Kishoreganj on October 27, 2018, with over Tk 44 lakh, fixed deposit receipts worth Tk 2.5 crore and Phensedyl.

55 educators

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social media is having the opposite effect of hampering the government's image in the international sphere," said the professors.

"We are not just angry because the teacher was our colleague, but because this arrest will hamper the platforms of online education, and impact the students. The law enables prosecution for general disagreements between students and teachers during virtual discussions, and destroys the psychological space needed for teaching and learning," the statement said.

"We fear that DSA is being used as an attempt to hide lawlessness. As an example, we can say that the promptness with which action was taken against Munira was completely nonexistent in the case of the university's own vice-chancellor who had in the past gained media notoriety for being absent from the premises for a record number of days," observed the teachers. They demanded the immediate release of all those arrested under the law.

The statement was signed by Prof Anu Muhammad, Prof Sayeed Ferdous, Prof Mahmudul Sumon, Prof Swadhin Sen from Jahangirnagar University; Prof Kamrul Hasan, Prof Gitiara Nasreen, Prof Kajali Shehreen Islam, Prof Fahmidul Haq, Prof Samina Luthfa from Dhaka University; Prof Dina M Siddiqui from New York University, as well as teachers from University of Chittagong, University of Rajshahi, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, North South University, Cumilla University, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet Agricultural University and East West University.

Migrants, families

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receiving households (76pc).

The survey found remittances were generally used to meet short-term needs and were rarely used to diversify assets or build financial resilience, which further increased the households' dependence on remittances.

"Low financial literacy of the migrants and their families placed them in a precarious situation in terms of income stability, remittance management, and assets building."

The report recommends investment in gender-responsive skills development, promoting financial literacy and remittance management capacity of households.

"There should be investment in education and skills upgrade so that lower skilled migrant workers can earn more and break the cycle of debt," the IOM study said.

It also recommended improving measures for debt management and formalising savings to mitigate vulnerability and promoting policies that increase women's financial inclusion.

Giorgi Gigauri said, "We need to support the government to prioritise skills development of migrant workers so they can increase remittance flow to Bangladesh."

"We also need to focus on providing financial literacy training, particularly to women, to improve productive investment of remittances and to build the resilience and financial independence of remittance-reliant households."



Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganasamhati Andolon, speaks at the rally.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Begin mass testing for Covid-19 now

Ganasamhati Andolon urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ganasamhati Andolon yesterday demanded the government's approval of a coronavirus testing kit developed by the Gonoshasthaya Kendra and starting of mass testing immediately to reduce people's sufferings.

The demand was made by the left-leaning political party at a demonstration organised in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital. Presenting a seven-point demand, leaders and activists of the party later brought out a procession and started to march towards the health ministry at secretariat.

However, after being restricted by the police on Topkhana Road, they held a short rally there.

The party's chief coordinator Zonayed Saki said 20 percent budgetary allocation should be given in the health sector. "Timely allocation of money and proper implementation must be ensured," he said.

Their other demands include establishing adequate quarantine and isolation facilities in densely populated areas; adequate oxygen support at hospitals; providing health card to every citizen to implement universal healthcare; establishing accountability in health sector by forming an independent constitutional commission and forming an independent judicial commission to investigate and prosecute all corruption in the sector.

"The first coronavirus patient was identified on March 8. But the government did not take it seriously then; rather its primary task was to observe Mujib's centenary programmes," said Zonayed Saki.

He also said that the government had failed to continue lockdown to contain the coronavirus properly due to severe corruption over relief, and failure to feed poor communities.

Road crash in Faridpur claims a life


OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Barishal highway in Nowpara bus stand area under Bhanga upazila in Faridpur yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Musa Munshi (48), son of late Sattar Munshi of Ulzirkhanda village in Sadarpur upazila.

Quoting locals, Anisur Rahman, sub-inspector of Bhanga Highway Police Station, said, "The accident took place when a truck from behind hit a motorbike Musa Munshi was riding. As a result, he died on the spot."

Police seized the truck from the spot, but the driver managed to flee the scene, said the SI.



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DISCLOSURE ON UN-AUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Jamuna Bank Limited in its 368th meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bank's Head Office, Dhaka adopted the 1st Quarterly Financial Statements (Un-Audited) of the Bank as at March 31, 2020 and also disclosed the following financial indicators:

Particulars	As on 31.03.2020		As on 31.03.2019	
	Jamuna Bank	JBL consolidated	Jamuna Bank	JBL consolidated
Net Asset Value (NAV) in BDT million	18,480.75	18,357.56	18,426.92	18,388.55
Net Asset Value Per Share in BDT	24.67	24.50	24.59	24.54
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	1.45	1.42	0.71	0.70
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOFCFS) in BDT	10.75	10.76	(6.92)	(6.83)

Note: Previous quarter's figures have been rearranged to conform to the current quarter's presentation.

The details of the 1st Quarterly Financial Statements (Un-Audited) of the Bank as at March 31, 2020 are also available in the website of the Bank at www.jamunabankbd.com

Date: Dhaka
June 16, 2020

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Company Secretary

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"We had information that these syndicates were involved in yaba smuggling and selling the drugs in the area, after bringing them in from Cox's Bazar," said OC Latif.

OC Latif said Atikul identified himself as a member of police after the arrest. Atikul was on leave from March 23 and got involved in yaba smuggling instead of joining his workplace, the OC said.

A case was filed against Atikul and his associate and they were placed on a two-day remand for interrogation, he said, adding that they would be interrogated for further details.

According to police sources, Atikul, hailing from Panchagarh district, joined as a police sub-inspector in 2001 after completing his training the previous year.

Majority of his batchmates have already received the promotion to inspector grade, but he remained in the same post due to multiple irregularities in his work, sources added.



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Tender No. KUI/ENG/94/09/02-49 Date: 15/06/2020

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of the works	Tender closing and opening date & time
471123	KAH-01	Renovation and Repair Works of Khan Jahan Ali Hall at Khulna University, Khulna.	05 July 2020 13:30

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

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to banking hours on e-GP System.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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