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## Shahed captured

Rab claims he was trying to flee to India from Satkhira; the prime accused in Covid-19 certificate scam flown in to Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While being on the run, Regent Group Chairman Md Shahed trimmed his moustache and dyed his grey hair black to dodge the eyes of law enforcers. Wearing a burka, he was attempting to flee to India by crossing a waterbody on a boat.

But before he could do so, a Rab team captured him in an area near the border in Satkhira yesterday morning, according to the force.

Shahed, who hogged the headlines after the fake Covid-19 report scam came to light, was being hunted by law enforcement agencies for more than a week.

On July 7, a mobile court sealed off Regent Hospital, owned by him, in the capital's Uttara on charges of issuing several thousand fake Covid-19 test certificates and swindling a huge amount of money.

He had been absconding since then.

Shahed is also at the centre of rift between the health ministry and the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) over a government deal with the private hospital allowing it to treat coronavirus patient.

He is the prime accused in a case over the fake report scam. The arrest



Surrounded by officers, Shahed, in blue vest, being taken to the Rab Headquarters right after he was flown into the capital yesterday. The chairman of Regent Hospital was arrested in Satkhira. The photo was taken at the old airport.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Came two days after a Dhaka court issued an arrest warrant for him in two cases filed over misappropriation of Tk 3.68 crore.

Shahed was arrested near the Labangabati river in Debhata upazila around 5:30am, according to Rab. He was flown to Dhaka around 9:00am by a helicopter.

Soon after the news of his arrest broke, social media was flooded with photographs of the man, who according to the home ministry is a person of dangerous fraudulent nature. The photos show Shahed in handcuffs and apparently a locally-made firearm strapped to his waist

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## REGENT HOSPITAL MoU signed upon then health secy's directive

DGHS tells health ministry

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The director general of the health directorate has replied to the health ministry's letter saying that its MoU with Regent Hospital on treating Covid-19 patients was signed following directives of the immediate past health secretary.

Abul Kalam Azad, DG of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), submitted his reply to the ministry yesterday.

The DG in the explanation said former health secretary Ashadul Islam on March 19 gave a "file note" to the DGHS upon request of the chairman of Regent Hospital, a highly placed source said.

After getting the directives from the then health secretary, DGHS Director (hospitals and

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## Global trials raise vaccine hope

Researchers from US, UK, Russia claim their products safe, can create antibodies

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New results from human trials for Covid-19 vaccines brought hope after researchers from US, Russia and UK claimed that their experimental shots are safe and induced antibodies in all trial participants.

Moderna Inc's experimental vaccine showed it was safe and provoked immune responses in all 45 healthy volunteers in an ongoing early-stage study, US researchers reported on Tuesday.

Volunteers who got two doses of the vaccine had high levels of virus-killing antibodies that exceeded the average levels seen in people who had recovered from Covid-19, the team reported in the New England Journal of Medicine.

No study volunteers experienced any serious side effects, but more than half reported mild or moderate reactions such as fatigue, headache, chills, muscle aches or pain at the injection site. These were more likely to occur after the second dose and in people who got the highest dose.

Experts say a vaccine is needed to put an end to the coronavirus pandemic that has sickened millions and caused more than 578,000 deaths worldwide.

Meanwhile, the Russian defence ministry said yesterday it had developed a "safe" coronavirus vaccine following clinical trials on a group of volunteers.

The ministry said 18 people had participated in the research and were

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3,533 New cases in 24hrs



1,93,590 Total cases



2,457 Deaths



1,05,023 Recoveries

## Pathao co-founder Fahim brutally murdered in NY

The Bangladesh origin 33-yr-old successful tech entrepreneur found dead at his condo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Co-founder of ride-sharing venture Pathao Fahim Saleh was found dead in a New York flat.



Fahim Saleh

NYPD recovered the body from a building in the Lower East Side around 3:30pm (local time) Tuesday, according to New York Daily News.

Beside the limbless, headless torso of the millionaire tech entrepreneur, there was an electric saw, police said.

The 33-year-old was the son of Bangladeshi immigrants.

The flat was owned by the deceased and was recently purchased for \$2.25 million.

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## Innovation key to overcoming crisis

Say speakers at youth skills summit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Innovation, collaboration and adaptability should be the guiding principles for social or commercial entities to tackle the socio-economic challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, speakers said yesterday.

They made the comment at a webinar session styled "Socially Responsible Leadership in Fighting a Pandemic" during a Youth Skills Summit yesterday.

The summit was organised in association with SBK Tech Ventures, Shah Cement and Mountain Dew. Robi 10 Minutes School, Youth Opportunities, Star Youth and Preneur Lab were the youth engagement partners of the programme.

They said the pandemic brought about unanticipated impacts on every aspect of life but it also created an opportunity for increased interconnectedness among organisations in a post-pandemic world.

The speakers made a call to the youth, saying that they have to have faith and a positive attitude and learn soft skills and new technologies for competing in the post-pandemic job market.

The summit was organised marking World Youth Skills Day. A total of 62 speakers from diversified backgrounds joined the day-long virtual

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## Fraudsters like Shahed won't be spared

Warn two ministers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fraudsters like Shahed would be caught, regardless of how powerful they are, ministers Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Obaidul Quader warned yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman said Regent Hospital Chairman Shahed ruined the image of Bangladesh all over the world.

"Fraudulence of Shahed along with Regent Hospital and Regent Group destroyed Bangladesh's image," he told reporters at his home in the capital's Dhanmondi after Shahed was arrested by Rab in Satkhira.

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