



**For 50 years, Chattogram's Oziullah has been "treating" jaundice patients with cures and techniques found through dreams. Visit fees are Tk 55. The sum may not be much, but the price to pay amounts to a lot in the long run. As the premise of the method is unfounded, completely based on the lack of patients' knowledge, the treatment turns into mistreatment, which adds to long-term woes of the already ill visitors. The photos was taken last week from the port city's Fishery Ghat area.**



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## Keep multi-dimensional waterways active

Says state minister for shipping on Dhaka-Barishal river routes

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday called for keeping active multi-dimensional waterways between Dhaka and Barishal for using alternative routes while facing difficulties.

"We want to have multi-dimensional waterways on the Dhaka-Barishal river route. If obstacles are created for any reason, then we can use alternative routes. That's why I want to keep active all the possible ways," he said.

The state minister said this while inspecting the Laxmirchar-Alurbazar-Ishanbala-Hijla-Ulania-Miarchar waterway on the Dhaka-Barishal route in Chandpur.

He said the authorities concerned are considering to keep active all the routes including Miarchar Kaliganj and Alu Bazar channels of Dhaka-Barishal river route and will start dredging the waterway in Miarchar.

He hoped to launch all possible small links or waterways on the route so that alternative paths can be created.

"We have evicted illegal river grabbers.

It will not be acceptable if anyone wants to occupy river for business purpose," he added.

The state minister said high officials of the ministry held two meetings on whether it is possible to establish a river route from Alu Bazar via Hizla in Barishal river route.

"We have contacted the minister and secretary of the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges to solve problems in this regard," he said.

"Now the Padma Bridge authorities are doing dredging. We have 10 dredgers working, one dredger is being added today," he said.

The ferry service will be smooth on Shimulia-Kathbari route once the waterways are ready, he added.

About the Padma Bridge, he said it is the main challenge of the incumbent government to build the bridge first minimising all the upcoming risks in this regard for the overall development of the country.

The government is very sincere about constructing the bridge, the state minister said.

## UN official

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Hossain Jonny in 2014.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order. The court fined the three policemen Tk 1 lakh each, in default of which they will have to serve six more months in jail. It also fined two other accused Tk 20,000 each, in default of which they will have to serve three more months in prison.

The court also asked the three police officers to pay Tk 2 lakh each to the plaintiff of the case as compensation. They will have to do so within 14 days, otherwise they will not be able to file appeal against the verdict with the High Court.

This was first verdict under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013.

According to the case statement, a group of 25-26 policemen -- including SI Jahid -- raided a house during a wedding ceremony in Pallabi's Irani camp area and arrested Jonny on February 8, 2014.

Informer Sumon and two of his friends including Russell called police after Jonny slapped him for harassing women at a programme. Police allegedly tortured Jonny at the police station.

After Jonny fell sick the next day, he was admitted to a local clinic. Later, he was transferred to Suhrawardy Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

In August last year, UN Committee Against Torture expressed concern at the consistent reports alleging widespread and routine torture and ill-treatment by law enforcement officials for the purpose of obtaining confessions or to solicit the payment of bribes, the lack of publicly available information on these cases, and failure to ensure accountability for law enforcement agencies.

## Health sector top priority of govt: DGHS DG

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

The government gives highest priority to the health sector, said Dr Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, yesterday.

He was speaking at a views-exchange meeting at Cumilla Medical College Hospital as chief guest.

Praising the hospital for setting up its first ICU and treating coronavirus patients with sincerity, he said he will try his best to work for the betterment of the hospital.

Dr Mujibur Rahman, director of the hospital, was special guest at the event.

Yesterday, the DG started a Chattogram divisional tour after visiting Cumilla civil surgeon's office and Cumilla General Hospital.

## 38th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club Dhaka today

CITY DESK

The annual installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (RCMD) is set to be held today. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the ceremony will be held virtually on the Zoom platform.

Around 2,000 guests from home and abroad will attend the programme, according to a press release.

Omar Ishrak, Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Medtronix, and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Intel, will address the installation ceremony as the chief guest.

He will speak on post-Covid-19 healthcare facility requirements for Bangladesh.

Rubayet Hossain, MPHEB District Governor, RI District 3281 Bangladesh, will grace the occasion as guest of honour, said the press release.

At the programme, RCMD will showcase some of its projects which have addressed Rotary's goals to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene and more, the press release said.

## MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

### Suspended Ctg jailer Soheli Rana seeks bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Suspended jailer of Chattogram Central Jail Soheli Rana Biswas again has sought bail from the High Court in a money laundering case.

He submitted a petition to the HC on August 24 through his lawyer Shalita Rawshan seeking bail in the case.

In the petition, he said he is not involved in any offence, but he is a victim of circumstances, Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star yesterday.

Citing the petition, DAG Amin Uddin also said Soheli Rana in his petition told the HC that he is the only earning member of his family and he has been suffering in jail for a long period of time.

The virtual HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Ahmed Soheli may hold hearing on the petition today, he added.

On July 5, the bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder had rejected another bail petition of Soheli Rana in the case.

Law enforcers arrested him on October 27, 2018 with over Tk 44 lakh, fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) worth Tk 2.50 crore and Phensedyl from Kishoreganj.

Police filed two separate cases with Bhairab Railway Police Station against him on charges of money laundering and possessing drugs under the Narcotics Control Act.

ACC conducted investigation into the money laundering case.

## New beginnings

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shutdown even though it has formally ended operations at its original location at Mohammadpur's Sher Shah Suri road.

Even after a stock-out sale, which took place over a week at the end of last month, around 10,000 to 12,000 books remain in Charcha's collections, which are available online along with home delivery services.

The shop was a niche favourite for dedicated readers.

"Although our store was wedged into an alley and one needed cautious eyes to find it, I felt wonderful discovering Charcha because they had all the latest titles along with other obscure books that one could not typically find anywhere else in Dhaka," says Shah Tazrian Ashrafi, a regular customer.

The store was known to host book discussions, readings, and unplugged musical evenings.

"We are working on updating our website to enhance the online order process, and once the pandemic subsides, Charcha will hopefully reopen at its new branch in Bhatara," Sabrina Islam, co-founder of the store, told The Daily Star.

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development programmes of the government with their merit and sincere efforts side by side with remaining alert against any corruption, irregularity and wastage of public money.

According to experts, the minister said, Bangladesh may witness the second wave of coronavirus outbreak in the upcoming winter so that everyone should adopt cautionary measures from now and wear facemask mandatorily.

IDEB President AKMA Hamid presided over the programme while its general secretary Md Shamsur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

## Mirsarai waterfalls

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Concerned tourist Md Abbas said, "There is no official guideline or instructions from the government for tourists' safety. We hire local guides, but they are not well-trained. The roads towards the falls are not in good shape, showing a clear sign of government's negligence."

Contacted, Jasim Uddin, a former member of Chattogram District Red Crescent Society and president of Mirsarai Education Society, said the waterfalls in Mirsarai could be the most sought after place for tourists if the government took a proper plan to develop the spots.

"The roads leading up to the falls are battered, there is no guideline, no staircase, not even sitting arrangements at the spots," he said.

"If steps are taken to address the issues, the number of accidents would decrease and more tourists would want to visit the area."

He also said number of accidents could be decreased to an extent if staircases are built and trained guides could be employed.

Asked, Ilias Hossain, deputy commissioner of Chattogram, said, "As the government has not taken over the spots, we do not encourage anybody to visit the falls. But if someone does want to visit, they have to take responsibility of their own safety."

However, if interested tourists contact the Mirsarai administration before visiting the falls, they can arrange a guided tour for them. "I have instructed the UNO to arrange proper safety for tourists if they visit the spots with permission," the DC said.



Garbage is spilling out on to the road from a trashcan near Malibagh Bazar area. In addition to the nuisance, the garbage is also taking up space from the road, making it harder for vehicular movement.

## Foreign minister

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discussion at the bilateral meeting.

The construction of Bangladesh Chancery Complex in Ankara was successfully completed on September 3.

The main features of the Complex include a Chancery Building, an Embassy Residence, a 229 seat hi-tech auditorium named 'Victory 1971', automated mechanical and electrical systems, masjid, gymnasium, display centre for Bangladeshi memorabilia, a library for books on Bangladesh primarily on the Liberation War and socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

As a reflection of Bangladesh's history of independence, a bust of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and a Shaheed Minar were also installed at the Complex.

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## Sex traffickers

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He further said his close associate Nazim, who lives in Chattogram, visited one of his academies once and said the girls can get jobs at clubs in Dubai.

Nazim said his brother Azam Khan had four "dance clubs" there and can arrange work for them, said Yeasin in the statement.

Yeasin said Nazim then told him names of some choreographers and manager of a well-known actress and informed that they also provided him with artists for "jobs" in Dubai.

He said he recognised the names right away. Some people from the industry used to gather girls from across the country, promising them jobs in media and foreign countries, he added.

Though Yeasin mentioned the names, this newspaper is withholding those for the sake of investigation.

Yeasin said Nazim told him that each artist who wanted to go to Dubai will get Tk 50,000 monthly salary. Following the offer, Yeasin sent three girls to Dubai and received Tk 30,000 from Nazim as commission, he told in his statement.

Once there, Nazim's brother Azam Khan and Ershad forced the girls into sex trade. Yeasin claimed that he came to know about sex trafficking after he tried to check on the girls.

They also said they never received their salaries.

CID first came to know about the racket following arrest of Azam in early July. Azam gave his confessional statement on July 13 and said he has been involved in trafficking for last eight years.

CID has already arrested three associates of Azam, including Yeasin.

Two other arrestees also gave similar statements.

Syeda Jannat Ara of CID said they have already made some progress and identified Azam's cohorts. "We are now conducting drives to arrest them," she added.

**CHOREOGRAPHER SOHAG HELD**  
Meanwhile in another development, CID on Thursday night arrested dancer and choreographer Ivan Shahrir Sohag for his alleged involvement in trafficking girls to Dubai.

He was arrested from Niketan in the capital.

Yeasin, who was arrested in a trafficking case filed with Lalbagh Police Station on July 2, in his confessional statement disclosed involvement of Ivan, said CID officials.

In a media statement yesterday, CID said they are now interrogating Ivan. A total of six people were arrested in the case and four of them have already gave confessional statements in the court.

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As per the schedule, the deadline for submission of nomination papers is September 17, the date for scrutiny of nomination papers is September 20 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is September 27.

The by-elections will be held from 9am to 5pm through electronic voting machines.

The Dhaka-5 seat fell vacant following the death of Awami League MP Habibur Rahman Mollah on May 6 while the Naogaon-6 constituency became vacant after the demise of ruling party lawmaker Israfil Alam on July 27.

The EC has a legal obligation to arrange a parliamentary by-election within 90 days of the constituency concerned falling vacant.

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1	Pro/BINA/egp/Char /2020-21/1	492659	Refrigerator (-20 degree C)	14 September 2020, 15:00	28 September 2020, 17:00	29 September 2020, 15:00
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