

## Bangladeshis

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passengers who went to Italy in two consecutive flights," he said.

Momen said the Italian government urged mandatory Covid-19 tests for all 30,000 Bangladeshis in Rome, but many Bangladeshis left the city to avoid testing.

"Now, many are entering Italy, as the country has started regularising the situation... But due to previous behaviour of Bangladeshis and fear of a possible second wave of Covid-19, Italian authorities are very much concerned. That's why they are not allowing us to enter," he continued.

Pointing to Italy-bound Bangladeshi migrant workers' movement, the minister said it would be better if they demonstrate in front of the Italian mission in Dhaka.

"If they do that, authorities concerned will send information to Italy that Bangladeshis are trying to return," Momen said.

"What can we do apart from requesting them? We cannot send the expatriates forcibly," he also said.

Meanwhile, Italy Help Centre, a platform of Italy-bound expatriate workers, yesterday said the Italian ambassador has agreed to meet with a delegation of stranded Bangladeshi workers on October 19 to talk about their return.

Hridoy Ahmed, an Italy-bound expatriate, said there are at least 15,000 stranded Bangladeshis who are waiting to return to their workplaces in Italy.

They will wage movement in front of the foreign ministry office from October 20, if the Italian ambassador does not take any effective measures, he added.

## Journo murdered in Narayanganj

*Cops say he informed them about illegal gas connection*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A journalist was killed by some local people in Narayanganj on Sunday night as he used to inform law enforcers of their involvement in illegal gas connection, said police.

The victim -- Ilias Hossain (45) -- was a correspondent of the "Dainik Bijoy", a local daily.

In connection with the killing, police arrested three people -- Tusher, Millat Ali, and Misir Ali between Sunday night and yesterday morning, said Inspector Azgor Hossain of Bandar Police Station.

Some people hacked Ilias to death around 8:30pm at Adampur in Bandar area while he was on his way home in Jeodhora area, Officer-in-Charge Fakhruddin Bhuiyan quoted witnesses as saying.

A knife was seized from Tusher whose clothe was bloodstained during his arrest in the nearby area the same night, said the OC. Later, the other two were held, he added.

Victim's wife Julekha Begum filed a murder case with the police station yesterday, accusing eight persons including the three, said Inspector Azgar.

Police said they are trying to arrest the other accused. In primary interrogation, Tusher admitted that he killed the journalist following previous enmity over illegal gas connection, said the police officer.

"We heard that Tusher sells contraband drugs in the area," said Inspector Azgar, adding that he was an accused in a case filed over a clash previously, he said.

Meanwhile, a Narayanganj court yesterday placed the arrestees on a three-day remand each, said police.

## Shahabuddin Medical College MD gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Faisal Al Islam, managing director of Shahabuddin Medical College Hospital, got bail in a case filed over using unauthorised Covid-19 test kits and forging test reports.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court on Sunday granted Faisal bail, after his lawyer submitted a criminal appeal against the rejection order of the lower court.

In the appeal, the lawyer said his client has been suffering from different ailments, including heart disease, so he should be granted bail on medical grounds. Shahinur also said his client had an open-heart surgery before he was arrested.

The judge granted the bail on medical grounds after hearing arguments from both sides.

Rab arrested Faisal from the capital's Gulshan on July 20.

## 2 leaders

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in different Facebook posts that they were under the detention of some plainclothes men and released in the evening.

Activists of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad claimed the case was false and demanded immediate release of their leaders, at a gathering in front of National Museum at Shahbag. After that the protesters brought out a procession from Shahbag to Gulistan zero point around 2pm.

"Police wanted to quell nationwide anti-rape movement by arresting them. This kind of cruelty is never desirable," said the Parishad's acting convener Muhammad Rashed Khan at the gathering.

He demanded immediate release of the arrestees.

"We have arrested two and produced them before a Dhaka court. We have no

idea about the detention and release of two missing leaders of the organisation," Walid Hossain, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

On September 20, a DU student filed the rape case against Saiful, Nazmul, former Ducus VP Nurul Haque Nur, Hasan Al Mamun, suspended convener of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad; DU student Nazmul Hasan Sohag and Abdullah Hil Baki with Lalbagh Police Station.

She filed another case with Kotwali Police Station against the six on September 21 under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

On October 8, the complainant started a hunger strike on the campus, demanding arrest of former Ducus VP Nur and five others in the case.

## Accused beaten

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punishment of all involved.

It is worth mentioning that Moktar has already given his confessional statement before a magistrate after his arrest in the murder case. In the statement, he confessed that he took part in the killing where rival BCL men beat Sudipto to death, while also divulging information of others involved with the incident.

According to police and family members, in the early morning of October 6, 2017, some 20 people called out Sudipto, a master's student of Government City College and an assistant general secretary of the city unit of BCL, from his home in Sadarghat area and beat him to death.

On the same day, Sudipto's father Meghnath Biswas filed a case with Sadarghat Police Station accusing seven to eight unknown miscreants.

Later, the case was transferred to Police Bureau of Investigation, who are yet to submit a charge sheet.

Police so far arrested 18 people, mostly BCL activists, in connection with the case, of whom 16 are now out in bail.

Sources in police and BCL said in-party rivalry was the reason behind the murder. Sudipto's peers and followers alleged that Didarul Alam Masum, a former BCL leader of Government City College and general secretary of Lalkhan Bazar ward unit Awami League, was the mastermind.

Masum, however, denied the allegations, claiming that it's a "conspiracy" against him by his political rivals.

## ACI fined

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to be okay, the executive magistrate said.

A mobile court recently conducted a drive at ACI's hand sanitiser factory in Gazipur and found harmful chemical in the product. The court fined the company Tk 17 lakh and issued a warning so that they refrain from using the chemical in the sanitiser, Sarwoer Alam said.

After receiving information that the company has stored a huge quantity of sanitisers made of harmful chemical in its Mirpur depot, the court conducted the three-hour drive there, starting from 5pm on Sunday, he said.

They tested the product and found presence of methanol, the executive magistrate said.

Contacted, ACI Managing Director of Consumer Goods, Syed Alamgir said they would comment on the issue later.

## Just 54mm

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Traffic policemen, who were manning major intersections, seemed helpless.

The sufferings of people worsened due to road renovation and construction works of different projects in different parts of the city.

On the other hand, rickshaw-pullers charged high even for a very short distance, cashing in on the situation.

"I could not get a rickshaw from Asadgate [near Aarong] as the place went under knee-deep water," said Jamal Ahmed, a private job holder, who works at Farmgate.

Rashed Hasan, a resident of Jigatala, said he could not ride his bike to work due to waist-deep water. "I hired a

rickshaw, and had to pay Tk 110 to go to Farmgate, which usually takes Tk 70."

Many residents said as work for storm water drainage is going on in the area, rainwater mixed with mud and sewage worsened the situation.

Auto-rickshaw driver Monir Hossain said in many places, their vehicles broke down due to being stuck in water, which is why he decided to call it a day.

Waterlogging in Dhaka after rain is nothing new and experts have termed it a collective failure.

Of the total drainage lines in the capital, 385km are under Dhaka Wasa. This key utility service provider is also

responsible for the maintenance of 26 canals with a total length of 74km and box culverts of 10km.

Among the other government agencies that are also responsible include the two city corporations that manage some 2,500km of surface drains, the deputy commissioner's office that owns canals and many waterbodies, and Rajuk, which owns city lakes including Hatirjheel and is the custodian of many flood flow zones and retention areas.

Besides, Bashundhara Residential Area authorities and Cantonment Board are two entities who have autonomy in water management in their respective areas.

## Airline directed

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Dhaka and 53 from Chattogram airports to Dubai by two flights of Flydubai on October 9, said sources at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The Bangladeshi passengers were willing to travel by road from Dubai to Al Ain, a city in the eastern region of UAE, and Abu Dhabi.

Based on the complaints of the returning passengers, an investigation of the Magistrate Court at Shahjalal airport found that the negligence of Flydubai was responsible for deportation.

Passengers would not have been able to board the Dubai-bound flight if the airline authorities followed UAE's immigration policy properly.

Aviation Security, Airport APBN and expatriate welfare desk at the Dhaka airport assisted the magistrate court during the hearing.

## Cycling for

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constantly rebalanced to ensure vehicles are available where our users want them. Any bicycle that is unused for one hour will be taken to an area where it is more likely to be used," said Reza.

Earlier, in February 2020, right before the pandemic hit the country, Jobike had publicly announced the milestone of surpassing one million rides, with around 100,000 registered users. The startup reported that this is roughly equivalent to saving 52,300 litres of fuel.

Sayma Rahman gave an insight into their

target groups, "Some 6,500 women have learned to ride bicycles through Jobike, available in their respective campuses."

According to Jobike users and team members, the most important side to the initiative is that it leaves a breath of fresh air in the congested lifestyle of Dhaka, helping maintain a balance in the environment.

Considering the growing concerns surrounding climate change, the startup is highly determined to build a healthy ecosystem for city transportation and inspire people towards a healthy lifestyle, they added.

## Focus more

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Farida Yeasmin, general secretary of Jatiya Press Club, said women are not focused as a centre point in disaster reporting, even though women manage everything of a family in a disaster, and for this, there must be more training for journalists.

Besides, the news reports on disaster are prepared based on how the central leaders direct the local journalists. The change of mindset and gender-sensitive training is important for central news leaders too so that they give proper direction to the district journalists for in-depth report about women's vulnerabilities in disaster, she added.

Angur Nahar Monty, coordinator of Bangladesh Women Journalist Network, said the number of female journalists is still less in Bangladesh, and so is the scope of capacity building since there is a lack of opportunity and disinterest in availing the opportunity.

According to Monty, from last March, the network has been working on capacity building and identifying the challenges and creating a network with different organisations. "We have worked with British High Commission, British Council for their English language development and ICRC on first aid training," she added.

Farzana Rupa, senior correspondent of Ekattor TV, said the policymakers must keep in mind the issues of women in infrastructure development, including buildings, roads and shelters. At the same time, there must be more focus on humanitarian development.

The event was co-chaired by Parveen Akhter, director-general, Department of Women Affairs, and moderated by Dilruba Haider of UN Women.

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The tender notice for Improvement Work of Road Drain & Footpath at Shaympur Kodomtoli area from Gazi Tank Factory to Nurany Textile Mills Ltd. Road No. 11 (Tender ID-498464, Ref: 46.207.14.21.14.02.2020/1, Package No. egp/dscc/z05/20-21/01/P01); Memo No. 46.207.000.21.16.01.2020, Date: 07/10/2020 has the following correction.  
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