

Pubail

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Shopkeeper Azizul revealed a fun little tidbit. "It's something of a ritual here. If a director comes to film at our shops, whether they use it for 10 minutes or an hour, they pay us 500 taka."

There's also a generator business that sprouted around the village. As demand for uninterrupted electricity is high, generators are always in demand, at least they used to be, until the pandemic hit. There's around 20 generators up for rent in Bhadun. Mamun, works for a team of generator service providers, told this correspondent, "I've made quite a few bucks over the last couple of years, but it hasn't been the same for the last few months."

Another source of income comes from working at dining units. With so many outsiders living in Bhadun all the time, there's always a need for cooks and chefs, and a sizeable part of Bhadun's population makes their money by working at dining units on the sets.

Bhadun's filming hub grew up some 23 years ago. It began when famed director Amzad Hossain went out looking for shooting spots and stumbled upon the village. Amzad loved it; from the greenery to the water bodies, there's ample nature for one to unwind. He started coming to it for his productions, kick-starting an entire economy in the course. Amzad Hossain's "Agoon Laga Shondha" was eventually televised on Ekushey Television. After things started picking up, the village gradually became what it is now. Today, there's more than 20 shooting houses in Bhadun, with mudhouses being of extra demand. One of the mudhouses is owned by Badshah. Along with Badshah's, there are other known houses in Bhadun. There's Shahin's house,

Harun's house, Meghla Akash, Bilbilai and more. Bilbilai stands in the middle of a pond, and you need small boats to get there.

However, the village is perhaps best known for Salauddin Lavlu's rural tele-dramas. Lavlu has spent months on end here, filming his long-running TV series.

Reminiscing his time with Bhadun, the famed director was at a loss. "It's hard to numerate exactly how many of my natoks were shot here. Most of them were drama serials. "Shakin Sharishuri" and "Alta Shundori" were the most prominent of them." Lavlu, now president of the Director's Guild, said, "Filming has become more expensive now (post-coronavirus). There's a lot of additional costs due to the need to maintain health guidelines. But while costs have increased, the price of the productions remain the same."

It's a haven for fans of the showbiz. A few students of Pubail College said they're happy that they get to meet so many celebrities sitting right at home. Spending a day at Bhadun will inevitably include a lot of celebrity encounters, and it was no different for this correspondent.

Actor Shaju Khadem was found at Harun's house. "I call Bhadun the celebrity village. Even the mudhouses and stores are stars here," the popular actor said. Also present were veteran actors Mamunur Rashid, Tariq Anam Khan, playwright Brandon Das, director Aranya Anwar and many more. "This village is home to our love and nostalgia," Aranya Anwar said. But veteran actor Dr Inamul Huq complained about the time it takes to get to Bhadun. "In the past, it didn't take long to get to Pubail. But you now have to go through hours of traffic. This is a big issue for us."



Lines of illegally parked cars leave little space for vehicular movement on the capital's Secretariat Road. Such disregard of traffic rules, that too at a prominent location, bears testament to negligence of authorities. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ICCB president

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Some of the interviewees include India-based global firms like Bajaj, Cipla, Tata, Godrej, Oberoi and Tata; regional multinationals such as Dubai-based Aramax and Chalhoub Group, and Saudi-based Jarir; multinational Latin American companies like Bunge and Cencosud; and African firms, including Nando's and the former Celtel (now part of Bharti Airtel).

Rahman, during the interview, reflected on his family background and childhood in Cumilla, and how, in 1962, he started his first business, Eastern Trading Company (now ETBL Holdings), located in Chattogram.

He said his company primarily focused on importing consumer goods and representing foreign companies which were selling their products in East Pakistan.

He dwelt on the early years of his business, which he started in a small cottage built by his father, and worked by himself with no employees until 1966. By the late 1960s, ETBL Holdings had become the sole distributor of coconut oil for Sri Lanka and East Pakistan.

Rahman also threw light on the difficulties that businesspeople used to face when Bangladesh was part of Pakistan and during the post-liberation days. He also explained how he had strongly lobbied for establishing banks, insurance companies and financial institutions in the private

sector in the early 80s.

Rahman -- who is also chairperson of The Financial Express's board of directors, the country's first English financial daily -- also explained his entry into newspaper publication. He gave details of the newspaper's start-up process, how he was able to raise capital, how the company gained an edge over other newspapers, and how it became the second leading English language daily newspaper and even became profitable.

When asked to comment on the level of corruption in Bangladesh, Rahman traced the root of the vice in the British colonial rule and a resulting lack of transparency, archaic laws, and political cronyism.

Turing to his engagement with the ICC, Rahman described how ICCB differs from other chambers of commerce globally.

He presented a few examples of banking and financial sector reform that he has done with the organisation, including encouraging an opening to private sector activity.

Rahman concluded his interview by discussing how Bangladesh reacted to the 2008 financial crisis and issues of succession.

He felt that the biggest priority and opportunity for Bangladesh for the private sector is to engage in poverty alleviation and explore solutions for climate change.

Telemedicine for livestock launched

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PraniSheba Vet, a specialised telemedicine platform for livestock, the first of its kind in the country, was launched yesterday. SM Rezaul Karim, Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, was present at its virtual inauguration ceremony as chief guest, says a press release.

In his speech, the minister said he expects the platform to play a crucial role in the welfare of the livestock sector. "I hope the virtual hospital will work to ensure quality animal health services through skilled and specialised veterinarians," he added.

Through it, livestock owners can get necessary advice and medical services from any part of the country in just 10-15 minutes via a phone call, the press release added.

Raunak Mahmud, secretary of the livestock ministry said, "It has become difficult to look after the health of animals during the pandemic. In this context, a platform like PraniSheba Vet, which ensures quality service to livestock owners through a simple phone call, is timely and certainly deserving of praise."

Dr Abdul Jabbar Sikder, Director General of the Department of Livestock, echoed the sentiment, saying, "Representatives of the young generation are finding interest in the livestock sector everyday. This use of technology in animal health services will further motivate them."

Fida Haq, Managing Director and CEO of Adorsho PraniSheba Ltd, said the goals and objectives of "PraniSheba Vet" are easy access to animal health services, 100 percent vet based medicine, prevention of unnecessary use of antibiotics and ensuring safe meat for consumption.

A mother's

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Liton Chandra Roy, then sub-inspector of Chandgaon police, was the case's investigation officer. He visited the spot, spoke to the girl, her family and neighbours.

The girl was sent to the One-stop Crisis Centre of Chattogram Medical College Hospital for tests. Later, the IO arrested the two accused in connection with the case.

In the statement, which was taken by a magistrate under Section 22 of the Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, the child stated how the two men raped her.

Law enforcers also spoke to witnesses. On September 25 of the same year, the then Inspector of Chandgaon police Jobayer Sayed pressed charges against the two. But the two got out on bail, the mother said.

This correspondent has obtained a copy of the case statement and charge sheet.

Their story of trauma did not stop with the rape, she told this correspondent. Rather, their agonies have been piling ever since.

"After getting arrested, the duo started to have people threaten us. They were trying to force us to withdraw the case," she said.

"We had to leave our area and shift to another place at Double Mooring. We also lodged a GD against them," she added. "My daughter is still traumatised. I feel so distressed to leave her alone at home that I've left my job."

September 27 was the latest scheduled date for the case's hearing.

On the day, the accused straight up walked up to the family and threatened them to withdraw the case, right on the court premises, she alleged.

She said they have been doing this ever since they came out on bail early last year.

The case is now under trial at Chattogram Women and Child Repression Tribunal-5.

Talking to The Daily Star, complainant's lawyer advocate Uday Sangkar said, "Only the mother has testified in the case so far. The trial process is being delayed due to absence of witnesses, which intensified after the family changed their location."

"The court has issued summons to witnesses but most remain untraceable," said advocate Uday. For example, for the hearing on September 27, no witnesses came to the court, he added.

He said there are in total 13 witnesses including police and the mother. "We will inform the court that some witnesses are reluctant to appear before it. The court will take action in this regard," he added.

Such complications escape the mother, who demands justice no matter what. "You won't believe how we're surviving. All I know is that I want justice, that I want capital punishment for the criminals," she said.

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Marking World Polio Day, Rotary International Bangladesh District 3281 in Dhaka organised a seminar at a city hotel yesterday. Chaired by Rotary governor M Rubayet Hossain, Rotary International Polio Plus Committee chairman Michael K McGovern, former governor KM Zainul Abedin, Jalal U Ahmed, Md Hafizullah, and others spoke at the event.

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Flights of US-Bangla Airlines will leave Dhaka for Kolkata at 9:45am six days a week except Monday and will land in Kolkata at 10:15am local time, the airlines said in a release.

From Kolkata, the US-Bangla Airlines' flights will fly for Dhaka at 11am local time and land at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at 12:30pm.

In Chennai route, the flight of US-Bangla

Airlines will leave Dhaka at 10:30am on every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and land in Chennai at 12:40pm local time. From Chennai, the flight will leave for Dhaka at 1:30 pm the same day and will land in Dhaka at 4:40 pm.

Besides, US-Bangla Airlines will operate flights from Dhaka to Chennai via Chattogram and from Chennai to Dhaka via Chittagong every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

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INVITATION FOR Expression of Interest (EOI) FROM INTERESTED COMPANIES FOR PROVISION OF PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION
The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites applications from interested companies for enlistment with WFP as its vendor for provision of logistics services such as Pest Control & Fumigation for Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Modhuchara/Ukhiya and Teknaf areas.
Conditions for entry into the process and the documents required to be submitted are given below:
Pre-Qualification for entry:
• Valid trade license for the core business of the company for pest control & fumigation service
• Minimum 3 years' experience in running the business
• Should have experience working with government, international NGO, national NGO or any other reputed organization
• Company presence/ footprint in Cox's Bazar or Chattogram
• Business house having the same address, telephone and fax number with different name will not be accepted
• Supplier must have operational email address
• Supplier should mention about the sister concerns/ subsidiary agency if any, with appropriate proof
• Clearly specify services to provide: PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION SERVICE
Documents to submit:
1. Company profile
2. Completed & signed WFP PEST CONTROL and FUMIGATION Questionnaire available in the below link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17OAPRHOA53AZnQRrRYhtBjM4uSMj-2EF/view?usp=sharing>
3. Proof of experience working with government, international NGO, national NGO and any other reputed organization. (Purchase Order (PO) and/or recommendation letter and/or work completion certificate from at least three (3) organizations)
4. Copy of Trade/Business License
5. TIN (Tax Identification Number)
6. Bank Solvency Certificate with Account Number
7. Clients' list
8. Certificate of incorporation
9. VAT Registration, Compliance Certificate and ISO Certificate (if applicable)
Those who are interested in registering with WFP are requested to submit the completed/filled-in and signed WFP's PEST CONTROL and FUMIGATION Questionnaires along with copies of above listed documents by sending e-mail to: coxsbazar.logistics@wfp.org
The subject line should be marked as Expression of Interest for Enlistment as 'PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION'
Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 17:00 hrs Bangladesh time
For any further information please contact: Logistics Unit, World Food Program, Cox's Bazar through the email coxsbazar.logistics@wfp.org

Motorbike thief

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OC Mohsin said at one point police was informed that the rickshaw was seen Askar Dighi Par area of Kazir Dewri and police rushed to the spot and found the bike near Shotodal Club area.

"After learning the incident, the mother handed over her son to police," said the OC.

A case was lodged in this connection with Kowali police station.

Online Certificate Course on Genocide and Justice
Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ) of the Liberation War Museum (LWM) invites interested individuals to apply for participating in the Online Certificate Course on Genocide and Justice to be held from 05 November 2020 till 28 November 2020. The month-long certificate course will be held virtually (using Zoom platform) on each Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon. Academics and experts from home and abroad will conduct the classes. The deadline for submitting the application form is 31 October 2020. The applicants should be from Bangladesh and at least 3rd Year student of any university or a professional with Bachelor's degree or equivalent. Proficiency in English is required. The selected applicants will have to pay a course fee of Tk. 1000 before the commencement of the course. The students will have to pay Tk. 500 as concessional course fee. Limited number of course fee waiver shall be offered to some deserving candidates.
The interested individuals are requested to fill up the form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m1WoDg82eLbY1e4cBup111v1eCt11AVM6iWVGv8w/edit>
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