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Nur 'controlled' drug business

Cops finally raid his shops, recover 3,000 bottles of Phensedyl, liquor, machetes; some lawmen 'facilitated' his illegal trade

STAR REPORT

The drug empire Nur Hossain built in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj took years to build, if not decades. But it was nobody's headache although he ran the illegal trade under the nose of law enforcers and the local administration.

Hossain, the prime accused in the sensational seven-murder case, did it all openly with protection from a local "godfather" and some police officials, according to sources with firsthand knowledge.

For him, money came what the sources say like "flood waters" from the sale of



Nur Hossain

Phensedyl, Yaba and local and foreign liquors. Drug trade, both retail and wholesale, made the largest chunk of his income.

Parts of the income went to some unscrupulous law enforcers and administration officials in return for the protection they gave Hossain, ward-4 councillor of Narayanganj and vice-president of Siddhirganj thana Awami League.

His drug empire spreads from Shimrail crossing, Shimrail truck stand, Siddhirganj Housing to as far as west end of Kanchpur bridge and Demra.

Over the years, the business boomed and

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Police seize Phensedyl, foreign liquor and sharp weapons raiding Shimrail Truck Stand in Narayanganj yesterday. The contraband substances were recovered from the shops of Nur Hossain, prime accused in the Narayanganj seven-murder case of last month.

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N'GANJ 7-MURDER Maya denies his family's link with the accused

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Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury

Maya yesterday claimed that none of his family members have any link with the accused in the case filed for the abduction and murder of seven persons in

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Poor teaching method restrains learners' skill

WB study on Bangladesh secondary education points out limitations

WASIM BIN HABIB

Though the pass rates in public examinations are getting higher, a huge number of students are failing to master the desired competencies due to a flawed teaching system, observes the World Bank.

The global lender in a report states that the most common teaching method at secondary classes in the country is lecturing and reading textbooks and when it comes to interaction, teachers only ask closed questions like "yes" or "no" to check whether the

students have memorised the textbook information.

This teaching practice goes hand in hand with current examination system, which tests only memory recall from the textbook, says the report titled "Bangladesh Education Sector Review" published in March.

It also observed that the teachers feel uncomfortable in adopting innovative educational approaches as they fear that using other approaches may result in poor performance in examinations.

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State loses Tk 7cr in award graft

Ex-state minister among 12 held responsible by probe body

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The government was robbed of around Tk 7.04 crore while making and purchasing subpar shields given to foreign friends and organisations as presents for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War, a probe report says.

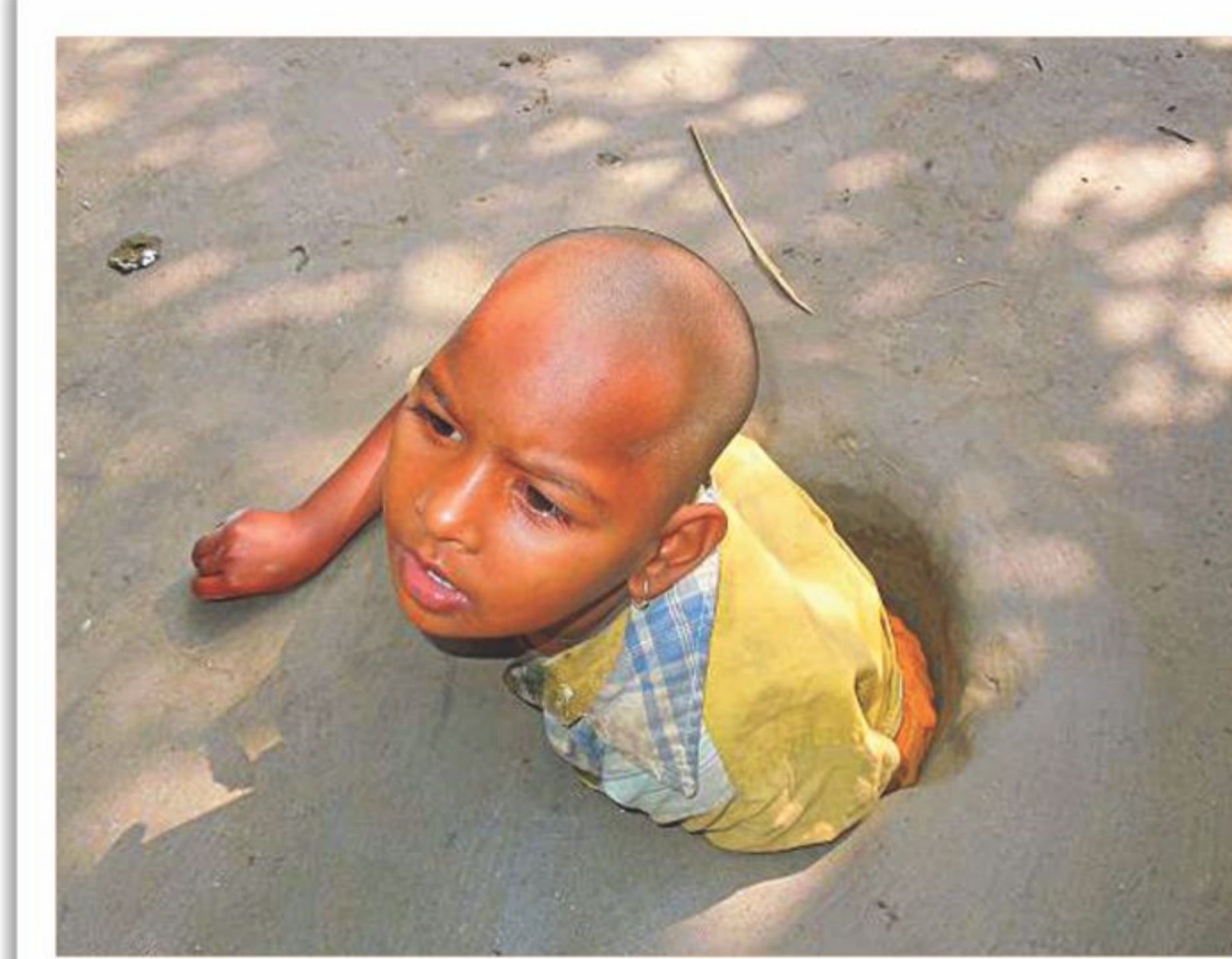
The report of the investigation committee, formed to identify people involved in making and purchasing substandard shields, held former state minister for Liberation War Affairs Ministry AB Tajul Islam and 12 others of his ministry responsible.

The shields made of wood, gold and silver hardly had any precious

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- Lecturing and reading textbook is the common teaching style
- Less interaction with students
- Teachers heavily rely on textbook for classroom instruction
- Teachers fear to apply innovative approach
- Many teachers unfamiliar with desired competencies of students
- Pass rates in public exams increased, not students' competence



Noimi in her hole. She spends all her days like this.

PHOTO: STAR

Living in a hole...

Quack prescribes inhuman treatment for 5-year-old child

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Five-year-old Noimi is kept buried from waist down all day at Badiar More village in Nilphamari as prescribed by a "kabiraj (herbal medicine practitioner)" to cure her of physical disability.

She has been treated this way for the last three and a half years but nothing has

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Road crash kills 10

Two buses collide on Dhaka-Khulna highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

At least 10 people were killed and 31 others injured in a head-on collision between two passenger buses on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Basantapur in Rajbari early yesterday.

The injured passengers were undergoing treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH) and Rajbari Sadar Hospital. Bodies of the victims were kept at the FMCH morgue.

Soon after the accident, people put up barricade, protesting frequent accidents in Basantapur and traffic came to a standstill for close to two hours on the highway.

The accident occurred as a Barisal-bound bus of Global Paribahan from

Dhaka collided face-to-face with a bus of Eagle Paribahan from Khulna around 4:15am, said Ashrafal Alam, assistant superintendent of highway police.

The impact caused the bus of Eagle Paribahan to plunge into a roadside ditch while the other bus moved crosswise, blocking the highway.

Police later towed the bus away to restore regular traffic on the highway.

Eight passengers died on the spot, Ashrafal said, adding that 33 injured were rushed to Rajbari Sadar Hospital and FMCH, where two succumbed to their injuries in the morning.

Eight of the dead were identified as Babu Fakir, supervisor of Global

Paribahan, its helper Mohammad Jewel, 35, passengers -- Poreshe Roy, 52, Ratan Sarker, 52, Sakim Uddin, 16, Nasima Khatun, 28, and her three-month old infant Jannat and Afsar Uddin, 35.

The identities of another woman and a male passenger could not be known till filing of this report at 10:00pm.

Two injured passengers remain in a critical condition, said Dr Ratan Kumar Saha, an associate professor of FMCH.

People withdrew the blockade on the highway after Hasanuzzaman Kollol, deputy commissioner of Rabari

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