

## UK DETENTION CENTRE Deceased Bangladeshi's body arrives today

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The body of Rubel Ahmed, who died at a detention centre in the UK, will reach Sylhet today in a Biman Bangladesh flight.

The body will then be taken to his house in Sangrai village where the second namaz-e-janaza will be held, said Enamul Haque, the deceased's cousin.

The UK authorities handed over Rubel's body to his relatives there on Friday. The first namaz-e-janaza was held at East London Mosque, said Enamul.

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## Unhygienic unani medicine factory fined in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court backed by Rapid Action Battalion yesterday fined a unani medicine factory owner Tk 50,000 for producing medicines in an unhygienic atmosphere in the capital's Adabor.

Nur-un-Nabi, 55, had been running Adorn Pharmaceuticals in a two-storey building for the last one year. Nur-un-Nabi will have to serve a two-month imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine, said Executive Magistrate Anisur Rahman.

The court found the employees working on mats on the floor, violating regulations of the Drug Administration, said the magistrate, adding that the environment was unhealthy.



The first batch of the country's female marine cadets selected for sea training, with Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan at Chittagong Port yesterday. The minister handed over the appointment letters to two cadets while the rest of the 13 will get it gradually. They will work on five ships of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation for one year.

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## First batch of female marine cadets selected for sea training

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For the first time in the country, thirteen female marine cadets got appointments to serve a year-long sea training in five ships of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC).

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan formally handed over the appointment letters to two of the 13 cadets at a brief ceremony on Bangla Shikha, anchored at a jetty of Chittagong Port yesterday.

BSC will hand over appointment letters to the remaining 11 cadets gradually for their training in the four other ships, said Commodore Moqsumul Quader, managing director at BSC.

The minister remarked how far women have come, as before people would stare at women who drove cars.

The 13 cadets were the first females to complete two-year long study from Bangladesh Marine Academy, said Commodore Moqsumul, adding that now they need to complete the sea training to acquire academic certificates that are required for eligibility in applying for professional certificates.

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## BECOMING MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRY

# SE Asian economic bloc high priority

### Gowher Rizvi tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The south-east Asian economic bloc is a "high priority" for Bangladesh to emerge as a middle income country by 2021, Dr Gowher Rizvi, adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, told a seminar yesterday.

The Centre for East Asia Foundation (CEAF) organised the seminar on Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) economic corridor and Maritime Silk Road across the Bay at a city hotel.

"We are absolutely thrilled by the idea of BCIM economic corridor," said Rizvi, adding that Bangladesh's aspiration to emerge as a middle income country was set out and BCIM sub-regional economic cooperation was an important arrangement to achieving that end.

Without such regional cooperation, the countries cannot mutually benefit from the

hydropower resources in south Asia, he said, adding that Bhutan had a proven capacity to generate 25,000 megawatts of electricity while Nepal could generate up to 75,000 megawatts of hydroelectricity.

Bangladesh must emerge as the hub of south-east Asian connectivity with an easy access to almost one-third of the world population, he said.

Bangladesh is very important in south-east Asia because of its geographical location, lying between two emerging economic giants, China and India, and having excellent relations with both countries, said Rizvi.

Rizvi, however, regretted the fact that attempts to know Myanmar were very little in Bangladesh for "no good reason" despite the close proximity to the country.

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Participants of "Skills for Life" campaign, supported by the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense, Bangladesh Metropolitan Police, Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, Center for Sustainable Development, and The Daily Star, with guests at a ceremony after receiving certificates on the university campus in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday. Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam attended the programme as chief guest.

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## 'IRREGULARITIES' AT CTG PORT Shajahan bashes ex-mayor Mohiuddin for 'protest'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan yesterday criticised his party colleague ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury for the latter's ongoing movement to "save Chittagong Port from a mafia group, Saif Power Tec Ltd", a private berth operator.

The minister said, "In the name of movement for saving the port, they are actually making it unsafe, as such a movement would destroy the image of the port."

Mohiuddin, under the banner of Chattogram Bandar Rakkhya Parishad, launched a movement in August with several demands, including dismissing Saif Power Tec Ltd from the job of operating two terminals and an inland container depot of the seaport. The former city mayor said the firm was appointed illegally and was getting most of the contracts at the port through irregularities.

Terming the movement "illogical", the minister urged Mohiuddin to talk to the ministry about his demands.

Shajahan Khan was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the dredging work of Chakta canal, initiated by Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), to maintain the navigation and prevent the pollution of the Karnaphuli river, ultimately solving the problem of waterlogging in the port city.

CPA with its newly purchased multi-purpose dredger, Watermaster-Classic IV, will dredge 58 big and small canals, which criss-cross the city before emptying into the Karnaphuli.

Mentioning his ministry's initiatives, the shipping minister said they did not want the Karnaphuli, which is the lifeline of the port, to meet the fate of the Buriganga.

Referring to Mohiuddin's movement, Khan said people who were alleging that the seaport was being grabbed by a mafia group actually did not know what the mafia was.

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The surgery lasted nearly six hours and after the procedure, they had to wait approximately six weeks for recovery before turning the implant on. After the procedure, Tisha then underwent six to eight months of intense speech therapy; she learned how to associate different sounds with objects such as drums, bells, and other instruments.

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