

Miracle made

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 blood with another's.
 The peculiarity of Bombay blood group is that they do not express the H antigen. As a result they cannot form A antigens or B antigens on their red blood cells. Thus they can donate blood to anybody with ABO grouping but can receive blood only from the Bombay blood group people, according to cure2children.org.



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Tuhin, also a director of Arinoba, said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University later discovered that Kamruzzaman had the rare Bombay blood group.
 "His haemoglobin level dropped to 5.6 [normal amount of hemoglobin ranges between 13.5 to 17.5 grams per deciliter]," Tuhin said, adding that they could not transfuse blood as no-one's blood was a match to his.
 Coordinator and Specialists of Transfusion Medicine Department of Apollo Hospital Taki Mumtaz Huda decided not to take unnecessary risks and wait for the blood to be found.
 After discovering his blood group, a frantic online and offline search led Kamruzzaman's colleagues and the Arinoba, to Vinay Shetty of the Mumbai-based NGO Think Foundation.

Four pints of the rare "Bombay blood group" reached Dhaka from Mumbai on June 18 to save his life.
 In India, where a robust blood distribution network exists, less than 400 people are known to have the Bombay blood group, a few of whom were traceable donors.
 "After the transfusion of the first pint, he told me that 'sir I'm feeling well now'," said Hassan Zaman, managing director of K&H Associates and Arinoba.
 Zaman gave all sorts of support, from financial to the import of the blood from India, to save his employee's life.
 "I can't express my feelings. I want to see him in my office again," Zaman said

after the surgery.
 Doctor Kibria said the cast on his leg will be removed after three weeks. "After that, he will be able to walk again on crutch," he added.
 Kamruzzaman, who is the fifth among six brothers, hails from Noakhali. His elder brother Masud Alam could not believe blood of four people from another country saved his brother's life.
 "How would I ever repay my debt to them," he said.
 Swapna Sawant, Krishnanand Kori, Mehul Bhelekar and Pravin Shinde had donated the blood to save Kamruzzaman.

He was 'picked up' 4 months ago

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 kidnapers identified themselves as members of Detective Branch.
 Police say they conducted a raid at Meradia in the capital early Sunday getting information about the presence of Sharif, an Ansarullah Bangla Team member who had bounty on his head.
 During the raid, they saw three people on a motorcycle speeding away. They signalled the bike to pull over but the trio ignored and opened fire on the cops.
 The cops fired back injuring one of the three.
 Taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, the injured was declared dead. He was then identified as Sharif, police say.

Sharif which is not his real name."
 When Mukul left home for Dhaka a couple of years ago in search of job, Azad advised his son not to get involved in any political activities. Mukul assured his father that he would not disappoint him.
 Azad himself is involved in politics; he is a member of Dhulihor union unit of the ruling Awami League.
 Mizanur Rahman Babu, chairman of Dhulihor union parishad and also general secretary of the AL unit, said Azad became a party member around three years back and later became an executive committee member. He was active in party activities, added Babu.
 Asked what Mukul had been doing in Dhaka, Azad said his son told him that he was working as an accountant at a Rajuk project and his salary was poor. He would have a pay rise once his job became permanent.
 Azad could not give specific details about the project; he also doesn't know where his son lived in Dhaka.
 Mukul secured GPA-5 in both SSC and HSC exams. He passed SSC from Dhulihor Adarsha High School in 2008 and HSC from Day-Night College in Satkhira, said his father.
 He got admitted to English (Hons) at Satkhira Government College and left for Dhaka in the middle of his study.
 Principal of Satkhira Government College Prof Liakat Parvez told our district correspondent that Mukul collected his SSC and HSC marksheets on November 22, 2011 for joining a job and later gave those back. He stopped attending classes in December that year, the principal added.
 Sumon, one of his school mates, said Mukul was a brilliant student and the school committee presented him a bicycle and a gold ring for his SSC result.
 His father added that the upazila parishad in recognition of his good result gave him around Tk 18,000.

Wishing anonymity, some of his neighbours and close friends said Mukul was all along very polite and used to offer prayers regularly.
 After he got admitted to honours class, he worked for an "Islamic insurance company" and used to move on a motorcycle. However, the name of the company or details about this job could not be known.
 One of them said Mukul had practised karate at a Satkhira training centre for some time.
 They noticed changes in Mukul's behaviour after he began looking for job in Dhaka. He avoided his acquaintances when he came home.
 They saw Mukul rarely in the last two years.
 According to his father, the last time he came home was on February 15 and four days later he got married.
 Police on May 19 released his photo with five other suspected militants' and announced award for information about their whereabouts.
 According to police, Sharif took part and directed the killing of Avijit Roy, blogger Niladri Niloy on August 7, 2015, and attempted murder of publisher Ahmedur Rashid Tutul at Lalmatia on October 31 the same year.
 He also planned publisher Dipan murder that took place the same day Tutul was injured; the killings of blogger Oyasiqur Rahman Babu on April 30, 2015 and Jagannath University student Nazim Uddin on April 8 this year and Xulhaz Manna and Mahub Tono on April 25.
 Mukul's mother Sakhira Khatun and two other family members received his body from Dhaka Medical College morgue around 11:15pm yesterday after completing all formalities.
 Five bullets pierced through his body -- three hit the chest, one his throat and the other his hand, morgue sources said.

Later in the day at a press briefing, police said Sharif was among the men who directly took part in the killing of Avijit on February 26 last year.
 "He hacked Avijit," said Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).
 But Azad said he doesn't believe his son could become a militant or commit murders.
 After the kidnap, he alleged, police initially refused to register any general diary (GD) as the name of DB came up. It was, however, accepted days later when a neighbour, who is a police officer, intervened.
 Mukul's brother-in-law Amir Hossain filed the GD (No 1344) with Jessore Kotwali Police Station on February 25.
 Contacted, Elias Hossain, officer-in-charge of the police station, said the complainant in the GD mentioned that Mukul went missing while returning from a relative's.
 The father added, "We had been trying in every possible way to locate him. On Sunday, in our disbelief, we learnt from TV news that he has been killed in a gunfight. But they called him

even attracts visitors and passersby as they walk past the market.
 Mango traders stand on both sides of Dhaka-Rajshahi highway, even occupying one lane of the two-lane road. The Banerwar union land office premises turns into a makeshift mango market during the harvest season.
 "Farmers are taking care of the mangoes like gold because of the high prices, which are almost double the last year's prices," said mango trader Yasin Ali at Banerwar Bazar.
 "Laukna mangoes were sold at Tk 600 per maund last year. This year the price rose to around Tk 1,300 per maund," he said.
 As there was a bumper production of mangoes last year, their prices were lower, he added.
 Muktar Hossain invested around Tk 9 lakh for buying mangoes. He sells those to traders from Dhaka and Chittagong. Another trader from Chandpur, Muhammad Babu, went to Banerwar to buy more than a dozen truckloads of mangoes. "I came here as I get the best quality of mangoes."
 Even truckers and basket-sellers were doing brisk business as those are essential for transporting the fruit.
 "Mango brings money to all kinds of people in Banerwar," said mango trader Nazrul Islam, adding that even a labourer earns Tk 600 to Tk 1,200 per day during the season.
 "I normally earn Tk 500 a day as a farm hand. But during mango season, my income increases by at least Tk 200. Moreover, I do not have to buy mangoes, as orchard owners provide us with enough mangoes after every harvest," said Abdul Aziz, a labourer of Jhalmaia.
 Many rural women also make nearly Tk 150 to Tk 200 a day from sorting out green and ripe mangoes, said Asma Begum, a female labourer.
 "Mangoes bring blessings for poor people like me. We can eat mangoes, and also earn some money," she said.

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Bus tickets for Eid trips

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 high fare, taking advantage of the huge demand for tickets ahead of Eid.
 Most of the leading bus companies, including Hanif Paribahan, Shyamoli Paribahan and SR Paribahan, started selling advance bus tickets for the Eid holidaymakers.
 Braving scorching heat, many people, most of them were fasting, thronged the bus counters early in the morning to buy tickets.
 As the demand for the tickets of three days -- June 30, July 4 and 5 -- are very high, many people did not get tickets for those days, said transport operators.
 However, many passengers alleged that the bus operators reserved tickets for VIPs or other influentials. That is why they were saying tickets had been sold out.
 "Usually, I need Tk 600 to travel to Dinajpur from Dhaka in Shyamoli

Paribahan. But they are now charging Tk 650," said Fazlul Karim, who works in a private organisation.
 Hanif Paribahan is taking Tk 640 for travelling to Rajshahi from Dhaka ahead of Eid.
 Usually, a passenger has to spend Tk 500 to travel on the same route in the same company's buses, said passengers.
 "I was surprised to hear the ticket price," said Utpal Das who went to Satkhira Express counter in the capital's Shyamoli area yesterday to buy a ticket for June 4.
 "The staffers told me that I will have to pay them Tk 550, if I want to travel before June 23. But I will have to pay them Tk 670, if I want to travel between June 24 and Eid day," Utpal, a government employee, told The Daily Star.
 As per the government fare chart, a passenger is supposed to pay Tk 444

for travelling from Dhaka to Rajshahi, Tk 495 to Dinajpur and Tk 482 to Satkhira.
 However, the transport operators claimed that all the bus companies were charging fare as per the government fixed rate.
 "There is no scope for charging extra fare. We have issued directives to all the bus companies to strictly follow the government fare chart," said Romesh Chandra Ghosh, vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association.
 About the ticket crisis, he said, "If everyone wants tickets for the same day, how will we provide tickets? The demand of tickets for June 30, July 4 and 5 is very high. We have tickets available for other days."
 During Eid, a majority of the people choose to travel to their ancestral homes to spend the festival with their near and dear ones.

Record 65m displaced last year

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 industrialised countries in 2015, the report said. Nearly 100,000 were children unaccompanied or separated from their families, a three-fold rise on 2014 and a historic high.
 Germany, where one in three applicants was Syrian, led with 441,900 claims, followed by the United States with 172,700, many of them fleeing gang and drug-related violence in Mexico and Central America.
 Developing regions still host 86 percent of the world's refugees, led by Turkey with 2.5 million Syrians, followed by Pakistan and Lebanon, the report said.
'RISE OF XENOPHOBIA'
 Asylum-seekers fleeing conflicts or

persecution are increasingly confronted with walls or anti-foreigner sentiment, Grandi said. "The rise of xenophobia is unfortunately becoming a very defining feature of the environment in which we work."
 "Barriers are rising everywhere - and I'm not just talking of walls. But I'm talking about legislative barriers that are coming up, including in countries in the industrialised world that have been for a long time bastions of principle in defending the fundamental rights linked to asylum."
 After Balkan countries closed borders, Turkey and the European Union (EU) struck a deal in March to stem an influx that brought a million refugees and migrants to Europe in 2015.

"The fact that that flow has stopped does not mean the problem of displacement has ended. It may have ended for some countries that don't have to deal with it anymore, for now," Grandi said.
 Progress has lagged on a scheme to redistribute 160,000 asylum seekers from Greece and Italy to other EU states to alleviate pressure on the two frontline countries. Only 2,406 people have been relocated, EU figures show.
 Grandi, asked about stalled relocation, said: "There is no Plan B for Europe. Europe will continue to receive people seeking asylum."
 "Everybody has to share responsibility now," he said.

The rabbit

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 basketball and dress up as superman.
 Asor, who bought Bini in 2012 and moved to Los Angeles in April, said the rabbit had always been special.
 "The things he does have never been done by other bunnies before," he said.
 "We had an accident with some markers and he was a very curious bunny to play with them, so I thought maybe I can teach him to paint?"
 "Instead of being mad about the mess I just went with it and said 'let's see what he can do' and now we sell his paintings in our online store."
 Asor also taught his young apprentice how to play basketball and pool, after he caught him pushing a ball around their apartment.
 Bini's videos have had more than 5 million views on Facebook since his page was created in 2014.
 But Asor said that Bini would continue to keep his growing fan base entertained, with a number of amazing new tricks in the pipeline.

Trial, if any

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 several other top SC officials accompanied the CJ.
 District Judge SM Kuddus Zaman, Metropolitan Sessions Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sheikh Hafizur Rahman and Chief Judicial Magistrate Jesmin Ara Begum were present at the conference room of the bar association.
 Saidur Rahman Manik, president of Dhaka Bar Association, and Ayubur Rahman, general secretary of the Bar, welcomed the CJ.

Hasina 'accepts

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 Bengal, he added.
 A four-member Bangladesh delegation, led by Muazzem Ali, met Mamata at her office at 3:00pm. This was the first meeting of the Bangladesh envoy with Mamata after her re-election as the West Bengal CM.
 Talking to this newspaper, Mofakharul Islam, first secretary at the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, said the meeting was significant.
 On Sunday, Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told journalists in New Delhi that her country was taking initiatives to ratify the Teesta water-sharing deal.

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Rooppur gets

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 a billion dollar Russian loan, Russian company Rosatom and its affiliated companies have done preparatory works and a series of feasibility studies.
 "We have already completed 80 percent preparatory work as per the first phase agreement by completing engineering surveys and environmental assessments. Currently, we are undergoing some site development work, which is likely to end by December this year," the project director said.
 Rooppur's two reactors of VVER-1200 will be based on a modified version of the NPP-2006 VVER, designed exclusively for the site on the eastern bank of the Padma river. Commissioning of the first unit of power plant would be held in April 2018 and it would go for production in 2023. The next one will go for production in 2024, according to the RNPP schedule.
 "Now we have the main focus on the main construction of the country's first ever nuclear power plant. It is likely to begin by August 2017," said the PD.
 "As the site licence is likely to be approved this month, the commission may submit advanced documents of the site and detailed engineering survey reports to BAERA by next six months so that we get the construction licence early next year," he observed.

Not yet ready to ratify nuke test treaty

Says Netanyahu

AFP, Jerusalem
 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that Israel supports a treaty to ban nuclear testing but signalled his country was not yet ready to ratify a UN pact adopted by the UN nearly 20 years ago.
 Netanyahu's office issued a statement on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty after he met Lassina Zerbo, the head of the Vienna-based organisation which oversees it.
 The CTBT, adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 1996, bans all nuclear explosions.
 Israel, believed to be the Middle East's sole if undeclared nuclear power, signed the treaty in 1996 but has yet to ratify it.
 The statement quoted Netanyahu as saying: "The state of Israel supports the treaty and its goals and has, therefore, signed the treaty."
 "The prime minister added that the issue of ratification depends on the regional context and the appropriate timing."
 Israel strongly opposed last year's

nuclear deal between world powers and its arch-foe Iran, with Netanyahu arguing that it would not block the Islamic republic's path to atomic weapons.
 Zerbo, executive secretary of the CTBT Organisation, expressed optimism that Israel was on track toward ratification.
 Speaking to AFP, he said Netanyahu "told me the issue of ratifying the treaty is a matter of 'when, rather than if.'
 "They are working on the conditions for the 'when'. He said he was committed and supportive of the treaty."
 The CTBT has been signed by 183 states and ratified by 164 including Russia, France and Britain, three of the nine countries which have, or are believed to possess, nuclear weapons.
 But to enter into force, the treaty needs 44 specific "nuclear technology holder" states to ratify it, eight of whom have yet to do so.
 The eight include the six in the nuclear club that have yet to ratify the pact -- the United States, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel -- as

It's mango time in Rajshahi

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 net, tied to bamboo sticks.
 Jalli's son Moklesur Rahman was picking mangoes from the ground while his two sons helped him collect those in baskets.
 The festive mood of plucking, picking and collecting mangoes, prevails over the otherwise quiet mango orchards in the area during the harvesting season, which starts from mid May and lasts until early August.
 At daybreak, the orchards become alive with the footsteps of mango growers and labourers. Often their family members, including women, children and relatives join them.
 In the orchards of Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj, the two districts famous for the best quality mangoes and produce 78 percent of the country's mangoes, everyone plucks the fruits together, separates the ripe mangoes from the green ones, and piles those into baskets. The lengthy and tiring job becomes fun when some mangoes are shared with relatives and visitors, while the rest are taken to the markets.
 This year, Ramadan and Eid added to the festivity.
 "We harvest Gopalbhog mangoes first, then Khirsapat, Langra, Fazli and Ashwina," said Moklesur. This year, they were harvesting all types of mangoes together in an attempt to get good prices before the Eid, he added.
 "Because of Eid, the prices of mangoes are good. That's why I am harvesting all types of mangoes together with a few days' gap," he explained.
 Moklesur said the production was average this year.
 He said he sold mangoes between Tk 900 and Tk 1,000 per maund when trading began in late May, and now the prices are hovering between Tk 1,300 and Tk 1,500 per maund.
 From the orchards, the festivity flows into the mango market. Growers take mangoes in rickshaw-vans to Banerwar market and wait for buyers.
 The sweet fragrance of mangoes

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 of power," Prof Nasim said.
 "She was firm in her goal to change the society and gave a solid leadership. Yet her presence was gracious and warm," she said.
 Receiving the award, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque said this honour was rare to him.
 "We have to ensure equal dignity and rights to them. But it is difficult to do so in our country," he said. He urged all to work hard to end the discrimination. He said there has been a progress in the education in the last 25 to 30 years with so many students getting GPA-5 every year. "But where are these GPA-5 holders going?" he said.
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SI closed for bribery

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 Salam managed the money from relatives of the victims and gave it to another SI of the police station Anisur Rahman as per Nimoy's instructions over the phone. Nimoy was not present at the police station at that time. The four were freed after Tk 7,400 was paid to Anisur.
 After instructions from the higher authorities, Superintendent of Police in Magura AKM Ehsan Ullah ordered Additional Superintendent of Police Torikul Islam to investigate the incident.
 After a probe, the allegation was found to be true, said Torikul.
 Torikul then informed the SP, now in Dhaka, about the matter and the SP ordered him to close Nimoy to the district police lines on Sunday night.
 The Additional SP also admitted that the name of SI Anisur was mentioned in the allegation. They would look into the matter.
 "My enquiry is going on and I will submit a report after a complete investigation into the incident," he

said.
 However, this correspondent could not contact Anisur for his comments as his mobile phone set was found switched-off.
 Contacted, SP AKM Ehsan Ullah said they ordered their force members to arrest the militant suspects only, not to harass innocent people.
 "Now, an extensive probe will be conducted in this regard, and departmental action will be taken against him [SI Nimoy]," the SP told this correspondent over the phone.
 Contacted over the phone, Nimoy denied taking any bribe. He said he arrested the four, but knew nothing about their release.
 He was not at the police station when the four were freed, he claimed.
 Meanwhile, ASI Malek of Naldanga Police Station in Natore was transferred to Range Reserve Force, a day after he demanded Tk 20,000 from a union parishad chairman for the release of an arrestee during the special