



Vehicles getting caught in a tailback stretching from Uttara's Jasimuddin Road to Dhaka airport has become a common scene in the morning due to the rush of commuters. The photo was taken yesterday.

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# PROPOSED CNG PRICE HIKE Owners threaten to keep fuel stations shut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of gas stations yesterday threatened to suspend refuelling operations if the government further increases the price of compressed natural gas (CNG), which is widely used as transport fuel.

They said the new round of price hikes, which come within one year, would cause public sufferings because it would push up transport fare and prices of essentials.

"We will share our rationale with the authorities and try to convince them not to hike the price," said Masud Khan, president of Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners Association.

"But if the government does not pay heed to us... we will be forced to shut our stations," he told a discussion on the proposed hike, in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

The government last raised the CNG price in September last year, from Tk 30 to Tk 35 per cubic metre, resulting in an increase in public transport fares.

However, the gas distributor companies have again proposed that the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) increase the CNG price by around 83 percent, the gas station owners claimed.

BERC will hold a public hearing on the proposed increase with all stakeholders next week, said its officials.

Station owner Masud Khan said, "We hope that the prime minister will take the decision after scrutinising all probable adverse effects of the CNG price hike."

Passenger fare and costs for goods transportation will go up, if the price is hiked, said Romesh Chandra Ghosh, vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association.

"It will cause a sharp increase in the price of daily commodities," he viewed.

Dhaka city CNG Auto Rickshaw Owners Association President Barkat Ullah Bulu said the city dwellers would suffer hugely because riding CNG-run auto-rickshaws would be costlier.

Criticising the decision as irresponsible, columnist Syed Abul Maksud said that in many cases, the government took decisions that went against public interests.

"We demand that the government always take initiatives that protect public interest instead of the interest of businesses," he said.

Eminent architect Mobasser Hossain opined for raising a public voice against the move.

Geology professor at Dhaka University Dr Badrul Imam suggested that the government expedite its geological survey and gas exploration for fulfilling the gas demand.

## Robi-Drishty debate contest starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

A month-long debate competition titled "Robi-Drishty Debate Championship 2016" started in Chittagong city yesterday.

Chittagong City Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin inaugurated the competition at Theatre Institute Chittagong.

A total 56 schools from Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Rangamati districts along with 18 teams from 12 universities of the country participated in the competition organised by Drishty Chittagong.

Chief Economist of Bangladesh Bank Dr Biru Paksha Paul, Vice-President of Communications and Corporate Responsibility of Robi Axiata Ltd Ekram Kabir, President of International Business Forum (Chittagong chapter) SM Abu Tayyab, and Drishty Chittagong President Masud Bakul spoke in the inaugural programme.



Artists Jamal Ahmed, Ranjit Das, Tarun Ghosh, Ashrafal Hasan, Nagarbashi Barman, Anisuzzaman, Shafin Omar, Kamal Uddin, Sheikh Md Rokonzaman, Shohag Parvez, Ruhul Amin Tareq, and Shahnoor Mamun, led by Galleri Kaya Director Goutam Chakraborty, in Thimphu during a week-long art camp beginning yesterday. The team will explore Bhutan's natural beauty to draw inspiration for their work. It is Galleri Kaya's second Bhutan art camp. The first one was held in 2011.

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# Judgement August 14

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Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abul Hasan acknowledged receiving a complaint and said he did not know of any further details.

Judge KM Shamsul Alam of Cyber Tribunal fixed the date as the prosecution and defence counsels completed presenting their arguments.

The other accused are Salauddin's manager Mahbubul Ahsan, counsel Fakhrul Islam, Fakhrul's assistant Mehedi Hasan, the tribunal's then office assistant Faruk Hossain and peon Nayan Ali.

Yesterday, Farhat's bail was extended till August 14. Humam's lawyer submitted a petition saying he had been picked up by law enforcers. The court asked Humam to appear before it on August 14.

The court also sent Mahbubul, Fakhrul, Faruk and Nayan to jail after cancelling their bail.

All except Mehedi, who is on the run, plead not guilty. The Information and Communication Technology Act, 2006,

under which the case was filed, carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison and a Tk 1 crore fine.

On October 1, 2013, soon after pronouncement of the war crimes case verdict, Salauddin's wife and family members showed "a copy of the verdict" to newsmen and claimed that it was leaked.

Three days later, detectives filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station against Fakhrul, Mehedi, Faruk, Nayan and several unnamed people.

On August 28, 2014, detectives pressed charges against Farhat, Humam and five others for their alleged involvement in the incident and the court framed charges against them on February 15 this year.

According to the charge sheet, Salauddin's wife and son "hatched conspiracy and instigated" the leak while Fakhrul "facilitated" it. Mehedi, Mahbubul, Faruk and Nayan were "directly involved" in the crime. Salauddin was executed at Dhaka Central Jail on November 22 last year.

## Journo Probir indicted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against journalist Probir Sikdar in a case filed under the Information and Communication Technology Act-2006.

Judge KM Shamsul Alam of Cyber Tribunal also fixed October 6 to begin the trial. Probir, now on bail, pleaded not guilty before the court.

The 55-year-old editor of the Daily Bangla 71 and a news portal, was arrested on August 16 last year after Faridpur Awami League leader Swapan Kumar Paul filed the case for a Facebook post he (Probir) made.

The case statement said Probir in his Facebook status alleged that he was under threat and that now Local Government and Rural Development Minister Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain, businessman Moosa Bin Shamser and condemned fugitive war criminal Abul Kalam Azad would be responsible if he was killed. He was sued reportedly for tarnishing the minister's image.

### Power is

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little bit harder with devotion.

The senior secretaries and secretaries in charge handed over a copy of their respective APAs to Hasina.

The APA is an internal mechanism aimed at evaluating yearly performances of civil servants where the ministries ascertain vision, mission and strategic goals in line with the government's development priorities.

### Teen kills

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Rakib in his statement confessed to the crime and was sent to Gazipur's juvenile correction centre, the OC said.

Khadiza's body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

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No. DGDA/29-2/09/11889				Date: 02/08/2016		
It is for information of all concerned that the following Medicine have been declared cancelled by the Directorate General of Drug Administration according to the recommendation of the Drug Control Committee in its 245th meeting held on 23-06-2016, which were earlier declared substandard according to the report of Drug Testing Laboratory, Dhaka and Central Drug Testing Laboratory, Chittagong. The production, storage, sale, distribution and exhibition of such registration cancelled Medicine are strictly prohibited. The honourable physicians are specially requested to abstain from prescribing the following medicine and people are not to use such medicine.						
Sl. No:	Manufacturer name		Trade name	Generic name	Reg. No. (DAR No)	Decision
1	M/S RN Pharmaceuticals Kanchijuli, Mymensingh	1	Civet-Vet Bolus	Paracetamol BP 2g	172-21(V)-83	Cancelled
2	M/S Finix Chemical Laboratories Ltd. Narsingdi	2	Finix Ranitidine Tablet	Ranitidine USP 150mg	20-01-29	Cancelled
3	M/S Medicon Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Mirpur, Dhaka	3	Riboflavin Tablet	Riboflavin BP 5mg	238-04-29	Cancelled
4	M/S Bristol Pharma Ltd. Konabari, Gazipur	4	Ketorolac Tablet	Ketorolac Tromethamine USP	054-91-006	Cancelled
		5	Losec-20 Capsule	Omeprazole BP 20mg	054-25-29	Cancelled
5	M/S Crystal Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Comilla	6	Nidin Tablet	Ranitidine USP	182-021-055	Cancelled
6	M/S Standard Laboratories Ltd. Chittagong	7	Volt-50 Tablet	Diclofenac Sodium USP 50mg	021-153-65	Cancelled
7	M/S Globex Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Narayangonj	8	Mucotec Syrup	Bromhexine Hydrochloride BP 0.080gm/100ml	180-71-031	Cancelled
8	M/S Spark Pharmaceutical Ltd. Mymensingh	9	Spermi Capsule	Omeprazole BP 20mg	329-08-29	Cancelled
		10	Spervit Capsule	Dried Ferrous Sulphate BP150.03mg+Folic Acid BP 0.5mg+Zingsulphate Monohydrate BP 61.8mg	329-11-39	Cancelled
		11	Sperdox-100 Capsule	Doxycycline BP 100mg	329-10-60	Cancelled
		12	Spermox-250 Capsule	Amoxicillin BP 250mg	329-06-60	Cancelled
		13	Spermol Xtra	Paracetamol BP 500gm+caffein BP 65mg	329-07-06	Cancelled
9	M/S Paradise Chemical Industries, Barisal	14	Parafenac-50	Diclofenac Sodium 50mg	130-59-65	Cancelled
10	M/S Belsen Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Faridpur	15	Orpa Tablet	Paracetamol BP 500mg	069-34-06	Cancelled
11	M/S Oyster Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Sylhet	16	Ulsadin Tablet	Ranitidine USP 150mg	101-24-29	Cancelled
12	M/S M/S Finix Chemical Laboratories Ltd. Narsingdi	17	Finix Omeprazole Capsule	Omeprazole BP 20mg	20-02-34	Cancelled
13	M/S Zenith Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Feni	18	Diclonil SR Tablet	Diclofenac Sodium BP 100mg	080-162-64	Cancelled
		19	Tatrazen Capsule	Tetracycline Hydrochloride BP 250mg	080-80-60	Cancelled
14	M/S Techno Drugs Ltd. Narsingdi	20	Pyrovet Bolus	Paracetamol BP 2g	304-52(V)-83	Cancelled
15	M/S Bios Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Gazipur	21	Stomadin Tablet	Ranitidine USP	57-32-29	Cancelled
16	M/S Today Pharma Ltd. Comilla	22	Painout-400 Tablet	Ibuprofen 400mg	66-19-65	Cancelled
17	M/S Momotaz Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Tongi, Gazipur	23	Viozen 2% Lotion	Gentian Violet BP2%	344-19-76	Cancelled
18	M/S Mystic Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Bhagdi, Narsingdi	24	Pram-20 Capsule	Omeprazole BP 20mg	121-31-29	Cancelled
19	M/S Pharmik Laboratories Ltd. Chittagong	25	Tetracycline Capsule	Tetracycline Hydrochloride BP 250mg	179-43-60	Cancelled
		26	Micozol-400mg	Metronidazole BP 400mg	179-49-57	Cancelled
		27	Pbac Tablet	Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride USP 500mg	179-42-60	Cancelled
20	M/S Indobangla Pharmaceuticals Works Ltd, Barisal	28	Indofenac-100 SR Capsule	Diclofenac Sodium BP 100mg	032-49-06	Cancelled
		29	Cotrimox DS Tablet	Sulphamethoxazole BP 800mg+ Trimethoprim BP 160mg	032-28-59	Cancelled
		30	Tensaril Tablet	Diazepam BP 5mg	032-63-02	Cancelled
		31	Indostin R- 150 Tablet	Ranitidine USP 150mg	032-93-29	Cancelled
		32	Cotrimox Suspension	Sulphamethoxazole BP 4.0g + Trimethoprim BP 0.80g/100ml	032-16-59	Cancelled
		33	Metrol Suspension	Metronidazole BP 4.0g/100ml	032-26-56	Cancelled
		34	Metrol Tablet	Metronidazole BP 400mg	032-25-56	Cancelled
		35	Indoplex-B Tablet	Vitamin B Complex	032-30-39	Cancelled
		36	Paracetamol Tablet	Paracetamol BP 500mg	032-18-06	Cancelled
		37	Riboflavin Tablet	Riboflavin BP5mg	032-08-39	Cancelled
21	M/S Union Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Savar, Dhaka	38	Indoflox Capsule	Flucloxacillin BP 500mg	032-36-60	Cancelled
		39	Indomoxin Capsule	Amoxicillin BP 500mg	032-34-60	Cancelled
		40	Indox Capsule	Doxycycline BP 100mg	032-50-60	Cancelled
21	M/S Union Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Savar, Dhaka	41	Adol Suspension	Paracetamol BP 120gm/5ml	207-19-06	Cancelled
22	M/S Oasis Laboratories Ltd. Sirajgoni	42	O-Flavin Tablet	Riboflavin BP5mg	161-30-39	Cancelled
23	M/S Stars Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Barisal	43	Ranisys Tablet	Ranitidine 150mg	161-47-29	Cancelled
		44	Ranitidine 150 Tablet	Ranitidine BP150mg	263-15-29	Cancelled
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