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# Girls break a social barrier

Some students take up man-only job at bus counters

MATHEWS CHIRAN

Women selling tickets at bus counters is unusual in Bangladesh as this profession is absolutely dominated by males. But some female students seem to have challenged these deep gender prejudices.

Helena Chisim, Priyanka Rani, Bristi Mankin, Mousumi Thigidi, Lihina Majhi, Nupor, Nusrat and Bobita Sarker took up the profession of selling bus tickets at Hatirjheel bus counters proving once again that women are coming out of traditional roles in society.

Helan Chisim, Bristi Mankin started work in January. Priyanka Rani and Bobita Sarker started in July while Mousumi Thigidi, Lihina Majhi, Nupor and Nusrat began in mid-August.

These women work for eight hours, from 7:00am until 3:00pm, six days a week.

In Hatirjheel area, there are seven ticket

counters of the special bus service run by HR Transport Agency. Altogether, there are 16 people working in the counters, including these eight women.

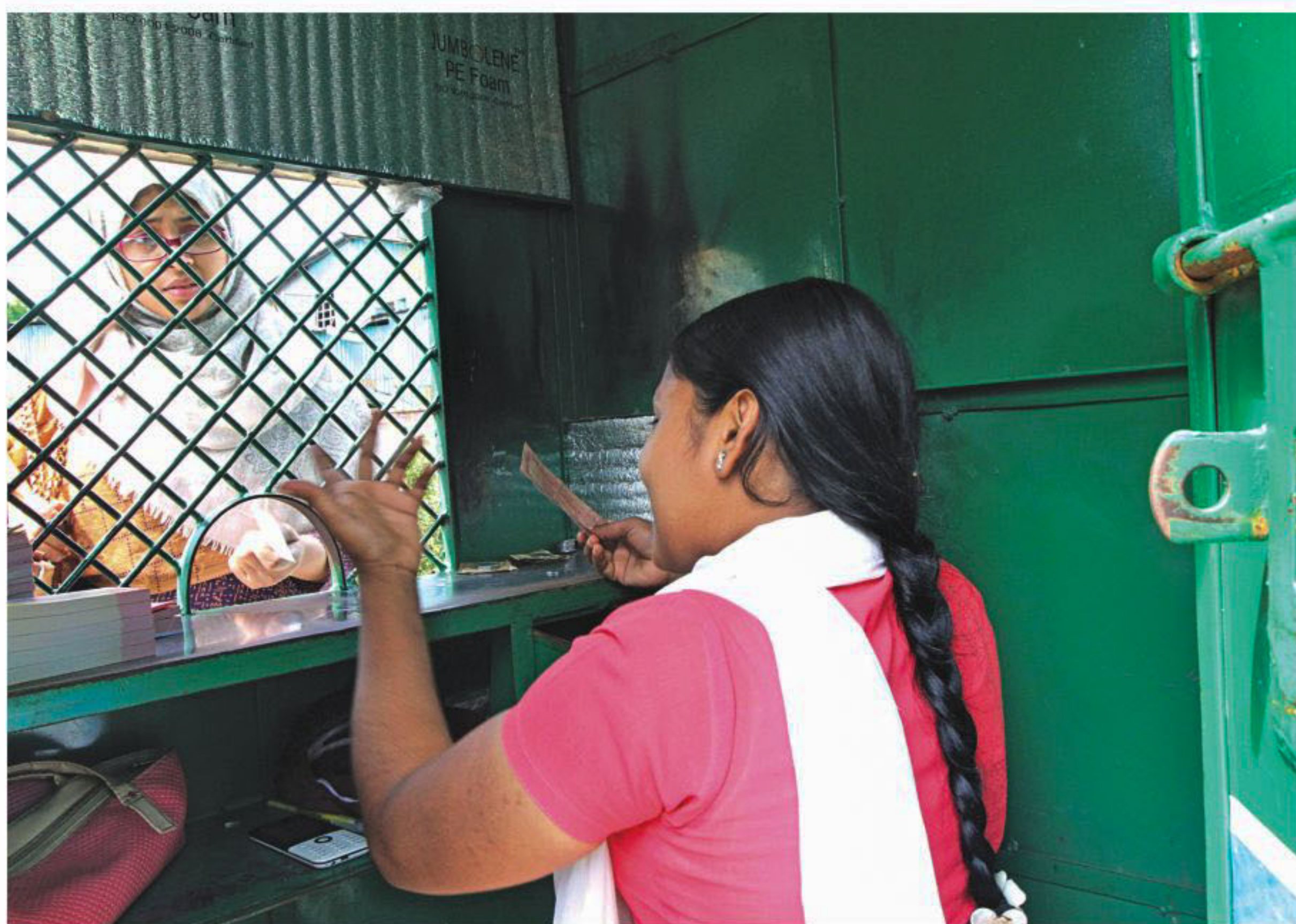
At first, the girls were a little worried about the conservative values that still remain strong in the society but since beginning to work, they have overcome that fear and are now thriving.

"Initially, I was hesitant about the job, as most of the people who come here are not very educated and we were not sure of how they would react to us. But I thought of giving it a shot," said Helena Chisim, a student of Government Titumir College.

Helena, who is from Mymensingh, came to Dhaka in 2010. She said she faced a few problems at the beginning but that did not deter her.

Priyanka Rani, who has done her HSC, said, "I started working here as I had a bit

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Bobita Sarker selling tickets of tourist buses in Hatirjheel project area. Four women, like Bobita, have ventured into the profession dominated by men in Bangladesh.

PHOTO: STAR

## Khadiza's survival chances increase

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khadiza's chances of survival have increased compared to four days ago when she was brought to Square Hospital with multiple stab wounds in her head, doctors said yesterday.

She opened her eyes and moved right limbs in response to painful stimulus after doctors stopped administering sleep-inducing drugs, neurosurgeon Rezaus Sattar told journalists at the hospital.

The 23-year-old college student from Sylhet has been undergoing treatment at the hospital's Neuro Intensive Care Unit.

"We initially aimed at saving her life. But there was little hope. We had to walk

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## HALLOWEEN DISPLAY Haunted by Trump, Hillary

REUTERS, West Hartford, Conn.

A Styrofoam model of a hot air-blowing Donald Trump and another of a toothy Hillary Clinton riding the Democratic Party's donkey mascot are among the skeletons and zombies in a Halloween

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A Halloween display featuring a border wall and figures of Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Air strikes on funeral kill 'more than 100' in Yemen

Hundreds injured

AFP, Sanaa

Rebels in control of Yemen's capital yesterday accused the Saudi-led coalition fighting them of killing more than 100 people and wounding hundreds more in air strikes on a funeral in Sanaa.

The coalition, which has come under increasing international scrutiny over alleged civilian deaths, denied any responsibility for the attack.

"The toll is very high: more than 520 wounded and more than 100 martyrs," the spokesman of the health ministry in Sanaa, Tamim al-Shami, told rebel Almasirah television.

It was one of the deadliest attacks since the coalition launched a bombing campaign against the Shiite Huthis in March 2015.

In September 2015, a suspected coalition air strike killed at least 131 civilians at a wedding near the Red Sea city of Mokha. The Saudi-led alliance denied any involvement.

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## 'Zero chance I'll quit'

Defiant Trump rebuffs calls to quit as lewd remarks surface to doom his White House bid; his running mate, wife criticise him

REUTERS, New York/Washington

US Presidential nominee Donald Trump yesterday vowed to remain in the race even as his campaign was thrown into crisis as his running mate criticized him and more than a dozen prominent Republicans withdrew support and urged him to drop out following news of a recording of him making lewd comments in 2005.



Trump told the Wall Street Journal yesterday morning "zero chance I'll quit." He also told The Washington Post he may deliver a speech yesterday to address concern among supporters and reiterate his determination to stay in the race.

The video was the latest calamity for Trump, who had hoped to revive his

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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

"জ্বালানী নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার" "শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালানী"

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জনসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাখরাবাদ গ্যাস ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড এর অধিভুক্ত এলাকায় কোন ব্যক্তি বা ব্যক্তিবর্গ কতিপয় অসাধু লোকের সহায়তায় অবৈধভাবে বিতরণ পাইপলাইন স্থাপন করে বাসা/প্রতিষ্ঠানে গ্যাস সংযোগ গ্রহণ করছে। বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস আইন, ২০১০ অনুযায়ী অবৈধভাবে গ্যাস সংযোগ গ্রহণ বা গ্যাস ব্যবহার দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ। এ ধরনের অপরাধের জন্য বিভিন্ন মেয়াদে কারাদণ্ড, অর্থদণ্ড অথবা উভয়দণ্ডে দণ্ডিত হওয়ার বিধান রয়েছে।

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## Grocer arrested for sharing Facebook post demeaning PM

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police yesterday arrested a man in Sapahar upazila of Naogaon for sharing a Facebook post filled with profanity against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The man was identified as grocery store owner Mofizul Islam, 28, son of Nazrul Islam from Hapania (Shialmari) village under Sapahar upazila in Naogaon.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Sapahar Police Station said they arrested Mofizul around 12:00noon from his grocery store at Andhardighi village in the upazila.

Process is underway to file a case against the arrestee, who shared a Facebook post written in profane language about the PM, said the OC.

The original publisher of the post, Milon Hossain, was arrested on Thursday in Raninagar upazila of the same district for using expletives on his Facebook page against the PM and Israfil Alam, MP of Naogaon-6.

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