



CHILDREN'S DEATH FROM TOXIC SYRUP Case designed to be doomed

All Rid Pharmaceuticals accused acquitted; court points to drug admin's negligence

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Negligence, inefficiency and incompetence of the Drug Administration in dealing with the case led to the acquittal of all the accused whose pharmaceutical company allegedly manufactured the toxic paracetamol syrup that killed at least 28 children in 2009.

Judge M Atoar Rahman of the Drug Court in Dhaka yesterday acquitted the five officials of Rid Pharmaceuticals Ltd, saying the prosecution utterly failed to prove the charge brought against the accused.

The accused are Rid's Managing Director Mizanur Rahman, directors Sheuli Rahman and Abdul Gani, and pharmacists Mahbulul Islam and Enamul Haque.

Sheuli is the wife of Mizanur. Both were in the dock when the judge pronounced the verdict, and the three others were on the run.

In an investigation in 2014, Bangladesh Law Commission found "manipulation" of the legal process and "sheer indifference" by the

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"Not only for me, it's a matter of regret for the entire nation."

PROF MOHAMMAD HANIF
The doctor who in July 2009 first detected that Temset of Rid Pharmaceuticals contained toxin.



At first glance, these may look like big snakes. But these snake-like creatures are actually fish, known as *Katila* to the people in Chittagong. It has a good demand at local markets and is sold for Tk 200-250 a kg. The photo was taken at Firingi Bazar Fishery Ghat in the port city yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

SC upholds HC bail for Manna

Clears way for release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court orders that granted bail to Nagorik

Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna in two cases, paving the way for his release.

Manna has been in jail for more than 21 months without trial.

The apex court granted him bail until police submit its report to the lower court in the cases filed on charges of sedition and inciting the army.

It also asked Manna to surrender his passport, if not already seized, to the trial court.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice

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TOP QUOTE

"We have been a great admirer to the fact that Bangladesh government has been very patiently and very skilfully working on the issue bilaterally with the government of Burma."

US AMBASSADOR
MARCIA BERNICAT
ABOUT THE CRISIS IN MYANMAR

It's not responsibility of Bangladesh alone

Diplomats, analysts stress int'l community's efforts to resolve Rohingya crisis

REZAUL KARIM

As Rohingyas continue to pour into Bangladesh in the face of "ethnic cleansing" in Myanmar, diplomats and experts have suggested that Bangladesh should take a firm stance and make effective diplomatic moves to mobilise international support for resolving the crisis.

Without any hesitation, Bangladesh should go for bilateral and multilateral moves to put pressure on Myanmar because the Southeast Asian country itself created the crisis and must resolve it also, they say.

Through an effective diplomatic campaign, Dhaka should also make the international community understand that Bangladesh alone cannot deal with the issue and that the global community has a responsibility to resolve the humanitarian crisis.

Talking to The Daily Star, several former and serving diplomats, and foreign affairs experts said Bangladesh government has long been trying to resolve the Rohingya crisis through "persuasion and mutual understanding", which apparently encouraged Myanmar to create the crisis over and over again.

But time has come for Dhaka to take a firm position and move forward to end this longstanding problem once and for all, they say.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

AUNG SAN SUU KYI

Powerless for the Rohingyas

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Championed as an icon for human rights, she languished in house arrest. World leaders and people all over called for her release while she stayed confined by the military junta for around 15 years in her own country.

She is now free.

And now, Aung San Suu Kyi chooses silence over a moral position while atrocities of the worst kind continue in her own country. She has become a glaring example of how a once human rights defender can become a reticent witness of human rights violation of one of the "most persecuted people in the world".

She is the unquestioned leader of the party that is running Myanmar since last year. Her long struggle for democracy and

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Cops didn't allow ambulance to take him to hospital

Allege colleagues of Fulbaria college teacher who died after police beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Mymensingh college teacher Abul Kalam Azad could have survived had police allowed an ambulance in the college to take him to a hospital, said his colleagues.

The assistant professor of Botany at Fulbaria Degree College had complained of chest pain soon after he was beaten by police at the college in Fulbaria town on Sunday afternoon. His colleagues called an ambulance, but it was not allowed to enter the college.

"With him, we sneaked out of the college through a back gate and hid in a house for almost an hour. Police used batons on anyone they met near the main entrance to the college," said college teacher SM Abul Hashem.

Azad was then taken to a three-wheeler stand on a rickshaw van. A CNG-run three-wheeler carried him to a private clinic, some 10 kilometres away from the college, about one and a half hours after he was beaten, the teacher added.

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All-round Mehedi powers Kings

SPORTS REPORTER

A brilliant all-round performance from the young Mehedi Hasan Miraz, a superb innings under pressure from Forhad Reza, combined with some tight bowling from the Rajshahi Kings helped them snatch a 49-run win over the Rangpur Riders in Mirpur yesterday evening.

The win has made the Bangladesh Premier League table a lot more interesting as there are now three teams,

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