

বিশ্ব বলেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলো- 'কেন না!'

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Dredging makes a desert

Farmland rendered unusable for years by careless canal work

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY with ANDREW EAGLE

Once profitable farming communities, the villages of Hurka and Charakhali in Bagerhat's Rampal upazila are now a mini-desert. In 2014 the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority initiated a project to dredge the adjacent Mongla-Ghashiyakhali Channel. When the dredging works were completed in the area in February 2015, it was a rude awakening for villagers to learn that the contractor had no responsible plan for disposing of the dredged silt. Sand and saltwater were randomly dumped on private land,

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Unplanned dredging results in arable land being covered with sand near Mongla-Ghashiyakhali channel in Bagerhat. The sand and the saline water killed most of the vegetation, including large trees, and destroyed shrimp and crab enclosures.

PHOTO: PARTHA CHAKRABORTY

GLITCH IN PM'S FLIGHT

It's negligence, not sabotage

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday cleared 11 Biman Bangladesh Airlines employees of attempted sabotage of a plane that carried Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2016.

The court, however, ordered police to lodge a case against three of them for their alleged negligence in duty.

The investigation officer of the case submitted the final report in the case on December 7 last year.

The 11 Biman staffers are: SM Rokonuzzaman, Samiul Haque, Lutfor Rahman, Milon Chandra Biswas, Zakir Hossain and Siddiqur Rahman of Biman's engineering and technical department, Debesh Chowdhury, chief engineer (production), SA Siddique, chief engineer (quality assurance), Billal Hossain, principal engineer, Shah Alam, engineer (technician) and Najmul Haq, engineer (officer).

Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime Assistant Commissioner Mahbubul Alam, also investigation officer of the case, in the final report said the charges brought against the 11 were not proved and they should be relieved.

Following the report, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka had granted them bail.

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RANGPUR LAWYER RATHISH CHANDRA

Wife's affair led to murder: Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Rathish Chandra Bhowmik, public prosecutor at the Special Judge's Court in Rangpur, was murdered at his home on March 29 over his wife's extramarital affair with her colleague, said Rab.

A team of Rapid Action Battalion-13 recovered the lawyer's decomposed body from an under-construction building in the city's Tajhat Mollahpara area around 2:30am yesterday. The killers had buried the body in the ground of the building.

The victim's younger brother, Sushanta Bhowmik, and brother-in-law, Animesh Majumdar, identified the body.

Speaking at a press conference at the Rab-13 Rangpur office yesterday, Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed said the murder was planned around two months ago.

Rathish on March 29 returned home in Tajhat Mollahpara around 9:30pm and had his dinner. Later, he had a glass of milk, with 10 sedative



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ACC seeks 8 BNP leaders' account info

7 banks asked to provide transaction details

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has sought account statements and transaction details of the eight BNP leaders from banks.

The ACC recently launched an enquiry into eight BNP leaders in connection with their involvement in money laundering and amassing wealth illegally.

The leaders are: BNP standing committee members Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain, Mirza Abbas, Nazrul Islam Khan, and Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury; vice chairmen Abdul Awal Mintoo and

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Gas pipes being installed at Dakhshin Kattli Rani Rashmoni Ghat in Chattogram yesterday so that liquefied natural gas to be imported from Qatar from this month could be moved to the mainland.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

STABBING SI

Suspect killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The prime suspect in a case filed over the stabbing of a police sub-inspector in Gouripur upazila of

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SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center

PRAYER TIMING APRIL 5

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-40 12-45 4-45 6-21 7-45
JAMAAT 5-15 1-15 5-00 6-24 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Even monkeys need a spa day

AFP, Tokyo

A relaxing soak in a hot tub is a time-honoured stress reliever but the advantages are not confined to humans -- with monkeys also benefiting from spa time, researchers in Japan say.

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Youth dead with throat slit at mess in Cumilla

Another survives bullet injury

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A college student was found dead with his throat slit and another with a bullet injury at a students' mess in Cumilla yesterday morning.

The dead was identified as Sagor Dutta, 19, of Chirora village of Chandina upazila, and the injured as Shajib Saha, 23, of Ujanchar of

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GCC Approved Medical Centres' Association (GAMCA), Dhaka

2505/2506, Gagon Tower, House-34 (100 feet Road), Madani Avenue, Natun Bazar, Vatar, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh. Phone: 88-02-9853175, 88-02-9853176

CAUTIONARY NOTICE

This is to notify that GAMCA, Dhaka as petitioner filed Writ Petition No. 805 of 2018 before the Hon'ble High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh seeking direction upon 1. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Probashi Kalyan Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka 1000, 2. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat, Ramna, Dhaka, 3. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat, Ramna, Dhaka, 4. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh Secretariat, Ramna, Dhaka, 5. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Ramna, Dhaka, 6. Honourable High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, House No. 33, Al Sheikh Hussain bin Hasan Street, Al Waha Quarter, P. O. Box 94395, Sulaimania, Riyadh 11693, Saudi Arabia, 7. Director General, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mohakhali, Dhaka, 8. Director General, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka 1000 to strictly supervise and monitor medical health check-up process for labour recruitment in Gulf Corporation Council (GCC) Countries with a view to ensure all the labours go through medical check-up process before being recruited which is necessary to complete recruitment process and further direction upon the Respondents to take necessary steps to consult with the concerned authority of Gulf Corporation Countries (GCC) regarding GCC's compliance with Article 12 of "Rules and Regulations for Medical Examination of Expatriates Coming to GCC States for Residence, Fourth Edition" before giving further approval to medical centers in Bangladesh.

That after initial hearing of the matter, a Division Bench of the Hon'ble Court comprising of Ms. Justice Naima Haider and Mr. Justice Zafar Ahmed was pleased to issue Rule by order dated 23.01.2018 and **passed an order of direction upon respondents to ensure that all the labours undergo medical check-up before being recruited in Gulf Corporation Council (GCC) countries only from the members of GAMCA, Dhaka**, namely, 1. Al-Falah Medicom Clinic (Pvt.) Ltd, 2. Al-Ghofily Medical Center Ltd, 3. Al-Humyra Health Center Ltd, 4. Al-Medina Medical Services, 5. Al-Riyad Medical Check-up, 6. Arabian Medical Center, 7. Chandshi Medical Center Ltd, 8. Fairways Medical Center, 9. Gulf Medical Center Ltd, 10. Ibn Sina Medical Check-up Unit, 11. IIRO Medical Center, 12. International Health Center Ltd, 13. Life Diagnostic Center Ltd, 14. Makkah Medical Center, 15. Medinova Medical Services Ltd, 16. Muscat Medical Center, 17. Nafa Medical Center, 18. National Medica Center Ltd, 19. Nova Medical Center Ltd, 20. Pulse Medical Center Ltd, 21. Saudi-Bangladesh Services Comp., 22. Gulshan Medicare Ltd, 23. Green Crescent Health Services, 24. Pushpo Clinic, 25. Saimon Medical Center Ltd.

That there after GAMCA, Dhaka as an applicant filed an application for injunction before the Hon'ble High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh praying to restrain the respondents from accepting any medical report of labourers going to GCC countries from anyone other than members of GAMCA, Dhaka and after hearing the Hon'ble Court was pleased to allow the said application by order dated 29.01.2018 and **granted injunction restraining the respondents from accepting any medical report of labourers going to GCC countries from anyone other than members of GAMCA, Dhaka**, namely, 1. Al-Falah Medicom Clinic (Pvt.) Ltd, 2. Al-Ghofily Medical Center Ltd, 3. Al-Humyra Health Center Ltd, 4. Al-Medina Medical Services, 5. Al-Riyad Medical Check-up, 6. Arabian Medical Center, 7. Chandshi Medical Center Ltd, 8. Fairways Medical Center, 9. Gulf Medical Center Ltd, 10. Ibn Sina Medical Check-up Unit, 11. IIRO Medical Center, 12. International Health Center Ltd, 13. Life Diagnostic Center Ltd, 14. Makkah Medical Center, 15. Medinova Medical Services Ltd, 16. Muscat Medical Center, 17. Nafa Medical Center, 18. National Medica Center Ltd, 19. Nova Medical Center Ltd, 20. Pulse Medical Center Ltd, 21. Saudi-Bangladesh Services Comp., 22. Gulshan Medicare Ltd, 23. Green Crescent Health Services, 24. Pushpo Clinic, 25. Saimon Medical Center Ltd.

As such, the Hon'ble High Court Division vide aforesaid order dated 29.03.2018 in clear term stated that anybody who is willing to be recruited in the GCC countries must undergo medical examination from the aforementioned Medical centres listed above. Therefore, no labourer can perform medical check-up in any medical centre other than the Medical centre listed in the said order of injunction.

However, in recent time it has come to our knowledge that another 22 following medical centres are now trying to conduct medical check-up of GCC bound labourers:

- i. Standard Medical Centre, Gagon Tower, House No. 34, Madani Avenue (100 Feet Road), Natun Bazar, Vatar, Dhaka
- ii. The Classic Medical Centre, Wahid Masafi Centre, 1st Floor, 73, Purana Paltan Line, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka
- iii. Bashundhara Medical Centre, Sheikhher Jayga, Dasher Kandi, Khilgaon, Dhaka
- iv. Dhaka Crown Medical Centre, Fuji Tower (1st Floor), Cha-87/C, North Badda, Dhaka
- v. Leading Health Check Up, 58, East Hajipara, DIT Road, Dhaka
- vi. Al Mubsher Medical Diagnostic Services, 115, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue (1st Floor), Dhaka
- vii. Tulip Medical Centre, 90/A, Premier Plaza, North Badda, Progati Sharani Road, Gulshan, Dhaka 1212
- viii. Rahma Diagnostic Centre, House No. 77, Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Road, Amtoli, Mohakhali, Dhaka
- ix. Zain Medical Centre, 74/8/1, Green Road, RH Home Center, 1st Floor, Dhaka 1215
- x. Al Masoor Diagnostic Services, 4, Mohakhali C/A, 1st Floor, Dhaka 1212
- xi. Transworld Medical Center, Cemex Shimul Trishna Trade Center, 2nd Floor, KA 86/1, Progati Sharani, Kuril, Vatar, Dhaka 1229
- xii. SKN Health Services, 80, Kakrail, Rupayan Karim Tower, Level 2, Dhaka 1000
- xiii. Ishtiyag Medical centre, 571 (1st Floor), ECP Chottor, Main Road, South Manikdi, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka 1206
- xiv. Al-Nahda Medical Centre, 147, Green Road, 1st Floor, Ejab Rabeya Heritage, Tejuri Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka
- xv. Al Hayatt Medical Centre, 304, Tejgaon Commercial Area, Bhuiyan Shikdar Tower, Ground Floor, Dhaka 1208
- xvi. Ibn Rushd Medical Centre, 46, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Tejgaon, Dhaka
- xvii. Orbitals Medical Centre Limited, KA/74 Progoti Sharani, Kuril Chowrasta, Dhaka 1212
- xviii. RX Medical Centre, CWN (B) 6, Road No. 36, Gulshan 2, Dhaka
- xix. Mohaimid Medical Centre, 15177, Madani Avenue 100 Feet, Vatar, Gulshan Dhaka 1212
- xx. Allied Diagnostics Ltd., SAR Bhaban (1st & 2nd Floor) Ka-78, Progoti Sharani. Kuril Vatar, Dhaka 1229
- xxi. Paradyne Medical Center, 107, DIT Road, Malibagh, Dhaka 1217
- xxii. Crystal Diagnostic, Level 5, H/N-22, R/N-140, Gulshan-1, Dhaka 1212

Please be informed that any medical certificate issued by these 22 Medical Centres shall not be recognized and accepted in view of the order of injunction dated 29.03.2018 passed in Writ Petition No. 805 of 2018. The recruiting agents and labourer also must ensure they do not undertake Medical Check-up from any of these 22 medical centres, otherwise, this may very well jeopardise their recruitment process. Finally, these aforementioned 22 medical centres are kindly requested not to conduct any medical check-up on GCC bound labourers, otherwise, their actions will be called into questioned and appropriate legal steps will be taken against them accordingly.

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